

# VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2022

## ATTENDED

Johnnie A Warren – Council President (late)  
Elaine Gaither-Council-at-Large  
Elosie Hardin-Ward 2  
Paggie Matlock-Ward 3 (late)  
Mary Davis-Ward 4  
Candace Williams-Ward 5

Brian Thompson-Finance  
Daniel Marinucci-CBO  
Jim Climer-Law Director  
Tom Haba-Service  
Jim Schade-Fire  
Mark Garratt-Police

## ABSENT

Chris Callender-Ward 1

Gary Gottschalk-Mayor  
Ed Hren-Engineer  
Carlean Perez-Recreation

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### Meeting opened at 7:02 by Warren

Pledge of Allegiance and attendance taken.

### Motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2022 meeting by Gaither; Seconded by Davis

**VOTE YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams**

**Correspondence: Morgan:** Happy New Year and welcome to Ms. Matlock and Ms. Davis. I look forward to working with you. We have been working a lot on the sides and I look forward to working with you even more. I wanted to ask since Ms. Matlock, Ms. Davis and myself need our individual pictures taken plus a new group picture, so when would be a good time to have that done? **Warren:** Whenever everybody is ready. Do we want to make it for the next meeting coming up? **Garratt:** When Ms. Davis and Ms. Matlock get their individual shots done, I will get your IDs made. It takes about 12 weeks for your badges to come in for Council. **Morgan:** I will try to get that scheduled next meeting. I have D.C. taken care of. The Northeast Ohio City Council Association has their annual meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>. I do have a list of those who want to attend. I have Ms. Hardin and Ms. Williams left to ask. That will be in Independence. **Hardin:** I will go. **Morgan:** Ms. Williams? **Williams:** I will let you know. **Morgan:** Okay. Since I was not here at the last meeting, Ms. Hardin had asked the question about the pole that was located on Forbes Road across from Ed Hren's place. From the email response from Kevin Smalley that was sent to Ed Hren. He is with First Energy. The pole is installed for an Ohio Grid Mod Project. It will help to connect smart technology on our distribution grid to allow for faster restoration and isolation of a fault. He also informed that he did coordinate with Mr. Haba to insure there were not future projects so they don't have to move the pole around. **Gaither:** Is it going to be 5G? **Morgan:** He didn't say but I would assume so. **Haba:** I would think so. I talked to him about it but he said just group service in the long run. You will see them all around the area. **Hardin:** Mr. Haba, does that come under a safe element? Are there any regulations where they can put those things? **Climer:** The telecommunications act gives them a lot of authority to locate things. I don't know about this specific pole but if it falls under the telecommunications act, you don't have a lot of control. **Warren:** We dealt with this years ago when it came with the towers that they were starting to put up. We started working out a deal to where GTE would put their satellite on Meritech tower so to reduce the number of towers. **Hardin:** I'd like to go on notice that our community would like to be notified prior to any of these poles just being put up somewhere. It was there and I just happen to see it. I would think we would receive some type of notification. **Climer:** I am not sure what that would be. **Hardin:** Could you check that our and see if we should be notified? I think we should be. **Haba:** I believe there was an existing pole there. This one is a little bit bigger. It's a mile high utility pole. I think this was a replacement. **Hardin:** The pole is definitely bigger but there's a lot of transformers on it. **Morgan:** And if you will notice, each of you have a copy of the employee handbook. If you will notice on the inside cover there is a sheet acknowledging that you got a copy of the handbook. If you can scribble your names on there and pass it over to Brian so he has that. There is also on the second page of the index, highlighted copies of other forms you guys will need to sign and get those back whenever. That's all I have. **Williams:** Should our forms be modified in anyway? **Hardin:** I just put elected official.

