

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2020

ATTENDED

Johnnie Warren – Council President	Gary Gottschalk - Mayor
Elaine Gaither – Council-at-Large	Ami Imbrogno – Law Dept
Eloise Hardin – Ward 2*	Mark Garratt – Police Chief
Melanie Sanders – Ward 3	Brian Thompson-Finance
Patricia Rogers – Ward 4	Ed Hren - Engineer
Candace Williams – Ward 5	

ABSENT:

Chris Callender – Ward 1	James Climer – Law Dept
Carlean Perez-Recreation	James Schade – Fire Chief
Danielle Marinucci – CBO	

*=Late Arrival

Warren opened the meeting at 7:00 pm
Pledge of Allegiance and Roll call were completed.

Motion to approve minutes of July 14, 2020 Council meeting made by Sanders seconded by Rogers
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Sanders, Rogers, Williams
Motion Passed

Motion to approve minutes of July 16, 2020 Council Work Session made by Sanders seconded by Gaither
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Sanders, Rogers, Williams
Motion Passed

Motion to approve minutes of July 17, 2020 Special Council meeting made by Williams seconded by Sanders YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Sanders, Rogers, Williams
Motion Passed

Correspondence

Hladky mentioned Sam Pretzlaff who lives at 25577 Broadway Avenue will not make it to tonight's meeting but is requesting I read his two questions voiced via email into the record for answers.

1. When will results of the wetland study be available for the land next to his property?
2. I counted nearly 100 noisy motorcycles going southwest on Broadway last Saturday between 10-11 pm. Any ideas why?

Warren asked when the results will be ready. **Mayor:** I will respond during my report. **Gaither:** There was a big event at the Harley Davidson store Saturday with thousands of motorcycles there. **Warren:** This happened in Oakwood. **Rogers:** They were very loud. **Garratt:** I am aware of the incident on Saturday. We have an investigation going on. Give me some time and I will brief you on the whole incident at the next meeting. We should be clear of the investigation by then.

Open Floor Comments

Donna Edwards 6181 Whitetail Run: On the website a couple of weeks ago I read something about if the Village becomes a City. **Warren:** Any municipality more than 5000 residents could be a city. It is very unlikely for Oakwood. We have under 4000 residents and we have no residential land for development. **Edwards:** Bedford Heights side of the Meadows has no-parking signs. My neighbor asked me to move the car to my driveway. People park in front of mailboxes on the Oakwood side. **Haba:** There are a few signs on the Oakwood side of the Meadows, but we can put more up. **Garratt:** We will have an

officer check it out. We do not allow parking on the street unless permission is given for an event or house party. **Edwards:** Thank you.

Floor Closed

Departmental Reports

Police-Garratt: This has been a busy summer. I will have a long report at the next meeting. We have it under control. We are not immune to the problems around us, we have had a few. We contact the Council person when an issue occurs. I will brief Council at the next meeting.

Finance-Thompson: I requested the Finance meeting be moved to September 8th because the real numbers on withholding from RITA will be in then. I am continuing to gather information for the 2018-2019 State Audit. **Gaither** asked about the established line item for a new Village Hall. Has that been set up? **Thompson:** We have not discussed that in depth. **Gaither:** We want to make sure that happens. **Thompson:** I will be putting letters out preparing for the 2021 budget which can be a topic of discussion, **Gaither:** Make sure that is addressed. **Williams** asked where the contingency plan is at this point. You were to draft a report on how we will get there. **Thompson:** We have to review the historical numbers and forecast with RITA and projects with the Mayor. Hopefully near the end of the year. **Williams:** At the next meeting Sept. 8th? **Thompson:** Yes. We will have two Finance meetings in September. We can go into the monthly reports on the 8th and into the year-end review the end of September. **Williams:** Do you have proposed a schedule for the budget hearings this cycle? **Thompson:** I have a proposed draft.

Service-Haba: We finished cleaning up the area at Alexander and Oakleaf by Caterpillar at the guard rail. We planted grass and are hopeful Caterpillar will maintain it. Crack sealing of the county roads will start next week. There was a car show at the Booker Playground last weekend. A mess was left for us to clean up. It took two guys two hours to clear it. The event was advertised on social media. He complimented Council and the Mayor on the Racial Equality Event held in July. **Williams** asked when Bedford side of Forbes is projected to be completed. **Haba:** That is on the agenda tonight. If Council approves it, we will get the Oakwood side completed. **Warren** asked about it. **Haba:** It will be done concurrently with ours. **Warren:** The Engineer is in communication with city of Bedford. Ms. Edwards asked to speak. **Warren** gave permission. **Edwards:** Two winters ago, I completed an incident report when the snowplow service clipped the concrete at the end of my driveway. It was never addressed. I still have pictures of it. **Haba:** I don't recall that, but we are not responsible for that. You signed the form and agreed to that. If we damage a sprinkler system, we will fix it. The damage could be from salt which deteriorates concrete. I will look at it though.

