

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2021**

ATTENDED

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

Meeting opened by Warren at 7:04p

Minutes of March 9th Council meeting made by Gaither seconded by Rogers.

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

Motion passed.

Minutes of March 16th Special Council meeting made by Rogers seconded by Gaither.

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

Motion passed.

Minutes of March 23rd Finance meeting made by Gaither seconded by Rogers.

VOTE: YES; Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers, Williams ABSTAIN: Sanders

Motion passed.

Minutes of March 23rd Council meeting made by Gaither seconded by Rogers.

VOTE: YES; Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers, Williams ABSTAIN: Sanders

Motion passed.

Correspondence

Clerk: I received some email correspondence. The Ohio House District 6 sent an email about updates and upcoming meetings. I also resent an email to Council regarding the entry to Village Hall due to the construction.

The new Village Code is online. I am aware some updates need to happen which can be done later this year.

Hopefully, you will find it easier to navigate and pull the information you need. In the mail, we received the

NOPEC Annual 2021 report. I will get those out to Council in the next packet.

Departmental Reports

Service-Haba: The salt ordinance is on tonight's agenda. We are ordering 500 tons for the upcoming winter.

The previous three-four years we ordered 1,000 tons but we did not use a lot last year. This is the least we ever

asked for. We have a new salt bin being built which should be done in two weeks. When we have five and six

inches of snow it costs a lot of money to plow senior citizens driveways; we have up to 330+ now. We pay our

contractors \$10 a driveway but most communities don't do senior driveways any longer. It is getting expensive. **Sanders** asked how much the salt costs us. **Haba:** We don't know the price until we order what we want. The salt companies bid on it. It was down to \$29/ton years ago, but it was up to \$83/ton and last year it was around \$50/ton. We must receive 90% of it and can't get more than 110%. This is due by April 30th. **Warren:** You will receive it by the end of April? **Haba:** Yes at least 90% for last winter. **Hardin** asked him to meet with the Finance Director to increase the driveway plowing fees. **Haba:** Thank you.

Recycling Bins

Sanders asked about them. **Haba:** I talked to the gentleman at WM but he said he doesn't know where we are with that. I will have to contact him again. They are not obligated to give us any but have said they would. It has slowed to a stop though. **Sanders** asked how many residents still haven't received one. **Haba:** I would guess about 1/5 have them.

Finance-Thompson: Tonight, we have the 2021 NOPEC Grant of \$9,636. We plan to do energy efficiency projects. Service did a lighting project last time. The grants are calculated at \$4 per residential gas and \$6 for resident electric users.

Law-Climer: The McBee Interstate transfer agreement was received by my office. I haven't had a chance to read it yet. I hope to have this ready for passage at the next meeting.

Asst Police-Freeman: The State of Ohio gave local Police Depts. a free Zebra tablet for use in the department. We are setting it up for the Detective Bureau for taking statements at crime scenes, taking pictures, and reports. Sam's Club received the Johnson and Johnson Covid vaccines. We were going to send officers over to get it, but it is shut down by the CDC. Our annual taser training will be occurring. It is intense this year. Firearms certification started today. **Williams** asked how often it is done. **Freeman:** Taser is annually as is firearms, but we practice 5-6 times a year on firearms. We have four range officers some with military backgrounds and two taser instructors certified by the State.

Building-Marinucci: The solar panel project on Jean Drive is concluding. It looks good. The red mulch issue on Cambridge Drive was filed in court in December. The pretrial in March was continued and is set for this month.

Contractor List

Williams: A resident contacted me about her experience with the Building Dept. She asked about recommendations on who could do her driveway. She was told to contact me for contractors. **Marinucci:** We don't recommend contractors, but we give a list of registered contractors. **Williams:** She said she didn't get a list but was told to call her Councilperson. I don't have any expertise in that area. **Marinucci:** I will address that at our departmental meeting. **Williams** asked for the list of contractors as well. **Marinucci:** Yes.

Garage Fire & Debris

Rogers: Has Empire Tree applied. **Marinucci:** I spoke to Mrs. Robinette regarding that issue. We receive a lot of belligerent phone calls on this issue. We want it cleaned up as well. The insurance company issue is resolved and by next week a dumpster will be there. She received a financial package from the insurance company.

