# VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD COUNCIL BUDGETARY HEARING MINUTES

November 24, 2020

ATTENDED

Eloise Hardin-Ward 2 Melanie Sanders – Ward 3 Patricia Rogers – Ward 4 Candace Williams – Ward 5

Brian Thompson-Finance
James Schade-Fire Chief

ABSENT

Johnnie A Warren – Council President Chris Callender-Ward 1

Elaine Gaither- Council at Large Mayor Gary Gottschalk

Meeting opened at 6:09 by Hardin

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**Thompson** explained the Fire budget and Ambulance Billing. No raises next year. He explained the attached reports. His staff is part time, most of which have full time jobs elsewhere.

# Walton Hills Dispatch

**Thompson:** We will make a payment of \$72,000 in December on this contract. It is shared by Police and Fire budgets. As part of the contract there is a 2% increase. **Williams:** Is the increase for wages? **Thompson:** Yes. It is legislated **Williams:** Does it span through the years? **Thompson:** Yes, as outlined in the contract. **Hardin** asked about the YTD training of \$12,700. That is below the \$20,000 appropriations. **Schade:** Many trainings were cancelled due to the pandemic. **Thompson** continued reviewing the budget.

## Maintenance

Rogers asked about ground maintenance. Schade: The firemen maintain the building, gutters, etc. We will have to replace the roof since we lost shingles in the wind. Thompson: We can look into the insurance covering that. Sanders asked if maintenance is for current vehicles, Vehicles were approved a few months ago. Thompson: That is in the Ambulance Billing budget. Fire is replacing two explorers and a pickup truck, Schade; We have the HAZMAT trailer which is heavier than it used to be with more equipment. The current truck is falling apart. Thompson: The previous purchase was for ladder truck, fire truck and squad. They carry a lot of meds, heart defibrillators, etc. The \$25,000 is for the debt service payment on the three vehicles.

## Life Force

Thompson: Ambulance Billing is for three communities, Walton Hills, Glenwillow and Oakwood. Life Force is the collection company we use. They charge 7-8% each month. It started five years ago. Last year we did 225,000-250,000 runs. Repairs and maintenance costs vary. Hardin asked if we shop for collection services. Thompson: There is another one, Great Lakes. At the time, Townsend and Fouche wanted to go with Life Force. Hardin asked is there is a delay in collections. Thompson: About two months. Rogers asked how much was collected this year. Thompson: \$188,000. Schade: It is down a bit due to the Covid. People did not get their regular treatments during the shutdown. Hardin: When was the last time we utilized that fund. Schade: We use 217 monthly. Hardin asked how it is tracked. Thompson: In the monthly detail.

## Health Insurance

**Thompson**: We met with the Love Insurance and Medical Mutual. They are coming up with preliminary numbers by the next Finance meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Williams asked who we use currently. **Thompson**: Jim Love of Love Ins. and Adam Zelenick of Super Med Plus Medical Mutual. We have been with them 20 years. **Hardin**: What did you tell them we want? **Thompson**: We need full disclosure on every aspect. The option is to save money moving into next year. You will be happy with the information. **Hardin**: We are looking at where we are and alternatives. **Thompson**: Yes.

Williams: My job offers health care, but I choose to use my husband's. I pay a fee to not access my plan. Do we have anything similar? Thompson: No, we do not.

## Miscellaneous Items

**Thompson:** We will wrap up streets, sewer, capital improvement, and bond service. Council has initiated the topic of a new Village hall. I will bring that back to Council. We will review revenue streams and transfers out. Hardin asked about contingencies and to scale back to get there. Thompson: We will see in November. Williams mentioned some budgets have gone up \$65,000. The overall total is not what was projected, how are we balancing the increase in some of those budgets. Thompson: The departments as a whole? Williams: Yes. Thompson: I anticipate some projects taken off next year and we will dig into the local government funding revenue streams, I will keep Council informed. Williams asked about the contingency budget. Will you have a draft plan before we pass this budget? Thompson: Yes. Hardin: I was not at the last Finance meeting. I do not understand Ms. Williams question? For the record I contacted you offline. You explained that increase was the required training for the department; that and the person he will be hiring That is the \$65,000 figure. Thompson: We are also anticipating projects for commercial inspectors. We have two professional inspectors under Miscellaneous Contractual. Sanders: They are also asking for furniture. Thompson: This is for next year. Sanders asked about sharing Adobe software between departments. Garratt: I will check into that. I cannot confirm that. Williams asked if certificates of training are required for promotions. Thompson: No. Schade: We send people to be trained because they are full-time elsewhere. This keeps our employees. It helps since everyone here is paid less. We hire 21-22-year-old people. We assist them otherwise they will go to other departments. We cover our holidays. We entice them with training since they are part-time with credentials. We work better educated. We service the three contracts: Walton Hills, Glenwillow and Oakwood. Williams: I appreciate that and the Building Department with what they are doing.

Johnnie Warren, Council President

Meeting adjourned 6:55p

Motion to adjourn made by Gaither seconded by Rogers
SIX YES: Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams
Adjourned 6:58pm

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thompson:** The next Finance meetings are December 8th and 15th.

Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

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