

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

ATTENDED

Johnnie A Warren III, Council President	Ross Cirincione-Asst Law Director
Elaine Gaither-Council-at-large	Gary Gottschalk, Mayor
Chris Callender – Ward 1	Mark Garratt-Police
Eloise Hardin – Ward 2	Tom Haba-Service
Melanie Sanders-Ward 3	Daniel Marinucci-CBO
Patricia Rogers-Ward 4	Brian Thompson-Finance
Candace Williams-Ward 5	
ABSENT	
	Jim Schade-Fire Carlean Perez-Recreation Ed Hren-Engineer

Meeting opened by Warren at 7:01pm
Pledge of Allegiance recited; Attendance taken.

Motion to approve minutes from July 13, 2021, Regular Council Meeting made by Gaither; Seconded by Hardin
VOTE YES: Callender, Hardin, Gaither, Rogers, Williams, Warren
VOTE ABSTAINED: Sanders
MOTION PASSED

Motion to approve minutes from the August 24, 2021, Regular Meeting made by Sanders; Seconded by Rogers
VOTE YES: Callender, Hardin, Gaither, Rogers, Warren, Williams, Sanders
MOTION PASSED

Open Floor:

Correspondence from Clerk: **Morgan:** I wanted to remind everyone of Shred Day this Saturday and would like a show of hands of who can help from 9:00am to noon. **Garratt:** We will have somebody there. **Haba:** I will have somebody there. **Morgan:** That would be great. We need people there for traffic control, unloading vehicle, etc. **Callender:** I will probably be there or my daughter. And if you guys can recruit anybody else, that would be great. Something that came across in the email that I thought was very interesting. This may be something for the future. The City of Brooklyn’s clerk email that their Mayor was looking for legislation pertaining to drones within their communities. It was found that the City of Aurora passed legislation back in 2015 and I have a copy for everyone. This modified how, where and when drones and other air devices could be used. **Warren:** If you could pass out a copy and forward one to the law director as well. **Morgan:** I will. **Warren:** Anything else? **Morgan:** That is all.

Departmental Report

Warren: May we begin with our departmental reports? I would like to hear from our Police Chief. **Garratt:** Thank you, Mr. President. I want to go over a couple of things. There has been a 64% increase in calls for service than this time last year. It has been very, very busy. We are down 6 guys right now. I know we just put 2 new full times out. 3 of them have COVID, 2 are off for surgeries and one resigned and went to greener pastures. I know there was an issue with getting your packets delivered. A couple of council members I talked to, I talked to the officers, and I talked to the Clerk on how we are going to get them delivered. They will be delivered to you on Fridays when they are delivered to us. We will work it out. I apologize for the hidden ones like an Easter egg hunt. The guys are all aware of how they are to be done now. The new guys have never done it before, but now they know, and we will get them out to you. **Williams:** I don’t know if it will help, but I had requested a while ago, you don’t have to deliver mine. I read it all online, so if it helps any. **Garratt:** It is really up to you. **Williams:** Take me off the list. **Garratt:** If they Clerk can do that, whatever works, we will take care of you. Are there any questions? That’s all I have right now. We are just staying busy, working through it and doing good. **Hardin:** Thanks for allowing the captain to work with me this week. Thanks for what you’re

doing. **Garratt:** You're welcome. He enjoyed it. **Morgan:** Is there anybody else that wants to be removed from delivery? **Warren:** No. **Morgan:** Thank you.

Warren: May we hear from our building inspector? **Marinucci:** Thank you, Mr. President. On Monday, we performed a point of sale-it was an extensive one; over 3 hours-with Hawthorne Shopping Center that is in the process of being sold. All the units are pretty nice in there. I was very impressed. I personally did a Ward 2 inspection. I did it with Debbie before she left. She's on vacation is what I mean. With Aaron, we notified on 7221 Raynham. We sent a letter out and he complied with the mandates in the letter. We did go out to check and he did comply. Also, Mrs. Butler's neighbor-7219 Lynbrook-I sent pictures to the council. He complied with the mandates of what was requested regarding the water run-off, the gutter, the downspout and storm ladder. When he did, he put it underground and it looks pretty nice. Then I am here for questions. **Warren:** You lucked out.

Warren: May we have our service director? **Haba:** Thank you, Mr. President. This is from the last meeting about the rust looking stuff on the concrete roads in Ward 2. At the Mayor's direction, we went out there the following day, after council meeting.... **Mayor:** And after the rain. **Haba:** It was never brought to Ed either. We looked it up and it's common. It is sometimes aggregate; the stone in the concrete they pour, and it rises over time which gives you the rust look. If you see it on the curves on the road, I have looked in other cities and that is probably snowplow hitting it. They said they main reason in most places where you see it, is from fertilizer. People fertilize their lawns; it rains and goes on the road. It's kind of wavy in that area on Dennisport. **Mayor:** The iron when it is wet, is orange. **Haba:** Talking to other engineers on the internet, that is the main reason. There are other reasons and a lot of times they don't know. No real way to get rid of it. One company advertises for driveways, but they don't guarantee it. It's more cost prohibitive to even think about doing a street. We went to that one spot on Lynbrook that we thought was a trash truck. It may be when we cracked sealed a few years back so may be oil on the road. But we took a very powerful, very up to date power washer with some chemicals to get it off and it didn't do anything. It also didn't do anything with the rust looking materials. There is one chemical, but it will be \$40,000 to do those 2 streets and it's not guaranteed. It's \$25 for 60 square foot or 3 feet of road. That's all I have on that. The Shred Day, she mentioned. Today was our tire and paint pick up that we always do. We picked up 290 tires which is a tad more than we did the last few years. We take those back, bundle them up and ship those off to the county. **Mayor:** You're lucky that Ms Cobb is no longer with us. You could count on another 4 dozen. **Hardin:** Tommy, there is a company at First Place that sells street cleaning equipment. Do you know what I am talking about? **Haba:** Yeah, we have dealt with them a couple of times. **Hardin:** When you say dealt with them, in what respect? **Haba:** We worked with them, purchased satellite, bought some old wood, sanitary sewer stakes. We looked at them for our leafer and street cleaner. They had the Cadillac of everything in our price range. **Hardin:** Is it possible to have street cleaning services? **Haba:** We are going to be do that within the next week or so. We just went down the curve streets to get the heavy silt off where there was build-up. We didn't see anything last year. We are going to do it twice this year, so it doesn't cost as much. We can run that area you are speaking of. We will do Forbes for sure, but without the curves, you are not getting much build up. But it doesn't put down any chemical if that is what you are thinking. **Hardin:** Just even routine cleaning and sweeping. **Haba:** We can do that. Like I said, we did it this week with the heavy stuff which doesn't cost as much or take as much time for the street sweeper to come through. We used Reilly Sweeping the last few years there in Walton Hills. We are going to do that in the next week or two and we can have them come through there. Probably do that twice before the end of the year. **Hardin:** Okay. **Haba:** But we will make sure Broadway, Forbes; anywhere with curves on it where you get the buildup. **Rogers:** You may be aware of it already, but the recycling wasn't pick up yesterday. **Haba:** Yeah, they have been behind nearly every week. The guy in charge of the localities and he wasn't aware how much they didn't get done yesterday. He had them down to get in your area and I said "No, I got down there twice. They didn't get Garden, Hickory, Macedonia, High, Drake, Painter, Oakhill, Pettibone, parts of Richmond, maybe Roc wasn't hit yesterday. It's a problem in a lot of cities. The mayor and I had a meeting with Waste Management about 2 months ago. Part of our contract was not to get the big containers for the recycling. That wasn't part of our contract. But they gave out brand new ones for everybody and we didn't see a problem with it. The rubbish will still be picked up on Mondays. With recycling, half the city will be on one day and the other half on another day. **Hardin:** Woah, woah, woah. The rubbish is going to be.... **Haba and Warren:** On Monday still. **Haba:** Trash will be picked up for everybody on Monday. Recycling will be half the city on Monday and the other half of the village on Tuesday. **Warren:** Will we be able to clearly define what happens.... **Haba:** Yes, they will send notices out and maps to let each homeowner which day theirs will be picked up. The original thing that they were going to do both on two different days. We thought that would be a pain. Then, do the rubbish on Monday and all recycling on Wednesday. But we said that wasn't good because as people get trash on Monday and Tuesday, they will throw it in their

recycling bin to get rid of it. SO, that don't make any sense either. **Hardin:** When is all this supposed to happen? **Haba:** They have not gotten back to us since the meeting. We are not getting all the cans to all the residents. But they said they have a good knowledge of who has had them and who doesn't have them. **Hardin:** Are they going to take those back that they already have? **Haba:** No. Whoever has them; keeps them. Whoever doesn't have them gets the new ones. **Hardin:** Will it be a lot to put both of them out there if they chose to? **Haba:** By both of them out, you mean.... You shouldn't get two of them. Do you have the big green one with the yellow top? **Hardin:** I don't have them, but let's say that I did. **Haba:** You wouldn't get another one. You will still keep the big yellow one. **Hardin:** I'm lost. **Callender:** If you already have the recycle one, you won't get another one. **Hardin:** Which one are we all getting new ones of what? **Haba:** It's the recycled ones. About 50% of the village doesn't have the big ones with the yellow tops. Those 50% will be eligible for the new ones. **Hardin:** I got you. ***inaudible-multiple people*** **Haba:** That did come up. They said they couldn't do anything about that, but they would try to do something. **Warren:** About what now, please? **Haba:** About the bigger cans for the elderly. Sometimes they struggle. **Warren:** Right. Right now, I go over and help a couple of my neighbors. I bring his can to the back or when I am driving by at the end of the day, bring it to the front. That is a struggle. **Haba:** They say they are trying to get a solution for that. You can get your own with a lid on it from Home Depot or anything that is a little smaller. The problem with those is they are not as sturdy and when they come to pick it up and dump it, it won't last as long. ***inaudible-resident speaking to Haba*** **Haba:** They do that now. **Warren:** Just to let you know for the record, we have had a real strict---nobody would abide by it. Before it was one can, that was not to be overloaded and no things on the outside. But they went on to resume' ***inaudible-other speaking*** ...and they still do that. **Hardin:** One more question. Every garbage day, there is someone who walks the streets. What is he doing? **Haba:** Is it about 11:00, 11:30ish, 10:30ish? I have never seen him do it but it is probably.... His name is Rob Williams. I have never met the gentleman. He is a dispatcher in the yard over there in Glenn Willow by the railroad tracks. He was the one that told me a couple times about 6 months ago that they 'missed this.' I said, "Hey Mr. Williams, they didn't get this 'yet' or they didn't get this 'yet.'" He said, "No, I walk that area every day when I get off." He comes in like 3 or 4 in the morning and gets off around 10 or 11. It's him, I bet. It's nothing official. He is just taking a walk. **Hardin:** Okay. **Haba:** The other gentleman that I talked about before. He keeps an eye when we don't pick up nothing. He does a good job. I feel bad for him. ***inaudible*** ...cut off the last 6 months. But he drives around often to check on those things. **Gaither:** I want to thank you, Tommy. There was a yellow jacket nest.... **Haba:** It was white faced hornets. Those are the bad ones. **Gaither:** It was 'this big' (shows). Literally as big as Tommy's head and he came and got it. What did you do with it? **Haba:** We got a million on them. We came the next morning when it was cooler. When it's cold out, they are usually not around. There were a couple flying around when I went there about 10 to 7 in the morning. I hit it and thought I got them all. Well, went back the next day and knocked it down. It took ***inaudible*** of it and I threw it in the back of the truck. Well, after lunch, one of the guys came running in and said they were coming out the combs. They weren't coming out. There were a couple that were still alive. About 5 hours later they were coming out of the combs, but they weren't doing anything, and I stomped on them. **Gaither:** They are the bad ones? **Haba:** Yeah. **Warren:** Get stung and any of them is bad. **Mayor:** The only thing he will not come out for is poison ivy. **Warren:** Thank you sir. **Sanders:** Tommy, can you get a call to ODOT about around the freeway entrance where Macedonia is where the trash is.... **Haba:** Okay, I will. We did that about 8 months ago. We picked up a couple times at the access and the county court's have been picking up there a little bit. You are saying on the freeway itself, come down Macedonia? **Sanders:** Yes. **Haba:** I'll call them, and they will respond. Maybe not immediately, but they will respond. **Sanders:** Okay, thank you.

