

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
April 26, 2022

**ATTENDED**

Johnnie A Warren – Council President  
Chris Callender-Ward 1  
Eloise Hardin-Ward 2  
Paggie Matlock-Ward 3  
Mary Davis-Ward 4

Gary V. Gottschalk-Mayor  
Tom Haba-Service  
Daniel Marinucci-Building  
Jim Climer-Law Director  
Brian Thompson-Finance  
Mark Garratt-Police

**ABSENT**

Elaine Gaither-Council-at-Large  
Candace Williams-Ward 5

Ed Hren-Engineer  
Carlean Perez-Recreation  
Jim Schade-Fire

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**Meeting opened approximately 7:03 by Warren**

Pledge of Allegiance and attendance taken.

**Motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2022, public meeting by Hardin; Seconded by Callender**

**VOTE YES:** Warren, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis

**Motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2022, Council meeting by Hardin; Seconded by Davis**

**VOTE YES:** Warren, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis

**MOTIONS PASSED**

**Clerk Correspondence**

**Morgan:** I wanted to remind everybody that shred day is this Saturday and I am looking for volunteers to help unload vehicles and move the cars along. Every vehicle is limited to 4 legal size boxes and shred it on site. This will be 9-12. And since I was at a training last meeting, I wanted to extend a thank you to Mrs. Davis. If you noticed the pinwheels out front in honor of child abuse prevention month. And the fire department made sure I had a posting on the digital billboard. Tomorrow is administrative professional's day so if you can remember Dee, Hillary, Erica, Nikki, Rita, Carolyn, and Yvonne that do the work that you guys don't see a whole lot of around here. Just even give them a should, high five whatever. **Davis:** On shred day, do they have to bring their license to prove they are from OV? **Morgan:** No. The whole point is to make sure that everybody's personal identifying information is protected. **Davis:** Do they bring a trailer and then pick up that trailer? **Morgan:** It's a truck that comes and they will shred on site. **Warren:** What we do is just go to the cars and get the stuff out. **Morgan:** Drivers are not allowed out of their vehicles. We take care of them as they pull up. They get their boxes back and this is being sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District.

**Departmental Reports:**

**Finance-Thompson:** Just a quick note: I know we have the first reading tonight for the NOPEC grant. I just wanted to let everybody know that the 2022 amount we will be accepting is \$9,618 for that grant.

**Police-Garratt:** I didn't get to make the last meeting, but I wanted to brief you on this. If you saw the news, we had a case with the U.S. Marshalls who gave us a hand in arresting a rapist that we were after. The officers and detective did a great job. This was a victim under the age of 10. The adult male suspect was arrested. We got the report on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and we had him in custody on the 6<sup>th</sup>. This guy is in prison under a \$1 million bond is 17 felonies, 8 felony first degree rapes that carry a lifetime in prison. I could go on about the other charges that are just as horrible. **Mayor:** How did he end up in OV? **Garratt:** He had an ex-girlfriend that lived here and visiting her. When she was at work was when these incidents were allegedly taking place. Second point of new is Officer Ray Latimore is retiring May 30<sup>th</sup>. He will still be here. He has been a resident of ours for as long as I've been here. We will have a going away party of him. Ray has had a couple of full careers in other areas besides police work. The last thing on Saturday is the DEA drug take back. Any

resident can pull in and we have an officer standing by. Old prescription medication; please do not flush. Just bring them to us. We get them destroyed by DEA. We do this every year. We used to do it at Sam's Club, but it's so congested down there that we are going to try it here and see if the flow is any better. 10-2 this Saturday. **Morgan:** I do have flyers that I am going to pass out at shred day for those that may not know about it.

**Service-Haba:** Mark didn't mention the cameras. In Macedonia they had the cameras, and they had a stolen car. They saw it in the Target parking lot and the couple came out with stolen products from Target, got into the stolen car and the cops were there. They followed them and apprehended them. **Garratt:** We are getting 6 of them and they will be installed next month on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> at all the entrance ways. It's not just for stolen vehicles, just whatever the case may be. And we can enter in certain plates for people such as habitually stealing from Sam's Club. Mayor: And they will not be used for speeder? **Garratt:** They are license plate readers. It functions by motion, take a pic of the car back plate. It can't be public. It just goes to the police officers, and it flags us for stolen car or felony warrants. Our officers know within 20 secs if that vehicle is in our area even before a crime is committed. **Haba:** We have been patching. We had that snow last week and we have been salting and plowing and with the temperature, it knocked much of the patch out. Back at it this week. We did a lot last week. Today, 4 tons and nearly half the day with the entire crew just on Fair Oaks. Tomorrow is inclement weather but Thursday we will be back at it all day long patching again. We are redoing the bathrooms at community park. They were in pretty bad shape. None of them are handicap accessible. So, we made one handicap accessible. The other we couldn't configurate, so we made the one. That is basically done except for some painting. Due to cold weather, we will wait for a little warm weather to paint. Ms. Butler, we went there yesterday and cleaned up the back. She was appreciative. There is a house in the back with a shed near the little ditch line. I don't know if the gentleman I still in that house, but the shed is not there. The base is still there.

