

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
SPECIAL FINANCE MEETING MINUTES  
March 21, 2022

ATTENDED

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

Brian Thompson-Finance  
Gary Gottschalk-Mayor

ABSENT

Chris Callender-Ward 1

Jim Climer-Law Director

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**Meeting opened at 6:04 by Gaither**

Pledge of Allegiance and attendance taken.

**Mayor's Budget: Hardin:** For the Mayor's budget, what percentage did you increase and why? **Mayor:** The only real in printing and \$5,000 from nothing. That is from the flyers going out for Kroger, Vitamin D program and Healthy Oakwood program. That is the reason for the increase there. Other than that, you see the two family enrichment program and the events at Mount Zion. Those were less than what was appropriated last year and even in previous years. We are actually under what was spent in 2019. We spent \$219,000 in 2019 and I am asking for appropriations of \$249,000 this year. And \$5,000 of that alone was what we didn't spend last year and that was on flyers. The residents are going to want to know about the Kroger project and we certainly want to promote the Healthy Oakwood project where they will go to UH and get tested for calcium scoring, etc., as well as the Vitamin D program. **Hardin:** When you say they are going to want to know about the Kroger program, what are you saying? **Mayor:** We should inform them on exactly what happened. I will have that put together in the next 30-45 days. **Hardin:** When you say you are going to inform them of what happened and how it got here.... **Mayor:** No, I am going to inform them of what is actually happening. This is going to get mailed to every resident. Between the printing cost and the mailing.... **Hardin:** What is happening at Mount Zion? **Mayor:** Go and look at the second sheet for the Mayor's office. You can see what is being called for in 2022. We are not doing LaFlavour concert which we usually do in the spring. We are doing CVLT dinner, and it was brought to my attention that instead of having Sharyn Macklin doing both events including Sam's Club, we'll have the Dolphin doing one. But the money is the same. If Mt. Zion is open to holding over 1,000 people, which I believe it will be, we will do the Gospel & Inspiration Side of Elvis with Mike Albert and special guest, Tasha Cobb. When you add those up, that is \$18,400. **Hardin:** Can we start doing sports for a certain age group that wants to attend sports versus...? **Mayor:** Yes, next year we could. Long ago, we used to go to fake wrestling; the WWE. **Davis:** The ice skating shows you used to do, too, when they had the Disney on Ice. **Mayor:** Up until now, it's different so we may be looking at that. **Davis:** Why in 2019, why did we have so much family enrichment spent than we do this year? **Mayor:** Well, when you see the family enrichment and recreation in the senior center. So, when you see all that together, you will notice. Right now, this is just out of the Mayor's office. **Davis:** The concerts stay the same with the same about every time. **Mayor:** It's much more than that but we have donations from companies. **Hardin:** The fact that we have a music license now is a good thing. Are we going to have more movies? **Mayor:** We can do a number of things. We can be flexible. Let's see how we work through the summer and get the reaction from the people and the turn out. That will gear us more to what we can do.

**Community Center-Mayor:** Let's first look at the senior enrichment. And Carlean has a murder mystery which we have done before but this time it's going to go through the wine country. It's either June or July. What we done is when we have all these programs, you don't want to have too many in one month. We are going to do one Cleveland Orchestra; not two. There is no need for a passport or vaccinated to attend the Maid of Mist Tour. That is a very popular and people were screaming to go back. The Black and White Formal Ball is back after a number of year in either August or September. The two Amish tours for the seniors and that is \$29,850. The biggest thing that stands out is if you look at

