

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 23, 2021

ATTENDED

Johnnie Warren-Council President
Elaine Gaither-Council-at-Large
Eloise Hardin-Ward 2
Melanie Sanders-Ward 3
Candace Williams-Ward 5

Jim Climer-Law Director
Gary Gottschalk, Mayor
Tommy Haba-Service
Daniel Marinucci-CBO
Brian Thompson-Finance (Late)
Mark Garratt-Police

Absent
Chris Callender-Ward 1

James Schade-Fire
Ed Hren
Carlean Perez-Recreation

Meeting opened by Warren at 7:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance recited; Attendance taken.

Clerk's Correspondence

Warren: Any correspondence? **Morgan:** If you see the box inside my door, that's the coats we have gotten in the last week. And also, I wanted to give a big thanks to Tommy's department for their services last week. They were a big help to me, so thank you very, very much. And that is all I have.

Departmental Report

Warren: I would like to do departmental reports. May we hear from our Building Commissioner? **Marinucci:** Thank you, Mr. President. I know you have asked for a while to meet my assistant, Aaron Smith. I am happy to introduce you to him. He has been in construction all his life and he has been an asset to the building department. Aaron, can you just talk about your past? **Smith:** Well, I have been in construction for 30 years now. I was a laborer for 6 years prior to that. All union. Mostly concrete. I worked North Coast. I worked 17 years with Cleveland Cement. Did a lot of big projects. I worked some interior, so I know a little bit of this, a little bit of that. I pretty much know a little bit about everything outside of electrician, plumbers and stuff. If it comes to putting up metal stone walls, acoustical ceilings, anything that comes on the carpenter side of the fence, I have pretty much done it. I have a little bit of good knowledge of how it's put up and what to look for. **Marinucci:** And last week, members, he was at the Code Academy, so he is pursuing his licenses and he has an interim residential building inspection card right now. His aim is to take the test. Before you're allowed to take the test, you have taken the building code which he did the first week of November. **Smith:** I am going to take the test sometime next year before the end of the year. **Warren:** Have you worked for your interim yet? **Smith:** I have my interim. **Warren:** Excellent! **Marinucci:** Before you can take the test for it, you have to go to code academy, so we got that on hurdle out of the way. It's a 3-day course. **Warren:** They were supposed to have that in October, didn't they? **Smith:** I just took the last one earlier this month. And members, opening up the building department today. We opened it up partially today. We also got confirmation from the health department that they are coming to review everything. Lillie told me today. That is ongoing. I opened it up this afternoon. I had meetings with certain contractors for different issues within the Village. **Warren:** What is the health department coming to the building department? **Marinucci:** To see if we are CDC compliant with how we have that whole entry with the plexiglass to make sure it's okay. And I want to mention to council Oakwood Village got its second-delayed until the spring-solar panels on a residential home in the Meadows. And it's interesting, last year when I represented the first one, the cost was about \$60,000. This one is \$72,000. They are very, very expensive, so I hope **inaudible** **Hardin:** Mr. President? Dan, if you recall it was last year, that I asked how did that work, as it relates to the building department to get a permit for that? **Marinucci:** I don't know on how. I tell you, I played around with trying to see if there was funding and stuff like that. I don't know a lot about it, but I have been playing around with it. It's a lot of money for a homeowner. **Hardin:** Are you saying a homeowner just did this? **Warren:** We have two. **Marinucci:** One completed it and the other one, I approved the drawings. And because it's in the Meadows, you have to have confirmation from the Meadows. The contractor went to get that confirmation and they put it on hold to do the project in the spring. **Hardin:** And I don't know if I should ask

