
**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2020**

PRESENT:

Johnnie Warren-Council President
Elaine Gaither – Council-at-Large
Chris C. Callender – Ward 1
Eloise Hardin – Ward 2
Melanie Sanders – Ward 3
Patricia Rogers – Ward 4
Candace S Williams – Ward 5

Gary Gottschalk-Mayor
Brian Thompson-Finance
James Climer-Law Dept.
Tom Haba – Service Director
Mark Garratt-Police Chief
Ed Hren-Engineer

ABSENT:

James Schade-Fire Chief
Dan Marinucci-Chief Building Official

Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Crystal A Williams-Housing Inspector

* = *Late Arrival*

Warren opened the meeting at 7:11 pm
Pledge of Allegiance and Roll call were completed.

Motion to approve minutes of June 23, 2020 regular Council meeting made by Williams seconded by Callender
YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Rogers, Sanders, Williams Abstained by Hardin

Motion to approve minutes of June 23, 2020 Finance meeting minutes made by Callender seconded by Sanders
YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Rogers, Sanders, Williams Abstained by Hardin

Departmental Reports

Service-Haba: One of the Service Dept. workers lives with his father who has the virus. We asked him to stay home. He is getting tested, although he has no symptoms. **Williams** asked him to look at the Wright Ave. park since it is overgrown with trees. **Haba** will investigate it. **Gaither** complimented him and the Service Dept on how beautiful the Village flowerbeds look. Great job.

Law-Climer explained 2020-56 amended legislation. Per a conversation with Mr. Warren, I sent a memo this afternoon explaining its progression.

Homeowner Grants

Williams asked about home improvement grants **Warren** explained he includes that information in his newsletter. **Clerk:** It is available on the website. **Warren** asked Clerk to send it to the Building Dept. **Hardin** complimented Ms. Crystal Williams on researching items timely and professionally on several occasions. I understand Dan is putting in a lot of hours based on assignments and this limits his ability to return calls. My expectation is to receive a call back timely. Please make him aware of that.

Engineer-Hren addressed the County Master Cooperation Agreement (2020-62). This is a standard agreement which allows us to utilize funds for reimbursement of materials used in maintaining County roads. Each year we spend \$50-60,000 on material. Our County roads are Broadway, Tryon, Richmond, Alexander, Macedonia, and Columbus. We apply for these funds every fall. By passing this, we can apply for these funds next year. **Mayor** explained the Service Dept. performs the work. **Williams** asked about the roads to be addressed. **Mayor:** In 2020, Broadway, Tryon to Richmond and Richmond and Forbes.

Forbes Road Pump Station

Hren: Legislation 2020-63 addresses the Forbes Pump Station and force main. It is getting older and needs a proper repair. We had a failure in January and a temporary pump was installed. The County asked us to repair it permanently and

immediately. The fee residents pay the County (\$1.50 per linear foot of property) goes into a pot for the Village to address these types of repairs. We have \$200,000 in that fund of which a portion is being used for the Garden/Hickory Roads project. The County proposed taking out a loan from the Ohio Water Division in the amount of \$400,000. **Hardin** asked how much of the \$200,000 will be used. **Hren**: None of it. It will be a loan. The money we collect is for cleaning, televising and repairs including when residents call with a basement issue. **Williams** asked about it. **Hren**: There are 40 different communities in this program. We are District #18. They can use funds from other districts to guarantee the dollars and over 20 years, we will reimburse those funds at \$27,000/year. This allows us to maintain cash flow. **Williams** asked about the two pieces on the work session (Forbes Road and Richmond Road). **Hren** explained the construction on these will be in the years 2022 (Broadway) and 2023 (Forbes). There is no urgency currently.

Police-Garratt: We put out a media blast on a missing 14-year-old female from Glenshire area. She is a run-away. It went through the LEADS system as well as FB, Twitter, etc.

Basketball Court Update

Garratt: An update on the Basketball Court, we have had one complaint of loud vehicles. Officers located the persons at 1:00 am and disbursed them without issue. The two officers who tested positive for Covid have made a full recovery and are back to work.

