

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
FINANCE MEETING
October 25, 2022
AGENDA
6:00 pm

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Mayor	~ Gary V. Gottschalk
Law Director	~ Jim Climer
Finance Director	~ Brian Thompson
Council President	~ Johnnie A. Warren
Council At Large	~ Elaine Y. Gaither
Councilman Ward 1	~ Chris Callender
Councilperson Ward 2	~ Eloise Hardin
Councilperson Ward 3	~ Paggie Matlock
Councilperson Ward 4	~ Mary Davis
Councilperson Ward 5	~ Candace Williams

Police Budget Hearing
Finance & Budget Updates

Adjournment

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COUNCIL MEETING
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Ward 2 Councilperson	Eloise Hardin	Service Director	Tom Haba
Ward 3 Councilperson	Paggie Matlock	Fire	Jim Schade
Ward 4 Councilperson	Mary Davis	Police Chief	Mark Garratt
Ward 5 Councilperson	Candace S. Williams	Building Inspector	Daniel Marinucci
		Engineer	Ed Hren
		Recreation Director	Carlean Perez

4. MINUTES –

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2022, Finance meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022, Council meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022, Work Session

5. Correspondence from Clerk

6. Departmental Reports

MAYOR - GARY GOTTSCHALK

LAW DIRECTOR – JAMES CLIMER

FINANCE DIRECTOR – BRIAN THOMPSON

SERVICE DIRECTOR - TOM HABA

ENGINEER REPORT- ED HREN

FIRE CHIEF – JIM SCHADE

BUILDING INSPECTOR – DANIEL MARINUCCI

HOUSING INSPECTOR – N / A

POLICE CHIEF – MARK GARRATT

RECREATION DIRECTOR – CARLEAN PEREZ

7. Floor Open for Comments from Village Residents on meeting agenda and comments in general *Village residents, please state your name, address, and the subject you wish to discuss for the record. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes. Thank you! Please sign-in to speak*

8. Legislation

RES 2022-57

Introduced by Mayor &
Council as a whole
1st Reading

A RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE CAPE COD
50TH ANNIVERSARY AND REUNION

9. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
WORK SESSION
AGENDA
October 25, 2022**

1. Call Meeting to order
2. Discussion by Mayor and Department Heads of matters to be brought to the attention of Council if present.
3. Questions of Mayor and Department Heads concerning Legislation or potential Legislation to be considered at future Council meetings.
4. Discussion of items of draft Legislation or potential Legislation to be considered at future Council meetings.

Legislation: Fiscal Officers Certificate Present

Ord 2021-WS-05

Introduced 1-29-2021 by
Mayor & Council as a whole
2021-09 Moved to WS 2-23-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXTERIOR
HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTIES
LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE

Ord 2021-WS-26

Moved to WS 10/26/2021
Ord 2021-70 w/ Planning

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING REGULATIONS OF ELECTRONIC DIGITAL
BILLBOARD SIGNS LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Ord 2021-WS-27

Moved to WS 10/26/2021
Ord 2021-71 w/ Planning

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE ENACTING SEVERAL CHANGES TO OAKWOOD
VILLAGE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE REGULATIONS OF SIGNS
LOCATED WITHIN OAKWOOD VILLAGE

Ord 2022-WS-4

Introduced 5/10/2022

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REAFFIRMING THE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST
DISCHARGING, IGNIGHTING OR EXPLODING FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE OF
OAKWOOD AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 1519 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF
THE VILLAGE NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF H.B.172

Municipal Complex Hardin

Disaster Recovery Plan Hardin

Human Resources Hardin

Five Year Plan Hardin

5. Matters Deemed Appropriate
6. Adjournment

RESOLUTION 2022-57

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE
CAPE COD 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND REUNION**

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WHEREAS pride in community and respect for one another was the foundation and continues to be the remarkable legacy of Cape Cod; and

WHEREAS at the celebration on September 3, 2022, many of the OBs, original children of the "Wood" along with past and present residents enjoyed good food, ice cream treats and train rides through the streets of Cape Cod along with music and dance; and,

WHEREAS all attending paid homage to those residents who have passed away over the years; and