**Building-Marinucci:** The commercial aspect of the Village is picking up which is nice to see. I am here for questions.

**Davis:** I emailed you 3 weeks ago, and you said you didn't have time to look at my email. The second time I emailed you was yesterday or the day before. The house on Alexander that is getting rehabbed. 24525 Alexander. **Warren:** Is there more than one house getting rehabbed on Alexander? **Marinucci:** I have no clue. But the issue on Alexander, that is the Mike Pucharchic (sp) house that he sold to the lady? I think that is the house. **Davis:** No, used to be the Allen residence. **Garratt:** Has a big, long roof line.... **Davis:** The people that have been rehabbing it have been parking in the street. They cut down trees, they took out windows, they took off siding. **Marinucci:** If it's the one I am thinking they have a permit and they are doing everything that has been approved. They are redoing the windows in front of the house? **Davis:** The whole house. **Marinucci:** Somebody bought the house the other day and her fiancée is a builder. They came in and got issued a permit. **Warren:** What she is saying they are parking all over the place. We need to go by there tomorrow. **Marinucci:** We'll go by there but as far as the construction work goes, it's been approved. **Warren:** She is concerned about the parking, and they are parking ON Alexander Road all over. **Warren:** What we ask is that you do random checks to make sure these guys are compliant as far as not parking all over the streets. **Marinucci:** To be honest with you no. Once they start, I don't go back and check. **Warren:** But I am asking you to do it anyway. **Marinucci:** I am not going to personally do it.... **Warren:** Well, I am asking that it be done. **Marinucci:** I will ask Aaron to drive by and check it out. **Warren:** Okay. **Davis:** The second question; you sent to us a report on different houses for Ward 1. We got Ward 1. Do you know anything about this? **Davis:** Have you looked over the report? We had nothing from Aaron. **Marinucci:** I sent it to everybody on Council. **Davis:** Also, I am asking on the reports. You had where they were cited and given a warning letter to some of the people on Richmond Road but that was on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Has anything been done since then? It doesn't say. **Marinucci:** I have no clue what happened after that on Debbie's report. I am sure that has been resolved. **Davis:** Well, she puts it if it was resolved, or things were removed. But nothing since then and that's why I am asking if anything has been done. **Marinucci:** Debbie has been working very hard on it and I am pleased on what she is doing. I can't answer your question. Call Debbie and see. **Davis:** Is she not one of your employees? **Morgan:** Anything that has been coming from the building department I have been printing off and including in your packets. **Marinucci:** I will resend that again. I know he is updating it. **Matlock:** The homes that you were supposed to look at and the debris that was around it, did you ever do any other follow up with them? **Marinucci:** One of them, Tommy cleaned all that up. **Matlock:** You still have one that has mattresses and stuff in the back that you can see from the street. **Haba:** The one 3 houses from Glenshire are the one we cleaned up. It is the one that is 3<sup>rd</sup> house over from Jean Street. **Haba:** The Dumus house? **Matlock:** That one still needs to be cleaned up. **Haba:** That one is occupied. The one we went to was unoccupied. **Matlock:** What will be your next step? **Marinucci:** I have Aaron check it first thing in the morning. I know we personally did a drive through to look at it, so I will have Aaron.... **Matlock:** I need you to look at it again. **Marinucci:** He will. **Warren:** Now the question becomes this; if you go out and see something