Forbes Road - Bedford

Mayor: Work will be done on Forbes Road between Northfield and Broadway which affects Ward 5. It will begin Monday on the Bedford side only. We are not participating, because Bedford made application for the grant without informing us.. The project will take three weeks. A detour will be posted. They are doing their half of the road.

Oakwood Parkway at Mt. Zion

Mayor: You will begin to see a large clearing at the Tartabini property. It is 125 acres with an estimated 35-40% wetlands. We are having the grass cut with the Army Corp of Engineers performing the assessment. The School Board property, of which we own, will be assessed as well. **Williams** asked about the Forbes Road project. **Mayor**: It will begin Monday and will take three weeks to complete. **Sanders** asked about Oakwood Parkway. **Mayor**: We want to see if there are less wetlands than originally projected.

NOPEC

Williams asked about the NOPEC Grant. **Mayor**: This is for electrical efficiency of our buildings. Last year we received \$35,000. It is for improvements to public buildings. **Williams** asked if it is earmarked for anything. **Mayor**: We do not know yet. A resolution for Levin, which Ms. Hardin had asked for and Debbie put together, is on the agenda commending Robert Levin for reopening the stores.

Summer Camp - School

Mayor explained the four-week Summer program beginning Monday of next week. It was approved by the schools this past Thursday. It will encompass Oakwood students in the 9th-12th grades with a limit of 10 boys and 10 girls per grade. We are offering a tech-forward program unleashing the creativity of our students to a hands-on core curriculum. A daily temperature of staff and students will be taken at the entrance of the high school. All staff and instructors will wear masks unless exceptions apply. Desks, chairs, countertops, and other high impact areas will be disinfected nightly. The rest rooms will be disinfected before and after lunch and nightly. Electronics will be sprayed after each class. Hand sanitizer will be accessible in all areas and 6-foot distancing will be practiced. Hallways will be restricted to release of classes. Lunch will be eaten at student desks. Oakwood will provide reusable face masks worn by the students from 'My Pillow'. Once seated, students can lower their masks. Plastic shields will be placed between the students and instructors. Students can project their screen to the teacher's screen eliminating close contact between the two. This is free to Oakwood residents. Kids are far behind by missing school.

Resolution to Keylen Merchant

Mayor: A 7-year-old youngster in Oakwood, Keylen Merchant, visited his grandmother and found her passed out. He called 911 and kept his five-year-old brother calm while getting attention of neighbors to assist. He was recognized by Mt.

Zion and was given a resolution, one to his mother, and to his grandmother as well. He has a real career before him in showing bravery and composure. Thank you, Eloise, for thinking about Robert Levin.

Black Lives Matter

Callender: I wanted to talk about Black Lives Matter initiative. We have a resolution on the agenda. I believe we should do more than that. Per conversation with Police Chief, who feels it is feasible to have walk or rally in the Village, I am looking for support from Rev. Williams and Dr. Macon to be part of this. It is important to show solidarity and move forward.