Warren: May we hear from our finance director? **Thompson:** Thank you Mr. President. Just a couple things. I want to pass around some potential dates for the budget hearings for 2022 (**exhibit a**). Starting in October, 6:00 before every council meeting. In addition, every Thursday after council meeting per council availability, we can nail things down with Christine at some point pending communication with council. **Warren:** Have all the department heads been notified to get their budgets together? **Thompson:** Not at this point. I will be putting it out in a day or so. I was trying to nail down.... **Warren:** ***inaudible*** since all are here. **Thompson:** Yeah. Well, we were trying nail down some potential information about raises for next year. I have not nailed that percentage down. Should be getting that done in a couple days. Also, there was a question pertaining to Ordinance 2021-57 regarding HRA accounts (**exhibit b**) when individuals retire. This is just a quick informational piece from the OPERS website to tell you how much they get deposited monthly. It is determined on years of service, age and everything. There are some ranges here that individuals receive in their accounts monthly. **Hardin:** So, that was my question. When does that start? **Thompson:** Once they certify their retirement date, it starts to deposit into their accounts. But because they will be potentially rehired, they will not be able to use these HRAs until they actually retire. The funds will be deposit and begin to accumulate. **Warren:** So, you are

saying it will no be depositing for their access, but it will be accumulating? **Thompson:** Yes. As long as they rehired working because they will be primary on our insurance. ***inaudible* Warren:** Well, we will talk about. **Thomson:** Okay, thank you. That is all, Mr. President. Thank you.

Warren: May we hear from our law director? **Cirincione:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mayor, Council, I am here substituting for Jim Climer. To most people here, I am Ross Cirincione, and I am the assistant law director. One thing to report, I spoke with Ami Imbrogno who is an associate of Jim Climer. She and I have been working on a draft of the amended signed ordinance. I think it was Council Warren who spoke with Ami and asked for a copy of that draft. Ami was good enough to send me a copy also. There was a draft of that ordinance. Unfortunately, I do not have a copy. But the actual recommendation which I can't ***inaudible*** beforehand to council as a whole. In addition, the draft that Ami and I put together did not address the iconic digital billboards. But we did include a sample code regulation for digital billboards that was prepared and presented by the International Municipal Lawyers Association. And it has their recommendations for digital sign restrictions. One of the things that the planning commission has brought up on a couple of occasions is that we don't have any objective standards of what can be allowed. This is one of the things that will be included in the signed ordinance so that we have some standards that are established here on out. If I may, I can briefly run through them since not everyone has a copy of them. But IMLA is one of the main municipal lawyers' associations that is actually in the United States and Canada. The U.S. Supreme Court found that signed ordinances were challenged as unconstitutional. They took on the task to make some recommendations as to signed ordinances for municipal corporations. Let me just read to you:

1.5.6.4 Digital billboards allowed under their 1.5.2.2 G must:

- A. Display only status messages that remain constant in illumination intensity and do not have movement or the appearance or optical illusion of movement;**
- B. Not operate at an intensity level of 0.3 foot-candles over ambient light as measured in the distance of one hundred and fifty (150) feet;**
- C. Be equipped with a fully operational light sensor that automatically adjusts the intensity of the billboard according to the amount of ambient light;**
- D. Change from one message to another message no more frequently than once every ten (10) seconds and the actual change process is accomplished in two (2) seconds or less;**
- E. Be designed to either freeze the display in one static position, display a full black screen or turn off in the event of malfunction;**
- F. Not be authorized until Code Officials provide evidence that best industry practices for eliminating or reducing up-light and light trespass were considered and built into the digital billboard**

So, briefly, that is at least one recommendation by the Municipal Lawyers Association. Obviously, that is going to be a subject of discussion amongst council as what council would like to see as far as ***inaudible***. **Warren:** We will have to pull our existing ordinances and signed ordinances to compare and comply to.... **Rogers:** There will be recommendations as to the size of the sign? **Cirincione:** Yes. **Rogers:** And also, what was mentioned to me was that we did not want to look like the Las Vegas strip. **Cirincione:** Under the mask, I am smiling because the City of Bedford Heights, I have heard that comment from their city council ***inaudible***, we don't call them Las Vegas, or I forget the freeway. The entrance in Pennsylvania turnpike which is ***inaudible*** in the amount of lights and signs. So, we are trying to maintain control to the extent, so we don't end up with overkill on digital signs. Because frankly, people have free reign on advertising, and they are going to do what they can do. **Mayor:** We really notice there are no signs-other than the ones that have been up 30 years. No sign has gone up in 30 years on the interstate. **Cirincione:** Well, that's the other thing. When you go up and down 271, you go through a lot of suburbs, you will see quite a few electronic billboards. And some of them.... I mean, it was either Bedford or Walton Hills...that track at Northview Park. When they first put that in-that billboard-it was almost blinding as you headed south. ***inaudible*** I just bring that up to the attention of council because that is going to be something moving forward, that council will be contemplating. And there will be recommendations from the law director. **Rogers:** Because there are already signs up in front of our building, at Mount Zion and the one over on Fair Oaks. **Cirincione:** Yes. Well the question between Ami and I-I spoke with her briefly this morning-that there will be an issue as to whether or not the existing signs are grandfathered. Because people made the investment, and they are not cheap. They are expensive. We may have to address those in the future as people want to make changes. Perhaps the ordinance can say that they can use ***inaudible*** and they have to comply. **Warren:** That is usually how anything goes anyway ***inaudible*** **Rogers:** Do we have any idea when.... **Cirincione:** No, I am

sorry. I didn't. I'll call Ami ***inaudible*** **Warren:** Probably be a work session. Would it be parallel with planning to be advised of the contemplation so they will have an understanding of what is anticipated? **Cirincione:** Yes. They are important to because they are also looking for guidance. **Warren:** So, we can be on the same page too. **Cirincione:** ***inaudible*** **Rogers:** One more question, too. We couldn't exist by not allowing them? **Cirincione:** That is an interesting question because we already allow them. Once you allow them, I am not sure if we can not allow someone else to have them. **Warren:** The thing we would have to consider when you think of something like that, is that we have to be in control and have our input and make sure we are not a Vegas. But we do have businesses that do have to have some level of advertising and consider that 68% of our revenue comes from the businesses. So, they will have to have some type of opportunity to advertise. It's just that we want it to be professional or at least compatible with the wishes of our community. **Cirincione:** And increasingly, the businesses are contemplating the use of these kinds of signs. In Bedford Heights, they are not permitted. But I can tell you, every 3 months, the council, or the mayor are approached by the business community stating they need this to compete. So, we are in the process there of considering amendments to the signed ordinances. I am not sure how that is going to come out. As I said, they have the same concerns we have here. But they are always going to have a competing business interest. And we need to try to accommodate that moving forward. **Rogers:** I have seen a few other communities that don't allow them at all. **Gaither:** That is going to change. ***inaudible*** **Cirincione:** You have to take it all into consideration and decide what is best for this particular community. It is a small community. It is surprising on this issue because some municipalities are so strict on some issues and are not strict on this issue. **Warren:** The good thing about it is that a substantial number of our business are in the industrial parkway. We have very few-Sam's Club- ***inaudible*** We will look at that. We need to get some more information on what other communities are doing and what is successful. At this time of year, we are fortunate that daylight is getting ready to end. It gets darker earlier. We will be able to drive through communities and even our own to get an idea of how many businesses have the potential of displaying signs. Have a look at the signs, too. **Hardin:** I would like to address a quick question with the building inspector. Mr. Building Inspector, you said you went out recently. I never got the report from the last inspection. I would like that spreadsheet. **Marinucci:** I am sorry. I cannot hear you. **Hardin:** You said you went out recently.... **Marinucci:** The reports that I sent out, you are going to get another one shortly with the letters we sent out and the follow up. That wasn't ready to go out. We had trouble getting into one of the computers because they changed the names. Tom is coming tomorrow. We have been filling it in. The reports that I send you was the point of sales up to a certain date of last week. There has been a lot of point of sales this year in Oakwood Village. Rental properties, I will get pictures of the one piece of property, the letters the sent out and the property descriptions. Just an example, we sent two letters today on high grass on Painter Road. **Hardin:** That didn't answer my question though. I still want the actual report from your last inspection. I haven't received it. That's okay. The spreadsheet with the different addresses. **Marinucci:** You are talking about the Excel report. **Hardin:** Can I get that? ***Clerk witnessed Marinucci nodded*** **Hardin:** Okay. The other thing is staffing. Are you up to snuff on staffing? **Marinucci:** I am looking to hire one additional person. What I am looking for is a computer person to continue with the digitation. I want to get that done before my term ends. **Hardin:** Is this what Robert started? **Marinucci:** We have an effort in it, but it has to continue. We have a lot that is digitized. There is a lot in the computer but there is an effort that has to continue. **Hardin:** When is your next inspection of Ward 2? **Marinucci:** I am sorry, what? **Hardin:** When is your next scheduled inspection of Ward 2? **Marinucci:** Ward 2? Next week. We were already out there this week. Every Ward is now covered every week. **Hardin:** Oh, you go out every week? **Marinucci:** Yes. We hired Aaron Smith and every Ward will be covered week. That's the game plan. **Hardin:** When you go out, give me a call. When you go out.... **Marinucci:** I will have Aaron call you when he goes out. **Hardin:** That's fine. **Marinucci:** The assignment is 2 hours on Monday, 2 hours on Tuesday. That kind of thing and cover the Wards. Then grab the information and he has to put it into the computers. **Hardin:** Do you review it after he goes out? **Marinucci:** Say again? **Hardin:** Do you review after he goes out? **Marinucci:** I review issues, yes. Issues if that is what you mean. Like today, we did letters on high grass, and I agree with it. Tomorrow I have him on an assignment on the one property on Macedonia. **Hardin:** Well, you are not talking about 3 that have been a problem for a while. We will talk off the record. **Warren:** Law director? **Cirincione:** That's all I have.

