
VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2020

ATTENDED

Johnnie Warren – Council President	Gary Gottschalk – Mayor
Elaine Gaither – Council-at-Large	James Climer – Law Dept
Chris Callender – Ward 1	Mark Garratt-Police Chief
Eloise Hardin – Ward 2	Brian Thompson-Finance Director
Melanie Sanders – Ward 3	Tom Haba – Service Dept
Patricia Rogers – Ward 4	Daniel Marinucci – CBO*
Candace Williams – Ward 5	

ABSENT:

James Schade – Fire Chief	Crystal Williams – Housing Inspector
Ed Hren - Engineer	Carlean Perez-Recreation Director

*= Late Arrival

Meeting opened by Warren at 7:04pm
Pledge of Allegiance was recited
Roll Call was taken

Motion to approve Council minutes of April 28, 2020 made by Gaither seconded by Rogers
7 YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Motion to approve Finance minutes of May 5, 2020 made by Callender seconded by Sanders
5 YES-Warren, Callender, Sanders, Rogers, Williams Abstained by: Gaither, Hardin

Departmental Reports

Police-Garratt: The Kokosing job is scheduled to have all I-271 roadways opened by mid-June. They will still be on the job working on the shoulders and landscaping. **Hardin:** Are we going to get Oakwood's name on the bridge fencing?
Garratt: The company doing that has been out due to Covid-19 and are not back in the office yet. They will be doing that on Alexander and Forbes Road. **Rogers** asked about the section on Macedonia Road between the two overpasses.
Garratt: That is part of their plan. Also, the Police Dept. put in for a Covid grant which will cover expenses as we deal with the virus. It is for \$20,000 covering decontamination of the Village buildings: Fire, Police, Village Hall and Building Dept., PPE purchases, etc. Decontamination services will come after Mayors Court as well. **Hardin** asked the chief about it. **Garratt:** It is a federal grant.

Finance-Thompson: We are back with all personnel. We are preparing documents for April closing. We are expecting a reconciliation of income from RITA giving us the indicator for April. We are also doing normal duties; check runs, etc.

Service-Haba: We started the truck rental program where residents can get the truck delivered at their home once a year. We started the mulch and topsoil deliveries. **Hardin:** Does Waste Management still have the program where once a month a resident can take trash to the transfer station. **Haba:** That is once a year and is still in effect. The resident must show proof of residency. **Hardin:** When will they return to pick up additional trash other than what is in the can. **Haba:** I do not believe they will return to that. That is not included with this contract. All items must be in the can. They do offer large item pick up with 24-hour notice to WM. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Rogers** asked about recycling. **Haba:** I suspect it is being

dumped with everything else, but I can contact the Regional Manager on that. **Warren:** I talked to the VP of Community Relations who explained to me the recycling is at an all time low and it is getting lower.

Building-Marinucci: We approved the utility tie-ins for the Bugarcic market. The McDonalds sign footers are being installed with hurricane footers. It will be the same signage. **Warren** asked if the sign must go through the Planning Commission. **Marinucci:** Because it is replacing an existing sign, I do not believe so. It just has a different footer. **Hardin:** At 7243 Milbury Court, there is a pickup truck parked on the side of the house. **Marinucci** will investigate it. **Sanders** asked if Crystal and Robert have started tours of the neighborhood for citations. **Marinucci:** Yes, they have. Robert is doing Wards 1 & 3 and Crystal is doing Ward 2, 4 & 5. **Hardin:** Is it necessary to inform each Councilperson of the Ward of issues or do you just take care of the issue? **Marinucci:** I can give you a copy of the letters being sent. Regarding the couch, we made the owner take it back into his garage. He was told by WM to wrap the couch with plastic and put it out for pick up.