## Departmental report

**Service Dept-Haba:** Somebody was bragging about how mild the winter has been going last meeting. I digress. Our standings with salt have gone down but we are still fine with that. We have used a lot the last couple of weeks. We get people calling that we missed their driveways and sometime we do. WE can get it and a couple hours later there's another inch and half that has fallen. But here is one we had last Wednesday and Thursday, a couple of days after the main storm. Our guy was doing the bike path and a gentleman on Richmond Road called. He said his mailbox was hit by our guy cleaning the bike path. So, I went to take a look at it. But before I left, the other guy went to look on google earth to see where the house was. Well, as soon as it showed the house, it showed the mailbox. The mailbox had a big crack in it. I went there and the mailbox had the same crack in it and no tire tracks. So, I called the gentleman back and said, 'Are you sure that crack wasn't in the mailbox?' Gentleman said he was positive. In the google earth, the picture is from 2019, the crack was there. He wanted to know why I was asking. I said, 'Well, I went to look at it and didn't see any tire tracks around from the machine. I know what type of machine the guy was using and there were no bucket tracks moving the snow within 4-foot area of your mailbox. Are you sure the crack was not there?' 'Yes, I am sure the crack was not there. I may have to go over your head.' I told him that was fine, he could call whoever he wants but I didn't recommend it. I never told him I have seen the picture. About the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> time I asked him. I held the phone up to him. He said, 'How many times are you going to ask me. I'm positive the crack was not there.' I told him I was probably not going to fix it. He said he was going to call the Mayor. 'You are welcome to call the Mayor but I wouldn't recommend it.' He hung up. That's what you get sometimes. I never told him we have a picture from 2019 with the exact same crack in it. That's all I have. **Gaither:** We have such great directors of our departments. But during this period of time with the snow and all, I really have to commend Tommy for what he's done for these driveways. I have had people call me and say 'Tommy is on the spot.' Something happens for EMS; Chief is on the spot. Something happens with somebody's gun; you can expect him on the spot. With houses.... Our guys are always on the spot. We appreciate you. We just want you to know that. As with me personally and this whole concept, we really appreciate you guys. Warren: That's true. Other communities will talk about how our response times are great. Our police enforcement is phenomenal; our service is phenomenal. Fire and EMS had to save me a few times. But to chime in on what the other council members are saying, that is we are all part of one team. Administration, we just work together.

**Building Dept-Marinucci:** Just a comment on that pole. I did the inspection on it and it's the biggest pole I have ever seen. They overdesigned it by 100%. It's never going to fall over. I have been sending emails on the questions you've had about storage, I got a response from the law director, so that has been taken care of. I spoke with Robinette personally. She had a heart attack and she just got out of the hospital. But she says she is going to have her son deal with that. I have her 21 days. The hardest thing in the world is for a hoarder to give up just a little bit of junk. It's a disease. I have dealt with it in my lifetime and I know how hard it's going to be. I am hoping to get that one portion of that of the project. I gave them 21 days and I am sure I will be giving them more time. I am here for questions. Davis: The person on 7577 Hickory-the farmer who had the property he sold with the driveway. Marinucci: I sent you a comment. I sent you two things. One, for that and one the materials stored in the trailer. A comment on the driveway, that was part of a point of sale but when they bought the house, there were a lot of issues. I squeezed them really hard to get the roof on first. Then COVID and they needed more time. So, I have them 30 days but you don't want a driveway going in and out. But I wanted her to respond, and she said she was going to do it. We will give her till spring to do the work. You don't want to do it now. **Davis:** It was supposed to be a point-of-sale exception and the seller made all the money. The house was a mess. But why was he allowed to sell it before he put a driveway in? **Marinucci:** He wasn't going to do it and our ordinances allow the person to buy it to assume it. So, she assumed it so she agreed to do it. Hardin: About the open air market? **Marinucci:** I don't have an update on it. I know Jim and I and the engineers have been working on that trying to get it to move along. I believe he is going to try and do the project when he gets that little chunk of land. And it's tied up in court so that's the only information I have. I am sick about it. Hardin: But we are watching it and at some point and time we will deal with a timeframe to either complete it or what would be the alternative, Mr. Law Director? Put it back the way it was? We can't do that because the trees are down. What would happen? **Climer:** It's not unusual when a matter is tied up in court and the bank can take a rule on it. My advice is that is a shorter path than coming down on this thing. We can always take interim measures such as repairing the property, fixing the sidewalk, the path, which I think is done. I know Ed Hren has been all over that. **Marinucci:** We have been on it. I don't know the status of that but we were on him. **Climer:** In the long run, I am guessing it's better to wait out the bank proceedings with respect to the property trying to buy as is instead of going back to square one. Hardin: But in the meantime, you did make a point to at

least make it presentable. **Climer:** Yes. **Marinucci:** And I won't allow the sale of that property without the foundation being removed from the site. He's not going to walk away from it.