Warren: Mayor? **Mayor:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will first dive into the infrastructure programs we have going on over the next year. The first is you are familiar with is Fair Oaks. Fair Oaks runs North from Alexander to Broadway leading going north of Oakwood. And Oak Leaf runs South from Broadway to Alexander parallel to the interstate. Anyway, on Fair Oaks we did get a grant and that was \$800,000 or that was the estimated cost. The grant from Ohio Public Works was for \$250,000. We have a 0% loan for 20 years for \$500,000 of that which is sweet; only \$25,000 a year. The local cash by the end of the year is only \$50,000. That included an addition \$310,000 for rehabbing or minor

reconfiguration of the intersection of Fair Oaks and Alexander. Along with a signalization that was \$310,000 that will be taken up by either Premiere Development or Project Crunch. At this point, this seems to be the candidate to be going over Macedonia and Alexander. The reason that both these streets are important is that both streets are in bad condition and any traffic, when they hit the bumps and people living in this area is just terrible. This will be a huge difference when they get rehabbed, then they will be much smoother. Regarding on Oak Leaf and I believe that is on the agenda tonight, the estimated cost is \$855,000. We got a grant from Ohio Public Works for \$195,000 and 0% interest loan for 20 years at \$385,000 and a local amount of \$275,000. We hope to have the county will take care of that. Solon Road-the estimated cost from the Bedford Heights line and Richmond Road is \$330,000. The grant from Ohio Public Works is \$185,000. The difference is \$145,000 which we will have paid. But we will be reimbursed by the County since they are going to take up that part of it. The trail on the Commons leading to the Quality Inn and past the Hampton Inn is estimated at \$50,000. That is what we will receive as a grant. The bids will be open in a few days and I don't expect it to be any higher than that. It is important that the bed tax provide great resources. These hotels have been doing very, very well in the last few months compared to what is going on in most other cities and Cleveland. And lastly, the trail on Broadway will be in the spring. The metal prices for the re-signalization and lamp posts, etc., are too expensive. The price for metal has gone through the roof. We expect it to be lower this spring. At which time, this project will be done. Interstate McBee-those not familiar with that-they will be bringing their entire corporate campus from the city of Cleveland to north of Waste Management where John's trailer used to be. They bought that entire piece of property. They look to rehabbing the ground and they got a half million dollars from Jobs Ohio. The ground was so terrible. They were looking at Miami or Houston, but they chose Oakwood. It will start with a 200,000 square foot building. They have been in Cleveland since 1949 and they are moving everything. The manufacturing aspects may not move for 4 or 5 years but there will be the building and about 180 to 200 people. I am exhausted and will be leaving after I speak tonight. The meetings have been intense both yesterday and today. Even on Labor Day I was here dealing with what could happen on Macedonia and Alexander. Other than the Project Crunch people, you are looking at a building of 65 million. Our biggest building up until now has been about 8 million. And a payroll of \$18 million, but there are problems. So that is what we have been working on trying to iron them out. That is what is taking so long and it's exasperating. Those who live in Ward 5, there is a company called Morgan Matrix. They demolished the building. You would think that is in Oakwood, but it is not. Right between Free and Wright, that entire property is in Bedford. No one else is going into it. There is no plans as of yet of who may be buying that land. The Hawthorne Valley Shopping Center has been with us for 30 years. Mitch Snyder and I are very good friends. It was time for them to consolidate. As you know, many of the malls in the United States are under siege because retailers have been hammered because of internet. In this case, because they own Legacy Village, they wanted to concentrate on that and 1 or 2 others. This was one of their smaller investments in their portfolio. They got a good price on it from a firm in Texas. The point-of-sale inspection was completed, and it looked good. I know Sam's Club has just renewed their lease for 10 more years. They are doing wonderful over there and they are looking into rehabbing. We will give them the incentive of a 49% CRA. The balance of 51% goes to the county and the schools. Only 33% would be a tip for them to show them how pleased we are they are staying. This will improve not only the looks of the area, but the parking and landscaping. **Warren:** What about Ollie's? Not that it's a big income producer for us but the service. **Mayor:** They went through the inspection, but nothing said on Ollie's. **Warren:** I'm talking about lease renewal. **Mayor:** I don't know about Ollie's. All I knew was Sam's was coming up and they took care of that. **Warren:** The reason I was saying that is because everything looks.... Even though Ollie's payroll is low, they give us the service and the fill of the building. We don't want a shopping center, right when you come into our community, and it looks bare. Maybe we should try to see if they are going to renew their lease. **Mayor:** Look at these shopping centers. The one in Bedford has been empty for 10 or 15 years right there on Northfield Road and Pettibone. **Warren:** Yeah, I know. **Mayor:** Even Pinecrest-a recent one that just went up. The bank that financed it had to buy the whole operation there. So, things are rough in most shopping plazas. Retail is undergoing through a big change. Even Sam's Club, 35 people were not coming to work. Now it is being automated. Anything that can be automated will be automated in the next 5 years. It's going to be a big change in the jobs that are going to be out there. That is why we are keying in on our youth regarding jobs that are going to be on demand in the next 5, 6, 7 years. And it's not being touched on by the public schools. Not here, I am talking about the nation. That's an important part of what we will be doing here in the next few years and what will be donated by Premiere. When we are able to go public on that, it will be about a million dollars over the next 20 years to our youth and the programs that will train our youth for jobs that will be in demand. Lastly, our recreation events. It was a very popular trip-the murder mystery trip. Unfortunately, the boat-the Nautica Queen.... If there had been any people wanting to call me, I would have them in the Titanic. As it was, the Nautica Queen; the backup generator broke down. It was very windy that day and they didn't want to take the risk of getting out on the lake. Otherwise, that went well. The concerts, although we only had 3, I would say the average crowd was about 1,000. It was

unfortunate that Bobby Wilson show was cancelled. His dad was Jackie Wilson of *Higher and Higher* and *Lonely Tear Drops*, etc. The Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame was going to come down and give him some of his dad's artifacts. Then, a film studio out of Florida to do a documentary on him. He came down with COVID after having 2 vaccinations. He will be here next year. Additionally, there are two Amish tours; one in the middle of October; one the day after thanksgiving. You will have Santa Claus coming to Oakwood in early December for our kids and grandkids. You will have a dinner at the Blue Canyon sometime in October with Billy Donato performing in the big room some time after dinner. Right now, Pastor Macon, Jr., is looking into allowing us to use the dream center for our Halloween event which includes a big magic show. If we don't have the center, then we won't have the magic show if we can't get that outside. I believe that concludes my report. **Hardin:** Mayor said we had this in front of us. **Mayor:** You have on the agenda tonight the items on Fair Oaks and public works. Well, that has already been passed. We are talking Oak Leaf. It might be under the work session. Ed couldn't be here tonight. He is undergoing some issues. I will have to say arrivederci; it's been stressful the last few days and I need to get away. **Hardin:** So, Ed is not going to be here. **Mayor:** It's on the work session. **Hardin:** But without Ed or you here, what are we supposed.... **Mayor:** I don't think there is anything other than the numbers I gave, that's exactly it. We have one of our residents that live right off of Fair Oaks and believe me that needs...we that one we already have a grant for. **Hardin:** But when is it going to happen? **Mayor:** That is going to be in the spring. **Williams:** Does Ed or Brian or you, does anybody have those numbers and the grants and the loan amounts? **Mayor:** On Fair Oaks, which has been approved already, the estimated cost was for \$800,000. The grant was for \$250,000. We had a 0% loan over 20 years for \$500,000 and the balance that has to be paid at the end of the project which is in 2022 is \$60,000. Additionally, as part of that application was also the realignment of the intersection of Fair Oaks and Alexander because of the project going on right across the street in the signalization. The signalization is part of the actual cross for the road itself entering and leaving that site and that will be assessed. The balance will be \$140,000 that will be paid either by Premiere Development or Project Crunch. Not by us. That is happening in the spring of this coming year. We are applying this fall for the fall of next year and that is Oak Leaf running in the opposite direction. Those numbers I gave you was \$855,000 as the estimated cost. We are expecting a grant of \$195,000 on that and there would be a balance on the 0% loan over 20 years of \$385,000. There is a difference of \$275,000 that we hope we can secure more from the County on that. **Warren:** The only thing that we have is the WS-24 and it's about the potential grant for the funding of capital infrastructure improvement. That is the only thing we have. **Mayor:** That should be for Oak Leaf, shouldn't it. **Warren:** It's for Oak Leaf and Solon Road. **Mayor:** Solon Road estimated cost is \$330,000. The grant is for \$185,000. There is no loan. The balance is \$145,000. We will pay that but will be reimbursed by the County. That is not costing us anything. **Williams:** Who can send us the numbers in a spreadsheet? **Thompson:** Ed has them. **Williams:** Ed has them? **Warren:** We have to have numbers. **Morgan:** Was it in the letter that Ed sent over? I have not looked at it as it was sent over just before the meeting. It's that last page in the one pile. **Resident:** Mr. President, I know the mayor is worn but I would like to make a public comment before he leaves that he will want to hear. **Warren:** Right after this report, he can stay for 5 minutes when we will open the floor for public comments. **Mayor:** I can stay for public comments. **Warren:** Okay. I have a letter from Ed that he is making references to the amounts. Does anybody have this? **Unknown:** No. **Warren:** Then we will have to discuss this during the work session but moving forward, are you done, Mayor? **Mayor:** Yes, I am. **Rogers:** I have a question. I know the bids are in for the sanitary sewer realign and garden. **Mayor:** I'm sorry, I am having trouble hearing you. **Rogers:** I said I know the bids are in for the sanitary sewer realign and garden. I wonder when the Board of Control is going to meet so we can get that moving. **Mayor:** That is one question I did not ask Ed tonight. **Rogers:** I hope it will be on the next agenda. **Mayor:** It will be. **Rogers:** Okay. Thank you.