you or Mayor to give some directives on it. The question came up last year, there is one particular street that's interested which has 5 or 6 homeowners. The question came up just what you're doing. If you find out there is federal funding, can you make us aware of that? **Marinucci:** Oh, absolutely. I was playing around with it for a while and I was going into dead ends. I think something is going to happen with this administration with the philosophy that there are going to be monies available. It is amazing. Just so you know, the \$72,000 is the construction cost. You have to have stamped engineer's drawings. You need a structures engineer's report reviewed. This has to be every bit of \$5,000. That's not cheap to get drawing and the structural stamp on it. The homeowner has a lot of money tied up into it. **Hardin:** So, if you don't mind, the person that is interested in this, if it's okay, that I refer them. Just to let you know they might call to ask you what you know about putting this together for several homeowners. **Marinucci:** Yes. I would love to see funding available for them because you can't recoup that cost in your lifetime. You can't do it. **Williams:** Can you clarify, you said you were partially open. Do you have a specific schedule? **Marinucci:** I'm sorry what? **Williams:** You said the building department was partially open? Do you have a specific schedule? **Marinucci:** No, I do not. I am waiting. It's going to be opened the whole time. We want to get the confirmation from the health department, but we got the phone call and they are coming out now. What we want to do, we want to put a buzzer on the door, no more than 2 people coming in. It's going to be mask mandated, those kinds of things. I am hoping they approve.... The front entry is a very difficult entry because of the layout. So, what we did, we did as good as we could do. I just hope that it is CDC compliant. That was the issue. By the way, if the County says it's good enough, we are opening it up full time. And if they say, 'you have to do this....,' then, we're going to do it. **Williams:** Is there a specific schedule for the public until you get the health department in there? **Marinucci:** I know they're coming. I don't a schedule on it. I personally.... **Williams:** No, no. Do you have a specific schedule for the office until the health department gets there? **Warren:** In other words, do you have business open hours like maybe like 1-3? **Marinucci:** No, I haven't. We could. I want it to be open the whole time the building department is there. What's happening now is I got some phone calls, we opened it and people came in today. **Hardin:** But the question is, she's asking until you get it up fully. When we are asked, 'can we go to the building department' and the answer is 'yes, no, maybe so.' So, if you want to give us a timeframe of when the public is allowed in. Isn't that what you are asking? **Marinucci:** In fact, Lillie told me they were coming. So, I figured they next couple of days, they should be coming and then it should be opened full time. **Warren:** Let's say this, if the County doesn't show by this week, then could you just have your secretary let council know, 'Until we hear from the county, our office hours will be from 8-11 and 1-3 or something like that. So that you have a little in the morning and a little in the evening to give everybody an opportunity. **Williams:** It will be helpful to know if a resident asks what they do in this timeframe? Is it by appointment? Do they call? **Marinucci:** The way it's working now, no, it's not by appointment. We wouldn't let them inside the unit. But there is a drop off. We pick it up. A lot of emailing going back and forth. But the issues with the meetings that I need, I would let them in for my meetings and take them to the back. The transfer of documents, the way it's been going on, is they would put the drawings, the applications or checks, in the mailbox. We will pick it up, process it and either email back or call them to tell them they can pick it up without physically coming into the building. Now, we're going to allow them to physically come in. **Warren:** But I guess what the question is, is what hours? **Marinucci:** I will take what you said. 8:30-11 and 1-3:30. **Hardin:** Would you make that official? Whatever you want, if you can let the Mayor know so we know what to tell the people. **Marinucci:** I will let the council know. I will put a memo to everybody. **Hardin:** Mr. President, one other thing. I'd like to give this to you sir. This is the lady that has called your department any number of times. You can give it to Dan or whatever. That's the lady over on Hyannis. The one that I originally became a little frustrated about on October 18th. As of today.... The sunroom. **Marinucci:** Is this the one that was built 20 years ago? **Hardin:** I don't know. **Marinucci:** If it is, there is nothing the building department can do. This is what that issue is. She called and she was told by Debbie there was nothing we could do. She called and she was told by Aaron, that was nothing we could do. She had a sunroom put on her house in the year 2000 and it's leaking. She wants us to go after the contractor. I sent a memo to everybody here. Everybody got a memo and an email on it that we can't do anything on it. And she has been notified. **Warren:** Let me just asked this to make it easy. Why don't you have someone to send her a letter letting her know. Copy our council clerk and be done. **Marinucci:** We will get a letter. **Hardin:** I know you told me nothing could be done. Today, she said she didn't know that. **Warren:** He is going to send her a letter and that will close it out.

