

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 26, 2020

PRESENT:

Johnnie Warren – Council President  
Elaine Gaither- Council at Large  
Chris Callender – Ward 1  
Melanie Sanders-Ward 3  
Patricia Rogers – Ward 4  
Candace Williams – Ward 5

Gary Gottschalk-Mayor  
Jim Climer-Law Director  
Tom Haba-Service Director  
Mark Garratt-Police Chief  
Brian Thompson- Finance Director  
Dan Marinucci-Building Official

ABSENT:

Eloise Hardin – Ward 2  
James Schade-Fire Chief  
Carlean Perez-Recreation Director  
*\* Arrived after roll call*

Crystal A Williams-Housing Inspector  
Ed Hren-Village Engineer

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Thompson opened meeting at 7:02p  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Motion to approve minutes of May 12,2020 Council meeting made by Callender seconded by Gaither  
Yes Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

*Correspondence*

**Clerk** will drop off the NOPEC annual report tomorrow as well as the Fire Dept. issued face masks to each Council member's home.

*Departmental Reports*

**Finance-Thompson:** We completed our land acquisition note with .85% interest.

**Service-Haba:** Thanked the Fire Dept. for the masks. A gentleman called me about recycling. I will let you know, Pat, about that as soon as I hear back. Glenwillow installed new lighting at the roundabout which we participated in. **Sanders** asked about the old Cobb property not being maintained. What is our policy? **Haba** will address it. We cut it and bill the duplicate tax bill to the County. We usually don't see that money until the property is sold. **Sanders:** How often are those properties maintained? **Haba:** As needed, some more often than others.

**Police-Garratt:** We submitted for bulletproof vests as we do each year. We had our largest drug bust yesterday in Oakwood. We found significant pre-packaged marijuana, ecstasy, and pharmaceutical prescriptions. Officers picked up the guy quickly. **Warren** asked if it was a restaurant. **Garratt:** It was not. **Sanders** thanked him for getting back to the person in her ward. **Garratt:** Please tell your constituents, they can call and remain anonymous about any complaint. We will field it. We are familiar with that house. Call the Police Dept. otherwise the non-emergency line 440.232.1035 for complaints. You can also call me directly, email me or use the website.

**Law-Climer:** Charter Review Commission completed its work. The Clerk distributed the memo last week and I will send out a memo directing Council regarding the Commissions recommendations. A couple surprising recommendations and non-recommendations occurred. Tonight, there are several items on the agenda carrying into effect Premier, additional property and North Lane. I understand, the Board of Elections have not yet certified the election results. We are waiting on that so those items will be on first reading. We can act on those once we receive the BOE certifications. **Warren** asked when the CRC recommendations will be before Council. **Climer:** June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Warren:** We will know if we anticipate another Webex meeting or a social distanced physical meeting. Several members of the commission wish to attend that meeting whether Webex or physical.

**Building-Marinucci:** The Bugarcic property is underway. The footers are being installed. The Thomas property is in full swing with surveyors doing the lot split. We have received nine applications for the Ward 4 Exterior Maintenance Program in the amount of \$23,300 with a total of \$26,000 allocated. The maximum paid out is \$3,000 per applicant. Crystal took pictures of the nine properties. Taxes are paid and pending your approval. **Warren** asked about a house being built by Somerville. **Garratt:** The original house burnt down. **Warren** asked if these were the same owners. **Marinucci:** It is a nice house. **Gaither:** They are installing a basement. **Rogers** asked Marinucci for the Ward 4 Maintenance Program complete packet. **Marinucci** will prepare that. **Rogers** asked for a meeting next Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Warren:** We will measure for social distancing. **Rogers:** The meeting is to review the applications.

**Mayoral-Mayor:** I spoke with Rock the House. They are not moving to Twinsburg. They are not expanding in Oakwood yet, due to the economy, but they have picked up some events. I will have a proposal cutting physical distancing of students before the Governor tomorrow, Robert Levin failed to repurchase the company from bankruptcy. He put in a \$25.7 bid for his company which includes \$10 million to make the customer purchases whole, which were not delivered. There is a second bankruptcy proceeding and the judge stated it is very uncommon. He was impressed by Robert Levin. A motion was filed Monday recommending the court recommend Robert Levin taking over Levin. We will see what happens. He sold it back in 2017 to a company with \$1 million in sales and doing well, but it was devastating being on the outside seeing what was happening to the company. This does not guarantee Levin in Oakwood will remain open, but it looks good. He is crafting a \$2 million deal for the employees who lost their jobs at 27 stores which will not reopen; providing \$1,500 checks for those who have been with the company at least three years and health benefits. It shows capitalists who care about their employees. Alexander Road Caterpillar is nearly complete with their landscaping project. They are paying for the labor and material amounting to \$35,000. **Williams** asked about Dakar project. **Mayor:** We should know more in a week. They are interested in purchasing the land by the landfill. If it does not happen, that area will become a passive park and nature preserve. **Williams** asked about the legislation on the agenda. **Mayor:** It is to permit motion picture, helipad and passive park nature preserve. **Warren** mentioned it is zoned single family. **Mayor:** Correct, but no homes will be built over a landfill. Council can approve it to add to the zoning of that property. Nothing else can be done there. **Williams:** I thought we voted on this before. **Mayor:** It is exactly what we are doing for Issue 13 and 14. Council entertained legislation which permits Council to decide on the zoning of this property, which went to the voters in November. Now Council is being asked to approve it. **Williams** asked if any details were different. **Mayor:** Everything will remain the same. This was held up by the No Heartbeat Bill in Ohio and the \$4 million designated for motion pictures in Ohio which was rescinded. The virus happened and investors in LA got nervous. They really want to be in Oakwood. No permanent housing will be at the site. Only movie sets, which can be put up and taken down, a helipad as well as a passive park and nature preserve.

