

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2020**

ATTENDED

Johnnie A Warren III, Council President	Gary Gottschalk-Mayor
Elaine Gaither-Council-at-large	Jim Climer-Law
Chris Callender – Ward 1	Brian Thompson-Finance
Eloise Hardin – Ward 2	Daniel Marinucci – CBO
Melanie Sanders – Ward 3	Tom Haba - Service
Patricia Rogers – Ward 4	Chief Garratt-Police
Candace Williams – Ward 5	
<p>ABSENT: James Schade-Fire Chief Carlean Perez-Recreation</p> <p><u>*=Late Arrival</u></p>	Ed Hren – Engineer

Meeting opened 7.04 by Warren.
Pledge of allegiance and attendance taken.

Departmental Reports

Service-Haba: We are still cleaning up after the storm including the overhanging trees on Wright and Free. **Williams** thanked him. **Callender** thanked him for taking care of the trees in Ward 1.

Building-Marinucci: I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Finance-Thompson: I have nothing to add to my written report. **Williams** asked about exhibits with legislation.
Thompson: The exhibits are attached.

Engineer-Hren: The entrance of Village Hall, utilizing the Community Development Supplemental Grant is being completed now. **Williams** asked him to explain the CDSG and CDBG. **Hren:** The CDBG has been around for decades. Those funds are distributed by the County Department of Development to non-entitlement communities, populations of 50,000 or less. Each community is eligible for \$150,000 for each project under HUD. The project must benefit low-moderate income and benefit the target area designated by Cuyahoga County Plan or limited clientele. This project benefits handicapped. The CDBG projects must take place in low-moderate income area. The block group fell in that classification and the improvement target areas or limited clientele. Last year we applied for the ADA grant for Village Hall which primarily benefits disabled clientele in the Village. We applied for the handicap ramps on Broadway Ave. which meets all criteria of the grant. The CDSG on the agenda tonight is from Casino dollars. It has been in existence 8-10 years. This is in the amount of \$50,000 and is due January 8, 2021. **Williams** asked if he had a list of projects he will do and the criteria on how they are selected. **Hren:** Typically, we look at a grant to match a project and go for the one which scores the highest for the best possibility of receiving the grant funds. It may not be our number one project. In this case, we are looking to expand our trail network from the Hampton and former Holiday Inn Express. This grant scores well. We don't necessarily have to do it if we are approved for the grant. We will apply for the grant, then if awarded, we come back to Council to seek legislation to prepare plans and specifications and go out for bid. This legislation only authorizes us to apply for the grant. The Village Hall ADA project received \$133,000. **Williams** thanked him for the explanation. **Sanders** asked how the funds are distributed. **Hren:** Each grant is different. CDBG is all done under a reimbursement basis. The Village expends dollars and submits the invoice, certifies payrolls, and cancelled checks then submits for reimbursement. Some grants from Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works are reimbursed through paying multiple invoices. We wait for the dollars by applying at the end of the project. OPWC funds frequently do direct disbursements. We apply for a percentage of the project, ie. 50%. The invoice comes in and we notify OPWC, they send that to the Village. Every grant has its own nuance. Cleveland Water grants are based on estimates. We are given the

funds and at the end we true up to the actual cost of that improvement. **Sanders** thanked him. Is CDSG flexible on what projects can be done? **Hren**: No, the Mayor has talked about this for years. This is the best source of funding. There is an ODNR grant, just announced for the purpose of trails because it not only benefits residents but businesses too. We are trying to make this a destination complex with the restaurants nearby and shopping. **Sanders**: I understand, but I have an issue with the priority of other projects in the Village. We are not catering to residents. We must pay the Engineering fees. I don't see the value of that project. **Mayor**: The hotel industry has suffered dramatically due to the virus and may have closed their doors. The Hotels are important to us. They allow discounted rooms for people coming in or partners of employees of companies such as Thermo Fisher, Oakwood Labs, and other national companies. We have four companies in Oakwood which are traded on NASDAQ. The trail will give them more access to what the Village offers including exercise and restaurants. Over 75% of our revenue comes from the businesses, not residents. This trail will not cost us anything. **Sanders**: The Engineering fees. **Mayor**: Please. **Sanders**: You interrupted me. **Warren**: We can apply for it on the third reading. Every dime in the Village does not benefit the residents of the Village. The 68% from businesses covers payroll, Service, Police, Recreation and all the other services to residents which comes from the 2.5% payroll tax paid by businesses. **Williams**: I follow all that, however, this is not for residents. **Warren**: Businesses sustain the residents by the payroll tax. **Williams**: This is putting residents second to businesses. **Mayor**: Oakwood has the fourth lowest property tax in the County with over 75% of are revenue coming from business. We have more cancer research in Oakwood than any other municipality in Northeast Ohio, other than Cleveland Clinic. **Hardin**: With a \$9 million budget, I don't think we are haggling over \$10,000. The Mayor and President make a good point. We have to understand the basic principles here. I have to tell Brian we cannot miss a budget hearing going forward. We are watching closely. I am not concerned about this grant. I will vote for it. This will enhance that area to complete the walking path. The Mayor is working hard to bring in dollars to the Village. **Warren**: We can approve the application, but we still have the option on whether we will move forward with it. **Hardin**: That is my other point, I will vote yes. **Williams**: I heard from Sanders. This is not an argument to be had. She stated her point why she felt the way she did. **Warren**: To our newest Council, we have to do our due diligence to educate you on the facts and provide all the services to our residents. Remember 68% of our funding comes form the businesses. We are trying to educate you on municipal finance. **Hardin**: This is education not chastisement. **Sanders**: I understand.