like mattresses and all that, what do you do? First step. **Marinucci:** He gives them a warning letter and then he goes back and checks it. The final thing is to go to court. **Warren:** Ok, so the thing is you said he went out there last week and saw it? I went with him one day and we made a list. There are 4 properties.... **Warren:** Did you see the mattresses in the back? **Marinucci:** Yes, but part of my confusion was in one of the houses, the lady died. That has to be one that he collected. There was a \$93,000 real estate tax owed on the property and it's in foreclosure. It has to be the one next to that. But I will check it. **Warren:** But listen to my point. The one that was next to that with the mattresses, did you cite them? **Marinucci:** I don't know. That is in his ballpark. **Warren:** Who's ballpark? **Marinucci:** Aaron. I know he sent the letter giving them the time to clean it up. After he sends the letter, some people call, and they get more time. Then if we don't get a resolution, we file it in court. **Warren:** But Aaron answers to you. **Marinucci:** Yes. **Warren:** He doesn't work independent of you. He works within the job classification and the responsibilities that he has but he still reports to you. **Marinucci:** Correct. **Warren:** So, do you make sure that houses that are supposed to get violations, do you make sure that he sends those violations? **Marinucci:** Yes. **Warren:** So, the question again, did that house get a violation? **Marinucci:** I don't know. I have to ask. **Warren:** So, let's do this. When you go and find out tomorrow, could you let Mrs. Morgan know so she can tell me? **Marinucci:** I will have Aaron send a follow up letter. **Warren:** No, I want you to call her and tell her whether or not he sent it. **Marinucci:** And if he didn't send it, we will send one tomorrow. **Matlock:** Is there a timeline? **Marinucci:** A mattress will be 10 days. **Matlock:** I called him about 3 weeks ago and he said he was going over there to check it out. So, what did he do? **Marinucci:** I don't know. **Matlock:** Because that right there is an eyesore. **Warren:** Let me make this the procedure. Going forward, we call the Chief, and he assigns a person so the Chief will know whatever the person did. Because they Chief will be able to assign this person so when the Chief comes to this Council meeting again, he should be prepared to answer that question. So, going forward, if anybody has any complaints or anything, address them to the Chief and let him assign them to whoever does it. We don't do the follow up; we'll follow up with him. Then we will monitor. **Marinucci:** Then, I have a suggestion to Council. Ward 1, you call Debbie because she deals with it. If you call me, I am part time, and you are going to lose a week. Wards 2,3,4, & 5, call Aaron because he deals with it. **Warren:** So, you're saying you only work one day a week? **Marinucci:** I am part time. I work 3 days a week. **Warren:** So, call him. We will lose one day; we won't lose a week. **Marinucci:** It will be at least a week. **Warren:** You don't check your voicemails? **Marinucci:** I am so busy here doing what I got to do, and these are minor zoning issues that can be resolved by a simple telephone call to the person that has the responsibility to do it. **Warren:** You have the responsibility to make sure it's done. Isn't that right Mayor? **Mayor:** Well, understand that is about 7-8 projects going on right now that he is responsible for. **Marinucci:** It's not going to work the way you want it. **Warren:** Then if it doesn't, we are back to you. Move it along. **Hardin:** I had a comment, but I will save it. My experience with Aaron was very positive today. **Marinucci:** That's how it should be. **Hardin:** I am not going to beat around the bush. If we are allowed to function without politics, we will do great here and I will leave it at that. My experience with him today was positive and he will share that with you. **Marinucci:** He did. **Hardin:** There is some follow-up information. I did something like I used to do. I rode with him today. There are things that I see, and I refer them to the Mayor. Now, I rode with him, and I am back with the President. The new procedure is going to be followed. So, my expectation, so I don't get confused is I do want responses to what I saw and what we dealt with today. Based on what I'm hearing, he reported to you some of the things.... **Marinucci:** He told me he had a very positive experience, and he knows what he has to do. **Hardin:** I will say that some of the things that I thought fell into your venue, they did not. So, I thanked him for that clarification. But I go back to the things that I asked for, with the new procedure, if the response is to come from you, then that is going to be my expectation. **Marinucci:** What I don't understand is like, if they don't understand something, he comes back to me.... I am going to use Debbie because it happened today. She gets a call from a council person regarding a specific piece of property that people here that some people here are going to speak about in a few minutes. Debbie comes to me, and she was confused. We went to the site and made phone calls working on it. I gave her my direction and we went from there. That's really good. **Hardin:** So, going forward I will not necessarily expect Aaron to get back with me. You will give us a report. **Marinucci:** What you are going to get is when Aaron does his thing, he puts it in a spreadsheet and take the spreadsheets and send them to you. **Hardin:** Then we are back to square 1. Now it's on a spreadsheet, what are we going to do? **Marinucci:** The spreadsheet lists the property, lists the issues and what's going on. I don't know what else you're looking for. **Hardin:** Am I understanding correctly, you are going to get back with a resolution with what's on the spreadsheet? I am doing to stop after this. **Marinucci:** I go to Aaron to make sure he has done the follow ups and show me the column where he puts the resolution on the issue. Then you got one. You are going to get another one when he's done. **Warren:** So, there is not any haphazardness, what we need to do is have a procedure. What the procedure should be is whatever the request or the form that they fill out, just submit it once every Friday. **Marinucci:** You get it once a month. **Warren:** Okay so that is why your interim reports to us are important. Then that is why when specific questions are asked,

especially when it asks about specific large-scale issues. Like you said, the mattress that has been in someone's yard for 3 weeks. All we're asking is that did they get the citation. So, in 3 weeks, that's 9 days, if you knew it was on there, I would ask Aaron, 'did you send a citation?' **Marinucci:** I will ask 1<sup>st</sup> thing in the morning. **Warren:** What we're saying is it should have been asked 2 weeks ago. So, going forward, if the Council people have an issue that they can't seem to get through, call me and I will do a call or do a personal visit to the building department. **Marinucci:** You're welcome any time. **Warren:** I know I am. **Marinucci:** You have to wear a mask when you come in. **Warren:** I will be there. I have no problem complying with a mask mandate. **Marinucci:** You don't have to. You can come in the back way, too.

**Law Director-Climer:** We have a draft fireworks ordinance prepared. I want to run it by the Chief to make sure it accomplishes what he is looking to do in regard to enforcement with the upcoming holidays this summer. **Warren:** I would like to see it on the work session first. **Climer:** That's fine. Just want to run it by the Chief.