Wright Avenue Park

Williams asked about the Write Avenue Park tree branches. **Haba:** I sent two guys out to trim branches at the gazebo. **Williams:** These branches are closer to the street, it is unsafe. **Haba** will take a look.

Engineer-Hren addressed 2020-72 which authorizes the preparation of plans and specifications for a new salt storage facility at the Service Garage. This is a grant from the NEORS D through the community cost share program. Ordinance 2020-75 authorizes the Mayor to enter into a cooperative agreement with Bedford to resurface Forbes Road in Oakwood using the contractors performing the Bedford side of Forbes. He explained the schematics. The majority of the southside is in Oakwood. This project was originally proposed by the city of Bedford two years ago with a joint effort of Bedford/Oakwood costing the Village \$91,000. At the time, the Mayor indicated this was not a priority project. Currently, the base is in good shape and Forbes seems to require a simple mill and fill process. The contractor contacted me regarding the Oakwood side. After viewing the Bedford side of the pavement, I recommend we move forward. It would be more aesthetically pleasing and will preserve the pavement longer. Engineering costs have been paid by the city of Bedford as was the plans, specs, advertising, bid process and construction administration. Bedford has asked us to pay \$1,500 for our portion of that. We usually spend \$5-\$10,000 just in advertising. The benefit to Oakwood is this is a major arterial avenue; the detour is already set up

and the low cost to the Village. The original cost was \$91,000. We will be invoiced for the cost of material and labor under the contract. I strongly recommend this. This will give us an additional 10-year pavement life. If Council passes this tonight, the contractor can begin work as early as the end of this week. **Williams** asked how long the project would take. **Hren:** It is supposed to take 3-4 weeks. **Williams** asked how long it would take to do the Oakwood side. **Hren:** The simple milling should take about a day and they would follow up with paving taking one day to complete, weather dependent. I predict this could be completed early next week. **Williams** asked if the deadline is urgent. **Hren:** We cannot afford to wait for another Council meeting. It costs to maintain barrels. **Williams:** The entire amount is covered through bonds? **Hren:** Yes. **Thompson:** Through bonds. **Warren:** We do not know what traffic will be in the future in addition to escalation of costs. The contractor is already prepared to move forward. This is a positive opportunity with the cost savings. **Sanders** asked about the longevity of the road if we do not do this. **Hren:** If we wait, there is a lot of surface cracking which creates a potential problem with heaving causing base and joint repairs. We could get a couple years out of it, but the quality of the ride is significantly less than a newly paved surface. There is also cost to pavement maintenance and the repair of chuck holes. It is an oil-based product and the cost of oil is down significantly. Currently, we have less traffic flow making this an advantageous time to move forward. *Hardin* entered the meeting

Salt Bin

Hren: We had a very large salt delivery and we use a large tarp to cover it but salt can potentially seep into the storm sewers. EPA and NEORS D do not like to see uncovered salt. I have contacted NEORS D for funding of the construction of a salt storage unit through the community cost share dollars. The funds are available. This is a \$96,500 project. If this passes tonight, we can sign the agreement and have it before the NEORS D Board of Directors at their September 3rd meeting. There will be a quick turn around and we look to have it installed by early December. **Williams** asked if the Village pays for it then we get reimbursed. **Hren:** Yes. **Hardin** asked about the cost. **Hren:** \$96,500 total, made up of three draws. I anticipate it being less. **Hardin** asked the time frame. **Hren:** It should be up in time for the winter weather. **Hardin:** What if we do not get it in time. **Hren:** Their turn around is quick 30-45 days for reimbursement. It should not cost us anything in the end. **Hardin:** We are responsible for the \$96,000? **Hren:** We submit reimbursement requests. **Williams:** We are borrowing funds to make the Forbes Road project happen. **Thompson:** Yes.

Law- Imbrogno: No report.