Summer Camp

Williams asked about Summer Camp. We are having a conversation after its approval of the board. I am not in favor of this. When we approved this budget, we were not in the midst of Covid. I feel that is significant enough for you to bring this to us for discussion. I listened to your presentation at the Board of Education. I was hoping they would not approve it. I do not believe we should put our kids in a camp right now. I want to make sure when you say Oakwood is onboard, you have all of us onboard. I am not in agreement with this. We just received this email at 6:30pm from the Bedford School District advertising this is starting on Monday. Why are we in such a rush to put this on, advertising it on a Tuesday and it starts the following Monday. **Mayor:** We did not know if the schools would approve it until Thursday. The program is only four weeks long because schools could start the third week of August. This is very convoluted in timing, but I cannot underscore the importance of education. Students with last names A-K will attend school Monday-Tuesdays and L-Z Thursday and Friday with Wednesday being utilized to sanitize the building. Even when schools restart in the fall, it is still not clear if they are softening the distancing for busing. We do not want to take any chances or be willfully overlooking the Governor's mandates. Parents must drop off their student at the school. Pastor Macon is so impressed with this program, he gave my booklet to Eric Gordon, Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. At least 1/3 schoolteachers do not want to come back. The teachers for this program include three PhD degreed teachers. We must get to our students. Statistics are overwhelming they could be behind one – three months with summer break. We are now talking nine -12 months. **Williams:** I am a parent and educator. I get all that, but in this situation, you should have included Council. We should not have had summer camp and I am disappointed it was approved. We did not have a conversation about virtual opportunities. You have said many times, kids cannot wear masks five hours. Taking them off is exactly what we don't want them to do. **Mayor:** We are getting masks that can be lowered. **Williams:** If this does not go as you planned; if people catch Covid, this will not look well on the camp or this Village. **Mayor:** Major pastors in the Village are also supporting this, including Mt. Zion. **Williams:** That doesn't concern me. Do we have a nurse on staff for this? **Mayor:** The protocol is very clear. Parents sign a document their child did not show signs of Covid and temperatures are taken daily. We are going overboard with protocols. **Williams:** Do we have a nurse on staff? **Mayor:** No. **Williams:** So, you were going to push this anyway, even if Council didn't agree. **Warren:** What would a nurse do, she cannot identify Covid when you walk in. **Williams:** She can identify symptoms. **Warren:** Having a nurse on staff cannot determine symptoms; that is not the solution. **Callender:** School districts have put out a reopening plan. Parents review the students for symptoms and bring that documentation to the school. **Mayor:** If it isn't signed by the parent, the student must go back home immediately. **Williams:** Do we have a medical release? **Gaither:** Will it do any good? **Williams:** School districts have medical releases. My point is, if we were able to have a conversation, we could have had other suggestions to make this more effective. We did not have that opportunity. **Warren:** There should be a medical release form. **Gaither:** Which doesn't do anything. **Warren:** Correct, but it shows proactiveness on our behalf. **Janice Williams (resident):** Is there a disclosure parents sign or waiver of liability? If God forbid, a child should contract Covid, the city would be liable in the midst of a pandemic. My granddaughter will not be attending. I will not put her at risk. Are we setting ourselves up for liability? **Mayor:** You have to show wanton and willful neglect and that is why we are following the Governor's protocol. We are not depending on bussing. We are providing 6' distancing, masks, plastic dividers. Teachers can also use an electronic wall. **Callender:** The waiver is important. **Warren:** The Law Director can come up with something. **Climer:** Liability for the Village itself is not likely under ORC 2744 – Sovereign Immunity Act. As long as the guidelines are being followed. We will provide a release form. **Williams:** Does the State have guidelines for masks being worn over a number of hours? **Climer:** I do not know that. Masks are required in confined spaces. **Callender:** There is no time frame for masks. **Williams:** There is a lot of data in other communities showing 30% of campers contracting Covid; 82 cases with 200 kids participating. **Mayor:** We are not starting camp in May. It will start

just prior to schools opening. We are maintaining a clean environment. We must be reaching our students. I understand those families with pre-existing conditions, as with your family, they may not attend. Statistics are overwhelming; being isolated has affected our kids. We are averaging five suicides in Ohio every day; our area of, Oakwood, Walton Hills and Glenwillow we are averaging 3-4 suicides over a month. The fatality rate is ½ of 1% in all cases of Covid. **Williams:** We have to balance that. You have it approved. My original concern is, we should have had a discussion and you didn't grant us that opportunity although it was presented as though you had everyone's approval. **Mayor:** This is a model for what will happen in the fall. This is only four weeks. Our students will be protected. California Union has said. **Gaither:** Can we keep with the Agenda? **Mayor:** They want to defund the Police Dept., have free Medicare, and Charter Schools rather than helping their students. **Warren:** We are interested in Oakwood. Ms. Hardin has a question. **Hardin:** The Governor will announce in 48 hours what he will do going forward. **Mayor:** Are you saying the Governor may shut Ohio down again? **Hardin:** Yes. **Mayor:** If that is the case, we will comply with the Governor. **Hardin** commented about liability. **Sanders:** We are all in agreement; education is important. We are not negating that. It is simply the position we are in. We all agree it was approved and if there is something the Law Director can come up with. Ms. Williams is asking for everyone to be included in the discussions. **Warren** summarized we will get a liability form from the Law Dept., ensure social distancing, waivers are signed and there should be a summary to the parent explaining the program and steps the Village is taking to ensure student safety. **Mayor:** I read you loud and clear. Many of you have expressed interest in Black Lives Matter. I spoke with the pastors and they prefer a walk for peace and justice with pastors speaking. It is your call. **Hardin** asked about the Levin legislation. **Gaither:** We have it. **Hardin** asked Council to send something to Mr. Marinucci on the passing of his mother.