Law-Climer: The CRC met last week and began voting on suggested revisions to the Charter. Four items passed with several items tabled. Most will have minor revisions. One issue was tabled for further consideration. We hope to complete the work next week, then get the resolutions for Council for consideration at the June 9th meeting. Also, we are waiting for the Board of Elections' certification of the Premier ballot issue. As soon as we receive that, we will have an ordinance before you by June 9th depending the BOE. This will permit light industrial uses on those properties. **Rogers** asked if the properties have been purchased and if discussions took place with the homeowners of those parcels. **Mayor:** I can answer that during my report. **Rogers** thanked Climer for his part in getting the grant for the ADA improvement project. **Climer** explained the credit goes to the engineer. **Rogers:** We have tried many years, but he gives the credit to you. **Climer:** Thank you.

Nichols Paper and Supply Company

Mayor: Nichols Paper and Supply Company received a job creation tax credit a few months ago. May 8th, they took possession of 40,000 sq. ft. of a 75,000 sq. ft building at 26350 Broadway. They are a leading supplier of paper, packaging, sanitary solutions for clean and healthy facilities for schools, colleges, hospitals, surgery centers, long term care, hotels, motels, casinos, and food processing. They will create 37 jobs in Oakwood with a payroll of \$2 million annually in the first 12 months: \$55,000 per employee. The Job Creation Tax Credit passed was for 30% over five years. Their lease is for seven years. We will not pay that until April 2023. They are vacating their building in August and all operations will be in Oakwood July 13th.

Premier

Mayor: Three homes on Macedonia Road will be sold formally. The mound will be extended in the southerly direction. Additionally, there are three homes in which I have approval from two of them. No more than 3,000 sq. ft. will be utilized. When you see a map, you will see why it must be done. If they do not agree, this does not happen. It is important it does happen. Also, I made a statement at the last meeting because of the environment; things will not progress until 2022. I will take that back and I hope by the end of this year, construction will take place on the first building. The undeveloped property on Alexander will be an entry to the site. We already have approval on that. Team NEO is committed to \$700,000 on the infrastructure transportation on this project.

Cat Ohio

Mayor: Cat Ohio has taken down some trees. They will expand their operation and put in 100 trees and shrubs for \$35,000. That will be nice screening for their vehicular parking. **Hardin:** Where is this happening? **Mayor:** It is at Alexander and Oakleaf.

Petitti & Other Legislation

Mayor: I put the Petitti legislation on the agenda. This is the same as McDonalds and Federal Metal CRAs of 49% and TIFs of 33% minimum approval of Council. Issues 13 and 14 will be on the agenda once the Board of Elections certifies the election results and at the same time, we will have Issue 9 from a year ago which only requires Council approval. At that time, voters gave Council the authority to act on permitting the construction of video and audio recording production

and editing facility with helipad, etc. with passive park and nature preserve at the landfill area between Solon and Richmond Road.

Glenwillow - Solon

Mayor: Glenwillow approached me to appear at a Planning Commission meeting regarding a church which bought land at Richmond and Pettibone wanting to build there. Glenwillow is arguing against that construction. They want to have an in-person public meeting to show there is no interest. The church bought it not knowing the zoning of the land. This is right at the roundabout. Solon approached me about land adjacent to the Hawthorne Valley County Club, 35 acres being rezoned to multi-family senior living with entry off Hawthorne Parkway and not Richmond Road. With that, I will support it. The last time they tried to rezone the Country Club. We were at the meeting and you could hear a pin drop. It will only be a meeting via Zoom. This is not taking away the Country Club, but just land adjacent to it with the only entry being off Hawthorne Parkway, not Richmond Road. We support it.

Memorial Day Parade

Mayor: I was notified by the Memorial Day Parade Committee is cancelled. He read: "The parade has gone on since just after the Civil War. We marched through World War I, World War II, Korean War, Viet Nam, and the current Middle East Conflicts. It marched through the Great Depression, Spanish Flu and Polio. One thing learned after WW I is the Spanish Flu was ravaging the world and was spreading in the cities which held Victory Day parades. Therefore, the Governor has recommended cancelling it. This would have been the 75th anniversary of the European victory and over Japan. This celebration would have marked the end of WW I and to celebrate the freedom we enjoy today. We will have a Memorial Day parade in 2021." They are asking for a \$250 donation, as in years before, for decorating. This will offset holding the parade next year. I wanted to let Council know in hopes of getting support on this.