**Fire-Chief Schade:** We started a new program because we haven't had this much snow in a number of years. It's not out job but it's a lot safer for the patient, for the equipment, for the firemen, we have that pickup truck and it has a plow on it. We've been using that as a chase vehicle when the weather gets bad. We have been going in and clearing the driveway out. It's not our job but most of the time if the people go to the hospital, they can't get back in their house. So, they are calling again to get them back in the house. Sometimes you just have to bite the bullet and it's just easier to send the chase vehicle with two guys in it, watch there is no damage or anything. Where Tommy comes in, he's always been very good. Someone is always complaining, 'Ah you hit my grass.' So hopefully in the spring if we do get any, we do have the skids on. But this is just in the super deep snows for safety for everybody. And people seem to enjoy that. I checked with the other communities and their service departments aren't as versatile as ours. They were all good with it. So, it's a good reflection on the community. Then we used to sell the carbon monoxide testers and the little bit we get isn't enough to keep monkeying around with it. Again, we get these things in the middle of the night. They don't know whether it's the smoke detector or the carbon monoxide detector. We just been carrying extras in the vehicles. If it's defective we just go ahead and replace them. We don't replace the whole system. We replace the bare minimum so they are safe. When they can get out, they can replace the rest. A lot of houses today have 5 or 6 smoke detectors. We won't replace all of them but we will get them what they need to keep them safe. So hopefully Council is okay with that. Sometimes it's better to spend a little bit and save a bunch so you don't damage something. Our equipment is way to expensive to damage. The departments all work together when we are over there. There's usually police officer so if we have to push you to the side and the police are watching the streets. Other than that, everything is running normal. Questions? **Davis:** You said you still have CO2 or you don't anymore? **Schade:** No, we still have them for the program. For the last 6 months to a year, I haven't been charging for that. I know the residents. They have been here my whole lifetime, so why should I charge them? We just give to them to give them that piece of mind. It's not that expensive. It's just with help of council, we are able to work it in the budget. But it's going back to the residents for their safety. Hopefully that's okay. **Davis:** When you do an ambulance run on a resident, do you submit to insurance? **Schade:** That's where the 217 accounts come in. That is what buys our equipment and that is exclusively is funded by the ambulance billing that we recoup. If they don't have insurance, we don't go after the people. Most communities now want whatever insurance will cover plus the rest they want from the individual. With the contracts and stuff, you can't charge a non-resident and not charge a resident. It's unconstitutional. We just collect back what the insurance companies get us. **Williams:** Do you have a separate handbook for the fire department? **Schade:** Basically we have a book made up for the fire department, yes. **Williams:** Can you share it with the Clerk so she can share it with us please? **Schade:** I can get a copy to the Clerk so she can share it. Basically, with the fire department and the police department, we're licensed through the federal government, we really don't have a handbook. Each community tweaks it a little bit of what they expect. Basically, those of you that have been here, you know we have never said no for nothing. So, in a way, I resent a handbook because I'm called for anything under the sun that has nothing to do with my job. The handbook is not good for police and fire because you call us for anything and you always want special attention for your residents. If you have a handbook, I can't do that. I can tell you no because it's not in the handbook. So, we don't go there. We do everything. We have never said no. **Williams:** I know the police are under the FOP contract and that's where they handle their handbook and their HR stuff. Are you saying you don't have a handbook or you do have a handbook? **Schade:** We have a book that has rules for the station and what the job is. But to write down a handbook, I'll tell you right now, I refuse. Because if you write a handbook, they aren't going to do something. We are no union. We are all part time. They are all fulltime elsewhere. If you want a handbook, you got to get a different Chief. And you will lose most of your firemen. **Williams:** Now, I'm confused. You do or you do not have handbook? **Schade:** We have a personal handbook for the personal fire department. It has nothing to do with the city. It's a handbook on what a fireman does. It mimics after all the full-time departments. There are not any part time departments left around here. But we do exactly the same thing. So, I will not write a handbook. We have a manual. It's not a handbook. **Williams:** I am confused. Can you just forward to the Clerk what you use as a handbook please? **Schade:** I'll talk to the law director because I don't want to. If you want service, call us and it will be taken care of. If you don't want service, don't call us. But we have done everything under the sun and basically you are picking us out. 'I want to know what you're doing.' Well, I want to know what you guys are doing? Do you guys have a handbook? Is there a limit on how many meetings you can show up or not show up? We have to be there 7 days a week. I want to see public rule. We have had a pretty bad amount of sick in the council. That's unheard of. We couldn't do that. The state, the federal, the county. Everybody would be on us and you wouldn't have a fire department. **Williams:** That is not what the employee handbook is for. You do or you do not. Whatever you use....