Warren: Okay if there are no other questions of the Mayor, I will open the floor for public comment. This is the opportunity for residents to come up to the podium, give their name and address to the Council Clerk and allow her to document your issues. **Resident 1:** My name is **Bernice Butler**. I come tonight with 3 issues. Number 1, I want to address Mr. Marinucci about my property and the metal stain that is running down in my yard. He said they have taken care of it. Nobody contacted me, so I don't know how it was taken care of. Last week, I had to cut out a 4 by 4 patch of grass that was dead in my back yard from that metal. My front yard is hard all around my beds. I would that if someone comes out to repair that, someone should have contacted me. Am I wrong about that Mr. Warren? **Warren:** It would have been nice, yes. Correct. **Resident 1:** And if I head you correctly, you said it was taken care of, is that correct? **Marinucci:** What I said was we sent your neighbor a specification of what to do. And that specification was to tie in the downspout with the **inaudible** drains and collect the water and transport the water to the front of the property. That is what I represented to council that he did. **Mayor:** Well, there is a house on each side of her that is an issue. So, we might be getting confused. You are talking about the house on the right, but it's the house on the left. **Hardin:** No, she's

not. **Resident 1:** No, I am talking about the house on the right. Mayor: Okay. **Resident 1:** That's where that metal comes out of his drainpipe. I have not seen that anywhere in this community and I have walked all over. It's metal. And it drains down in your yard and it destroys your grass. My soil is like a piece of rock. I spend a lot of money to have my yard taken care of. I use Good Nature and they say there is nothing they can do anything else. That ground is like a rock. To me that should be under the rules for homeowners. Has anyone else in this room have that problem? Water should be coming out of that drain. Not rusty metal water and it's down his driveway. It has not been hooked underneath the ground and that is how it goes.... Random resident: That is the building department. **Resident 1:** He is the building department. **Unknown resident:** Oh, I thought you said that was a residential.... **Marinucci:** That pipe I am speaking of is under the ground. **Resident 1:** Well, where is that rusty water coming from? I just saw it today. It is still coming out today. **Warren:** Well, let me ask you this and please bear with me. The question becomes, was the work you had given, the specifications were given to him to mitigate the problem? **Marinucci:** Yes. **Warren:** Now you have given him this and was there an inspection while he was doing it or when he did it? Ohio rules in our own community, if someone is doing any work especially plumbing related or anything, it should be inspected. **Marinucci:** There was no inspection. **Warren:** Then, I should recommend that the building department goes there and inspects it to see if it complies our requirements and our Code. **Marinucci:** After the work was done, I went there, and I took the pictures. I walked to the corner of the house. I saw that it was tied together. Underneath the ground was what he was told to do. The letter I sent to Ed Hren before I sent to the neighbor, and he agreed with it. So how he did it, as the pipe goes down the driveway, he put stone on top of the pipe. **Warren:** So, you are saying the pipe is running on the surface? **Marinucci:** No. Underneath the ground and on top he put stone. **Warren:** Are you saying he dug down? **Marinucci:** I asked him in the letter.... **Warren:** But we don't know if he dug down. **Resident 1:** Would someone from this city come out and look at that with me? I am the homeowner. I have not been anywhere this week or last week. **Warren:** I'll come out. **Resident 1:** Excuse me, I don't want to lose control. But I am not stupid. I am not stupid. I have been here since 1970. And there is not one home that has that problem here. **Warren:** Well, let me say this. I will come out. I will call before, and I will bring Mr. Marinucci. I want to ask because you can't run pipe on the surface because of the fact its subjected to freezing and everything else. So, it should be underground and to the storm ditch. The bottom line, I will come out within the next two days. **Mayor:** Actually, it is going to rain late tonight and through half of tomorrow, so the afternoon will be perfect. **Warren:** Because I am wondering if there was any disturbance in the ground, but what you are saying he just covered over the area. I just hope that he just didn't run a pipe on the surface of the ground and cover it with stone. That is a long way to hand trench. **Marinucci:** He dug it by hand. **Warren:** Then we will see. **Marinucci:** I will call tomorrow and get the pictures of what he done. Originally, the pipe came out for the drain only. The gutter was not tied into it. The pipe was on top of the driveway about 3 feet and the water ran down the driveway. **Warren:** Let me ask one thing and then you can carry on ma'am, could you send a copy of specs that Ed approved to the Council Clerk so she can forward it to me? **Marinucci:** Yes. Before it was sent to her neighbor, it was sent to Attorney Climer, and it was sent to Ed Hren. **Warren:** So, between Wednesday and Thursday, we will be out there. **Resident 1:** I also would like to ask. Could visitors to the meeting could we have the copy of the minutes, so we know what you are going over? Because tonight, it was very difficult to follow. When Debra Hladky was here, she would leave minutes back here. **Warren:** She is a new clerk. We leave copies of the minutes and the agenda.... **Morgan:** Up front. **Warren:** No back there. **Morgan:** All I knew about was upfront. I didn't know about these since they were just approved. **Warren:** Going forward, we can put those out there the day of the meeting. **Morgan:** Okay. **Resident 1:** Thank you. And Mr. Haba, I have a question for you. Am I to understand, you are saying the rusty stain is coming down Lynbrook and Dennisport, there is no solution for that? Is that what I heard you say. **Haba:** Basically yeah. There is a product, but it would cost close to \$40,000 to do it. It is more for driveways and its \$25 per 60 square feet. It not something you can try on a street like that. And I have seen that. It's not as much but a lot of the asphalt streets have it also. The parkway is really inundated with it. Those are more dots. On Cape Cod, it's more wavy and we are thinking it's lawn fertilizer but we don't know for sure. **Mayor:** Ed's best estimate, there is no structural damage. It is drainage from iron from the fertilizer. He feels that is the strongest possibility. He was out there right after the first rain. **Haba:** I haven't seen it before but started paying attention to it and you see it in a lot of communities. **Resident 1:** Thank you.

Resident 2: Good evening. My name is **Shirley Stevens** and I live on Lynbrook Drive. I would first like to thank the council and the mayor for the work you did during COVID and in a panic. We appreciate you all and wanted you to know that. Now to the real deal. First of all, I want to thank Tom Haba. Haba came through for me when State Farm didn't come through. My tree fell on my neighbor's fence, and they told me, "You got to take care of it. We are not covering it. It was an act of God." I didn't know what I was going to do with all that stuff. But it was gone the next day. And I just thank him for his service and thank the Village. It's a great place to live. I have lived here a long time and I thank the

Mayor for staying here. We are so happy, and I am so grateful that I want you to know that even during COVID, we don't like the way our neighborhood looks. We are old. We have been here a long time. I want to thank the Clerk too. I met the new clerk. She is a doll. She took care of me. Anyway, we are frightened. We are older Americans and we do not like the way our neighborhood looks. I have gone around. I have stood in back yards and everywhere you look, it's in disarray. I talked to this young man here in building apartment and I told him I am going to go on a tour once a month. We used to do that in the service department. I believe if they are going to hire somebody, that one of them should be from this village. Because if you live here, you love it here. And you make sure it's done. I love my police department. They respond. Mostly I call about dogs. I shouldn't have to call about dogs at 11:00 when my neighbor's dogs are still barking. But they come ***inaudible***. Yes, because that my ***inaudible*** in life. I have a right to that and so do my neighbors. And we don't like trash cans. We don't like cars parked on the street all night. You see them there for 3 days, we know there are things on the books, and they are not being adhered to and it pisses us off. We don't like the way things look. They say there are 3 Oakwoods. It's our development, the new development and the newest development. You can go to Ohio City; you can go to Little Italy. There are parts of Shaker Heights that's a hundred years old and still look nice. I am saying we are not going for it. There is going to be a change. Can't leave your car in the garage; everybody got dogs. Some people have 3-4 dogs; I thought there should be 2. 4-5 cars in the driveway. All of this has ordinances. I shouldn't have to be up here talking about this. They all should be enforced. **Mayor:** You notice, particularly in Ward 2, but in other Wards they have 2, 3 or 4 cars. But if they are in the drive, there is nothing we can do if they are drivable cars. What a difference in the last 2 years to see all these cars in every driveway. **Resident 2:** ***inaudible*** Ordinances! And you can pass these ordinance.... **Mayor:** But if you have 4 people living.... **Resident 2:** I don't care if there are 15. **Mayor:** There is no excuse to park in the street. **Resident 2:** Every time I turn in, I look like I am going to run into her car. **Mayor:** You're right. No one should be parked in the street. **Resident 2:** Been sitting there for years. The neighbors says, "Well you know we can't get them to do nothing." Yes, we can. **Warren:** Ticket them. **Resident 2:** We don't like the looks of the neighborhood. I want to go over to that building department. We don't like to look at no yards. I was out today and stood at this lady's yard. She has a beautiful yard. You look over this way and they got trash and litter in their yard. You look the other way and they got trash and litter in their yard. ***inaudible*** Years ago. And in the insurance was acting up. And the stuff was laying in the yard. ***inaudible*** The building department says, "It's got to go." I said "I have been having trouble with the state funding. They won't come so we are going to keep this year. I took a picture of it to get it out of here. That used to be the rules. They didn't care if the insurance wasn't covering me. That's the way it should be. Now ***inaudible***, the car was sticking out. I drove around, it's turning into something unlivable around here. **Mayor:** That matter has been taken care of. **Resident 2:** A little bit. I was out there. I went over there before I came. ***inaudible*** How did we get to there? We shouldn't even be there. Clutter, litter, cars parking in the street overnight. The service department is the only place you can really get some help from. I want to know about the finances in this Village. I want to know what are in reserves. I love numbers. Numbers don't lie. And just like I have to work on the numbers in my house, I work on my numbers in my business, I like to know what the numbers are in my village. I like when somebody says, "we can't deal with that until we get the numbers." Okay, animal control. 3, 4 dogs in a house barking all night waking me up. And I have to wake up to go to work the next day and your dog is "ruff, ruff, ruff, ruff, ruff." I hope nobody has a video of me. And I'm trying to sleep. The last time I called to that police department I said, "That was the last time I was going to call that police department, because I am going to do something about that." Signage in our area. We have those nice little things we come in and out of. I have the Mayor to thank for that. I give credit where credit is due. ***inaudible*** But now just like little sign that says medals of Oakwood, we should have Cape Cod of Oakwood. ***inaudible*** **Mayor:** You do have that brick wall. **Resident 2:** We just need that little square in there and we are good to go. My thing is we should be a Village where no one area should look better than the other. We should all look alike. I am happy for the people that have all that acreage. They can have that boat. But when you sit a boat right next to my house, it gives it a different flavor to my way of life. When people are having a party at 10, having a good ole time, making all that noise. It's like they are in the room with me. I want to thank you for allowing me to talk. I am not going away. I am not moving. I am not going to live in a slum. I am not going to live in a ghetto. We are going to clean our neighborhood up. I am going to hitting those streets like I have been hitting them so far. And I can tell you that some of the residents are not happy campers. I think we can do a lot better. I praise you for what you have done, and I love all of those trips and everything. But right now, I am up to survival. I know they have said our house values have dropped. **Mayor:** That is hardly the case. ***Multiple voices*** **Mayor:** On Forbes Road we had 3 houses up for sale right next to each other. Two sold within a week and a half. The only reason the 3rd one it's pending, it's in probate and there is a problem. **Resident 2:** What area? **Mayor:** A stone's throw from your house. **Resident 2:** I know where you are talking about. **Mayor:** Three houses right there together. Two sold within two weeks and the third is still pending. **Resident 2:** I can't get that for mine. ***inaudible*** If I am going to buy a house, I am going