Mayoral Report-Mayor: Because of the virus, we put off doing Broadway signalization and upgrade of the all-purpose trail until next Spring. We have a \$500,000 shortfall now. Maines Paper and Food Service shut down operations in the US including Oakwood. This was our second biggest collection in withholding of \$225,000. I met with the company head on Sunday and learned Maines was acquired by Linear Logistics. They met with me from Chicago. They are the largest and most innovative temperature-controlled food distributor in the US. This is great news in preserving jobs here in Oakwood. They have 290 facilities in the US and 11 countries. They are looking to expand in the next 12 months. This is exciting. They are in the building now.

Wetland Study

Mayor: The Army Corp of Engineers will perform the wetland study at the Tartabini property off Oakwood Parkway in front of Mt. Zion Church. This will also include the eight-acres owned by the Bedford School District near Mr. Pretzlaff who is concerned. Kokosing off Oakleaf and Maines property for potential expansion next year will be done as well. They should be here in October. Council President and I are concerned about the Tartabini 24 acres of which about nine were accessed wetlands by EPA. It would cost \$1.4 million to mitigate. Therefore, we are having the Army Corp of Engineers look at it.

Dakar

Mayor: Dakar is making an announcement regarding state-of-the-art internships for young adults 19 years and older as well as adults 55 and older for entry into the film, tv, and multi-media in camera operations, lighting, costumes, makeup, hair, set design, editing, etc. in direct supervision of Atlanta, LA

and Ohio area. They will operate six weeks free training remotely and in class. Morgan Properties owns Solon Club Properties and the eight-acres adjoining the landfill. There is a bid to buy the eight acres for the Dakar facility. We are simply waiting for a response.

Broadway/Macedonia Property

Mayor: I met with the owner of the Broadway/Macedonia Road property. We own 3/10 of an acre for \$1. The land surrounding it is owned by General Title and we are looking to acquire the stone building for \$165,000 through a note, making that a 1 3/4-acre lot and a prime corner. The owners want to remain in Oakwood and are looking at the Golden Oak property. We will offer a minor TIF and CRA with no School Board approval needed. This should hit the agenda in about two weeks. We will demo the building and have a nice piece of property. We will demolish the stone building.

Wetland Study

Williams asked about the wetland study and how the cost of the study is being paid. **Mayor:** There are four different studies being done. Tartabini is paying for his property. We are paying for the School Board property, the Kokosing property will be paid by the developer and the small property owned by Maines will be paid by us. In lieu of that, Maines will not receive the remainder of the job creation tax credit since Maines is no longer here. **Williams** asked if we offered them any other incentives. **Mayor:** No. **Hardin** asked if we would have an in-depth report of our finances from the bonds before Council prior to considering the \$165,000 property. We need all the numbers. **Mayor:** Yes. It is going through our Bond Counsel and our financial advisor. **Warren:** We need to see the revenue stream and how it was been affected by the Pandemic as well as a forecast of the next quarter. We must see the trend. We are looking for graphs on the revenue stream. We also want to see the revenue stream each quarter over the past two years. **Mayor:** That is why we are aggressively going after the wetland study to offer properties for development. Standard and Poors are looking at our books as is our banker. You can't take out a note if the cash flow can't justify it. This is your decision.

Premier

Rogers asked about Premier. **Mayor:** I will make a major announcement within 30 days. **Williams** asked about an update. **Mayor:** This is a volatile time in our economy. I hope to have exciting news in the next 30 days. **Warren:** We understand this is a volatile time and we have extended a lot of cooperation with anticipation and the pandemic hindered development, but we do not want to invest in a pipe dream. We want to make sure, as much as we can, where we are going and if we have the revenue stream to cover the operational costs and services to residents including winter operational costs, salt, snow plowing, etc. Some businesses were negatively impacted. We want to see where we are in the next quarter. All this is predicted on projections and anticipations. We must walk cautiously in the next quarter. We are not moved by another grand announcement until we know what is happening in our financials. We need to see a concrete financial path. **Williams:** If the Finance Meeting on Sept. 8th is cancelled, we still expect reports. We have not had a meeting since June. Now we are looking at October. **Warren:** We cannot consider cancelling that meeting or extending it. **Thompson:** We will have the Sept. 8th meeting. **Williams** asked for the reports early. **Thompson:** I will have the reports to Council the Friday before the meeting. **Williams** asked for the reports Sept. 1st. **Thompson:** That is too early. The RITA numbers will not come until the 4th. **Warren:** If we do not get the numbers we will respond accordingly.