**Schade:** An employee handbook does not make you work. That is a part time department young lady. It's not full time. They don't get benefits. They work 50 hours a week before they come here. They are handling it. If you have complaints, if you don't have complaints, leave us alone. **Warren:** We will forward to the law director.

**Police-Chief Garratt:** I have been working with Ed Hren on some updates to the Forbes Road pump station that's going to occur in the next 3-4 weeks depending on weather. It's your ward, so I want to make you aware. He did send an email to the Clerk tonight and I saw it did come late. There is going to be a road closure on Forbes Road westbound between Richmond and just before Glenshire. What that is going to do is keep the traffic that is coming southbound on Richmond Road. If you have a problem with directing traffic and it's backed up the hill, we get a lot of bad accidents there when that kind of stuff happens. It's only going to be closed for 3 days. But what he is going to do is to leave eastbound traffic open. He's going to have the company post the signs with a detour route and anybody that lives in Cape Cod can come out on Glenshire and make a left on Forbes. You just have to go down Laurelton to Glenshire. **(See map) Hardin:** When are planning to close the roads? **Garratt:** It's depending on weather. They were going to start soon, but now with this new snow they are going to wait. I asked for an estimate. He said we are looking at the first couple of weeks in February. **Warren:** What they are trying to do is get 3 consecutive days of good weather so it won't be intermittent. **Garratt:** So just to give you a heads up of what is going to happen. Ed can explain it further if we need to. But we will have an officer on the scene the whole time they are working. The lanes will be closed for 3 days because they are going to run 500 feet at a time and they have to put it together in the lane to put it into the hole. If you have a questions or concerns, you can contact Ed. We will be down there handling any traffic control issues. They are going to post the sign a week in advance showing the detour route. The second part is Mr. Marinucci sent a letter about that car on the jacks on Glenshire. He put a 10-day letter out. It's been 10 days now and we are going to cite him through the police department. They didn't call to extend time or anything. There is another heinous crime that happened in our community. I almost hate to have to report it to you guys because it affects us very personally in the police department. Dunkin Donuts was broken into after hours. We apprehend the suspect. He was hitting other Dunkins as well. **Williams:** The non-auxiliary police are not included in the FOP contract, correct? **Garratt:** Correct. They are civilian employees. **Williams:** You don't have anymore, correct? **Garratt:** We have 1. **Williams:** What employee handbook do they operate under? **Garratt:** The one you guys approved. **Morgan:** Can I interrupt for one second? **Warren:** Yes. **Morgan:** Mr. Haba just informed me that he did pass this information out to all the residents on Forbes. **Davis:** You gave us newbies a beautiful folder with different scams that go on. Can we get that for every resident or does it cost too much money? It has so much great information in there. **Garratt:** The best thing is if you have a newsletter going out, to put our web address on there. All that information is on our webpage.

**Finance Dept-Thompson:** Just a couple of notes. We are working diligently doing some year end stuff; preparing to run w-2s for employees, 1099s for vendors. We did have a staff member go down with COVID but they are back and healthy. Just trying to wrap up everything.