to look in that area. I am going to drive around and see what's going on. If I had come and looked at that on that other street ***inaudible*** Not in my section. I got clients.... **Mayor:** It's just a minute and a half from your house though. **Resident 2:** I know but they are looking at that house. They are not looking at.... My client's old house sold for \$350,000 in Oakwood. She is on the other side. I am saying I can't get that on my side. My house isn't as ***inaudible*** as hers. But I shouldn't be talking about not \$150,000. Thank you. **Warren:** Just to let you know too, we had a housing inspector that recently quit. He actually went into another community. We are in the process replacing that housing inspector who was charged with going through the village of doing the code violations write ups and things. That position is now being advertised and when that individual.... **Resident 2:** Consider somebody-run an ad in the community. Remember the guy that used to be on Richmond Road. Walter ***inaudible*** Hops. He lived here. **Warren:** He retired. **Resident 2:** I am just saying, when they come from the community. You remember Walter was a nightmare. **Warren:** Yes, he was. **Resident 2:** I appreciate you all.

Resident 3: Pat Malone Drake Road. Warren: Can you at least write your name down? **Resident 3:** It's on there. **Resident 2:** Before Pat starts, we will be having meetings. I have already invited Tom to speak and Chief to speak. And I am going to ask for building. In our area, we will be having meetings. Either Zoom meetings or.... **Hardin:** Let me respond. For those who were not here, let me go back to the era that Shirley is referring to and I remind the mayor and any other member of council that was here at the time. Ward 2 is a ward to be proud of. When Ward 2 makes up its mind to move, you move. And it doesn't take a Shirley Stevens or Eloise Hardin, it takes what you see here. And this is just with one call. History shows that when Ward 2 mobilizes, things happen. Do they not Mr. Mayor? **Mayor:** As.... **Hardin:** Wait. Let me finish. **Warren:** You just asked him a question. **Hardin:** I want to commend the administration, the parts that understood from whence we come. And I hope they understand that what you are seeing tonight was just one or two calls. Am I right, Shirley? **Resident 2:** Right. **Hardin:** When it is time for the community to get involved, and in a positive sense, we do. When it is time for a community or ward to get involved, from what you see, we have had standing room only. I am not going to call out any particular departments because you know who you are. It has been difficult to say the least, to get you to understand what is at stake here. Now you know. What you see now, is nothing. I am not threatening. I am advising all that have control in this village to understand that it's not like the good ole day. But what we will not have is to let the new days change our way of living. There are two people in this room right now, that I talk to maybe once, twice, three times a week. When we stand in each other's back yards, we don't like what we see. I have been trying to say that. If in fact we do not have-not a crackdown-because that is not the way this should work. But if we do not have a compliance and a consistent-that's the word I am looking for-a consistent compliance, you ain't seen nothing yet. People are tired. It has been a low hum, hum, hum, hum, hum. It's been a "Ms. Hardin, can you do this?" "Ms. Hardin, can you do that?" IN some cases, if I complain, it like I go around looking for stuff. I get the calls. What you're about to see, everybody here will get the call. And it won't be nice. When all we have to do is enforce these ordinances consistently. If there is an ordinance that you need, this whole council and administration hopefully will put in place on what is needed. Shirley referred to the diversity here. Not just in how we are made up racially but also how our lots and how are community is divided as it comes to subdivisions. You made a good point, Shirley. All we want is equality across the board. And understand, it will not be accepted any other way. I am just hoping we understand. And when we talk about the improvements over here and ***inaudible***, frankly, as they say, I don't give a dang if when I walk through my door that I have to walk through bulldogs. And that is what I hear every day. I hear it every week. I hear it. **Mayor:** Then call the police and you will get it. But I am going to give you something else though. You can't help but not see two.... I will tell you; the average is three cars in every drive. With the lockdown, they are locked in the house for a year and a half, so what do you think is going to happen? If they are out, it's in the backyard. **Hardin:** Okay. **Mayor:** We'll deal with it. But there is a reason for this happening. I never seen as many cars in as many drives, particularly in Ward 2. So, what are we going to do? When we had one recreational vehicle, a person complaining about the \$5 tax on their vehicle, you had 10 people, you were one of the first to be backing down on this. **Hardin:** Woah, woah, woah. **Mayor:** You are going to back down on this regarding 3 cars in the drive and 3 people living in that house. What are you going to do? You are going to have to go in the back of everybody's yards to be able to clean up. **Hardin:** Two things. Don't ever tell an untrue on me. Don't you ever do that. **Mayor:** You saying you never backed down particularly on the issue with respect to issue 2 when it was a \$5 or \$10 license plate hike for a percentage to get a better grant, you backed down on it. **Hardin:** You should be ashamed. But that's okay. Number 1, I am not going to give you that. We are going back to that. I want you to pull the records because I am going to pull some records. And tonight, there will be no yelling and storming out of here. Cause we are going to face it tonight. **Mayor:** No, I am out of here in 5. **Hardin:** Oh, I know. **Warren:** Order. Let me say this, you can have this conversation, but not at the time of the residents. **Hardin:** Thank you but let me finish. **Warren:** Please because we have other people wanting to speak. **Hardin:** Let me finish.

Going forward, if you want to know what the issue is Mayor, it's compliance. And it's not the police department. So, I'll give you a guess. **Mayor:** A dog barking is the building department at 10:00 at night when a dog is barking? Come on. **Hardin:** Oh, so you picked up on it. **Mayor:** What? **Hardin:** You got the message. **Unknown:** So, did everybody else. **Warren:** Bottom line is we are letting the residents know the building department is hiring an inspection. We may even have an inspector or two that is going to be charged with Code compliance. They are going to writing up code violations all of us know. The thing I can't tell you and I will be honest with you. It's only my wife and I and we have 3 cars. Because I have a 2008 and a 2011. She got her a better car. When I have to put a car in the shop, I have another. So, we just kept one. But they are kept up with their license and their tags. They meet code. We got families just like you guys know. I used to always tell people one of the best things I liked about Oakwood Village was Cape Cod. And you want to know why? Because, I have been in construction all my life, it was one community when we were the first homeowners. We didn't buy someone else's house. We didn't move from Cleveland to Maple Heights to buy someone else's house. They moved from Cleveland to a new home in a new subdivision. And they have been there, and I know the allegiance to Ward 2. The thing is compliance to the codes will be enforced. And we are going to make sure that we staff to do that enforcement. Shirley, being on council, you know that you got to balance just like at home. You got to balance everything. So, we got to balance that person and focus on that revenue too. Getting businesses in here which is 68% of our operating budget. People don't realize that. If you don't work in Oakwood village, the only taxes you pay is your property taxes and out of your property taxes, we get 8%. **Mayor:** It's 5.8%. **Warren:** If you are paying \$3,000 in property taxes, Oakwood Village is only getting \$240 a year. Most of our money comes from the people that work in Oakwood Village. Just like in every other community. I am on the Economic Development Committee for the National League of Cities, and I was the Vice President of that committee. You have to understand municipal finance that everything is balance. And like I said, the young man that was in code compliance, although we did have to go through COVID and all that stuff, the young man, he moved on to greener pastures, we are in the process of replacing him. We are going to get someone else to get the code compliance. It's one thing to have building inspectors to inspect things as they are being built. But it's another thing to have housing inspectors to be able to enforce code violations. Any areas that we feel as we grow and develop, are we at the maximum as far as residential? So, all we can do is develop and improve. **Resident 2:** I want to know that Interstate McBee, did they get full abatement. **Mayor:** Yes, but the schools agreed to what was given to them. **Resident 2:** But that was my thing when I was on council, we need some money, too. That's all I have to say. **Warren:** Say what, now? **Resident 2:** We need some money too. Give them all abatement when they come in and then they leave. **Mayor:** Nobody has left that was given abatement in Oakwood Village. Nobody. In 30 years, not one incentive that was given out to that company has left. **Warren:** In the abatement.... **Mayor:** No company that was given an abatement in Oakwood Village has left once they were given that abatement. You can't say that about any other community. ***inaudible* Hardin:** The point has been made. Thank you. **Rogers:** Come on Pat. Hurry. **Resident 3:** I will make this a fast as I can. The problem is with cars. Mine is not cars parking in the street. Mine is car that are parked in the yard, not licensed, not used and they are just holding on to them for scrap. That should not be. There is one that I know has 4 cars and only one of them moves. I know that there is a thing that you have to keep tags on them. I am sure these don't have tags on them. **Rogers:** Do you have the address, Pat? **Resident 3:** Yeah. I'll talk to you. Mayor, you are talking about Fair Oaks being redone. That is nice. In the meantime, we are putting up with all the noise and we put up with the dirt. You don't hear it and you don't see it. You are on Richmond Road. **Mayor:** No, I am down on north Lane right against 271. The noise is there. That is why we are addressing those two streets. **Resident 3:** But my thing is now what they cleared between Alexander and Macedonia, it's a mess. It looks awful. **Mayor:** Nothing is done yet. **Resident 3:** I know but why did everybody have to take those trees down so quick? And that hump of ground that you had there. I realize we went through COVID, but I don't think it's attractive at all. And I am hoping something will be done so it looks nice when you ride by. **Mayor:** It will be. **Resident 3:** Right now, between the stuff on Alexander that was cut down, it looks awful. And you say you are putting in a road or a street from if and when they build over there, you are going to reconfigure Alexander Road? **Mayor:** No. What is being done is then entrance and exit to that site connecting into Fair Oaks will be rehabbed. **Resident 3:** And there ya go. So, then we are going to get more traffic and Fair Oaks itself will be a mess again. **Mayor:** Why would it be a mess again if it's going to be done correctly? And it's going to be done nice? **Resident 3:** Well, everybody thought it was done correctly when it was put in to begin with. We are still going to get all the garbage trucks. **Mayor:** I wasn't here when the garbage trucks came in to begin with. How did that happen? That was before I was here. **Resident 3:** I am not blaming. I am just saying these are the things. And the truck from Route 8, they come up Alexander, they turn on Fair Oaks to get to 271. We hear all of.... I hear. Alright, maybe nobody else is complaining. I hear it and it's terrible. And I guess I didn't notice it as much before I was retired. But now I am retired. **Mayor:** Well, that is why it is being rehabbed so you don't have the bumps, so the vehicles aren't making the noise. **Resident 3:** But they are going to connect that-the new part-