Forbes Road (by I-271)

Williams asked about the prospect of the Forbes Road property and getting an update from the Engineer. **Mayor:** There has been good traffic flow since I-271 has been opened. There is still property to be developed along with signalization at Forbes/Broadway. **Hardin:** We agreed there will be no egress on Forbes. There will be no traffic from the project to Forbes Road. **Mayor:** No traffic making a left-hand turn onto Forbes. **Warren:** No westbound traffic on Forbes. There is no eastbound traffic hinderance on Forbes Road. **Williams:** There was not to be any traffic spilling onto Broadway from that development. **Rogers:** That is what was said. **Warren:** We will look at this logically. The question is, what impact does eastbound traffic have, especially with the traffic lights being at the corner of Oakleaf and Forbes. **Hardin:** We will be watching it closely and making very certain we are not mis-served by developing that

property other than what benefits this part of town. **Williams:** Are we saying you are considering traffic spilling onto Broadway? **Warren:** No, they are talking about traffic from that development. There will not be any westbound traffic from that property. **Mayor:** Very likely the company going in there will have very little traffic eastbound. We will see what the project will be first. It could be years away yet. **Hardin:** Not, let us see what the project will be, but let's make certain whatever is developed meets the needs of the residents, period. **Mayor:** If you have 10 cars making a right-hand turn, that will not make an impact. It is spelled out; the entrance of this project will be off Broadway. **Williams:** We passed this on the basis of no traffic coming from that and it sounds like we are back tracking. It seems this happens with every project; it changes down the road.

Work Session First

Williams: To all the Directors, as Council, we are trying to have all the legislation come through Work Session first and I hear we are talking about more legislation on the agenda in two weeks. We want to have time to deliberate and have thoughtful questions with answers instead of getting all this information on Friday for a Tuesday meeting. Also, we want to minimize emergency legislation coming to us.

Warren: The only reason legislation is being considered now is there were grants and we have a small window to get them adopted for Forbes, saving a significant amount of money for a project we were going to do anyway at some point. Next Council meeting, new items will be on Work Session.

Sanders: For the \$95,000, do we have funding for this now? **Thompson:** Expenditures will come from the SCMR fund and we will get reimbursed by NEORSD the full amount. They are prompt in refunding.

Sanders asked how much is in that line item. **Thompson:** We will have enough funds and get the reimbursement back. **Sanders:** Is it possible to get a check detail for the September budget numbers.

Thompson: No problem. **Hardin:** I apologize for coming in late. Also, the Salt Bin is fine if we get those funds back. Forbes project is cost effective. **Williams** asked if Brian is going to explain 2020-69.

Thompson: That is our normal note we roll in September. **Williams:** Does this include the \$50,000?

Thompson: It is listed different but when we go to market the total amount will be together. **Williams:** The \$2,080,000 will become \$2,580,000? **Thompson:** Yes.

Legislation

2020-66 A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO ANGELO PETITTI AND THE PETITTI GARDEN CENTERS ON HIS \$10,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Rogers seconded by Sanders

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

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Sanders seconded by Gaither

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

Motion Passed

2020-67 A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MYRON KEVERN MATLOCK, SR.

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Sanders seconded by Rogers

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

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Sanders seconded by Rogers

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

Motion Passed

2020-68 A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF JOHN ROBERT LEWIS

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

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Hardin seconded by Sanders
YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams
Motion Passed

2020-69 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$2,080,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF (i) ACQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS FOR USE BY THE VILLAGE'S FIRE, POLICE AND SERVICE DEPARTMENTS AND FOR OTHER VILLAGE FUNCTIONS, (ii) IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE VILLAGE BY RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, GRINDING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING, CONSTRUCTING STORM SEWERS AND RELATED FACILITIES AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, (iii) ACQUIRING, REMODELING, RENOVATING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A BUILDING TO HOUSE VILLAGE SERVICE DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS AND IMPROVING ITS SITE, iv) REMODELING, RENOVATING, INSTALLING LIGHTING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE VILLAGE'S COMMUNITY CENTER, (v) ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE FOR VILLAGE PURPOSES, (vi) RESURFACING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE VILLAGE WITH ASPHALT AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL AND (vii) ACQUIRING SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR USE IN REFUSE COLLECTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Williams: All these things are why the note exists. **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** When you add the \$50,000 you are going to change this legislation and bring it back to us? **Thompson:** No, these are two separate pieces. We had to separate it. This will suffice the bond counsel to move to the market.