**Law Director-Climer:** We have some legislation coming down the pike. The codifier has suggested some revisions to our criminal traffic code. Mr. Cirincioni they feel they are correct. This happens periodically. The codifier goes through the State code and our code will need to be updated. Other than that, if there are any questions. **Davis:** The codes that I got as a newbie the charter codes. They have listed in section 10 something, that after planning, architectural or zoning boards meet, that the minutes is supposed to be sent to council and they have to vote on it within 2 weeks of when they receive it. If they do and we just found out they don't do it anymore. Is there a reason we don't do it anymore? Because it says we as a council can also overturn whatever they voted for. **Climer:** I will have to check on that. I am not sure of when that practice changed or why. That may be before my time. I'll take a look at it. **Warren:** And we want it resumed. *(\*Clerk Sidenote—The Council Clerk had a conversation with the Board Secretary, Debbie Stoffl the day following the meeting when it was determined that not only was the Council Clerk receiving the agendas and minutes to place on the website, but each council member was included as well for a significant amount of time. This information was forwarded to each council member via email and a phone call to Mrs. Hardin to notify of the findings and that this is the format that the Board Secretary will continue. \*)*

**Schade:** Can I follow up on something? I kind of don't like handbooks for multiple reasons. But in handbooks you have to have rules and codes from all levels of government. But it's like we have always done overboard to welcome new residents. Over on the Jean Drive area, we look the other way when it comes to fireworks for a few years. That's against the law. But instead of saying anything, we will staff out. Police watch the traffic, we make sure nothing catches on fire and control things. New houses built over on North Lane to remove the stuff for the prospect of new residents moving in

and they building new houses over there. We have done that for a lot of residents. And if that is in the handbook, I am breaking the laws 100% because I can't do that. Council calls, 'Hey can you help my resident?' Yes and we will take them anywhere. We'll do it anytime if we have members and have vehicles. But we can't do that if we have a handbook cause that's against the rules because you can't get people special preference. That's what our job is. I am sure Tommy and the Police Chief do the same thing. We give Oakwood special treatment. So you've got to watch how much you tighten down the crews and how you're controlling your employees. Because it's easy to say, 'Out of my hands. Talk to Council.' And Council can't overrule what the rules are. It's against the law. You have been here a long time. We have burned a lot of things down that I had to walk to walk around (hiding eyes) and try to hide smoke and stuff because it's against the law. It is how your word it. So, we try to do the best we can for everybody. To make everybody happy and to make them want to live here. To make it a good place. So, I apologize. You've known me a long time and you know I'm ornery. But the more rules you have, the more your hands are tied.

**Warren:** I will open up the floor for public comment. This is the time where resident have any questions or anything they would like to say, go up to the podium and sign your name and address. **Resident 1: Debra Hladky-25983 Garden Road.** I would like to address the Fire Chief. I want to thank your guys for coming to the house and taking care of my husband. He was very ill. His platelet counts were way down. The doctor was concerned they were so far down. The doctor had to go to the lab to look for himself because he said, 'This isn't right.' But thank you. He is doing well. He's doing great. So, thanks for having the guys there. **Schade:** All you have to do is call. There is no questions.