Legislation

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Second Reading

Motion to suspend made by Rogers seconded by Sanders

NO Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin. Rogers, Sanders, Williams

2020-57 A resolution in support of Black Lives Matter

First reading

Warren: Ms. Williams requested specific representation in which we do not particularly go along with their agenda, but we acknowledge Black lives do matter. **Williams:** I agree with Ms. Sanders regarding the reference to defunding police is something we do not want to associate with. My issue is not our mantra. I see pieces of inequity. We may want to include changes we want to implement in our community. All lives matter should not be present. Council discussed. **Williams:** Also, we should have had dialogue prior to this point. We just received this on the 10th of June, and this is the 14th. It has been 59 days since George Floyd's murder. **Warren:** We can review this on our own as a Council and hold a special meeting to discuss the wording you want to include. Anyone on Council can present legislation. If you take exception to the 59 days and take into consideration all members of Council can present legislation or address any issue they may have, anyone may have brought this up at any time. **Williams:** My point is, in this specific situation, we were looking for our Mayor to come forth. I understand we can all propose legislation, however, since we waited this long, I think we could have come up with something together. **Warren:** My intent is to table this legislation; we will review it later and have a special meeting and come to an agreement of the intent of the legislation. **Sanders:** We are way off on the time frame, but I agree. **Warren:** Mr. Callender met with the Police Chief and the Mayor regarding the community doing something including a walk to the community park with community involvement. He is looking for solidarity between the police and the community. **Hardin** asked when that will take place. **Warren:** Mr. Callender is working on that. **Callender** suggested the Levin parking lot. **Gaither** suggested the community park. **Danielle Birch (resident)** interjected: I would have liked to see something sooner for George Floyd. I confirm with Councilwoman Williams; it is ill written and needs to be reviewed and redone. On Juneteenth, June 19th, was Council aware that the community wanted to come together? There wasn't much support. **Warren:** We were not aware of the event. I heard about it long after it occurred. **Callender:** Me as well. **Gaither** concurred. **Warren:** The only person who seems to be aware of it was Councilperson Williams. **Birch:** I

was under the impression the other Council members were notified. **Warren:** We were not. **Birch:** I believe the community park venue would serve the event well, just as it was on June 19th and allow for social distancing. **Warren:** This effort was done by third party organizations. **Williams:** That is not true. The City of Garfield Heights did an event as did Maple Heights, Solon and Twinsburg and all were organized by their officials. I want to be clear; I did not inform Council because I planned it in two days, and it had been almost a month. The silence was deafening. I had residents reaching out to me. I had not heard anything from the Mayor or Council about doing anything. **Warren:** You are a member of Council and you could have brought it up at a Council meeting to let us know or email us. We have a nucleus, Debbie Hladky. There is no reason why you could not have informed Council of that event if in fact, you wanted us to appear. We could have been given a short notice and been there. **Williams:** I organized it, and no one reached out so I did what I thought was right for me. **Warren:** What was right for you? You cannot sit there and criticize Council when you did not bring anything up about this. It was never proposed by you so if you were counting days, you could have indicated to us you wanted to organize something yourself. **Williams:** I never criticized Council. **Warren:** You counted the number of days that went by. **Williams:** That is pertinent when I had the event; how much time had already passed. That is just a fact. **Warren:** The fact is, you had time to inform us. I did not receive calls from any constituents, and I do not know anyone else who received calls from their Wards. Just like a person who has a pothole on the street, you could have brought it up to Council. I am sure you did not get the call on Wednesday and decide to have it on Friday. **Williams:** I got the call on a Tuesday or Wednesday and had it on a Friday. We all can do something for the community. **Warren:** We all can share with Council and put it on the table. **Williams:** If you are angry, that is on you. **Warren:** You did not invite us, and you had additional days to bring it up to Council as a matter of record. Just like you said, you did this at the last minute and didn't inform Council so we could assist you or get our input. It would have been greater attendance if we all could have been involved. **Williams:** As I said. **Gaither:** Can we move forward with our agenda? **Williams:** As I said, I never. **Warren:** We will move forward with our agenda. I want everyone to know we should have taken a more progressive step in making sure we identified our position as a Village as to our outrage of what happened over the last several years and throughout history. I was part of the revolution in the 60's. All of us could have stepped forward, but we can only do the best we can going forward. I apologize to the community for letting this get by me.

