

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
October 27, 2020

**ATTENDED**

Elaine Gaither- Council at Large	Gary Gottschalk-Mayor
Eloise Hardin-Ward 2	Jim Climer-Law
Melanie Sanders – Ward 3	Brian Thompson-Finance
Patricia Rogers – Ward 4	Tom Haba - Service
Candace Williams – Ward 5	Daniel Marinucci – CBO

**ABSENT:**

Johnnie Warren – Council President	Carlean Perez-Recreation
Chris Callender – Ward 1	Ed Hren – Engineer
James Schade – Fire Chief	Mark Garratt – Police Chief

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**Gaither** opened the meeting at 7:00p

Motion to approve Finance minutes of October 6, 2020 made by Hardin seconded by Rogers  
FIVE YES VOTES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Motion Passed

Motion to approve Council minutes of October 13, 2020 made by Hardin seconded by Sanders  
FIVE YES VOTES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Motion Passed

Motion to approve Finance minutes of October 20 ,2020 made by Hardin seconded by Rogers  
FOUR YES VOTES: Gaither, Hardin, Rogers, Williams. Abstained: Sanders  
Motion Passed

*Departmental Reports*

*Finance-**Thompson*** had nothing to add

*Service-**Haba***: We completed crack sealing. Last week we started leaf pickup and we distributed flyers for the Mayor. Thursday, we have a meeting for the handicap ramp at Village Hall. **Gaither** asked when that will begin. **Haba**: I don't have the time frame, but a new door, steps and ramp will be installed. People will enter from the back door for a bit. I understand the dispatch phone will be moved for about five days.

*Building-**Marinucci***: I don't have anything to report. **Gaither** asked if he is looking to replace Crystal. **Marinucci**: Yes, in 2021 beginning in February. **Gaither**: The Finance Director mentioned Building will be over budget in 2020 even though you lost a person. **Marinucci**: We have had a lot of IT work. We are tied into the main frame. We need a special server because it is always going down. When we digitize, we get kicked off the system. It is too far from the main server to work. **Thompson**: I am working with the company to issue a new server to make the program work.

*Law-**Climer***: I have no report.

*Mayoral –*

*Hickory Garden Sanitary Sewer Project*

**Mayor**: There are four items on the agenda tonight; the Garden/Hickory Sanitary Sewer Rehab project. With Council's approval smoke and dye testing can commence and video of the main line. Estimated cost is \$422,000 of which \$152,800 will be paid by OPWC and the remaining amount will come through the County. The estimated start is June 2021. Oakwood won't pay anything on this.

*Change Order Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc.*

**Mayor:** The next project is the change order from the 2019 Pavement Maintenance Program and

*Fair Oaks Reconstruction Project and signalization at Fair Oaks/Alexander*

**Mayor:** The third item is the Fair Oaks Reconstruction Project and signalization at Fair Oaks/Alexander. Estimated cost is \$800,000 and \$211,000 for the signalization. That equates to \$1.11 million with \$255,000 from a grant, half million as a loan at zero interest and the balance is dependent upon other grants. **Hardin:** We don't know how we are going to fund the rest? **Mayor:** This is premature. We have to initialize this first. We need to see who will be coming in at the Premier site, the Walton Hills site and MGM. There can be other funds coming to this project. The County and the State will initialize the funding. **Hardin:** When will we be beyond the point of return of committing to this. **Mayor:** In April. Ed talked about this last meeting. **Rogers** I have a question which was relayed to me by a resident who does not wish to be in the meeting due to Covid. Pat Malone insisted you mentioned Kokosing will be contributing to the rehab of Fair Oaks. **Mayor:** Kokosing has given us \$150,000 if not \$250,000 to do other roads. This is very early in the game. We wanted to get an application in place. This doesn't mean we have to do this project in 2021. If not, we can do it in 2022. **Williams:** This does not commit us? **Mayor:** Absolutely not. We can reject it. **Sanders:** Should we specify that? **Mayor:** Ed is confident we will get \$250,000 from OPWC and about \$550,000 on a zero percent loan over 20 years. We will look for an additional \$440,000. We are looking at 110 undeveloped acres at the Ford plant and MGM which involves traffic. **Hardin:** If it is reasonable, we need to know as soon as you know how much money is coming from whom as a matter of record, we have the option of not going forward with the project. If it is more than we wish to be involved with what will we do? **Mayor:** We just wait until the following year. **Gaither:** Ed asked us to pass this legislation so we could apply. **Hardin:** We will add this to the other projects.