**Mayor Report:** A couple road projects: Fair Oaks first. The bid opening will be on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Council will be awarding this project at their first meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>. It was estimated for \$750,000. We got a grant for \$250 million. The other \$500,000 was going to be a 20-year loan at 0% interest. So, all we'll be paying is \$20,000 a year for 20 years. In addition to that project is \$300,000 and that 's for the reconstruction of the intersection at Alexander and Fair Oaks which is where the entrance to Kroger will be, as well as the signalization there. It will be synced with the signal on the other side of the bridge on Alexander. That \$300,000 will be covered by the comp. So you are looking at a \$1.1 million project. We are paying \$20,000 a year for 20 years. The resurfacing will be repairing the concrete base. They will be putting 3 inches of asphalt on top of that. But this asphalt has been injected with polymers to make it to where it is oriented in dealing with heavy truck traffic. Because of these projects, the detour will last anywhere from 6-8 weeks for anyone using that road. And for anyone wanting to use that road, they can go west from Alexander to Northfield; Northfield to Forbes; Forbes to Broadway to 271. The project will begin in the middle of summer and will be over before November. Solon Road is another project. We are waiting on the date for the approval of funds for it and that will be May 12<sup>th</sup> from NOACA. Additionally, Forbes Road, the price has gone from \$965,000 to \$1.5 million thanks to what's happening in this country and around the world. We were originally only going to pay \$70,000. This project will be from Richmond Road all the way to the bridge at 271. Now we are now going to have to pay \$325,000 on the project. We aren't prepared to go forward on this project, but we think we may get money from NOACA on this, and we will know before the end of May. This project will be worked on in 2023. We're not prepared to pay another \$325,000 when it was to be \$75,000. What we will be doing next year is applying for another type of grant to cover that. **Warren:** Is Bedford Heights participating? **Mayor:** Yes. That's why we were only paying \$75,000 on the project to begin with. **Hardin:** Are we still at that amount with Bedford participating? **Warren:** That's because of the escalated price from COVID and shortages, etc. **Mayor:** Additionally, with Solon Road going south at Richmond, there will be a no truck sign. And on Forbes Road at Richmond Road going west, there will be a no truck sign highlighted with LED lights thanks to our police chief putting the order in. We should have those in 30 days. Once groundbreaking at Kroger, it will take as long as 2 years before they open. So, in the meantime within those 2 years, we will also reduce the number of lanes going on Alexander to the intersection of Macedonia to 1 lane rather than 2 to discourage truckers from using Alexander Road. That will make a huge difference. And particularly as I say, when we will be dealing with Walton Hills down the road. The 3 builders that bought the land from Ford, one of them, if you notice going on 480 going to Cleveland and you're going past Bedford Heights, you see that huge monstrosity where Aurora Road school used to be. That's one of the people involved at Walton Hills and they are looking at 4-7 buildings like that which will be nothing but warehouse distribution and truckers. We are going to be a trucking depot and that is why we are doing what we are doing just to get to Fair Oaks and out of here. We usually only get about \$75,000 a year. The county has been very happy with OV, particularly with the Kroger project. Instead of \$75,000 for street repairs, we are going to get \$95,000. We match that. Why is the county so pleased with us? Because Kroger has selected OV. We are thrilled with it. This is going to transform the grocery/retail business in NEO. Armond Budish is just thrilled himself and if it had not been in OV, it would have been in Pittsburgh. We are not looking at any vehicular traffic in OV other than those making deliveries. We will be the hub for people e-commerceing Kroger products from just west of Pittsburgh to north of Columbus to east of Sandusky. Quite something happening here and it's great for NEO. And that is why I am expecting the county to help us with our extra issues where we need some extra money for roadwork. Additionally, Interstate McBee which is on the other side of 271, they are moving right along. Premier is doing the construction. You see a huge pile of dirt there now where JTI was, and they are hoping to be operating by the middle of next year. They make components for all kinds of engines. They have been in Cleveland since 1945 and they are moving their entire corporate campus to OV. Also, WM is expanding but not in a sense of solid waste. They had to deal with their recyclables and plastics. They are putting an