**Resident 2: Ben Sizemore 25091 Garden Road.** I would like to ask you all a question? Did you ever get a chance to find out about Agmet Metals or I Schumann? Have you checked on them lately or done anything? The odor they got and the stuff they are releasing in the air. **Warren:** Somebody mentioned that. There was something they were mixing that is causing the odor. **Resident 2:** They burn nickel down in there to get it out and they burn other metals in there that are very toxic. You can see it on people's house over there on Garden. It's really bad. **Warren:** Mr. Marinucci who can we have to be able to make that evaluation. **Marinucci:** I believe we would call the EPA. **Schade:** If Ed Hren was here, he has been round and round with different clean air standards in companies in Cleveland. The EPA is constantly monitoring it. Years ago, I gave Council a choice because they wanted to do something. It's up to you guys to get rid of it now before it updates. I don't want to be the bad guy, but this year was 90% better than it was all along. But we are constantly on them. Air gas right next door. They have a machine that fills from the atmosphere, bottles for home oxygen. It can't be totally polluted what they are doing because it screws up their machine. So, it's a lot better. Nothing is going to be 100%. I'm not going to lie to you. But it is constantly monitored. You can check with Ed Hren and he can tell you who he has to monitor it. Years ago, he even put a thing out there to monitor the air like he does for the freeway for the sounds and the light limits. There are all kinds of limits. **Resident 2:** Well, I talked to the federal government about it and they are supposed to be doing some checking on these people. **Schade:** They have been involved in it. Somebody is bs'ing you because they have been involved in it all along. But you get so many different people and nobody knows that this hand is doing. **\*multiple voices\*** I live across the street from it. But compared to what it was a couple years ago, it's been a dream. We are all over Waste Management. We had 30 fires there last year. That's ridiculous. The one on Glen Willow we have one or two. They say it's the lithium batteries. They are supposed to upgrade over there because we have businesses going on over there. Originally, they used to have garage doors on that. I think they took them off and recycled them because there's no garage doors. **Warren:** They are supposed to have them closed at a certain time of the day. **Schade:** And if you don't constantly stay on people's backs, we are monitoring it all the time. We are all living over there too. None of us want to smell it. I get the same complaints you do, but we are monitoring it. **Resident 2:** I wanted to ask you about that property on Forbes Road that they tore up. What are they building down there where they got that big empty lot? **Schade:** That's Bedford's property where Matrix was. **Haba:** There is no plans at this time for anything to go there. **Marinucci:** Actually, the parking lot is Oakwood Village. The main building that they took down was Bedford. The company that was there, they couldn't sell the building, so just made it a parking lot. That is a \$7 million restoration. **Schade:** There was so much contamination. That's why it's all regraded cause they had to change the soil. **Marinucci:** The EPA has been involved in that. They did on that what we had to do in the junkyard where Dunkin Donuts is. We went down, we had all the soil samples and that is what they are doing there. All the contaminants have been removed. There is no plan there. **Davis:** As a resident and you have a lot of smells going on, do we call the first department, the Mayor, the police department? **Schade:** The easiest is to call dispatch. They will record it. We will respond, the police will respond.

**Warren:** I will close the floor to public comment, and we will move on with today's agenda.

## Legislation

Ord 2021-75

Introduced by Mayor &  
Council as a whole  
Tabled

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

**Climer:** This has been amended. Or there is an amended version on your dockets tonight. To factor in what we finally confirmed what is necessary from PERS in order to reemploy Ross. They have a very detailed set of rules as to what to do but it is not clear that it applies to his situation. Even after we got a verified page, it was still unclear. So, we are taking the standard route which requires a 60-day notice of hearing and then a hearing held not more than 15 days before he actually retires and rehired. So, we put that into the ordinance, and I request that Council give it the consideration and pass it. **Hardin:** His job is at the pleasure of the Mayor and is an appointed job. **Climer:** Correct. **Hardin:** Does that have any bearing on PERS. So what if the Mayor said, 'Okay, we don't need you anymore'? It's just a question. **Climer:** He would just simply quit completely. And actually my understanding is once you retire and are rehired, it changes to a standard PERS contribution to a contribution to an annuity. The rules are very complicated. **Davis:** We don't have the amended ones. **Morgan:** It should have been in your packets. **Davis:** Will he be gone from the boards then for retirement for so long? His 15 days? **Climer:** Ross does invaluable work. No, he continues as he is now. He would retire after the hearing. **Davis:** We don't know how many days he has to be retired in order to be rehired? **Climer:** He does not. He can retire one day and be rehired the next. So, there will be no break in service.

#### **Motion to remove 2021-75 from the table by Hardin; Seconded by Gaither**

**VOTE YES:** Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

#### **Motion to suspend by Hardin; Seconded by Gaither**

**VOTES YES:** Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

#### **Motion to adopt by Hardin; Seconded by Gaither**

**VOTE YES:** Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

**ALL MOTIONS PASSED**

**Climer:** We will get the notice out on that. I have been working with Christine. It is nothing more than an open session.