*Forbes Road*

**Mayor:** Ed discussed the Forbes Road project between Oakwood Village, the County and Bedford Heights at the last meeting. **Hardin:** We have to have that one. **Mayor:** That one isn't until 2023. The estimated cost is \$930,000 with our share being \$77,500. These are applications. We have rejected grants in the past because when we didn't believe it was enough. Particularly with Fair Oaks and Alexander, there are a lot of dynamics. If it involves economic development, the County may give more funding. **Hardin:** Are you part of the negotiations with the Ford plant? **Mayor:** I am the only one involved. No one at Walton Hills knows what is going on. The land development from Ford has been disbanded. It is being handled internally. On Oakleaf, south from Broadway to Alexander with the development at MGM, we will need a third lane there. We will not pay for that. The State may come in on that. Cuyahoga County is the 9<sup>th</sup> biggest population loss in the entire US. **Hardin:** So much is contingent on something else. **Mayor:** Let's be happy something is going to happen there. I was the only one communicating with the Ford Land Development to begin with. Walton Hills Mayor is only part-time. There was always a rumor of outdoor swimming. I don't see that happening. I also heard about NASA using the underground facilities for research but that hasn't happened either. **Rogers:** I am trying to field questions I might get. **Mayor:** Kokosing did Wright Ave., High Road, and Old Glenshire. They paid for all three projects. **Williams:** So, 85, 86, 87 and 88 were all on work session before. **Mayor:** Yes. **Hardin** asked about Old Glenshire. **Mayor:** You were not happy with the work so Kokosing went back and did the work at no cost to Oakwood. **Rogers:** Pat Malone wants to know where to go to know when the meetings are taking place. **Williams** asked that information be available on the marquis. **Mayor:** Yes, that can be added. When is our next Finance meeting? **Hardin:** I will only come here to the Community Center. **Mayor:** Ok.

*Open Floor Comments-* hearing none, floor closed

*Legislation*

2020-82      A resolution of condolence to the family of Dale R. White

**Hardin** asked whose Ward this person was in. **Rogers:** He was in Ward 4 and a close friend of Tom Haba.

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Rogers seconded by Williams

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

Motion Passed

2020-83 A resolution of condolences to the family of Rosalie Scimone

**Clerk:** Ms. Scimone, her husband and family founded Roseland Lanes. An interesting fact is, they lived in Walton Hills but owned a farm where Roseland sits now. Their pastime was to attend church on Sunday and go bowling afterwards. They saw a need for more bowling alleys. They turned their farm into what it is today. They began with 10 lanes and after five renovations, they now have 50 lanes.

Motion to adopt made by Williams seconded by Rogers  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Motion Passed

2020-84 A resolution of condolences to the family of Helen (Prentice) M. Druso

Motion to adopt made by Williams seconded by Rogers  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Motion Passed

**Clerk:** The history of this family is fascinating. Ms. Druso's grandmother was orphaned as were her sisters. When she aged out of the orphanage, she bought the land on High Road. Overtime, she took care of each of her siblings in, adding multiple additions to the home.

2020-85 An emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a  
*Fair Oaks* potential grant for the funding of capital infrastructure improvement projects

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Sanders  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Rogers seconded by Hardin  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Motion passed

2020-86 An emergency ordinance enacted by the Village of Oakwood, Cuyahoga County, Ohio hereinafter  
*Forbes Road* referred to as the "Municipality", in the matter of the hereinafter described improvement, and request the cooperation of the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the "County"

Motion to suspend made by Williams seconded by Rogers  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Rogers  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Motion passed

2020-87 A resolution authorizing change order no. 1 for Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc., increasing the contract by  
\$580.22 for the 2019 Oakwood Asphalt Pavement Repairs Project located within the Village of Oakwood

**Hardin** asked about it. **Thompson:** Legislation must be passed for any change order.

Motion to suspend made by Williams seconded by Rogers  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Rogers  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Motion passed

2020-88 A resolution authorizing the Engineer to begin the preparation of plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the Garden Road and Hickory Road Sanitary Sewer Repair Project in the Village of Oakwood and declaring an emergency

Motion to suspend made by Rogers seconded by Hardin  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Rogers  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Motion passed

**MOTION** Motion to approve the Engineer's recommendation regarding the petition for assessment for improvement of proposed extension of the existing twelve-inch (12") water main on Solon Road from its existing termini at the westerly parcel line permanent parcel number 795-41-052 to a point, approximately 302 feet westerly, said point being the southerly prolongation of the westerly line of permanent parcel no 795-41-069, said extension shall include water connections and all necessary appurtenant structures as required by the Cleveland Water Department

