
VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

COUNCIL FINANCE (BUDGETARY HEARING) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2020

PRESENT:

Johnnie Warren – Council President

Elaine Gaither- Council at Large

Chris Callender – Ward 1

Eloise Hardin – Ward 2

Melanie Sanders-Ward 3

Patricia Rogers – Ward 4

Candace Williams – Ward 5

Brian Thompson- Finance Director

Gary Gottschalk-Mayor

Carlean Perez – Recreation

ABSENT:

* Arrived after roll call

Thompson opened meeting at 6:07p

Recreation 2020 Budget

Mayor reviewed 2019 Summer Camp. **Hardin** asked about certifications for certain classes. **Mayor**: We may go with our own school in the future. The professors use multi-disciplines. **Hardin**: In the interim, have you investigated getting credit. **Mayor**: No. They teach making soaps which include chemistry, geometry, marketing, etc. We are doing it again this year. Speed reading with Google and Tumble Books through National Geographic and public librarians is popular. Math is included as well. **Hardin** asked if kids are protected in marketing their product. **Mayor**: A robot greeter can promote the product. He explained the second five weeks. Whirly Ball is too pricy, so we won't do that this year. **Perez** explained cooking classes with a chef. **Mayor** explained other classes. **Hardin** asked about Girl Talk. **Mayor**: They address their feelings and who they are inside. **Hardin** asked who facilitates it. **Mayor**: Francine King. She teaches in the Cleveland Public Schools. We also explore careers in Healthcare. **Hardin** asked what they learn at the nail salon. **Mayor**: They just get their nails done. He summarized. **Gaither**: Are we buying kindle tablets? **Mayor**: Yes, we have done it every year for camp which is part of the total cost. In 2019 we spent \$198,000 in 2019 and anticipate spending \$190,000 in 2020 with 20 more kids. **Warren**: Some of that is being supplemented by the developer? **Mayor**: I showed Carlene. Brooklyn is beginning to copy our program. **Hardin** asked about the \$30,000. **Mayor**: The balance will go against this. **Hardin**: Is this \$198,000 ours or does this include this? **Mayor**: This is the expenditures not receivables. That will show in receipts. **Williams**: The \$198,000 will be offset by the developer? **Warren**: That is based upon the tuition paid. **Mayor**: It will be \$188,000. **Thompson**: They paid me \$20,000. **Williams**: That was to offset 2019 which has nothing to do with 2020. **Hardin**: Do we have that in writing from the developer? **Mayor**: We should have that within three weeks.

Family Enrichment

Mayor: There is a jump of \$6,600. There was no helicopter drop last year. This will be a week after Easter; that alone is \$3,500. Murder Mystery is coming up. **Hardin** asked why we are doing the egg drop. **Mayor**: It interferes with the holiday. **Perez**: We are going to the Bible Walk museum the week before Easter. **Mayor**: We commend Recreation. They spent \$35,000 less than what was appropriated. **Hardin** asked about the dinosaur. **Mayor**: It is a costume. **Rogers** asked why he is anticipating more kids. **Mayor**: Last year it went out late. We are promoting this early. We can't take more than 100. **Williams** asked how many we got last year. **Mayor**: We got 85. The second five weeks drops up to 55. **Rogers**: Some of this is going to be free? **Mayor**: The whole second five weeks is free. That is where the \$20,000 goes to. **Warren**: For everybody? **Mayor**: Yes. This trend has been going on for 20 years; our young men aren't ready. We are all for equal pay for equal work; 60% of our college graduates are women. **Warren**: It has been that way for a long time. **Mayor**: Your CFO's are women. Where are the young men? Medical Service Company delivers senior products to homes. They had to subcontract van drivers. Cleveland Heights had a voluntary reading class in the morning. Most were black students who attended. The ACLU came in and the school dropped the class due to the number of black students.

Instead of fighting it to promote reading. Also, college is overrated. Trade schools have lost expert laborers. I look to have financial investors for a hands-on learning center before and after school as well as the summer without taxpayer's money. It will come about by what is happening here in our summer program. **Williams** asked Carlean. I know you keep a close eye on what you spend. Are you going to get an estimate of how many additional kids you can take on? I would caution, we always go over budget somewhere, everywhere. If we get \$30,000 scholarship, we usually spend more, which defeats the purpose. **Perez:** As soon as we get started, we will have that in place in what it will cost. The Mayor hasn't approved it yet but if we can get this out by April, we will know what we are spending. I am still meeting with vendors. **Mayor:** If you have ideas talk with Carlean. Mentoring in classrooms has taken place for 10 years but it isn't working well. **Perez:** Our first event was the Underground Railroad was a fantastic event put on by a conservancy. It costs less than \$1,000 for the event with a chartered bus and catering for 55 people. I gave you a packet. We have a wellness proposal. The Recreation Commission and I decided to put this together. She addressed the benefits of exercise. You will have a step chart, recipes and body measurement. On Wednesdays, we have seniors involved. I teach yoga to 25 people in my classes. Aquafit will begin again after the Quality Inn is renovated. We have Zumba, many more. We are pushing, be a better you. I was thinking maybe you can promote this "Age Well, Be Well" program. **Mayor** will do the healthy Oakwood again. Fire Dept, is onboard with this. We want to make Oakwood Village healthy in 2020. As a fitness instructor, exercise may not keep you from dying, but it sure will make you feel good while you are here. **Mayor:** You will feel better while you are living. **Williams** asked about discounts for gym membership. **Mayor:** It is between \$60 to \$80 reimbursement. **Williams:** Any gym. **Mayor:** Yes. Just show us the receipt. **Warren:** You get up to \$80. **Williams** asked if it is individual or families. **Mayor:** We don't like to go above \$80. **Williams:** We used to do \$125/family; do we have a scale? **Thompson:** Yes, we do. **Warren:** Single should be \$80 and family \$125. **Williams:** In the past, I got \$125 back for a Bedford Heights Rec. **Mayor:** I encourage Planet Fitness because it is open 24/7. By the end of March, we will deal with it. **Hardin:** It is published. **Mayor:** We will reframe it. **Warren:** Make sure we have the accounting issue with family or per household. **Mayor** liked that idea of \$60 single and \$125 family but will review it. **Perez:** We want to get people moving. **Hardin:** You have talked about wellness for a while. She suggested making a reminder card to promote throughout the year. **Perez:** Hopefully we will have more interested.

SCMR

Mayor: Buckthorn was requested. That is being done in your Ward. **Hardin:** We will talk. Where is Weber Park? **Williams:** Ward 5. **Hardin:** What Ward is Lincolnville? **Mayor:** Ward 5. **Hardin:** We are going to talk. You have to do some repairs; you know what I am talking about. **Mayor:** We are getting \$40,000 for part of Broadway, Tryon and Forbes. **Rogers:** I don't see Ward 4. **Mayor:** You had some last year.

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm

Approved: _____

Johnnie Warren, President

Debra Hladky, Clerk of Council