addition on to the building which is only for that. No additional solid waste coming. One of those pieces of legislation is on the agenda for tonight for a TIF which is money they will be paying for this addition which \$4.75 million. We will be getting \$30,000-\$45,000 for 30 years. When they pay property tax, it comes back to OV, and we can use that in areas going into WM. And then, right across the street from General Title, you noticed some demolition on a building that used to be there. It used to be auto part supply store. It's now the Vet(erans) Center out of Minneapolis. The first one in NEO for much needed counseling for service people coming back from action or if they passed, for their families and kids. It's much needed. There will be a flyer coming out on this. The same thing with Kroger. Expect that to be coming out in a couple of weeks. Additionally, right where the hummer building on Broadway, there was a single individual running it that's now going to be a Charter Communications which is an American telecommunications and mass marketing company with services branded as Spectrum. With 26 million customers, they are the second largest cable company in the U.S. **Hardin:** Are there any trucks or just communications? **Mayor:** Just communications. **Hardin:** But no trucks. **Mayor:** Well, they could be delivering cable. It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest... **Hardin:** Excuse me. **Mayor:** ...next to AT&T.... **Hardin:** Excuse me, Mayor. It's not.... **Mayor:** It's Broadway. **Hardin:** I understand. **Mayor:** And they won't be going down residential streets. **Hardin:** It's the old Hummer building. **Mayor:** Yes. **Hardin:** But there is no provision for trucks coming in. **Mayor:** They could be making deliveries of cables to be installing in peoples' homes. **Hardin:** I'll come back. **Mayor:** We are getting this right now. The 5<sup>th</sup> largest telephone provider based on the number of residential lines. Their corporate headquarters has been moved from St. Louis to Stanford, CT. They are ranked 70<sup>th</sup> in 2019 Fortune 500 largest corporations but total revenue. **Warren:** What kind of payroll? **Mayor:** It's hard to know. They are formulating it now. A lot is happening in OV, and we're tickled with it. Now that things are slowing down, what I have been working on is the thing I am most proud of and that is the camp program. In the article from Craine's magazine, they talk about 3D printing and how important it's going to be. In fact, in the article right off the bat, *'In just 3 years, Lincoln Electric has built in Euclid what may be the largest 3D printing company of its kind in the entire United States.'* In our program for our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, they will be in the school for 8 days computer design and 3D printing. To have these young kids get involved in something where the demand would be huge in this area. That will be available to our 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders as well as kids whose grandparents live in OV. That flyer will be going out in 2 weeks. In addition, for our younger kids, which we have had all along, our 8-year-old to 14-year-old, we are having that put together and it will be an 8-week program. That will be going out in 2 weeks. Just for the 3 weeks for this is 8 days of education. These are PhDs that are working with the kids that have a track record of being able to unleash the creativity in kids. It's quite exciting and they are quite excited. We are now putting it to older kids because the problems with COVID and everything else, the camp was only for 8-14-year-olds. The camp for the 9th-12th graders is only going to be \$150. We are talking over a \$1,000. For the younger kids, there is 3 weeks of education with academy website which is probably the best website for building up math skills in the entire world. We have been using that for some time with our kids along with robotics and engineering. Even for the girls, we have STEM. Bringing Paul Mitchell in for beauty hints and things for the hair, etc. So, there is a lot going on and that's what I have been focusing on now. Already Kroger has committed \$1 million over 20 years for the camp. But because of what we are trying to put together here, I am looking to tie into their foundation and asking for as much as \$1.5 million to \$2 million in the next couple of years to put into our youth and aiding them into getting involved in careers that will be in demand in the next 3-5 years. Many of these jobs are not going to exist years from now. I use this example often. Everybody has HR department. IBM terminate a quarter of a million people worldwide because everything is done by automation now. Anything that can be automated will be automated. There is going to be a lot less jobs available. So, you want to gear your kids and grandkids to areas and careers that will be in demand. Because there are not going to be that many. Anyway, that I am most proud. **Davis:** I need from you the exact date of that letter. You told me 4 weeks ago it's going to be coming out. **Mayor:** The one on Kroger is getting the mailing list. That will be coming out in 10 days. **Davis:** Because planning and architectural board on Monday is review 8 different things that Kroger is putting through. So, stuff is coming in our Ward 4 and I need to have a letter to these poor residents wondering why all this stuff is going on. **Mayor:** This will explain it. **\*inaudible-many voices\*** I can only do so much. I said 10 days. We are getting the labels put together. **Davis:** Well, if the staff needs any help, give me a call.

**Hardin:** I either wait until we read (2022-) 32 or I can ask now. Mr. Law Director, as I asked prior to the meeting, this is WM. Climer: And we determined what happened. The version that went to Christine on the computer had an outline of the property but for whatever reason that didn't communicate to the printer. The outline never came out. So, when we read the ordinance, I am going to ask for a motion to substitute Exhibit C-1 for Exhibit C. I have hand drawn the outline. **Hardin:** Since we have this in our hand, the green marker as it goes down Oak Leaf and crosses over at Weber Park and goes down Forbes? What is that? **Mayor:** That is where TIF money could be used for street repair, landscaping, sewer

work or anything like that. **Hardin:** I don't like the idea of the green in there. But this is what we could possibly use the money for. **Mayor:** That has to be earmarked for that. It can only be used for roads leading to the site. Before we deal with it, can we make certain the is corrected, which you did by hand and the green is for the purpose of the monies? **Climer:** We can amend the ordinance. **Warren:** Or a legend. **Hardin:** That's it. End of my concerns.

