

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE 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

Jim Climer-Law Director  
Gary Gottschalk-Mayor\*  
Brian Thompson- Finance Director

ABSENT:

Eloise Hardin – Ward 2  
\* Arrived after roll call

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Thompson opened meeting at 6:09p  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

*Ratio Summary*

**Thompson:** Financial reports were sent out last week and addendums were released today. He reviewed the Summary with \$9.8 projection for the year. To date we have received a little over \$3 million which sets us at a ratio of 31%. The desired ratio is 33%. YTD expenses totaled 28% with a few items over the desired ratio. School Guard is over due to fixture repairs. We sometimes put those under the street fund. I will review those. Misc. Contractual utility is lighting. It looks like we were charged for surges. I reached out to our rep. He is auditing our bills currently to see why we are being charged more. Rubbish Disposal is a little up. My staff caught up on a few bills, but I am reviewing the bills. Lands and Buildings are up at 43%. This is our upgraded lighting. I will receive a reimbursement from NOPEC but, I may have to realign that. It will be an even offset from NOPEC. The H/B Operational was up a bit at 37%. He reviewed ratios in the Special Revenue funds.

*Senior Center*

**Gaither** asked if the Senior Center will be open soon. **Thompson:** Currently, seniors are picking up meals. They have been doing outdoor activities with Carlean. I will have to check with Cynthia, who manages the program, on a target date. **Warren** asked the number of seniors participating in the lunch programs at the center. **Thompson:** It hovers around 45-50 seniors. **Warren:** The capacity is 110. We would be at 50% ratio with 50 persons. **Thompson:** Yes. **Warren:** Has anyone calculated social distancing in the facility prior to opening? That will affect when and how you open. Seating must be arranged for social distancing and the provision of masks and gloves to seniors coming to the center. **Gaither:** Is that feasible when they eat? **Warren:** We should have it known we supplied masks and gloves, even though they will not eat with the mask on. We need to show proactiveness due to the alleged spreading of the virus. **Thompson:** On a current note, the Fire Dept. received a grant for masks which they dropped off to employees today. I am sure we can provide supplies, but I have not spoken to the Mayor about getting seniors back into the center. I will note that. **Warren** asked what other Council members think? **Callender:** If you implement six-foot distancing and marking on the floor for the same, possibly masks and literature and instruction signage on the walls. **Thompson:** We may want to add a

plexiglass divider between the food service and seniors. **Sanders** asked about masks. **Callender** asked about sanitizers at Village Hall. **Thompson:** ChemSafe provided sanitizers which we distributed to the center. We can look at these items. **Rogers** asked if we are still having seniors pick up their lunch. **Mayor:** We are not doing anything there until at least the end of June. Seniors can pick up their meals or the Village delivers them to the seniors. We will evaluate the situation prior to that time frame. Food is provided Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday by the House of Rose. **Warren** and **Rogers** agreed that is a good idea.

*Revenue*

**Thompson:** Comparing 2019 to 2020, we are down \$124,918 YTD and in April alone \$145,766.59. We are in close communication with RITA. June 1<sup>st</sup> report will be a telling factor. **Sanders:** There are adjustments already made in the budget. How far will those adjustments last before we face additional cuts? **Thompson:** The projection of loss was \$500-\$550,000. We are still at that mark. **Warren** asked the Mayor about the businesses and those affected more from Covid-19. **Mayor:** We have enough wiggle room and could cut up to ¾ of a million, if needed. **Warren:** As far as businesses, are some affected significantly? **Mayor:** It is hard to know when employees are working from home. At least we know the numbers each month. April was down \$145,000. May will be the worst. We have a handle on it and Plan B, just in case. We initially cut \$530,000 in anticipation of the effects of Covid-19.

*CARES ACT*

**Rogers** asked about CARES Act funding. Do we expect to get anything soon? **Thompson:** The County put out an email, but we do not have the details. We were advised to pass the legislation ahead of time. **Rogers** asked what it covers. **Thompson:** It is for local government assistance. **Rogers** asked if it is for wages. **Thompson:** I am not sure at this point. **Williams:** Is there an end date to that? **Thompson:** The Law Director is handling that. **Clerk:** I received information from fellow Clerks about the end date which I sent to Jim. **Thompson:** I will contact the County on that.

*Animal Control*

**Rogers** asked about the Animal Control contract and payment. I understand a call must be made to dispatch before a payment is made. **Thompson:** I believe that is the protocol. **Rogers:** Is there coordination between the Police and Finance? **Thompson:** Yes, they put in the PO then we pay from the invoice.

**Williams** asked Thompson to review and explain the various reports with descriptions. **Thompson:** Yes.

Meeting adjourned 6:29pm

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Johnnie Warren, President

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Debra Hladky, Clerk of Council