Ord 2022-2

Introduced by Mayor &  
Council as a whole  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR PATRICIA ROGERS

#### **MOTION TO SUSPEND by Gaither; Seconded by Hardin**

**VOTE YES:** Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT by Hardin; Seconded by Gaither**

**VOTE YES:** Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

**MOTION PASSED**

**Hardin:** If I may go on record, speaking of committees, it was human resource committee and Council working as a whole and the law department. It was a valiant effort on everyone's part that we have the new employee handbook from the law department. Again, I said it earlier, officially and wanted to say it on record. **Williams:** Since it has not been done since I got here in 2016, what is the process for appointing the committees or establishing.... **Warren:** The Council President appoints members. I just let the people who were on the committees the previous year to continue to be on them from one year to the next. **Davis:** With me being new.... **Warren:** We have so many new people now that I will appoint new. I just took it upon myself from 2016 to 2021 to let everyone remain on the committees they were already assigned. **Davis:** Do they meet once a month or how does that work? **Warren:** It's up to the committee chair to schedule the meetings. **Davis:** According to the rules, it take 3 councilpersons on each committee.... **Warren:** And we have that. **Davis:** And they listed 7 of them or 8 of them. **Warren:** We have 7 of them but you if look a few. You will see a committee; it is almost like a committee of the whole when it comes to finance or community development. There are the core members of the committee but we do have committees of the whole. So if you yourself wants to have a specific interest of a committee, then we can make sure we do that. **Hardin:** Since the newbie brought this up, maybe this is a good time to ask a question. To the fire chief. When I remember when we used to be a volunteer fire department,

my question is this. It has been years, did we not have to have a once a year or once every two years a meeting that was procedural for the State to approve some type of fire rule. Do you remember what I am talking about? **Schade:** I don't know about the State but there is a safety committee a lot of you were on. But in the last 20 years, we really haven't had any meetings. Or if you had, you may have had them on your own. **Hardin:** There was something that was required by the State that we had to go on record. **Schade:** It could be but we haven't really been following the State all the time. We just have been working it work.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN by Davis; Seconded by Gaither**  
**VOTE YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:07pm**

Adopted

2/8/2022

Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President

# MEMO

To: **Mayor Gary Gottschalk**  
**Oakwood Village Council**  
**Service Director Tom Haba**  
**Police Chief Mark Garratt**  
**Fire Chief Jim Schade**

From: **Edward J. Hren, P.E.**  
**Engineer, Village of Oakwood**

Date: **January 25, 2022**

Regarding: **Forbes Road Pump Station and Force Main Project Update**

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Please accept this update on the status of the Forbes Road Pump Station and Force Main Project. Nerone & Sons, Inc. had originally scheduled construction work on the pump station and force main along Forbes Road from Richmond Road to Sommerville Drive to start on or about January 17th – weather permitting. The weather has unfortunately not been cooperating.

Nerone & Sons, Inc. is currently reworking their scheduling and anticipate starting construction in early February. In order to help expedite the work, Forbes Road traffic will be maintained in the eastbound direction only, between Richmond Road and Sommerville Drive, for a period of three (3) days. This will allow the contractor to close and occupy the Forbes Road westbound lane (north side) as a work zone to complete the force main installation. I have discussed this matter in detail with Chief Garratt and Tryon Road will be used as the signed detour route during this period.

The proposed 8" force main sewer pipe will be directionally bored on the north side of Forbes Road within the easement area located in the front yards of Forbes Road. Directional boring eliminates the need for the majority of open cut excavations as well as any need to restrict overnight driveway access during construction. Per previous discussions, the contractor will be performing small exploratory excavations in front of each house to determine the location of any existing utility service connections. This exploratory work will only occur on the northside of Forbes Road.

I have attached a drawing which shows the Forbes Road eastbound only restricted area as well as the proposed detour on Tryon Road. The exact schedule has yet to be determined. Message boards notifying the travelling public of the proposed Forbes Road westbound closure will be placed on Richmond Road both north and south of Forbes Road at least 7 days prior to the detour. Affected Cape Cod residents will be notified via letter and a public notice will be placed on the Village web page.