### **Resolution presentation to Sharron Murphy-Williams for WIRED TO WORK**

**Resident 1-Patty Napier 21675 North Lane:** I had been to a meeting before and thought I would put it out here in public how the construction is going on behind our homes. It's pretty rough. They're doing a lot of digging and there moving lot of dirt. Mounds and mounds and mounds of dirt. Today, I was in my home, and I felt my home shift. I felt it a second time and they are back there working so aggressively. I know they are on a deadline but it's really affecting our yards. It has to be shifting the dirt in my yard in order for me to feel it in my home. The back of my home goes up to a hill and there's a creek. I'm thinking if the dirt is shifting under my home the flow of the creek has to be shifting. When I went out yesterday, you could smell the dirt in the air. They are moving massive amounts of dirt and then one day, I don't know if they were concreting but there was white smoke. I was thinking 'man this is rough out here.' I know soon it is going to be over, but right now, we are wide open to whatever they do. I have a little protection because I have that hill but one of my neighbors that was supposed to be here tonight, his yard goes right back where they are working. He has a few little bushes and mounds of dirt and big construction machinery. We are catching it right now. I just think that because there are no leaves on the trees for 7 months, there is security back there. All the lights are shining on our houses in our bedrooms and our dining rooms. They are watching us and we're watching them. When all this is done, we are going to need more than just a few little trees back there. I think we need a wall or something for our own security and for theirs. It's open and every night I see that security car with the light. That's what's going on right now and I am hoping it will pan out good for everybody. But the question is are you going down North Lane by the railroad track? **Mayor:** Yes. **Resident 1:** There is like a gravel drive that goes back into their construction site. Now, they are not using that to come down North Lane, are they? **Mayor:** No, they shouldn't. **Resident 1:** I saw a few trucks coming down so I know they can get in that way. I wanted to bring that to your attention. My final question has nothing to do with it but up on Free Ave where they tore down Morgan? **Mayor:** Most of that is Bedford. Only 1/3 of it is OV and that is mostly parking lot and a small part of the building. They never told us about it either. We certainly insisted on cleaning out completely. We are going to watch them like a hawk whether what's going to go there and how they are going to screen this thing. Understand, I know what you are going through now but in a year and a half it will more than pan out with some of this TIF money coming back to do some of the things to satisfy you. **Resident 1:** Well one of the neighbors as far as Morgan, they said they were rebuilding. But don't look like it now. **Haba:** There are no plans for that property whatsoever for that property. **Resident 1:** Because they took that fence down and what fence is there that has a no trespassing sign is wide open. Everyone can go in and out.

**Resident 2 Jimmy Alech 24028 Garden Road:** There is a leaking from the WM truck of hydraulic fluid every week. There are big spots around Garden, Hickory, all over the area. It's pretty dangerous. **Warren:** Do you have a camera on your phone where you can take a picture? **Resident 2:** I can take it right now. **Warren:** Building inspector, can you get down and take a look at it? **Marinucci:** Yes. I was down there today. **Warren:** Did you see it? **Marinucci:** No, but I was down there for two other issues but I will be there tomorrow morning. **Haba:** I'll call WM on it. I'll say they community has then. I don't what they can do about it, but I will call them tomorrow. **Haba:** Are you sure it's hydraulic and not garbage juice? **\*inaudible-multiple voices\*** **Resident 2:** People cut their grass, they shoot their stuff on the street and it's very dangerous for a motorcycle. It's very slippery.

**Resident 3 Ben Sizemore 25091 Garden Road:** We did get the Kroger thing passed? **Warren:** Yes. **Resident 3:** We have some children that right their wheelchairs on our street. One of the little people asked me to ask if we could get some signs put up on Garden and Hickory. There is a new little girl there, she gets out and she can't function hers too well because it's run by a computer. She's only about 7 years old. Heather gets out there and rides. She has a couple of friends that come in from Walton and on from Garden Road. We have a guy who is a landscaper, and he goes down the road past Jimmy's (**resident 1**) and flips around with his truck and flies like a bat out of you know where. **Mayor:** That will be helpful knowing that kind of thing. You can have signs but how many follow the signs or are distracted on their cellphone. So, knowing who it might be a lot more meaningful. This is a concern. Signs, sometimes they work but sometimes they don't work. **Warren:** Mr. Sizemore if you want to anonymously give the police the information. **Resident 3:** Oh, I will put him over next time he comes down the street and ask him. **Warren:** He doesn't live down

there? **Resident 3:** No, he has landscaping equipment and he just flies. **Unknown speaker:** He comes across the street from me. **Resident 3:** Yes, and he cuts a lady down by.... **Garratt:** Is there a name on the truck? **Unknown:** There is no markings. It's a white Ford. **Garratt:** One of you guys call me next time he is there, and I'll send one of the guys to talk to him. Plus, it's motorcycle season so we are going to bring our motorcycle out. **Unknown:** He cuts the old Donnelly house. **Resident 3:** When is the Kroger deal going to start up? **Mayor:** 2 years from groundbreaking and they aren't close to ground breaking yet.