there is going to get that more to traffic. Mayor: Where are they going to go? **Resident 3:** You don't want me.... No. **Mayor:** It's going to bring in over \$800,000 a year to Oakwood Village. **Resident 3:** When is that going to happen? I realize everything was at a standstill for last year because of COVID. Do we have definite plans for that? Is someone going build and say, "I am putting up this building and I am moving in." Do we have that? **Mayor:** That's what I am working on right now. That's why I am exhausted and need to get out of here. **Resident 3:** That's like you said what's his name was going to move out of here and we were going to lose millions of dollars. Mayor: What-Northern Haserot? **Resident 3:** Yes, Northern Haserot. **Mayor:** And again, we don't know what their position is going to be. They already opened up because they didn't have enough room for storage using a facility in Solon just put their storage. **Resident 3:** I understand that. But you put it out there to the people that we as a village are going to lose all this money. You scared them so they said we will build over there. **Mayor:** Why don't you be living in another community... First of all, Cuyahoga is the 9th biggest population loss in the United States. 3 or 4 of these big-name cities already decreased their tax credit because they don't have the money coming in. That is why we are getting into light manufacturing and office skills that are in demand with companies versus bringing in anybody that they are bringing in particularly in retail. **Resident 3:** But Mayor, there are so many empty buildings. **Mayor:** Not here there's not. **Warren:** For the record, the Village council and you served on council, you know we can't dictate to anyone where they can move into a building. If there is an empty building, we can encourage a new business that there are some empty buildings. If the developer decides to that they want to build a new building, if it meets the codes and ordinances, they build. We understand that you are saying there are empty buildings here in Oakwood. But we can't direct or instruct a person who is paying rent or looking at their marketing location or the building meets the need of their kind of business. We don't make those decisions for the businesses. We just do what we need to do to attract the businesses that have the larger payroll which like I said, where 68% of our revenue comes from. But they are clean, make the hard manufacturing, the noisy businesses; we are looking for clean business to move into our community. But we have not control at all, as far as what building someone comes out to start a business or where they should move to, just to be honest with you. **Resident 3:** I understand that. The thing that sticks out, I remember when we bought that land over there. Am I wrong, that we took out a loan to buy that? I thought that is what I was hearing. **Mayor:** It's been rehabbed. It was only to make the incentivization. We first had to own it be we sold it back. **Resident 3:** Okay, so we have a loan out there.... ***Multiple voices* *inaudible*** **Resident 3:** Alright, then that's ok. My last thing is that you were talking about signs. I live right behind the plasma. And that-what is it-that mulch place? When the leaves are gone, it is so bright. It lights up our backyard. **Mayor:** Yeah, I don't know how that ever got through. ***inaudible*** **Resident 3:** It's like a beacon. Planes can use it to land. **Mayor:** It is much bigger than it should have ever been. **Resident 3:** ***inaudible*** I know you are going to say that it will be grandfathered in. But isn't there a way for them to lower the whatever in it? **Warren:** The illumination? **Resident 3:** Yeah. Probably not. **Mayor:** Again, I don't know how it ever got through the planning commission. **Resident 3:** Like I said, it's like a beacon. Planes could land on it. That's all I have to say. I am sorry. **Warren:** No sorry. We need to know what we need to do. **Resident 3:** Thank you. Everybody stay safe please and thank you for serving us. **Resident 2:** I have to leave too. We do not want blacktop on our street. I hear them talk about costs. We have concrete and I have talked to my neighbors, and we do not want blacktop. **Warren:** Whatever the street has it what it will be replaced with just like the streets before that were all concrete. Yes sir.

Resident 4: Mr. Jackson, I think all of you know. ***inaudible*** I am going to start off with a little humor. Because after that, there won't be much humor. I never thought in my life, that I could wear a mask-a black mask-in a bank and not get shot. ***Multiple voices* *inaudible*** I wanted to start off with that. First thing I said at the bank when I walked in, "Why am I not getting shot?" **Unknown:** Don't talk like that. **Resident 4:** ***inaudible*** Did you understand that? We just want to be treated fair, that's all. We just want to be treated fair. I mean with the mandate and all. First of all, it was Ms. Hardin ***inaudible***. Thank you for doing it. My house and the inspector, Mr. Marinucci. I am not happy about what he said about two months ago. I am not happy at all. I called the building department because I have water coming into my backyard. What happened, when they built my house, they missed one of the downspouts. They forgot to run it to the front of the house, and they put it in the backyard. **Warren:** They ran it into the back? **Resident 4:** Yeah. Can you believe that? I mean you have been in construction and so have I. I am a construction person. That's all I am going to say today about construction. So, the engineering department-what's his name, Ed Hren? ***inaudible*** **Haba:** Don't know if Mr. Hren is there. I was out there a couple of times. **Resident 4:** They looked at the situation. He says, "We are going to take care of this. If something happens, don't worry about it. We will take care of it." Well, something did happen. Did they take care of it? No. You remember I told you that. **Marinucci:** Yes. **Resident 4:** I want to use that because you are the head of the building department. What did you say? **Marinucci:** We are not a warranty company. We are not a surety company. We are not a contracting company, and we are not a legal firm. **Resident 4:** You should

have never said that to me. ***inaudible*** **Marinucci:** The downspout that came, you told me were broken by the person who built the house. It's not underneath the ground. **Resident 4:** What you should have done-I am not kidding-you should have been a little bit more cordial with the way you talked to me. **Marinucci:** I apologize. **Resident 4:** I don't like for other people to talk to me like that. I don't. Now what you said, "What do you want us to do?" Now how was that? I was not happy. **Unknown:** He got smart with me, too. **Resident 4:** Now, I don't like for no man-no man-to talk to me other than as a human. What you said, "what do you want us to do?" ***inaudible*** Will you just come out and look at it? "Well, we aren't going to do nothing about it." What? **Resident 2:** When are they going to open the building department? **Resident 4:** All I want you do to is come out to check. Is that reasonable? **Unknown:** Yes, it is. **Resident 4:** ***inaudible*** and say we get together and see what we can do about it. I didn't put it down there. The people who built it, the building inspector should have caught it. Should have never let that to the back of the house. Ever. I thought all those years, it will be alright. Because Ed Hren said "We gonna take care of it." ***inaudible*** Mr. Haba he come over there. He dug a hole ***inaudible*** and find out problem. But Mr. Haba, you told me this. I said "Mr. Haba, what you think about this?" You said, "Me, myself, I wouldn't have done it this way." Haba: I didn't say that. It may have been one of the guys, but I didn't say that. **Resident 4:** Mr. Haba. **Haba:** Mr. Jackson, I didn't say that. **Resident 4:** Okay, Mr. Haba, we ain't going to go there. You are not telling the truth now. **Haba:** I think you are wrong there. I want to be talked to as a human, too, you know. ***inaudible***. Some people do that. Sometimes it's done that way, but I am not a builder. ***inaudible*** But he thought it was tied into the drain behind him. My guys looked at it and one of my guys ***inaudible***. It is loke that there. ***inaudible*** SO, we said "Mr. Jackson we are not supposed to but we will dig this out for you. It's not our responsibility. We will dig this out for you as long as you understand we are even supposed to be here. We will dig it out.... **Resident 4:** Let me just say.... **Haba:** Let me finish please. We dug it out for him, exposed the pipe. It was going into a gravel bed which is one of my guys suggested that is probably what it is doing. And getting mud in there over the years, that's what happens. So, ***inaudible*** to tie it in back there. But we can't do that. **Resident 4:** Mr. Haba, you know you are never supposed to run something in the backyard there. You are supposed to run in to the front ***inaudible***. Am I right? **Warren:** If you have storm sewers running in the front of your house, they should be tied into the front of the house. They give you a better drain. Now, this is all pre-all of us here, including probably the building department and the service department. So, whoever was overseeing when Bobby Walker built those houses, because I got one that has some issued that I can tell you about. Maybe I can bring you over to see. Bottom line is that your storm drain, and your sanitary sewer are to be run out to the front. **Resident 4:** That's exactly right. **Warren:** Now one of the things is, just to let you know officially. Sometimes we do it to accommodate, we are really no supposed to use village funds to do work on private property being a resident. **Resident 4:** I understand that. **Warren:** But you just said if a person calls any of our departments and asks for an inspection, they should get it. If I told you right now that I didn't like something in my backyard and it didn't look right, then you as a taxpayer and as a resident, to have someone come out and look at it. You are not supposed to, and you are not expected to receive a decision prior to them coming. Because being in the business like you know-we been in the construction business-if I called an inspector and he told me, "Well, I will go out, but I am going to turn it down because I have a problem with him." I am just saying, customer service, you go out and you look because you can't make a determination from the phone. **Resident 4:** That's exactly right. **Warren:** So, going forward, you can get my cell phone number. If you get someone from our building department, tell you that again, call me. **Resident 4:** Ok. Good. Thank you. **Warren:** Call me. Because there are some things that are deficient. Unfortunately, we don't have the manpower statewide. CBOs are short statewide. Inspectors are short because people are not going into those areas anymore. And the state is actually bending to accommodate to get more inspectors. Chief of construction for community development for the city of Cleveland, I oversee projects from \$5,000 to right now, I have one worth \$80 million getting ready to start that I preapproved. So, I understand construction and the due diligence and the responsibility of the inspectors that work under me on what they are supposed to do. And anybody that should call for service, should get it. And they should never, ever get disrespected. **Resident 4:** Could you do me a favor? **Warren:** Yes sir. **Resident 4:** Beause you are in constructions, when you get time, could you come out and look at the hole in my yard. **Warren:** I am going to come out and look when I go out to the young lady's yard next to the police chief. **Resident 4:** Okay, I appreciate it, because Mayor, I called you several times last week. I get you are busy. **Mayor:** I went to your backyard. **Resident 4:** Yes, you did. I didn't want to have to come to the meeting to get this out of the way. I called a young lady to call you. Two times. **Warren:** You told who to call me? **Resident 4:** A lady here at city hall. **Morgan:** I text you to call him and his number. **Warren:** Oh, this is the Mr. Jackson? **Morgan:** Yes. **Warren:** Oh yes, I got that. I was at work when she called. Okay. **Resident 4:** I am about the end of it now because as long as you are going to come out. If you say there is nothing that can be done about, I will be happy with it because you been in construction. But for someone ***inaudible***. One other thing, as long as you say you are going to do that, I am satisfied. Mr. Haba, do you remember talking about the fences going around the park, the bicycle park? **Haba:** Yeah. **Resident 4:**