Warren: Can we hear from our police chief? **Garratt:** So, if you remember the gentleman that came in last meeting, he had some complaints on the speeders on Macedonia Road. The following day, I put a memo out and I asked the guys for special enforcement in that area. We do that on a regular basis depending on where we get complaints or anything else throughout the Village. This is a nice segue to get you introduced into our speed trailer. It's more than just a speed trailer. If you look, this is what we have done. This was 2 days ago was the last when I checked the citation roster. But

we had 13 speeds on Macedonia Road which is 25 down there and 18 stop sign violations. Now, we can't get one to save our life, but that's good because the word has got out. So, you the number of citations. The last I looked last week, it was 11+ warnings. Usually depends on the officer has the leeway to let them go on with a warning. So, I wanted it on record that we did actively go after them. Let me take you to the next page; the two that are stapled together. Our speed trailer will do a variety of different things. Tells us the volume of cars, the speeds of which they are going, takes a picture of cars in excess of speed at a certain tolerance. Then you see those pretty red and blue lights go on. So, you see there is one at 62 mph and one between 71 and 75. That's not accurate. The 71-75 is the sunrise because we went back and checked it. That was crazy speed. And the 62 was a police officer going after a violator that was doing 50. They obviously have to go faster than 50 to catch up with the violator. But if you see, the average speed is 29.2 mph down Macedonia Road. All in all, the enforcement efforts, they do work. If you remember Macedonia Road going into Macedonia is 35 mph. So, a lot of cars coming in or going out hesitate or don't slow down for whatever reason. If you see, it gives us a volume of all the cars coming through. This was weekly starting Sunday, the 14th (November). 7,568 cars going down that road only going southbound. That's not northbound traffic; just southbound. So, that's a lot of cars. So far this week, it was 3,300 cars. I just printed these off this evening. That giving you an idea, that tells us we can even break it down further. You know how it displays your speed and if you're going to fast, to slow down. If you are going higher, it can put the strobe lights on. But what we also can do, is we can shut it off completely. That doesn't display anything. We are still gathering this data. So, we know when we go into an area and we put it in there, we monitor the traffic. We are still monitoring to see before and after if it's working. There's a lot of different things and it does take pictures. **Gaither:** It takes pictures every time the red light is on? **Garratt:** Yes. **Gaither:** I have seen signs where a bunch of cars are going through and it shows the mileage. Some of them are green when they go through, and some will be red. So, whenever it's red, it's taking pictures. **Garratt:** Well, you'll see the strobe lights. Actually, what's on police cars. These are actually red and blue strobe lights. **Gaither:** This was a different one. **Garratt:** Some of them don't gather data. This one gather data. We can do traffic studies with this, too. Say we want to assess the amount of cars coming down to see if we need a traffic light there. We can do an actual traffic study in volume by utilizing that trailer in certain areas. So, it does a lot of different things, and we turn around northbound, there is many more things. This just an indication. I can break it down by hours when are getting the most speeders, by each day and that helps at times to aggressively enforce that area. So, that just gives you a breakdown with charts, graphs, that shows you the other things that come with it. It's a good introduction at how valuable a tool it has been for us. And a perfect example, a lot of people complain on cars coming down the street, '...in excess of 55 mph.' We put it down there and it's 29.1 mph as the average speed. It looked a lot faster than what they are, but it also gives the people that live in the area, 'Hey, he's doing 50. Oh no, it's 37,' or whatever the case may be. But it just gives you a little more accurate take on what's really going on. And then the gentleman who came in and asked in his driveway. I asked the guys to sit in his driveway, because you heard him, he wanted us to sit in his driveway. And we wanted to make sure he knew we were answering his complaint and that's when we picked up 18 stop sign violations. That's pretty good. They had 6 the next day. One officer had 6 citations at that intersection. I was hoping he would come in. The Mayor had a conversation with him **inaudible**. **Mayor:** And that is just the beginning. Ford Motor has been sold. It's not public by it has been sold to a developer. Then we are talking 4 times the amount of acreage as Premiere had over on Alexander/Macedonia. You are looking at 5 200,000 square foot buildings. And we can't stop the truck traffic from going down Alexander to Broadway. I have a sign out there. Once that development starts, the County will be alerted, and that sign will have to go down. It's a county road and you are going to see a lot of truck traffic going down Alexander to Broadway. There will be nothing we can do about it. **Garratt:** That's all I have, Mr. President. Thank you.