Law-Climer: I followed up with Ms. Rogers about horses and acreage. Under Section 1165.04 in the residential zoning code it is five acres for a maximum of two horses.

Mayoral-Mayor: I had Debbie give you pictures of the truck on Garden Road. This vehicle has been there over a year. They told the court they moved it, but only moved it next door. The truck is so large, the person next door to that property pulled out of his drive and was almost hit twice. I gave them until Friday. The vehicle was removed Friday. Secondly, I handed out legislation agreements for TIFs for both Premier Development and a company which will be located off Oakleaf next to Waste Management. The one off Oakleaf is McBee, 1940 designers and manufacturers of revolutionary fuel injection particulates, rail power generating, mining, marine, truck, and military applications. They are seeking to establish a state-of-the-art corporate campus there. They are at 49th and 53rd right now. Oakwood is one of their sites. They are looking at Houston, TX and Miami, Florida. This is one of two projects before you and the Bedford School Board. I have to leave, but the Law Director can touch on Work Session items tonight. **Williams** asked what impact construction will have on North Lane. **Mayor**: None. John's Trailer has more exterior activity than this company. There will also be ample screening paid for by the company. The stream which runs through the property will most likely be redirected further west. **Williams** asked about egress and ingress. **Mayor**: All will be off Oakleaf. Also, for the Premier project, we are hoping the first building will begin early 2021 with the other two buildings in 2024 and 2025. This will segway into a possible exterior maintenance program for the rest of the residents in Oakwood. We are looking at possibly 2024. **Hardin** thanked him. **Williams** asked about McBee projections. **Mayor**: We are looking at 147 employees and \$6 million in time for payroll. **Williams** asked about the project completion date. **Mayor**: First they have to renovate the land at \$1.5 million before the building begins. I see a completion date of 2024. **Williams** thanked him. **Mayor** wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Open Floor Comments

Sam Presloff, 25577 Broadway Ave.: Four or Five Mt Zion Circle lights are out. Who is responsible for those? If it is CEI they are not good at replacing streetlights. **Haba**: It is their responsibility. I will pass this onto the Police. We will take care of contacting them.

Floor Closed

Legislation

2020-93 A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Engineer to make application to the Cuyahoga County Department of Development Community Development Supplemental Grant Program for 2021, and authorizing the signing of contracts and other documents relevant thereto, and declaring an emergency
Third Reading

MOTION to adopt made by Rogers seconded by Callender
YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Rogers NO: Sanders, Williams
Motion Passed

2020-96 An emergency ordinance enacting section 505.19 and amending section 505.03 of the Oakwood Village codified ordinances to provide regulations for the raising of chickens in the Village
Second Reading

Hardin: There are chickens across the street from me. She asked the permitted limit. **Climer:** Four. **Hardin:** If the area is clean, it is not an offence. I should notify the building Dept. if I think they are not in compliance? **Climer:** Yes. **Hardin:** The legislation addresses that as well as having a grandfather clause. **Hren:** Does it address killing chickens. **Rogers:** Yes. **Climer:** It forbids killing chickens on site. **Williams** asked if this addresses the grandfather clause. **Climer:** Under the operation of the law, chickens are grandfathered. **Hardin:** It would behoove us to count chickens after this ordinance passes. **Climer:** There are enforcement issues here. We can prove if someone has three chickens then suddenly, they have 40. We will need witnesses and execute a search warrant. We are asking for voluntary compliance. If we have reason to believe there is a violation, we will need an administrative warrant. **Warren** asked if they are required to keep a coop. **Climer:** I believe so. Putting this in place gives the Village means to deal with extreme situations. There are regulations within it to keep the coop and run clean, food always locked in containers with scavenger restraint, and fresh water. **Williams:** We are establishing this going forward. We don't have a way to address the original issues. **Climer:** We have means to address all of it if it becomes a nuisance. The situation in Ward 4 is potentially a nuisance situation but the resident who complained did not want to participate in litigation.

2020-97 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer district to provide U.S. EPA Phase II Storm Water Services for the 2021 calendar year, and declaring an emergency
Second Reading

Rogers: Have we done this before Ed? **Hren:** This is an MOU with Cuyahoga County, North East Ohio Regional Sewer District and the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District which provides services for the Village required under the EPA Storm Water Permit. It includes public involvement and educational activities as the tree planning, trash pick-up, etc. This year, the cost remains \$5500 which is 100% reimbursed by the Soil and Water Conversation District.

2020-98 An emergency ordinance amending ordinance 2020-28, as amended, making appropriations for current expense of the Village of Oakwood during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, and making necessary transfers and additional appropriations
Second Reading

Thompson: This is the realignment for 2020. We adjusted the line items necessary for transfers to be fiscally responsible with the state before year end. **Warren:** We can address this and the 2021 budget at a special meeting. Does anyone here have any issues with suspending the rules for the 2021 temporary budget? No issues heard, a special meeting will take place to entertain 2020-98 and 2020-99. Warren continued: I would like to approve a 25% budget for 2021. **Hardin** suggested amending 2020-99 to reflect 25% budget. **Warren** suggested a special meeting on Thursday December 17th at 7pm to address 2020-98 and 99. Hearing no objections, the meeting was set.

2020-99 An emergency ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Oakwood, Ohio for the year 2021
First Reading

Motion to amend 2020-99 to reflect 25% budget made by Callender seconded by Hardin
7 YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Sanders seconded by Hardin
FOUR YES VOTES: Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams
Adjourned 8:17pm

Adopted _____

Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President

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No Work Session held