You guys know.... **Haba:** The ***inaudible*** haven't been made yet. We are waiting on Mayor to make a decision on that. **Resident 4:** It looks terrible. **Haba:** I hear that, Mr. Jackson. It needs repaired. **Hardin:** You are referring to the bridges.... **Resident 4:** You know how the fence goes around. **Haba:** The fence between Forbes and Broadway. **Resident 4:** Some are leaning over; some are falling down; some are on the ground. That is not the way to live. That is not the way the Village should look and I don't accept that kind of stuff. **Warren:** Yes, I got the text yesterday. **Resident 4:** Anyway, that's not good when you walk one fence is down, one is leaning. That is not how it's supposed to look. You go over to Solon. You don't see anything falling down over there. ***inaudible*** That's what we want. It means something to me. Treat each other like we want to be treated. It's not a big deal. I don't want a big deal out of this black and white junk. Let it go. We are humans. That's who we are. I will say one thing and then I will sit down. All this stuff about race and junk, let what happened. If someone here is about to die and you go to the hospital and the doctor says you need a heart. You need a heart. He tells you he has a couple of hearts to give you. Who is going to check out the heart to see if it's a black or white heart? ***inaudible*** **Resident 3:** We all bleed red. **Resident 4:** There ya go. So, let's just be right. I have a beautiful house here in the village. I have a beautiful house. **Warren:** It's an investment too. That is what everybody's house in this community is an investment. **Haba:** Let me say one thing for Mr. Jackson. He thought he ran into the backyard, and he didn't have a problem with it. He thought it ran to the back and to a storm sewer and he didn't have a problem with that. When he thought that we were going to dig it up for him, which it was not our responsibility, we talked to him to totally nice. He had a quick clean out to it, then there was no problem. But when he found out it ended there, we even suggested he ties it into that back storm sewer. **Warren:** So, there is a storm sewer that runs behind your house? **Resident 4:** Yes. Uh huh. Yep. It doesn't even tie into that. ***Multiple voices* *inaudible*** **Haba:** He's got a tree right there. **Warren:** Just to let the residents know, the people in the building department now were not the people that were inspecting when the house was being built. Just for the record.

Warren: Yes ma'am. **Resident 5:** Good evening. I am **LaShon Sawyer** and I live on (26275) Dennisport. I have been listening this evening and wanted to make a comment on what I hear. There is a disconnect with building. People have touched on it. People have tried to go around it. Some people have tried to be direct about it. It's a constant thing with the people that have been coming up here. As truly a lifelong resident since the day I was born and I have been a part of Oakwood, it is frustrating to hear as I have seen the beauty that Oakwood has. Mayor, or maybe this is a question for the President, when council or other member are here and all this huffing and puffing back here. Not acceptable. Not appropriate. Not appropriate. When people are here, are they on the clock? Is this requested time. Is this volunteer time? **Mayor:** For what? **Resident 5:** The building department.... **Warren:** Anybody that serves here, it's part of their job. **Resident 5:** So, this is work? **Hardin/Warren:** Yes. **Resident 5:** Listening to us is work. **Hardin:** Part of the job. **Resident 5:** Is part of being on the job, sitting back here playing *Wheel of Fortune* on your phone in the job description? **Warren:** No. **Resident 5:** When people are complaining and frustrated about your area? It's not a good look. It's not a good look to even have eye contact and just an ounce respect for the job that you represent. And you can't put that kind of stuff in the job description. You can't make anybody like their job. You can't make anybody be responsible, but we did talk about hiring somebody else to come in. As a recommendation as a resident, it may be worthwhile to have a resident-and not that you don't represent us-but someone that's not fully connected to the department, as part of the hiring process. Let that person come in here from an actual resident that doesn't have anything at stake to understand the frustration, the joys, the sorrows. Not just in this position but maybe that needs to be part of the hiring. Part of it is that you have to understand the residents. You have to meet with the residents to understand the residents. Because if not, we are just going to hire someone who's trained by someone who is not doing the expectation level work that people are complaining about. And if you don't have someone with quality training the next person, then you are just repeating cycles. **Hardin:** Compassion. **Resident 5:** And so, I don't know how to fix the problem, but I don't have but taxes to pay. There is a problem here in the building department. Any maybe ya'll have to be nice. Ya'll have to play nice in the sandbox. But let the record show, if we don't address what is wrong, it's just going to stay wrong. That's just my observation from coming tonight. With that being said, I appreciate you time. But let's look at how we can fix the problem. Another suggestion. One more thing, I'm sorry. One more suggestion I have. When people have work done. Not just by building but other departments. Can we send out an evaluation form? Because what happens is all these comments and frustrations become anecdotal, and it's just "There is so and so complaining again." But if every department had to have a follow up of an evaluation form, then you have documentation. So, then it's not just two people complaining, or she is always complaining, or he always complains. Every time you do a job related to your job description and an evaluation comes in the mail. Then I have a choice to say it was great, it was okay, it was awful, you start to build a file. You can't dispute when everybody is complaining about the same thing and it's not their passion about their department if there is some documentation. So, as a suggestion, implementing some checks and balances so

that it's not dealing with complaints but it's a process and everybody's voices are being heard. Thank you. **Hardin:** Amen. **Warren:** Okay, anyone else. **Resident 5:** A moment. I am sorry. I don't want any retaliation. This is public record, and my address is on there. So don't come by my house and looking for some inspection or something wrong. Leaves in the yard. I don't want that. Let me be clear, that I have a right to say what I want to say and if you don't like it, don't leverage your power or your position on me. I am not the one. **Warren:** And we are not the one. I'll tell you, I'm not the one. **Resident 5:** We all are here.... **Warren:** Right. **Mayor:** You said you have been here a long, long time. Has that happened to you in the past? No. **Resident 5:** First of all, Mayor.... **Mayor:** You are listening too much to CNN.... **Warren:** No Mayor ***Multiple voices* *inaudible*** **Mayor:** I have respect as they say.... ***Multiple voices* *inaudible*** **Mayor:** We do not tolerate retaliation. ***Multiple voices* *inaudible*** **Warren:** CNN doesn't have anything to do with what she said. CNN doesn't have anything.... **Mayor:** Too much frustration, doubt and fear in this Country. **Warren:** CNN doesn't have anything to do if I see ***inaudible*** problems or some issues on my house, or some deficiencies in an operation, CNN doesn't have anything to do with it. ***Multiple voices* *inaudible*** **Mayor:** ... you know that right? **Resident 5:** No, I don't. See, I have been.... **Mayor:** I have a problem with that. ***Multiple voices* *inaudible*** **Resident 5:** Let's get it clear. This is on the agenda, open to the residents. **Mayor:** Yeah. **Resident 5:** I got up, I waited my turn and said what I needed to say. **Mayor:** Your tone and the way you came back at me had nothing to do what I said. **Mayor:** You were worried about some kind of retaliation. **Resident 5:** Nuh uh, nuh uh, nuh uh. Not today. **Mayor:** That is not what you just said? **Resident 5:** Not today. **Mayor:** That's not what you just said. **Resident 5:** I stated my observations. I came and offered solutions that I thought would make us move beyond. **Mayor:** Yes. **Warren:** And she didn't make any direct.... **Resident 5:** But what I asked because I was speaking about a specific department and because I was not speaking favorable about that department, I directed my eye contact and my comments to this council because I have seen building departments leverage their power. They come out in your yard and if you complain about something, they try to find something wrong. This is public record, and I don't mind putting my address down. But what I don't want-be clear-that I said something that you don't like, don't show up at my house trying to make me paint the curb and all these little frivolous things. **Mayor:** And we would not tolerate that. There was no need to have to bring that up. **Resident 5:** Mr. President, I appreciate your comment that you will not allow that to happen. I hope it doesn't happen. But I want it to be on the record to be certain that if I say something that you don't like, you don't come sniffing around my house. ***Multiple voices* *inaudible*** **Mayor:** I reject what you just said. I absolutely reject it. ***inaudible*** **Resident 5:** My own property in Maple Heights, the same stuff happens over there. People make complaints about the house to them. All of a sudden.... **Mayor:** It doesn't happen here. **Resident 5:** All of a sudden, and I am telling this from personal experience. Empty house that I lived in Maple Heights, still own property. When I complained about the neighbor and the empty house. Who gets the citation? What was the citation? Paint the side of the garage by the fence. That's some B.S. What I am asking is not to have that experience here. **Warren:** And all she did was ask for it. She did not imply it would be done. **Resident 5:** I spoke from experience, and I made a request. **Mayor:** I am hearing you but ***Multiple voices* *inaudible*** ...worried about calling the police about a dog barking, you're afraid ***inaudible*** fear in doing that because it will be found out by the neighbor.... **Resident 5:** I am not afraid of anyone in this room, Mayor. **Mayor:** ...make a call. **Resident 5:** This is not about fear. This is about representation, this about equity, this is about sharing a space to talk and it's not about retribution when you are back here playing *Wheel of Fortune*. You want to get loud about something, get loud about him back here playing *Wheel of Fortune* and get out my face about me using my right as a citizen. Don't do that to me. **Mayor:** Well again, I am not going to tolerate.... **Resident 5:** I am not going to have the last word.... ***Multiple voices* *inaudible*** **Warren:** But she didn't tolerate one of your chiefs. Everybody here. Everyone. The police chief, the service director. Everybody here. The law director, the finance director, are holding everything that is said in the council meeting and taking it to heart. But you have one director that is totally disconnected with this meeting. So, what is the purpose of them being here? **Mayor:** I am hearing you. **Warren:** Well, let me just say this, why don't take your retribution on where it should be taken. Because if I'm.... **Cirincione:** Can I make a suggestion? **Warren:** No, you can't right now. No, you can't right now. **Cirincione:** I want to caution you that this is a personnel matter. If you want to go into executive session to address a particular employee's performance, you need to go into executive session. **Warren:** I know that. But what I am talking about is generalities. All I am talking about is an observation. **Marinucci:** I just want to say one thing. There will be NO retribution by my department. And I do not know, as I speak to you, whether she was ever cited on anything. I have no knowledge on that. **Warren:** She said ***inaudible***, that's all. **Mayor:** Just be glad unfortunately, that you still have the house in the Maples. It's a good place for property tax.... **Resident 5:** I don't like being over there. You asked for an example, and I provided you with one of the tax payor in that community. You asked for it and I gave it to you.