*Open Floor – hearing none, floor was closed*

*Legislation*

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

Second Reading

**Mayor:** This does not require approval from the School Board, it contains the same language as McDonalds, Federal Metals, and others.

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Rogers seconded by Sanders  
6 YES; Warren, Gaither, Callender, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Sanders seconded by Callender  
6 YES; Warren, Gaither, Callender, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

2020-36 An emergency ordinance 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

Second reading

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Sanders seconded by Gaither  
6 YES; Warren, Gaither, Callender, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Gaither seconded by Callender  
6 YES; Warren, Gaither, Callender, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

2020-37 An ordinance permitting production-distribution described in Oakwood C.O. Sec. 1173.02, on the entirety of Permanent parcel Numbers 795-50-009, 795-50-0102 795-50-011 and 795-50-012 to be known as the northerly production-distribution district

**Climer:** This is the Charter Revision authorized by the voters referring it to Council. This needs to be tabled upon receipt of the Board of Election's Certification of the Election.

MOTION TO TABLE made by Gaither seconded by Rogers  
6 YES; Warren, Gaither, Callender, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

2020-38 An ordinance permitting light industrial uses described in Oakwood C.O. Sec. 1173.02 on the entirety or portions of Permanent Parcel Numbers 795-18-034, 795-18-057, 795-18-033, 795-18-032, 795-18-031, 795-18-030, 795-28-006, 795-28-013, 795-28-005, 795-28-008, and 795-28-002 to be known as the southerly light industrial district

**Climer:** This is the Charter Revision authorized by the voters referring it to Council and needs to be tabled upon receipt of the Board of Election's Certification of the Election.

MOTION TO TABLE made by Sanders seconded by Rogers  
6 YES; Warren, Gaither, Callender, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

2020-39        A resolution affirming that funds received by the Village of Oakwood from the Cuyahoga County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund as a result of funding by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) will be expanded only for purposes authorized by the CARES Act and any applicable regulations and will otherwise be handled and accounted for as required by said act and regulations and declaring an emergency

**Warren:** The challenge for a small community is, funds are only available right now for direct entitlement communities for PPE, sanitizers, disinfectants, emergency personnel, etc. We are going for it anyway. The State received \$1.2 billion and only made available \$350 million because they are hoping, as the state opens and the country moves forward, the restrictive protocols for the use of the funds will be loosened to a more expanded use. It is ironic the Police and Fire are receiving PPE, but this will assist in our efforts.

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Gaither seconded by Rogers  
6 YES; Warren, Gaither, Callender, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Rogers seconded by Gaither  
6 YES; Warren, Gaither, Callender, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

2020-40        An ordinance permitting the construction and operation of video and audio recording, production and editing facilities as well as helicopter landing and take-off pads accessory to such uses, passive parks and nature preserves in the area contained within the following boundaries which area is presently zoned R1F Residential: Solon Road on the north, Richmond Road on the east, Hawthorne Parkway on the south and the Oakwood Village border with the City of Bedford Heights on the west subject to all applicable standards contained in the Oakwood Village Codified Ordinances and such further standards as shall be specified by Council

First Reading

**Rogers** asked about Dakar. **Climer:** We will not specifically name Dakar in the legislation. It is a Charter Revision, not rezoning. **Williams** asked about the project. **Climer:** The project has been in limbo for a while. **Warren:** We will know more in a week. **Mayor:** We will know within the next week or so whether this will move forward. We still want it to be a passive park and nature preserve.

Motion to adjourn made by Gaither seconded by Callender  
6 YES; Warren, Gaither, Callender, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Meeting adjourned 7:53pm

Approved:           June 9, 2020          

          Johnnie A. Warren            
Johnnie Warren, President

          Debra Hladky            
Debra Hladky, Clerk of Council

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ATTENDED

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Chris Callender – Ward 1  
Eloise Hardin – Ward 2  
Melanie Sanders – Ward 3  
Patricia Rogers – Ward 4  
Candace Williams – Ward 5

Gary Gottschalk - Mayor  
Ami Imbrogno – Law Dept  
Mark Garratt – Police Chief  
Tom Haba – Service Dept  
Danielle Marinucci – CBO

ABSENT:

Crystal Williams – Housing Inspector  
Ed Hren - Engineer  
Carlean Perez

James Climer – Law Dept  
James Schade – Fire Chief

No meeting was held

Approved: June 9, 2020

Johnnie A. Warren  
Johnnie Warren, Council President

Debra L. Hladky  
Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council