Questions

Hardin asked about the jobs being created by Nichols Paper and if they are being offered to Oakwood residents. **Mayor:** The jobs exist, and they will be growing and by the end of 2021, they will be leasing the whole building. **Hardin:** Do we track what companies are hiring residents? Is that part of the agreement? **Mayor:** Yes. There is an annual report to the schools and the county detailing the hiring of any employees by the companies. **Hardin:** Are we notified when these jobs are open? Does the Village post the jobs? **Mayor:** There has never been an issue. An Oakwood company had a breakfast drive-through for health care workers. Dunkin Donuts was involved as was Chic-fil-a. We encourage people to call Village Hall. **Hardin:** I would like to have a process in place when jobs are available; that there is notification to our residents. **Mayor:** Most of the hires are ladies. What is happening with our young men? Even Medical Service Co. had to contract out for van drivers. We must bring change to the public-school districts. It just isn't working for our young men. **Hardin:** I'd like a process in place that we are notified. **Mayor:** Several of our companies have hired Oakwood residents. **Warren:** A lot of the companies used to advertise in local papers which are no longer in business. **Williams** asked when the Issue 9 legislation will be given to Council. **Climer:** It will be the exact same thing Debbie distributed for the Premier site. **Williams:** Ok. **Climer:** It will be out this week. **Mayor:** Both Issue 13 and 14 in 2020 and Issue 9 last year, were crafted by our Law Director permitting Council to decide on the zoning of those specific properties. These were crafted well. Thank you, Council, for passing these items. I do not believe any other community has passed zoning issues over the last several years as we have. **Rogers** asked Tom Haba about a property at Garden and Hickory, #25401 Garden Road which has a large tree limb on her roof. I do not know if we can help her. **Haba** will look at it tomorrow.

Open Floor – hearing, no floor was closed.

Legislation

2020-33 A resolution of condolences to the family of Leonard Brooks Jackson

Callender: Mr. Jackson has been in the education field over 40 years and is a legend in Ohio Athletics. He passed away a week ago. Deb, thank you for putting this together for me.

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Rogers seconded by Hardin
7 YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Sanders seconded by Callender
7 YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

2020-34 A resolution accepting a funding award from Cuyahoga County under the 2019 Competitive Municipal Block Grant Program and authorizing the Engineer to begin the preparation of plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the Village Hall ADA improvement project in the Village of Oakwood and declaring an emergency

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Rogers seconded by Gaither
7 YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

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7 YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

2020-35 An ordinance declaring improvements to certain parcels of real property to be a public purpose, describing the public infrastructure improvements to be made to benefit those parcels requiring the owners of the improvements thereon to make service payments in lieu of taxes, establishing the Petitti Enterprises Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such Service payments and declaring an emergency

First Reading

2020-36 An emergency determining the period of tax exemption for an improvement to real property owned by Petitti Enterprises Inc located in Oakwood Community Reinvestment Area No. 1

First Reading

Hardin asked why this is under emergency. **Mayor:** There is no urgency. **Warren:** We can pass it under suspension at the next meeting. **Climer:** Either of these can be passed under emergency and under suspension if that is Council's pleasure. We may want to amend to include the nature of the emergency. **Hardin** asked why it is being considered under the emergency clause. **Climer:** I cannot answer that question, I did not draft these. **Mayor:** I drafted these since they are the same as Federal Metal, McDonalds, the hotel, and Caterpillar. **Hardin:** I do not like seeing the emergency clause. **Gaither:** That has been on several ordinances in the past. **Climer:** Legally the declaration of an emergency is at the discretion of Council. **Hardin:** I understand, but if it does not need it, why have it? **Climer:** It can even be on for three meetings. **Rogers** asked Climer to do all these ordinances. She asked him to review it. **Climer:** I am more than happy to do that. **Warren** asked the Clerk to forward these to the Law Director.

Motion to adjourn by Hardin seconded by Sanders
7 YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Adjourned at 7:51 pm

Approved: May 26, 2020

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