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Hardin seconded by Rogers
YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers, Williams NO: Sanders

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Rogers seconded by Williams
YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers, Williams ABSTAIN: Sanders
Motion Passed

2020-70 A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF GREGORY T. CORRADINO

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

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Hardin seconded by Sanders
YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams
Motion Passed

2020-71 A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF LENORA EMMA VOSECKY

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

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Rogers seconded by Gaither
YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams
Motion Passed

2020-72 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT STORAGE FACILITY AT THE OAKWOOD VILLAGE SERVICE GARAGE AND FOR THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT TO OBTAIN COST REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SUCH WORK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Rogers seconded by Hardin
YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams
Motion Passed

Fiscal Officers Certificate present

2020-73 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$50,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF RESURFACING FORBES ROAD FROM NORTHFIELD ROAD TO BROADWAY AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Hardin seconded by Rogers
YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers NO: Williams, Sanders
MOTION FAILED TO RECEIVE ENOUGH VOTES TO SUSPEND

Warren: We didn't have enough to suspend. We are looking at a loss. We received the approval of the Finance Director and the Bond Counsel. This is for the Ward to appreciate the work done in addition to the fact that the cost of gas and electric will go up next year. We will call a Special Meeting on this. This will be on that agenda.

2020-74 A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ODELL WOMACK

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

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Rogers seconded by Sanders
YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams
Motion Passed

2020-75 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BEDFORD FOR THE

RESURFACING OF FORBES ROAD FROM BROADWAY AVENUE TO
NORTHFIELD ROAD IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND THE VILLAGE OF
OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Hardin asked if we could do this if the money isn't there. **Warren:** The Finance Director did say the money is there. **Williams:** I thought this was going against a bond, that the money was not there because of the Salt Project. **Warren:** The money is there but we are going for a bond on this. The Village can carry a note for your Ward's side of Forbes Road.

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Rogers seconded by Gaither
YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers NO: Sanders, Williams
MOTION FAILED TO RECEIVE ENOUGH VOTES TO SUSPEND

Warren: We will call a Special Meeting of Council for Thursday to entertain 2020-73 and 2020-75.

Motion to adjourn made by Gaither seconded by Sanders
YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams
Adjourned at 8:50pm

Adopted _____

Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President

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***=Late Arrival**

Warren opened the meeting at 8:50 pm

Hardin: Can we discuss and come to an agreement holding the meeting at the Community Center with safe distancing requirements of the State and allowing the public to attend the meetings going forward?

Warren: If we are social distancing. We will have masks for the meeting since it is mandated by the State. We will have to find out how many it will accommodate. I will have Tom indicate the 6’ distancing aspect. **Hardin:** A thorough cleaning before and after as well. **Williams:** Can we also send an email tonight to the Directors; we will be there on September 8th? **Clerk:** Yes. **Hardin:** We will put it on the website as well? **Clerk:** Yes.

2020-WS-03 An emergency ordinance enacted by the Village of Oakwood, Cuyahoga County, Ohio hereinafter referred to as the “Municipality”, in the matter of the hereinafter described improvement and request the cooperation of the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio hereafter referred to the “County”

Warren: This is the Broadway Avenue resurfacing from Macedonia Road to Richmond Road. **Hren:** This is an agreement with Cuyahoga County as a joint effort between Oakwood Village and Cuyahoga County. The agreement spells out the funding. That is scheduled for 2023 and the other project is for Forbes Road from First Place to Richmond Road. That is a cooperation agreement between Oakwood, Bedford Heights and Cuyahoga County with funding spelled out in that as well. That is scheduled for 2022. **Williams** asked if there is a deadline and I think we are missing something. **Hren:** The County changed it so I will get you the updated copy. **Warren:** We will wait on this until we receive the updated legislation from the County. **Hardin** asked about it. **Hren:** This will begin fiscal year 2023 construction

will occur in 2022 and if it states 2024 then construction will occur in 2023. **Williams** asked the time frame for the legislation. **Hren:** I will check with the County on any urgency.

2020-WS-04 An emergency ordinance enacted by the Village of Oakwood, Cuyahoga County, Ohio hereinafter referred to as the “Municipality”, in the matter of the hereinafter described improvement and request the cooperation of the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio hereafter referred to the “County”

Hren: This is the same for Forbes Road. **Warren:** We will wait on the County. **Hren:** Both are essentially the same format between the County and the Village.