Open Floor

Karen Howse 7209 Glenshire Rd.: The first moment when the George Floyd situation occurred, I wanted to have a conversation with our Mayor. I was feeling remorseful and angered by what I was seeing. The Village of Oakwood is predominantly African American, and all lives do matter. I appreciate Council President Warren stating it did get away from you. The first thing I did was to call the person I thought I could reach out to. I was expecting to hear something from Council. It does not mean you have to follow everything the Black Lives Matter organization does, but the relevance is we exist, and we are hurting; just to be acknowledged. This is not acceptable, and we do our due diligence to ensure we are not over policed. I have never experienced anything like that in the Village. I have to say, our Police Dept. is stellar. Our Fire Dept. is the same. I just wanted acknowledgement from my Council people. Not about when it is presented, how many days. The fact is action takes place. When I called the Mayor, he said he was exhausted. He would talk to me another day. That hurt me. I texted him numerous times thereafter as well as my Councilperson of Ward 2. I don't know if I have the right number, but I texted. I was upset. I heard nothing. I reached out to Candace and I told her how I reached out to the Mayor and my Councilperson to no avail, no response. She was receptive to my feelings. I am not disregarding any other life. That is not what I need to hear from my community. **Warren:** Why didn't you call me? I have always had an open ear to your situation, no matter what it was. **Howse:** I understand that, at the time, I just wanted to talk. This is no disrespect to our relationship over the years. It was just me as a resident, reaching out to my Mayor. We are friends and he was my boss for a long time. We have had a long relationship. I was saddened at what I got from him. I am saying to you the same thing I said to him; I was saddened and hurt. It may sound silly, but I rarely come to Council meetings and put up a fuss. This upset me. All I wanted was some unison; we don't condone that; we are better than that. **Warren:** You are absolutely right. **Hardin:** I apologize. When this happened, I called you because I know where your son is. I am hurt as well. Please check your list of calls received. You know what I am talking about. **Howse:** That is why I was the most hurt. This is sincere. I wanted this small community to wrap our arms around each other. These are scary times; we have multiple issues at the same time, and we can't be in our bubble and comfort zone of not doing anything. We are not exempt from these types of actions. We live outside Oakwood. We need to know we have support from our community. I can proudly say I feel safe here. I don't worry about our Police and Fire Departments. I am not against Police. I am not

about defunding our Police, that is a misnomer. That is an incorrect term being used. I appreciate you allowing me to say something. I have been holding that in for a while. **Warren:** I am glad you shared that with us. **Hardin:** As a Councilperson, I want you to know I called you personally. I apologize for not ensuring you received the call. **Sanders:** That you for being honest in revealing your heart. You have every right to feel that way. Please know we are in this together and are doing the best we can to correct our inaction and move forward. We have your back on this. **Howse:** I appreciate it.