Warren: Yes sir. **Climer:** Unfortunately, as you all have been told, Ami Imbrogno who has done a lot of work for the Village, has moved on to another opportunity. We have hired actually 2 people in her place Alyssa Keen and Amy Furman. They are each going to be helping me on a few things and I will be bringing Alyssa to a meeting in the future. Beyond that, I have nothing further unless there are questions. (none)

Warren: May we hear from service director? **Haba:** Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report tonight, but I will be happy to take any questions. (none)

Warren: May we hear from the finance director? **Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a recap, we went over our monthly figures through 10/21. We had revenues in the amount of approximately \$7.4 million. We had expenses in the tune or \$7.1 million. We went over about 7 budgets tonight in the general fund area. We have maybe 10 or 11 in the general fund and a few in the capital, bond and streets. So, hopeful we can get through those. We have 2 more council meetings, and the Clerk did a nice consensus here to see when individuals may be available that we can pick a day to go

over some budgets. **Warren:** Where we are exclusively focusing on a budget. **Thompson:** So, we will take a look at that. That's all I have to report tonight. Thank you. **Hardin:** When will we get the rest of the COVID money?

Thompson: Next year probably before October.

Warren: May we hear from the Mayor? **Mayor:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The spin studio will be opening in early spring at the shopping center. **Marinucci:** The drawings have been approved. **Mayor:** We are talking about 35 or 40 cycles. We will be promoting heavily. Carlean has about 25 members about 3 times a week working out. We will be using the spin studio as well. The Vet center, those plans are going forward. The only one in Northeast Ohio for counseling both Veterans and their families. And that is at the old auto part place across from General Title. Our turkey dinners today, I not only want to thank Dee and Carlean. They went down to Holmes County to pick up some of the goodies to come back here at 7am. Service department delivered to about 160 people including 35 turkeys, 12-14 pounds and 35 hams 10-12 pounds that were sliced, and cider. Besides those two, there was Sylvia Morgan and Denise Tuffs. So, those 4 did a great job along with the service department for getting those out. In Crain's, this latest issue; competition for Ohio dispensary licenses is red hot. There are 130 medical marijuana dispensaries that are going to be awarded. Not one in Oakwood. I turned them down. I don't want any part of it. Just as we didn't want no vaping operation over here. That was turned down. They are red hot. They make a lot of money. For the property owners, they are making windfalls on this stuff. But it isn't for the good of the people. Fair Oaks, there is 6-7 inches of concrete that will be newly laid. And lastly, we have had 2 incidences in the last week and a half of noxious odors at AGMET Metal. I am going to put together a civilian conservation committee to monitor what's going on there. I have been told by the owner after I met with him today, that they spent about \$800,000 on trying to correct these problems. Clearly, it isn't correcting them. They are committing up to \$5 million for 2022 before the year is over. They will be spending as much as that to where they can keep Oakwood greener. I am going to have a committee to monitor. As a matter of fact, this is being done over there to stop this once and for all. I just finished a 3-hour meeting with one of businesses in Oakwood and I'm exhausted. Unless there are any questions, I'm out of here. (none)

Approval of minutes from November 9, 2021, Finance meeting by Gaither; Seconded by Rogers

Vote YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, **Abstained:** Williams

Approval of minutes from November 9, 2021, Council meeting by Hardin; Seconded by Gaither

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

Approval of minutes from November 9, 2021, Work Session by Hardin; Seconded by Rogers

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

Warren: I will now open the floor for public comment. (None. Floor closed.)

Warren: We will now move forward with today's agenda.