Oakleaf and Fair Oaks

Williams asked if there is anything coming up more quickly than these? **Hren:** Yes, one project is the reconstruction of the marginal roads, Oakleaf and Fair Oaks. These are the original construction. We are reaching out to ODOT for assistance. They are beat up a bit more with the I-271 construction. We will apply for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funds as well. Those applications are due the end of September, but they are pushed back this year to most likely November. I will walk everyone through that. **Williams** asked if items he needs, going forward be presented in Work Session. **Hren:** It should not be an issue with OPWC. It will take a couple weeks to determine which projects will be more likely funded. I will do what I can. **Warren:** One of the issues is the ability to ask competent questions and have time to do that. I would like to get the cost of the projects. We will need to include discussions with the Finance Director in the upcoming weeks. We are talking 2022, we will have to speculate our financial situation. **Sanders** agreed. **Hren:** Not a problem. The Broadway project is scheduled for 2022, Forbes in 2023. A section of Broadway may qualify for Community Development Block Grants as well. Any funds applied for in September become available July 1st the following year. It may be pushed back for availability. We do not want to go out for bid until the funds are available. **Warren:** We are looking for anticipated costs for 2020-WS-03 and 2020-WS-04 as well as the access roads. **Hren:** Ok.

Williams asked about item three on the agenda. **Warren:** Thursday’s meeting is a special meeting and only items on the agenda can be entertained which is 2020-73 and 2020-75. **Williams:** I hear what you are saying. Are we able to discuss those two items now? **Warren:** Yes. **Williams:** I voted no because we have not reviewed financials in several months. We talked about borrowing funds for the project and we do not know where we are financially. I keep hearing about a chaotic financial situation, but we borrow money. Even though I want this in my Ward, it is necessary and makes sense with the savings but if we do not have funds, it is not responsible to vote yes. For me to vote yes, Brian needs to give us the financials. **Warren:** The Finance Director stated we can afford to take out the note with input from the Bond Counsel, as well as the Mayor stating we can accommodate this note. We understand and respect your position but understand construction materials have increased 35% and once things go up, they never go down. We also do not know the cost of oil in the future. Therefore, this \$96,000 projection could be \$120,000 next year, **Williams:** I understand. As a Council if anything goes wrong with the financials, it will fall on us. I want to see black and white numbers other than someone’s word. **Sanders:** I concur. Without knowing the financials, I am not comfortable with making this decision when those funds were not in the budget this year. I want to verify if there are other needs. I understand this is a good time to do this project. I just need to see where we are financially before moving forward. **Warren:** Well taken. **Hardin** asked what fund this would come out of. **Warren:** Out of the SCMR fund but it will be rolled into a bond. The Mayor anticipated a Summer Program which is not happening so there are savings there. **Hardin:** I understand where we are, but it is quite a quandary trying to project. The only reason I felt comfortable with that project is the fact it was supposed to be done last year and it didn’t happen. Even though the Finance Director wants to borrow the funds, the money is in SCMR to cover it. Can we ask the Finance Director to be part of the meeting and give him time to verify we can do it outside of borrowing? **Warren:** Most of our road projects and acquisitions of cars go through Bond Counsel. Every community

does it. **Hardin:** These are strange times we are in. Administration is saying we still don't have the RITA funds. I still think if the Finance Director would look at the numbers and not go to Bond Counsel.

Gaither: I understand, it would go to Bond Counsel for a level of comfort. **Sanders:** We are not making decisions in normal circumstances. We need to be careful. **Warren:** With a budget of \$10 million, a \$500,000 project will not break us. I respect the opinions of Ms. Williams and Ms. Sanders but we don't know what the situation will be in the following years. **Williams** asked the Clerk to send the Finance Director a question, if we have the funds in the SCMR are we paying interest on it.

Five Year Plan

Hardin asked about the Five-Year Plan. Can that plan be pulled out and worked on? At what point have we followed it and what needs updating? **Warren:** We will have to update it. **Williams:** It was sent out several time in 2017 and 2018.

Human Resource Meetings

Williams asked about it. **Hardin** asked when we hold them. **Clerk:** It meets the first meeting of the month and the Finance meeting is the second meeting of the month since the RITA numbers are not available until the 15th. **Hardin:** We will resume the meetings the first meeting in October. Please notify the Law Director as well.

Sept 4th Flyers

Hardin thanked everyone for cooperating in this community event. I have the flyers for everyone to hand out. The objective is non-partisan voter registration. A representative of the Board of Elections will be in attendance.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Williams seconded by Sanders

YES: Williams, Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Adjourned 9:32pm

Adopted _____

Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President