Empire Tree Issue

Rogers: Their garage burnt down, and the debris has been there for a while for those who do not know what we are talking about. Also have you heard from Empire Tree. You said you would call me back but haven't.

Marinucci: I called them today but they did not return my call. My last conversation included Ed Hren and the owner. A survey company had to do an asphalt survey. Ed Hren wanted additional information from a civil engineer who rendered his report. **Rogers** asked if he got a permit and if he went through the boards.

Marinucci: He can go a couple different ways. He can remove it, install a spillway. **Rogers:** He is supposed to go to the boards. **Marinucci:** For the screening, yes. He installed several trees. **Rogers:** There has to be a time limit. **Marinucci:** We will give him a time limit.

Rental Property & Monthly Reports

Rogers: I never received the list of rental properties. **Marinucci:** I told Robert to get it out. We sent the second letter out. **Rogers:** We have also asked for monthly reports on exterior maintenance being done in our Wards.

Marinucci: We are issuing a letter to a trailer owner today about the requirement of a hard surface. **Gaither** also asked for the monthly report with investors who haven't paid their rental fee, exterior maintenance which needs to be done for each Ward. **Marinucci:** We didn't have any electric today to get those reports for you.

New Resident Packets

Gaither: Also, when new owners come in, perhaps Council could get a list of those so the Councilperson in the Ward could personally give them the new resident package. I am willing to do that. **Sanders:** I would like that.

Marinucci: There are a lot of properties transferring. **Gaither:** Everyone wants to know what is happening in their own Ward. **Marinucci:** We will identify the Point of Sales. **Hardin:** Did you have a discussion regarding what we talked about? **Mayor:** Everything was down half the day and I had outside meetings. I hope to have an answer in the next few days.

Solar Panels

Hardin asked where the solar panels were installed. **Marinucci:** On Jean Drive, the second house. That requires a permit, and it requires an expensive amount of electric. **Hardin:** I asked a few months ago about doing this as a package deal getting a better price on the install of solar panels. What is the procedure?

Marinucci: The procedure is the same. It is an addition to the house. I will get that to you in writing; but it involves providing drawings, getting a permit to move forward. I will put something together for you. **Hardin:** I look forward to meeting with you about procedures. Contact me when you are available.

Bugarcic Market

Sanders: Do we have any forward movement on the market project? **Marinucci:** Mike Bugarcic paid for the property next to him. There are liens on that from the previous owner. He cannot do the engineering until the lots are consolidated through the County. **Sanders:** Is there a timeline for that project? **Mayor:** Usually 18 months.

New Resident Packets (continued)

Gaither: When a new resident moves into a Ward, does the Councilperson want to give the new resident packet? **Sanders:** I do. **Hardin:** I would like to poll all of Council now on this. I want to be notified. There must be a procedure. **Warren:** We can't poll at this point since we are reporting. Council would have to have an open meeting. **Climer:** We can do a straw poll as long as it doesn't result in official actions at this point. **Rogers:** Do they get the packet when they get an occupancy permit? **Warren:** A Councilperson would be notified of a new

resident moving into their Ward then the Councilperson would deliver the packet rather than the Building Dept. **Rogers:** What about the occupancy permit? **Warren:** They still have to do that at the Building Dept. Councilpersons would deliver the new resident packets to their new resident. At the request of Council President, a straw poll was taken (see below):

STRAW POLL-Councilmembers who wish to be notified of new residents moving into their Ward. YES; Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams.

Warren: We will work out the procedure in Work Session. After a Councilperson is notified in a certain number of days that packet is delivered. How many days should it be? **Rogers:** Where are the at-large on this. **Warren:** We are the backup. **Gaither** agreed. **Warren:** That is a good idea. **Clerk:** I keep the packets in the Council office. When the Building Dept. gets low, they are to notify me, and I take additional packets to them. It can be done.

Mayoral-Mayor: For McBee Interstate, we are looking at \$1.5 million; they bought the land. Government agencies granted half-million dollars to them to stay in Cuyahoga County, particularly Oakwood vs Miami or Houston. It could be used to rehab the land for their corporate headquarters. We will be in the chain of title to be acted upon in two weeks. We will purchase the land for \$1 then sell it back for the same.