Legislation

Ord 2021-74

Introduced by Mayor &
Council as whole
1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 510 "FLYING MODEL AIRCRAFT/UNMANED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAVs)" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2021-75

Introduced by Mayor &
Council as whole
1st Reading

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROSS CIRINCIONE TO EMPLOYMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Climer: Members, I had a conversation with Ross last week. He had done some more research with OPERS and depending on his further conversations with them, this legislation may become unnecessary. He will be back with me as soon as OPERS returns his call. So, it's on first reading. **Williams:** To that legislation, there is a section in there that we raised a question about before that says something like, 'valuable.' That seems appropriate for an evaluation. If we are just approving somebody to return to the Village, why do we need that in our legislation. **Climer:** I am happy to strike that. **Williams:** I just think it puts us in a spot and it should be an evaluation. **Climer:** Okay. I will take a look at if it

becomes necessary to carry forward with it. **Williams:** Do you see where I am talking about? What does it say exactly, I don't have it in front of me. **Warren:** It's invaluable. **Climer:** 'He brings valuable skills and experience.' I did not see that as being an issue, but I am happy to.... **Williams:** We are just approving him to return to the Village as an employee, correct? **Climer:** I am more than happy to strike that if it becomes necessary to carry forward the legislation.

Res 2021-76
Introduced by Mayor &
Council as a whole
1st Reading

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MARCELLETTE OLIVIA
IVORY

MOTION TO SUSPEND by HARDIN; Seconded by GAITHER

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

MOTION TO ADOPT by HARDIN; Seconded by GAITHER

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

Hardin: For the record Ms. Ivory and her family was one of the very first homes built in Cape Cod. She will be missed.

Haba: Like many people or like all of us probably, she was cantankerous years ago. But the last 25 years, she has been nothing but sweet, nice and polite. **Hardin:** She always said she was going to run for council years ago.

Rogers: Before we conclude, I would like to be able to move this ordinance that has been languishing on the work session for a while to the regular agenda. It's Ordinance 2021-WS-06 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-22 AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EXTERIOR HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.** It

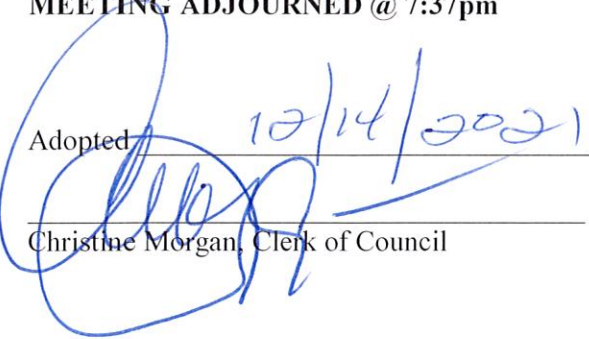
wasn't amended. **Warren:** Can we do that? **Morgan:** I have copies if you would like them. **Warren:** I am asking if it can be done procedurally. **Climer:** It should be done at the next meeting. **Warren:** We have to actually move it at the formal work session to the regular session. **Climer:** And because it wasn't on the agenda. **Warren:** At our regular work session right after this, we will vote to move it to the regular agenda.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Rogers; Seconded by Gaither

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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:37pm

Adopted


Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council


Johnnie Warren, Council President

**Citations/Warnings issued near the intersection of
Alexander/Macedonia Rd.**

Between 11/10/2021-11/21/2021

Speed-13

Stop sign violations-18

No truck zone-4

Expired plates-5

Seatbelt-3

Driving Under suspension-2

No license-1

Turn signals-2

Warning Issued-11+



Start: 2021-11-16

End: 2021-11-23

Times: 0:00-23:59

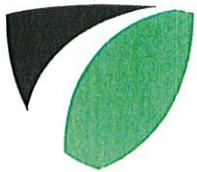
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Macedonia Rd. S/B, SB

Speed Bins: Size 5, Range 1 to 150

Time View: By Week (Total Volumes)