repairs and maintenance. The reason for that is the doors need to be replaced and there is an alarm system that has to be put in for \$8,000. **Davis:** All the doors need replaced? **Mayor:** No, just the 4 doors and Tommy said about \$1,000 for \$4,000. Additionally you are looking at \$1,500 where nothing was expended this past year in equipment. That will be the kitchen needs to have a couple new things in there and that is what that is for. **Gaither:** To repair not replace? **Mayor:** We are looking at replacing one of the two items. The other thing you can look at is why are lunches higher? The reason being that we are getting more people coming in now. It was averaging about 18-25 but now it's 40-45. By the way, anything to do with fueling, with the Mayor's office we bumped it up 25% of what was spent from last year. That will be the same for recreation. **Hardin:** What are the criteria for the Wednesday lunch? Can anyone come for lunch? Is there an age? **Mayor:** You have to sign up. Most are OV residents; some from Glen Willow and one or two from Bedford. They can't come drifting in. They have to be signed up. Cynthia who is coordinator; the House of Rose has some stipulations, so we follow those. **Hardin:** Is this subsidized other than what we do here? **Mayor:** No. Look at the House of Rose and you see we were appropriating \$23,800 because they're 4 days a week. Even though they get their food free from downtown, they are charging on staff. They have really cut back themselves. We are doing more in one day than they do in 4 days. The seniors weren't going down there. They would just pick food up and leave. For this year, we are putting \$12,000 down and not \$24,000 because they don't have but 3-4 people down there working to begin with. **Hardin:** This is salary? **Mayor:** Yes. That is what the House of Rose bills us for the year. It includes salary and whatever else. **Hardin:** That is an organization for the aging? **Mayor:** That goes back all the way to the '70s when the former Mayor had that building built at no cost because we brought in the Villas and brought in about 25 families for those that were having financial problems. They were the ones who oversee this whole thing. We weren't satisfied with the services they provided our seniors. Cynthia has been there 30 years. They were paying her \$11,000 to \$12,000 which was absurd. We said we would pay half her salary, so she is \$15,000 at least. That is the salary at the top and we are taking over one day. Additionally, we are doing other events on other days to get more people coming in. That is bingo on Thursdays and Carlean is having exercising down there to try to get more people. We want to see more seniors taking advantage of the facility. What is going to help is when we get the spin studio open in the spring, you are going to have 40 bikes in there. Carlean is getting the license to train the people in there. We are looking at 2 days a week. It will be free. We will be using the spin studio from 10-12. **Hardin:** Is that expense in here? **Mayor:** Yes. (**referring to health & education**) That expenditure is going to be COVID expenditure but I am including it right now in the actual amount. So, we could be spending \$20,000 less than the total of \$131,000 but I wanted to show what we would spend if it wasn't COVID. **Matlock:** The spin center is open 10am to 12pm? **Mayor:** Twice a week. What we have done is I have given them \$6,500 for that. **Matlock:** Is that for seniors? **Mayor:** Maybe 50 and older. That hasn't been determined yet but most younger people should have jobs. Going to a studio like this normally would cost \$200-\$300 every 3 months or so. **Hardin:** As we keep adding things like this, I'd to make certain people are closely watching the people participating. **Mayor:** Right now, it's really great because Carlean is running exercise classes 3x a week and she is averaging 25 people a class. **Hardin:** Are they OV residents? **Mayor:** I'd say about 90% are. 20-22 (participants) are OV residents which is great. That's what we want to happen to get our seniors involved in activity because it helps their immune system. **Hardin:** They just show ID and it's free? **Mayor:** Yes. **Hardin:** As we keep spending this money, I want to make sure.... **Mayor:** Now we are charging on those classes; line dancing, etc. We stopped a lot of that because there weren't enough OV residents participating or there wasn't a lot of people showing up. We are only using 2 instructors now. **Davis:** Every once in a while, do we get reports of people showing up? **Mayor:** We can for maybe once a quarter. I will make a note that we can provide how many are turning out and the percentage of OV residents. **Matlock:** If we advertise and pull out some of our residents that are not seniors.... **Mayor:** The problem is on Saturdays that guys is using it for his own clientele. **Matlock:** A weekday would be good. It's all about getting the word out. Everybody thinking healthy living; healthy lifestyle. It could be very good for them after work. **Mayor:** Let's say there is a bunch of interest. Then we could finagle something that we could do that. **Matlock:** Maybe have 5-6 seats for OV in the evening. **Hardin:** Back to the concerts (**Mayor's office budget**). We have no control over who comes in the public setting. **Mayor:** I do. We are not bringing in a lot of local acts. We have been through that already and that is why most of the cities don't do it anymore. We have national acts coming in and that is why we have the crowds we do. We are talking about thousands. The stage is \$6,000. But anyway, we are looking at Bobbie Wilson (since he had COVID last year). One of the people working with him is the father of Bruno Mars. I am looking at having a tribute to Donna Summer with Maxine Nightingale. The Eagles are coming in. We always have coming in a tribute to the Bee Gees which are out of Toronto, Canada. But what you are talking about, we will be having a community day and that can be local. **Hardin:** The point is this, we are spending \$15,000 of Village money. Outsiders are not doing it except for the donations. I think we need to make certain that it's only OV residents that are benefitting from these dollars. **Mayor:** I understand. On this other, particularly regarding the programs, we will report the number of people attending on average and what the percentage of

OV residents to see if we need to cut it or actually expand on it. **Hardin:** How long are you going to do this and when do we get it. **Mayor:** The first one will be at the end of June and be part of the Mayor's report.

**Recreation-Mayor:** Look at the family enrichment part. We canceled the helicopter Easter egg drop because it is coming up in a few weeks and we weren't ready for it. We are going to have Community Day at community park and that is where your input will be important. We are going to have the things we have had before but you might have other ideas. I know we are going to have the choo-choo train coming in that goes down Broadway. We were the first former client that he called to make sure we wanted it on July 4<sup>th</sup>. And of course, the big magic show at Mt. Zion that is always a hit on Halloween. Then Santa comes to OV. So, you are looking at \$13,000 in family enrichment. So, back to the beginning. The department wages in incorrect. Included is a person that is no longer working. **Thompson:** We are going to reduce that to \$43,000. **Mayor:** Those numbers will be adjusted for you on the 29<sup>th</sup>. That will also affect PERS and Medicare. Printer and reproduction are all coming out of the Mayor's office. What is not showing up is we clearly need a roof on the pavilion. It will be under capital improvement and that is \$9,000. Even the gazebo roof is needed for \$6,500 and that will be capital improvement. For camp, the numbers are inflated because it is going to take about a month to month and a half to figure out the correct curriculum at which time will be \$30,000 lower. Carlean is looking into this right now. Normally, our camps for 8 yr old to 14 yr old. It was 5 weeks with fun and the second 5 weeks was for education. Because of the public schools and COVID, we are putting some effort into the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. I am looking at the first 3 weeks being for the older kids and that is intense education for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks. Then, the younger kids will be coming in and they won't be conflicting with the older kids that will be at the computer labs at Bedford High School. There is a lot of moving around so it's going to take a little time in knowing when the computers are available at the school with their own education program. So, that is the high number. That should be at least \$30,000 to \$35,000 less than that, but I wanted to give you the worst case. **Thompson:** Since I have the Mayor's budgets in their entirety, I am going back and put the whole draft together for Christine to distribute.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN by Gaither; Seconded by Matlock**  
**VOTE YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:42pm**

Adopted

4/12/2022

Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President