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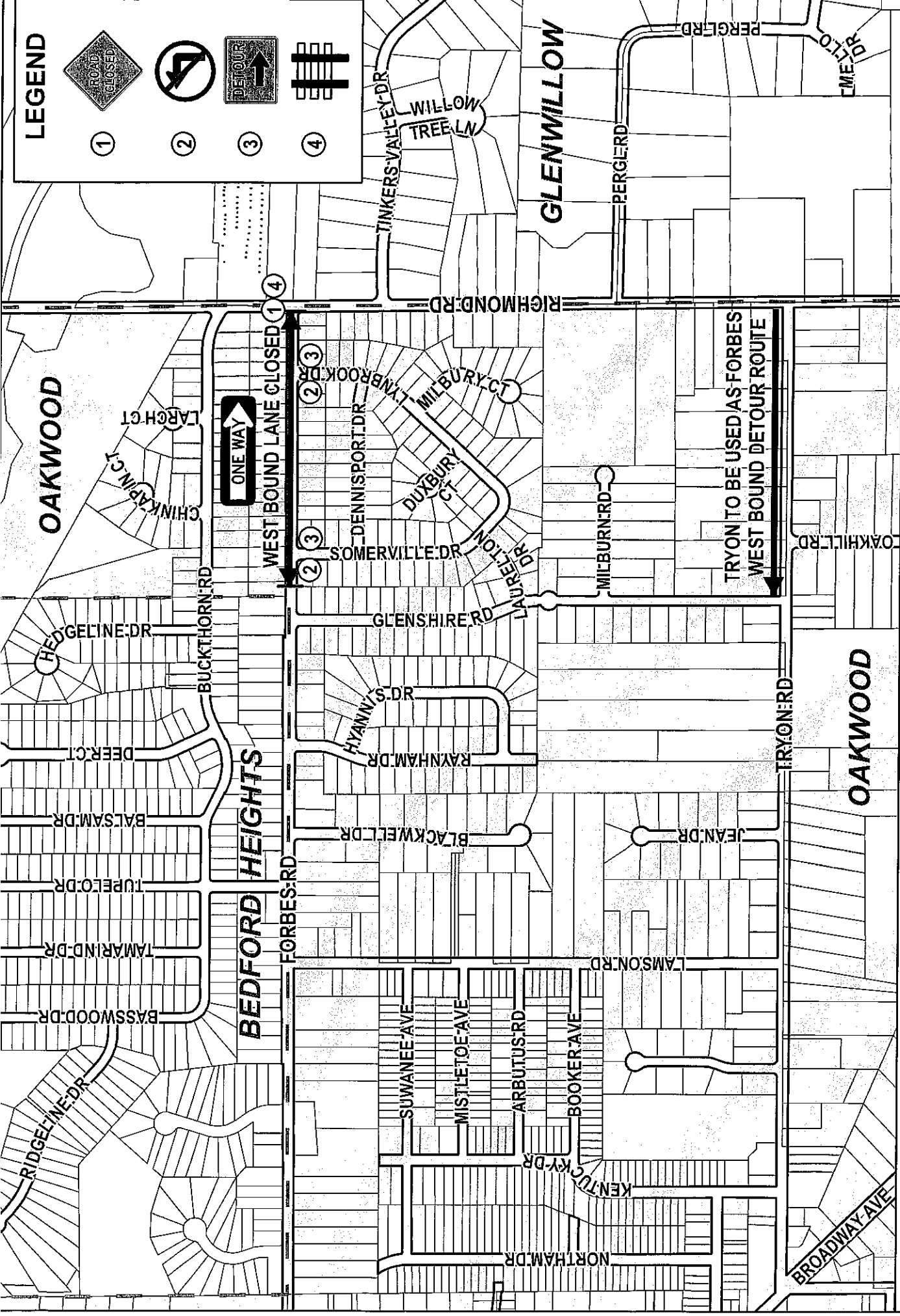
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**RICHMOND FORBES PUMP STATION UPGRADE  
FORBES ROAD DETOUR**

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**Subject:** RE: Pole Installation at Forbes Road and I-271 intersection

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I've copied the Building Department, Ward Councilwoman Eloise Hardin, and Mayor's office on this email. Can you please reply all with any information that you can provide on this pole and the project in general so that they may share with their constituents.

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