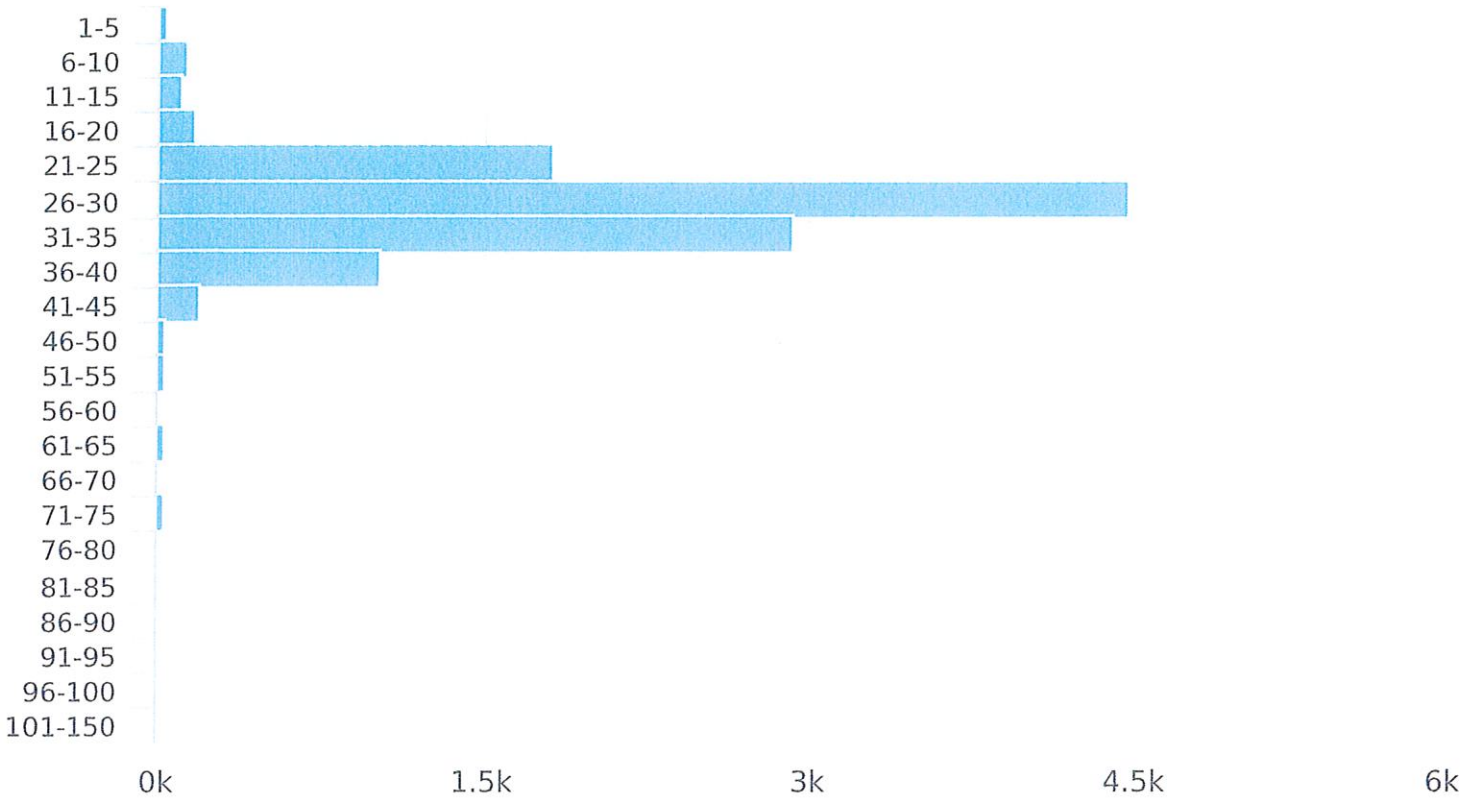
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11-14	9	97	74	116	1257	3145	2050	678	126	12	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29.2	7568
11-21	3	33	38	54	562	1320	874	345	66	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29.4	3307
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Start: 2021-11-16
End: 2021-11-23
Times: 0:00-23:59

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Total Volume by Speed Distribution



Weekly Total Volumes