Danielle Birch 26265 Tryon Rd: I helped support Councilwoman Williams with the community outreach because I had not heard from any Councilperson. Thank you, President Warren, for apologizing. I respect you for what you said. The fact that no one else said anything. We can place blame, but that is not the point. The amount of time is not the point. I do not know my Ward person. I know Candace and that is why I reached out to her. I am glad we can move forward to do something. Also, regarding the Camp. I am concerned. My children were in the camp last year. I immediately pulled them out. It is terribly run. I do not have the confidence in the people who run the camp in keeping it clean. Cleaning every day is not enough. There must be constant disinfection after everything is touched, immediately. The Mayor said there would be the ability to remove masks. I think that is wrong. The state mandates masks. Bedford is a hotspot and I don't think we should be putting our children in a school which is considered a high virus area. If you are indoors, even with six feet, you should still wear your mask. There were a lot of issues with kids putting their hands-on other kids at the camp last year. We already have an issue. I believe it is directed to high school ages. They have a difficult time social distancing. We are talking about action as it relates to the resolution. Action should be reflective. What about hiring leadership in our departments? There is no reflection on the predominantly black community. When hiring Police Officers, Firefighters, there are no African American Firefighters in our community. These are concerns. If you don't have the reflective you don't have the prospective. If the prospective is not sitting at the table, you cannot understand it. I am a diversity leader. **Sanders:** Thank you Ms. Birch. I am your Ward 3 Council Rep. Melanie is my name. That information is on the website and I hand delivered information with my card to residents a few months back. If there is a future need, please contact me. She asked for Ms. Birch's address again to get her contact information available to her. **Ms. Birch** did so. I apologize, I was throwing things away which were not bills during the Covid outbreak. **Sanders:** I will deliver that. If there is anything I can assist you with, please feel free to reach out. **Warren** asked if she is a Bedford graduate. **Birch:** Yes. I grew up in Walton Hills and now live in Oakwood.

Nicole Goode 21873 Northlane complimented the Service Dept. for their assistance. Also, as a solutionist, there is nothing wrong with us doing another NEO, but we just need to get that plan in motion. I would also like to put a spotlight on the camp. While we are in this global reset, for our residents to pull a plan for our students for neurodevelopment and psycho-development a unique platform. I would like to be part of that, or a committee comes together to use our resources to help our kids. **Warren:** Thank you. Ms. Hladky has your address. We will send you a letter to further discuss that over the summer break. That is a community and we appreciate residents reaching out to assist.

Floor Closed

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Second Reading

Climer: There was confusion at the last meeting due to the different versions. There is also some conflict with my computer and the Village computer. I drafted a second memo with three exhibits; Charter section as it reads, as submitted by the Charter Review Commission and suggested revisions resubmitted shortening the period of time for consideration by Planning Commission (PC) and Council. There are three features; shortening 60 days to 30 days for PC to act on rezoning measures, deletion of 15 day publication in a newspaper before Council and noting, we cannot shorten Council action because there isn't enough time from getting it back from PC to acting upon it. It also includes a sentence affirmatively stating Council can pass a rezoning measure by suspension of the rules with $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of Council to maintain consistency with revisions to Charter Section 7.13 adopted in 2020-48 for submission to the voters. I hope the memo of

this afternoon explained this. I believe it was defeated the first time then there was a suggestion that we reconsider it to shorten the deadlines. **Warren:** The Charter Review Commission didn't pass it and we didn't. Then, toward the end of the meeting, Ms. Hardin asked us to reconsider it for the 30 days. The Law Director is making reference to more than just the 30 days. We are mandated to give residents notice in the newspaper for 15 days prior to Council acting upon it. **Climer:** Yes. I left the deletion of that in the ordinance. I understand Ms. Hardin wanted to shorten the deadlines. That can be removed if that is Council's pleasure. If portions of the suspension of the rules does not pass, we should reconsider repealing 2020-48. If we have one for suspension of the rules and another which does not have suspension of the rules, that will create a conflict. **Hardin:** The objective is to give residents a reasonable amount of time prior to Council entertaining the legislation. **Climer:** There are three opportunities for voters to weigh-in on the matters; at the Planning Commission, before Council and at the polls. **Hardin** asked his recommendation. **Climer:** Conflict would exist if this does not pass, then we should consider repealing 2020-48 Charter section 7.13 permits zoning ordinances with suspension of the rules with $\frac{3}{4}$ members of Council. One section says that and another will not. There is no conflict in the deadlines, but 10.02 does not permit suspension of the rules and 7.13 states you can. **Warren:** The body of the legislation is not that simple. That conflict would exist if 2020-56 did not exist. It just gives you opportunity to do something which does not exist, that is what you are saying. **Climer:** Right. If 2020-48 were passed by the voters, you can suspend the rules, but 2020-56 would be silent on that. **Warren:** 2020-56 also carries the number of days from 60 to 30 from 15 to zero. **Climer:** Correct. **Hardin** asked if this should be tabled. **Warren:** We either vote for or against it. This would cut out 45 days of the process. **Climer:** Yes, 45 days. **Warren:** I understand we do not want to consider legislation unless it first goes on the Work Session, but because this is our last meeting prior to recess, we have a number of legislation to consider on today's agenda. There is just cause for passing under suspension. It was just utilized too much in the past.