**Climer** asked this to be voted down this evening. Although this made its way to the agenda, it is not in the proper form. When and if we need to act on this, we will do so in the form of a resolution. Mr. Warren is pursuing efforts with the Cleveland Water Dept. **Hardin** asked about the house next to this property. **Mayor:** That is her house as well. Her daughter will live there. I am signing an agreement in the next few weeks allowing the County to park their equipment for the sanitary sewer portion of this project at the landfill. It will certainly be entertained within the next 45 days. **Hardin:** There wasn't a house where she is building now. **Mayor:** Correct, she is building a house there now. **Hardin** asked about the water for the existing house. **Mayor:** That is well water. She doesn't care to have well water. **Hardin** asked why she can't tap into the rear of the property. **Mayor:** That seems to be an option, but Cleveland Water makes that decision. **Williams** asked how he determines what residents can come to Council. **Mayor:** One of the last streets in which this took place was Ward 3 on Oakhill and Pettibone where they were tying into the sanitary. This is an individual homeowner. She also owned a home across from Village Hall. She could have remained there but is building her home on Solon Road. The Village can use her original property off Broadway as a potential resource to get back to the Oakhill Parkway because I didn't care to see box trucks utilizing that road. Therefore, we have interest in this. This is a big project for her. **Williams:** This sounds like a swap. **Mayor:** Not really. I proposed she sell her current property. She looked at other sites and this property worked out, but she insists on city water as opposed to well water. **Williams:** Was that not factored into it? **Mayor:** The previous owner had well water. Things happened quickly. She bought the property and doesn't care to have well water. We will know everything within 45 days. **Hardin:** Where does \$65,000 come from? **Mayor:** That is one of the high estimates for her to tie into Cleveland Water. **Hardin:** It can be done. **Mayor:** Correct. That is where Johnnie is coming in. **Williams:** So, we are helping her resolve this. **Mayor:** This will be back on the agenda in 45 days. **Gaither:** The worst-case scenario is she gets well water and a septic system. **Mayor:** The worst-case scenario is, she will be assessed the cost to tie in. At least it isn't like a road project. This will have a lifetime of 35 years. **Williams:** You are saying the Village will pay this up front. **Mayor:** No, she will be assessed. **Williams:** Someone is paying that upfront cost. **Mayor:** A Village usually assesses a project like many of our road projects. This has a long lifetime. **Sanders:** It seems to have a mutual benefit. This is a private resident. When you buy property, it is bought as is condition. I don't want to sound callus but that would have been her responsibility to make arrangements. **Mayor:** The Village is not paying for this water line. That is understood. It could be a lot cheaper if it were done one way as opposed to another way. **Gaither:** It is her issue; we are just trying to help her. **Mayor:** We are trying to get it cheaper for her, we are not paying for any of this. **Williams:** How do we determine who we assist? There was an issue on Buckthorn or Glenshire. **Mayor:** The flooding going on there is due to residents dumping leaves in the creek. Mr. Marinucci will follow up on that. **Williams:** Again, who do we assist and what is the criteria? **Mayor:** The Village isn't putting up any money on this project. We can only try to assist to get it done a certain way. **Williams:** What are the practical outcomes? **Mayor:** Either Cleveland Water does it without an assessment and she pays for it upfront or it costs more, and she will be assessed. **Williams:** So, if she doesn't have to pay overtime, no assessment is needed. **Mayor:** Correct.

Motion to remove from the table made by Rogers seconded by Sanders  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Rogers seconded by Sanders  
FIVE NO: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Motion Failed

**Rogers** asked Council to entertain 2020-WS-12. **Clerk:** This was brought to me by another Clerk of Council. I presented it to Mr. Warren who agreed to put it on the Work Session. It is encouraging the State legislature to pass HB 308 to assist first responders who suffer from PTSD. This is just a resolution in support of that bill. There is a point in which it will be out of committee and on the floor. Do we want the legislature to have this before the bill makes it to the floor? **Hardin:** This is something first responders have been fighting for since 911.

Motion to move 2020-WS-12 to the regular agenda renumbered 2020-89, made by Rogers seconded by Hardin  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

2020-89            A resolution urging the Ohio Legislature to adopt House Bill 308, commonly referred to as the first responder's PTSD benefits bill, sponsored by State Representative Tom Patton

Motion to suspend made by Williams seconded by Rogers  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Sanders  
FIVE YES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Motion passed

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Hardin seconded by Rogers  
FIVE YES VOTES: Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams  
Adjourned 8:01pm

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Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

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Johnnie Warren, Council President

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ABSENT:

Johnnie Warren – Council President	Carlean Perez-Recreation
Chris Callender – Ward 1	Ed Hren – Engineer
James Schade – Fire Chief	Mark Garratt – Police Chief

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No work session was held

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

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Johnnie Warren, Council President