**Resident 4-Carl Semenec 5820 Robertdale:** I have had dealings with OV as far as my property is concerned and it's always been through Tommy Haba. Now, my concern, the recent brochure that came out regarding grass cutting. The back property butts 12110 (\***Actual how number is 26110**) Columbus Road. I am sure you got the information in regard to that. My concern is it is a total eyesore. Not so much if you are driving by. If you have anybody that is any type of city inspector, there is really no way to see the back of the property really looks like. It has been torn apart. There are no doors; there are no doorknobs or locks on the doors; broken windows; two different water wells. There is a water well inside the building and there is another outside that has an open hole that is 2ft by 2ft. The owner had originally purchased the home for a mother. The people came in and they started to demolish. When they were demolishing, they didn't clean up and just left a horrendous mess. From what I can see from my visual, which is different from my neighbors and the front. It is completely open. Animals are in and out of there. We have had feral cats. There is no plumbing; there is not electrical; there is not heating whatsoever. I am bringing this to the attention of OV that something needs to be done. Alluding back to that brochure, it says that they can be fined by the service director \$150 which if those people could not pay, would be added to their taxes. My understanding they are in arrears of their taxes of over \$10,000. I am not into all the legal matter into what all can be done. There has to be something that has to be done. **Marinucci:** I want to make a statement. This property was purchased a couple years ago for \$35,000. Three families could live in it. When the POS came, we explained to the realtors, and it was in writing that we would not have 3 families living in it. Whoever buys it has to convert to a single family. The people buy it, and they hire the Ennis construction company which we know. He pulls a demolition permit. Then it starts to get out of control. He's doing work and the couple that buys it refuse to pay him, so he quits. I spoke to the lady yesterday and none of the paperwork had her address. I stumbled across a number. I called and nobody answers. She returns the call. Prior to talking to the contractor, we check the taxes. The taxes owed yesterday was \$9,000. Today the taxes are \$4,000 or \$5,000 because we checked it out. When I asked her for her address, she won't give it. So, we don't have an address. There is nobody living in that place and he's right there is no electric in that place. She said they were going to tear it down anyway. What they want is for us to tear it down. But if we tear it down, they own the property. What I would like to do and maybe it's the wrong decision, I would like to lose it to foreclosure and then tear it down. But it's an eyesore. Since yesterday, we have talked to Tommy about boarding it up and we found that Council may not like that concept of boarding it because it draws attention. That's where we are at from yesterday to today. **Mayor:** If kids are aware of this then that draws attention, and they could be using for whatever.

**Resident 5-Kathy Goss 26210 Columbus:** I am next door (to the subject property). I have been very patient. There is a fine line between being the nosey neighbor and a good neighbor. I try to keep my eye it. It was in foreclosure a year or two before it was even bought. We've dealt with people pulling in our driveway asking about the house. We had people dropping cats off. The cats ended up having kittens and coming to my house. I fenced them in, and I was going to take them to a rescue. Well, the people came back, and I told them I have a rescue to take them. They came back the next day while I was gone, took the cat and kittens. When I talked to the rescue, they were very upset. They said this was the MO for people who raise cats and kittens for dog bait. So, that upset me, too. About February, I had a knock on my door. It was the Sheriff's department. They wanted to let me know that the address was used by a Tier 2 sex offender who had just been released jail. He said it was his residents. They were coming because they had to notify the immediate neighbors around that there was a Tier 2 sex offender. They said that obviously nobody can live in this house. There is no drywall, no walls, no running water, no electricity. All the radiators were taken out. I told them nobody has been there for over a year. They had if we had seen any cars lately and we said that coincidentally we did see a white Camaro and when my husband pulled in the driveway, they peeled out. They said that was the suspect's car they were driving. So, this person, who is using that address, when I looked it up, he is considered non-compliant. The mailbox is full. Somebody put up a mailbox to receive mail. There is something funny going on. I am nervous. I am home by myself. My husband and son work. I work from home. It's a safety hazard. I have to say when I called the police department to let them know when I started getting concerned about cars pulling in back for whatever reason, they have been sending a car pretty much several times a week. I see an office come out and shut the door. The sheriff's department though told