Warren: Come on. **Librarian:** Hi. My name is **Sylvia Johnson**. I am the librarian at the Cuyahoga County Public Library-Southeast Branch. I do not reside in Oakwood Village. I came to tell you about an event at the library but I would love to say this. I live in Fannie Lewis' Ward. And I moved there because it had heart and spirit and was growing. People knew and called her so we could get it addressed. And I started attending these meetings and I thought, "oh my God ***inaudible*** and I am moving to Oakwood Village cause I love the ***inaudible***" And I still love it because you guys still come and you say it and you feel it will be addressed. These were the first houses that were built for us. They weren't hand me downs. I love this place. I know you guys were going to struggle and you're going to work it out because everybody-Oh my God. All of the friction. If I could close the service on my house and move here tomorrow, I would be here. Because the love that Fannie had and the strength and everything that you guys had, it's gone. And a lot of the middle class people that were holding Ward 7 down are moving out because they are not people who are going to get up and say, "No, I don't want the bulldog." "No, I don't want vehicles sitting there." And right now, I am the only who says it and I feel retribution. Not to say it was going to happen, but I understand your statement. So, having say all that, I love you guys. **Hardin:** You never have to worry because this is the one community where our children's children's children are staying here. Am I right? **Warren:** We are a community of under 4,000 people and we have second and third generations in Oakwood Village. **Hardin:** That's right. **Warren:** My son wanted to live in Oakwood Village but he couldn't afford the house, but moved to Bedford Heights. But he grew up in Oakwood. So, the thing is that, everything is in demand. Ms. Gaither will tell you that a house does not stay on the market for 60 days to 90 days. That is how high the demand for Oakwood Village is. Our houses don't stay on the market for a week or two. **Librarian:** Well, I guess I will be in Cleveland a little bit longer. I hear this strife and struggle and I love it. Because it's alive. And when I go and report back, they want to know what happens to the penny. "Well, what happened to that thousand dollars?" I love these people. And even after today, I still love these people. And this fight and heart and belief in the future was what was in the Ward when I moved there with Fanny and it's gone. You guys are fighting like a family.... **Hardin:** It's alive and well. **Warren:** There's a love. **Librarian:** So, thank you for that. I am still going to talk about you guys. So, what I came here to say, I work at the Southeast Branch of the county library. It is in Bedford, across from the hospital. Tomorrow we are having a produce give away. The third Wednesday of every month, we do this. So, from 1:30 to 3:30, it's going to be a drive through and since the foodbank thought the pandemic was changing, they reinstated their income rules of who and who could not get food. I am going to leave these flyers, but you just say yes and you take the bag and it will be done. I love this place. ***Multiple voices**inaudible*** **Mayor:** Mrs. Johnson, there is a word in Arabic (spelling). Praise the Lord. **Librarian:** I love the fact that you have the belief. In our Ward are like, "you know what?" But we used to believe and we don't believe anymore. And we have a winery, you know that. ***inaudible*** but it's not the same. So, you guys keep fighting and arguing and demanding better. When Ms. Butler said, "I don't want the quality of my life to change." It's so often, people are like "People are changing. We can't just demand the same thing." Yes, we can. It is on us. We are not the standard and if we let it go.... And when people of color can stand up and say, "That is wrong" and it won't be seen as white and black. It's a standard of living and the quality of life. I love you guys. Seriously, and as soon as I can I am there. And yes, I am going to ask you to inspect my house. **Williams:** Do you have electronic graphics or anything that you guys post? **Johnson:** It's on our website and here are some flyers. **Williams:** Are you able to sent it to our Council Clerk ***inaudible*** something electronic so we can post it? **Johnson:** I don't know where to send it to, if you let me know. **Warren:** She will get you the information. **Resident 2:** Send it the way you always send it. **Callender:** Ms. Johnson, do you have a list of the dates for the rest of the year? **Johnson:** Yes. **Warren:** The Council Clerk can actually duplicate that and get it out to the residents. **Hardin:** This isn't her first time here. Correct? **Johnson:** No. I was online but the month before last was my first time in person. **Hardin:** Well, we saw you and we remembered you. **Mayor:** Mrs. Johnson, you would have enjoyed two nights ago on Turner Classic, To Kill a Mockingbird. Remember, students had to read that in class and talk about it. Boy, what a tear jerker that is. To Kill a Mockingbird with Gregory Peck. **Warren:** That was before my time. Anyone else? If not, we will close the floor for public comment and we will address today's agenda. **Hardin:** Mr. Mayor, you might want to stay. There is only one thing so you want to stay for this.

Ord 2021-57

2nd Reading

AN AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDERING AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LILLIE HICKS, CLAUDIO ABBGOMERATO, DEBBIE STOFFL AND CAROLYN JONES TO EMPLOYMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD.

Warren: This will be something we will discuss in executive session, but it says second reading. **Mayor:** Was this the

one you wanted me to stay for? **Hardin:** That's correct. **Mayor:** Okay then I want to leave. **Hardin:** So we are going to deal with it tonight? **Mayor:** It's on the agenda for executive session? **Warren:** It's on the agenda for second reading. But after that we are going to discuss this in executive session before we have a third reading.

Ord 2021-58

A RESOLUTION OF CELEBRATION: THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF JERRY DUNNIGAN

Introduced by Mayor &
Council as a whole
1st Reading

MOTION TO SUSPEND by Hardin; Seconded by Sanders

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

MOTION TO ADOPT by Hardin; Seconded by Sanders

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

MOTION PASSED

Ord 2021-59

A RESOLUTION OF CONDELENCES TO THE FAMILY OF HATTIE MURPHY

Introduced by Mayor &
Council as a whole
1st Reading

MOTION TO SUSPEND by Sanders; Seconded by Gaither

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

MOTION TO ADOPT by Gaither; Seconded by Rogers

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

Ord 2021-60

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PREMIUM PAY FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND CREATED BY H.R. 1319-225 AND AUTHORIZED UNDER OHIO H.B. 168

Introduced by Mayor &
Council as a whole
1st Reading

Hardin: Who are these employees? **Callender:** It's for all employees. **Hardin:** But for what? **Warren:** In other words,

instead of coming out of our general fund, we can use the Coronavirus Fund to pay their salaries. It's an acceptable expense for Coronavirus Fund money.... **Williams:** It's not for their salaries. ***Multiple voices**inaudible* Rogers:** And we will get it, too. **Williams:** Can I ask a question though? How was it determined that we would also get as much? I am sure you ran that by. **Thompson:** Yes. It was going to all employees and I asked Jim to look into the validity of elected officials as well. **Hardin:** But why? **Thompson:** Just an appreciation. Other communities are doing it or moving to it. Solon Heights-a lot of articles in *The Plain Dealer*. In appreciation for working through the Coronavirus, they are issuing bonus payments to employees for working through that time period. I identified all the employees. It's going to be approximately \$85,000 to \$88,000. We were allotted, just for some numbers, the new Coronavirus allocation for this year. The total Oakwood will receive is \$379,617.84. I have received the first payment because they do issue it to us twice. I have received \$189,808.92 on September 1st. So, I do have the first allotment in hand from the payment.

Hardin: This is from the State? **Thompson:** Yes, from the Coronavirus allocation. **Williams:** Do you know a total number of the.... **Thompson:** It's approximately 175 employees at \$500 a piece and that is how the number arrived.

Hardin: SO, this is a one-time bonus? **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** How do we-what is making the number so large? The 175. **Thompson:** Times \$500. **Williams:** No, no, no. 175 employees? **Thompson:** Yes, active employees. Over half of them are firefighters. **Williams:** Okay. So, all of our part time firefighters. **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** So, we have about 40 fulltime? **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** Okay. Do you know about how many firefighters part time there is? **Thompson:** I know their staffing level per ordinance is about 66. **Warren:** 69 I think. **Thompson:** Yeah, and I think they are at 65, 66. **Williams:** And does this include employees that were on payroll up to a certain point? Because I know we lost some individuals and restructured some things. **Thompson:** Active employees at this time. **Williams:** Like September 1st? **Thompson:** Not like new hires but employees that worked during that time through the Coronavirus. **Hardin:** So, this actually started out as Federal money, right? It says, 'Whereas, the Congress of the Unites States....' Nothing about the State of Ohio. **Cirincione:** They gave it to the States. **Thompson:** Right, they allocated to the States and the State allocates it to the local governments. **Hardin:** So, that is was the \$379,617?

Thompson: Yes. And I have already seen half as of September 1st in the amount of \$189,808. **Williams:** Can I suggest that before we make....we have a twenty something thousand dollar expense on a garden that the community still has

received any notice that we have and that is for their benefit. Can we have some type of ***inaudible*** form for resident input where they would like the monies to be spent, new ideas, community Ward meetings, something? Other communities are doing it. The City of Cleveland or the Cuyahoga County executive Armond Budish created a form, a website to get ideas from the community. I don't know if they took any, but at least there was a process. There is an influx of money for the community and we just administrators and legislators making choices about where to spend it. But the residents may not see it the same. **Thompson:** So, you are talking about forms directly for the Coronavirus funds for them to give input on its usage. **Hardin:** Every community has done it. **Thompson:** I can look back for some examples and see what they implemented. **Williams:** I can send you some. **Thompson:** Okay, send me some and I will take a look at them. **Warren:** We will keep this as first reading. **Thompson:** Okay, thank you.

Warren: Can I get a Motion to Adjourn and go into executive session?

MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION by Hardin; There was no second.

Discussion to Council Clerk regarding executive session

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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 10:01pm

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Gaither; Seconded Rogers

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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 10:47pm

Adopted _____

Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President