Motion to suspend made by Rogers seconded by Sanders

NO Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Rogers, Sanders, Williams

2020-57 A resolution in support of Black Lives Matter

Warren: This should be first reading, discuss it and resubmit it after we make recommended changes. **Hardin:** Can we agree to hold a special meeting to get it done. **Warren:** Yes. He asked Council to review it. He suggested holding the special meeting as soon as possible. **Sanders:** We need to address this within the next 48 hours, it would be in everybody's best interest. Council agreed to hold a Work Session on July 16th with a Special Meeting on July 17th.

2020-58 A resolution of condolences to the family of Janie Freeman

Motion to suspend made by Sanders seconded by Callender

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

Motion to adopt made by Sanders seconded by Gaither

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

2020-59 A resolution authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant(s)

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Gaither

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

Motion to adopt made by Gaither seconded by Hardin

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

2020-60 A resolution of condolences to the family of Clayton A. Cunningham Sr.

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Callender

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

Motion to adopt made by Sanders seconded by Rogers

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

2020-61 An emergency resolution adopting the alternate format tax budget for the year 2021

Williams: there is no attachment for this, right? **Clerk:** Correct. Once we get the information from the County, we will have the attachment in the fall.

Motion to suspend made by Rogers seconded by Gaither

YES Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin. Rogers, Sanders, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Callender seconded by Sanders

YES Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin. Rogers, Sanders, Williams

2020-62 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into the 2020 construction season master cooperation agreement with Cuyahoga County for preventative maintenance services, and declaring an emergency

Motion to suspend made by Williams seconded by Sanders

YES Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin. Rogers, Sanders, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Sanders seconded by Gaither

YES Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin. Rogers, Sanders, Williams

2020-63 A resolution authorizing the Engineer to begin the preparation of plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the Forbes-Richmond Pump Station and Sanitary Force Main Repair Project in the Village of Oakwood and declaring an emergency

Motion to suspend made by Callender seconded by Gaither

YES Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin. Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Gaither seconded by Sanders

YES Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin. Rogers, Sanders, Williams

2020-64 A resolution of commendation to Keylen Merchant for displaying bravery and composure while saving his grandmother's life

Motion to suspend made by Rogers seconded by Sanders

YES Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin. Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Rogers seconded by Callender

YES Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin. Rogers, Sanders, Williams

Motion To appoint Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council, as the designee for Council Members Johnnie A Warren, Elaine Y Gaither, Chris Callender, Eloise Hardin, Melanie Sanders, Patricia Rogers, and Candace Williams to attend the three-hour "HB-9" certified open meeting/public records training required by the Ohio Auditor's Office (ORC 109.43 and 149.43(E){1} which will take place on the Ohio Attorney General's Website

Motion to suspend made by Sanders seconded by Callender

YES Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin. Rogers, Sanders, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Callender seconded by Sanders

YES Vote: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin. Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Hardin: Prior to adjournment, I would like to hold a Human Resource meeting August 25th. **Warren** reiterated the Work Session is being held on July 16th with a Special Meeting on July 17th to entertain 2020-57 and the Levin resolution.

Williams requested a Work Session in August. **Warren:** We always have a Work Session after each regular meeting.

Callender asked about a discussion on the walk. **Warren:** We will discuss that on Thursday's Work Session.

Motion to adjourn by Callender seconded by Sanders

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

Adjourned at 11:07 pm

Approved: August 25, 2020

Johnnie A. Warren
Johnnie Warren, Council President

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

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 14, 2020

PRESENT:

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

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

ABSENT:

Eloise Hardin – Ward 2
James Schade-Fire Chief

Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Ed Hren-Engineer
Crystal A Williams-Housing Inspector

No meeting was held

Approved: August 25 2020

Johnnie A. Warren
Johnnie Warren, Council President

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Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council