me that every single door is unlocked. As far as what Carl said, there are 2 water wells on the property. I know this because my grandparents bought the house I'm in in the '50s. I have lived there on and off for the last 60 years. I now own the house. It concerns me because the open well that's on the outside that's at the top, there is about an 8 ft drop, so it's a safety hazard number 1. Number 2, it's an EPA hazard. If there is an open water well that is no longer being used and because there is groundwater in it, the EPA requires for it to be sealed by a licensed contractor and the EPA notified with a special form. I know there is one in the house because when I was a kid and there were kids there, we would go in. The original inspector that looked at the house asked me what is that thing in the basement with brick around it. I said that's a water well because it's an old farmhouse. I can see the one that is outside, but any kid can fall in it. I can't see if somebody is in the house and a kid falls in it. With the junior high being right there, I have safety concerns. I have never seen kids there thankfully but that could happen. But it is a safety concern when you have a Tier 2 sex offender around grabbing a kid and dragging them in the house. I understand that boarding it up may not be the best way, but I think something needs to be done. **Mayor:** This could take months and months. We can't wait this long. What can we do? At least board up the wells? **Climer:** *\*inaudible-multiple voices\** At least secure the property. **Mayor:** How long will that take? **Climer:** A month? **Mayor:** Better than 3-4 months. **Warren:** Can you check with the county as far as the guy being identified as a sex offender. **Resident 5:** Alton Colton or Colton Alton. **Garratt:** They do that a lot. They take foreclosed houses and addresses when they are trying not to register properly. That's not uncommon. And if they threw up a mailbox, that's a lot of time to answer the mail. But when the sheriff's department does notifications, they can see they don't live there. Doesn't mean they are there. Just coming up to get the mail. **Haba:** I can take the mailbox down tomorrow. **Warren:** We can get the building inspector to do a violation on the house. **Marinucci:** What I will do is I will condemn the house. I want to get her address, but she won't give it to me. But I will condemn it and it has to go in the newspaper after it's been condemned. I think it has to be 2 consecutive weeks or 3 consecutive weeks. I will get going on that immediately. Then we'll have to decide to take it down if that's where we are heading. **Climer:** If you have trouble with service of process, give me a call because there are alternate means. **Haba:** On the wells, you want that boarded up or hold up? **Warren:** We don't want trespassing issues. We can't trespass. **Garratt:** With extenuating circumstances with an emergency? **Climer:** You can get an administrative search warrant. Get in there and search the well and get it secured. **Marinucci:** I'll testify to it. I've been in it. **Climer:** You can go to the gentleman's back yard (referring to resident 4) and view it from there. You can take the pictures, get an administrative warrant, and go from there. Give me a call when you're ready to do that and Ross and I will get you in with the judge. **Haba:** We can take the mailbox down tomorrow and if you want us to cover the well.... **Matlock:** You can't touch the mailbox. **Warren:** That's federal. **Haba:** It's not the owner's mailbox.

**Legislation:**

**(All moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)**

Res 2022-27  
Introduced by Mayor &  
Council as a whole  
1st Reading

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF GRACE BYRD

Res 2022-28  
Introduced by Mayor &  
Council as a whole  
1st Reading

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD TO BECOME A POWER A CLEAN FUTURE OHIO COMMUNITY AND TO ADOPT A GOAL TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Res 2022-29  
Introduced by Mayor &  
Council as a whole  
1st Reading

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S)

Ord 2022-30  
Introduced by Mayor &  
Council as a whole  
1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTAND BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AUTHORITY CONSENTING TO PROVIDE PHASE II STORMWATER SERVICES IN 2022-2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY



Res 2022-31

Introduced by Mayor &  
Council as a whole  
1st Reading

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY1-7, 2022, AS THE 53RD ANNUAL  
PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

Ord 2022-32

Introduced by Mayor &  
and Council as whole  
1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL  
PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC  
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO BENEFIT THOSE PARCELS  
REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON TO MAKE SERVICE  
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING THE WMO MUNICIPAL PUBLIC  
IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH  
SERVICE PAYMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**MOTION TO ADJOURN by Hardin; Seconded by Davis**

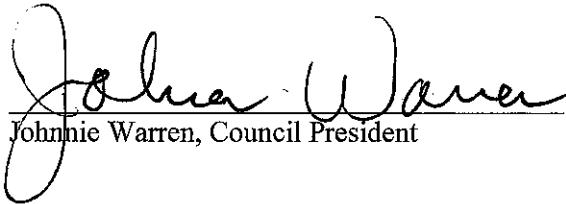
**VOTE YES:** Warren, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:42pm**

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### RAPE SUSPECT ARRESTED BY U.S. MARSHALS TASK FORCE



**Cleveland, Ohio**— Early this morning, members of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF) and the Oakwood Village Police Department arrested Detemtrius Simmons, 22. Simmons was wanted by the Oakwood Village Police Department for rape.

Simmons was identified as the suspect in a rape case where the victim was under the age of 10. Yesterday morning, a warrant was issued for Simmons and officers with Oakwood Village and the NOVFTF began looking for Simmons. Within a day of the warrant being issued, Simmons was found at an address in the 4500 block of Granada Blvd in Warrensville Hts. When members of the task force made contact at the front door of the home the occupants were noncompliant, and the door was forced open by officers. Once inside the home Simmons was taken into custody without further incident. Additionally, Woodrow Johnson, 23, was also arrested at the home. Johnson had an active warrant from the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department for probation violation with underlying offenses of assault and burglary.

U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott stated, "Swift work by the Oakwood Village Police and members of our task force have taken a violent individual who preyed on a child off the streets. Law enforcement will work day and night to ensure that predators such as this are behind bars and not roaming through society."

Anyone with information concerning any wanted fugitive can contact the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at 1-866-4WANTED (1-866-492-6833), or you can send a web tip at the following webpage <http://www.usmarshals.gov/district/oh-n/index.html>. Reward money is available and tipsters may remain anonymous.