High-Tech Companies

Mayor continued: We have a company in First Place called Sofi. They bought out IBA Molecular. They are an innovator in agents in Positron Emissions Topography (PET Scan). It is a combination of therapeutic and diagnostics called theragnostic – a new procedure. A drug identifies the main tumor and mastic tumors around it to deliver to the tumor cell membrane and bind to the tumor. They have the potential to research prostate cancer with FDA approval hopefully by early June. We are trying to bring in these high-tech companies into Oakwood. We have three cancer companies in Oakwood, computer software and artificial intelligence companies, security products, health care, and viral disinfectants and sanitizers. Look for Sofi news by June.

County Grant \$50,000

Mayor continued: The County Public Works had the first reading of our grant authorizing \$50,000 for a 6' wide all-purpose trail from Quality Inn to Broadway. This will be a nice amenity for both hotels tying in with our trails on Broadway from the Community Center to Tryon and signalization with ADA accessible curbs and ramps along with ornamental poles. Their final reading will be before the end of April. The Hampton Inn reduced their room rates by 20% and had 70 rooms full over the weekend. The Hilton chain lost \$22 million which the County funded. That isn't happening in Oakwood although the Hampton is a part of the Hilton chain. Dunkin Donuts now has an Avocado Toast which is very popular.

Shiel Landscaping

Mayor: A new company on Free Avenue replaces the computer recycling company. One building is 24,000 sq ft and another is 10,000 sq ft. It is called Shiel Landscaping and Grounds Management. They are a top landscaping company for 20 years serving commercial properties in northern Ohio from Cleveland to Akron, Canton, Sandusky and Lake Erie Shore communities. They are committed to environmentally responsive solutions. I expect a nicely landscaped entrance off Free Avenue. The payroll will be four times what it was with the recycling computer company within four years.

Production Studios Update

Sanders: Do you have updates on Dakar Studios. **Mayor:** I hesitate at this time to say, but I met with the architect of John Lucas Studios recently.

McBee Update

Climer: I need to correct myself on the McBee properties, we will need the contract approved by next meeting, sending it to the Planning Commission then, get the transfers made before we can pass 2021-06. We should be able to move it quickly. **Rogers:** The new flooring in the lobby looks great. Did the Service Dept. do that?

Haba: No, that was installed as part of the grant. **Warren** asked about the McBee transfer for the TIF processing time. **Climer:** It is sent by Council to Planning Commission, then Planning makes a recommendation to Council, then Council can pass the contract to purchase the property by suspension but not by emergency. We can pass the TIF once the property is in the name of the Village passing the transfer. We can do both the purchase and the transfer back in one legislation. **Warren:** Ok.

Open Floor Comments

SeMia Bray 6100 Richmond Road: I have been an Oakwood Village resident four years. I love being a resident here. **Warren:** Thank you for your participation. **Clerk:** Make sure to add your name and email to our email list to get automatic meeting information.

Close Floor

Legislation

2021-06 An ordinance declaring improvements to certain parcels within the Village to be a public purpose, exempting the improvements to such parcels from real property taxation for a period of thirty years, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Board of Education of the Bedford City School District regarding such exemption requiring the owners of such parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes, establishing an urban redevelopment tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of such service payments pursuant to Ohio Revised Code sections 5709.41, 5709.42, 5709.43 and declaring an emergency.

Remains Tabled

2021-23 An ordinance authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2021 and declaring an emergency

Motion to suspend made by Rogers seconded by Sanders

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

Motion to adopt made by Gaither seconded by Hardin

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

Motion Passed

2021-24 A resolution authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant(s)

Clerk asked if there is a time limit on this legislation. **Mayor:** No.

First Reading

2021-25 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District

First Reading

2021-26 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities

First Reading

2021-27 An emergency ordinance enacted by Oakwood Village, Cuyahoga County, Ohio hereinafter referred to as the municipality, in the matter of the hereinafter described improvement and requests the cooperation of the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the County

Solon Rd Resurfacing

First Reading

2021-28 A resolution of condolences to the family of Martha Carolyn Williams
Motion to suspend made by Gaither seconded by Sanders.

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

Motion to adopt made by Rogers seconded by Sanders.

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

Motion Passed.

Hardin asked to leave the meeting at this time and for the Work Session legislation not be entertained until the next Work Session. Please contact me Mr. President, about the items we discussed.

Motion to adjourn made by Rogers seconded by Gaither.

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

Adjourned 7:38p

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No Work Session held

Minutes approved _____

 Johnnie Warren, Council President

 Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council