WHEREAS we wish to acknowledge the planning committee for the event which consisted of the following: Kim Collins Wall, Big Man (Ken) Hawkins, Jr., Lashon Sawyer, John Williams, Jr., Allison Hughes Smith, Regina Williams Hendrick, Tony Archibald and a special salute to the committee chair, Kimberly Chapmon-Wynne who steered the event to a successful conclusion; and

WHEREAS this event would not have been possible without the contributions and the cooperation of the administration, council, and residents.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT by the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere congratulations to the committee and the residents of the Cape Cod community on their 50th anniversary.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the committee chair, Kimberly Chapmon-Wynne.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

Johnnie A. Warren, Council President

Presented to the
Mayor:

Approved:

Mayor, Gary V Gottschalk

I, Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2022-56 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2022.

Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2022-56 was duly posted on the ____ day of _____, 2022, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter as provided in the Village Charter.

Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

DATED: _____

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Council-at-Large, Elaine Y. Gaither

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
FINANCE MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2022

ATTENDED

Johnnie Warren-President
Elaine Gaither-Council at Large
Chris Callender-Ward 1 (late)
Eloise Hardin-Ward 2
Paggie Matlock-Ward 3
Mary Davis-Ward 4
Candace Williams-Ward 5

Brian Thompson-Finance

ABSENT

Jim Climer-Law Director
Gary Gottschalk-Mayor

Meeting opened approximately 6:12 by Warren

Pledge of Allegiance and attendance taken.

Resident noted as Karen Howse

Thompson: We are going to be reviewing our month end through August 2022 numbers. Just looking at the on revenues, we should be at about a .66 ratio. We are a little over through August at .68. We collect about \$6,888,087.01 through 8/31. Just flipping through our expense budget ratio, we are at .6. We did have a couple of areas that went over the .66. One of those was the council clerk. I had advised before what happened. It was a payroll charge from council to her budget and we will make that adjustment in September. You will see her ratio come back into her normal range and council will go up a little bit. They should still be within the range throughout the months. The legal admin is at .72. This has been his normal payment of bills. I will probably be discussing with him just looking through August and going into September, he was a little over. I know some of the work he did were potentially dealing with the Premier deal, but I will have a discussion with him to dig into some more detail. The public land/building is a lot of utilities coming in that are higher. Seems like every year they come in a little higher and I set the budget higher but we're at a .79. Actually, I know we did have a refund coming into play so that may level off through September by the time we get through those financials by next month. So, we are at .60. **Davis:** Don't we have a recreation...? **Thompson:** It's on the next page. **Davis:** Don't we have a line item for concerts? **Thompson:** What we can do, this is a summary form by department, but those books with all those highlights, we can do into those if you'd like. It will show the line items by detail. Usually, I provide you with this big book every month. This show detail by line item. If you flip through it, what I do, like the Mayor's office, I will take his summary totals for the month throughout the year. But if you want to see those details and have a discussion on it, we can dig back into the report. We only allot him \$15,000 a year so we keep him within that. Now normally his concerts take a lot more money, but that comes subsidized from his 501(c)(3) which we don't control. He makes a lot of payment out when he puts his donations in. **Davis:** But in our reviews, we have a lot of flights of those stars like Maxine Nightingale who didn't come because of COVID but we still paid for the flight. Did we get reimbursed? **Thompson:** No, nothing is being reimbursed. **Davis:** Will they eventually do that? **Thompson:** I don't know at this point. **Warren:** But as far as the council situation is concerned, by us committing \$15,000 and he paying all the difference, then you could say did it come out of councils. But the bottom line is that we did \$15,000 into the concerts and anything over and above \$15,000 is through his 501(c)(3). **Davis:** We have it in here.... **Thompson:** You will see the detail.... **Davis:** ...but you will have the reports at the end that say negative balance (flights, hotels, etc).... **Warren:** Oh no, we don't have that broken down. **Thompson:** You can see the flights in the check detail. You can see every single check purchase. But I can check on the status of those reimbursement, but I doubt they will. **Matlock:** Airline you might want to check because if she had COVID, then they may make an exception and reimburse. She has to provide the medical documentation. **Davis:** The rec shows in your big books we are all negative, so I want to make sure that rec and concerts are still in our budgets or not. **Thompson:** The rec and the senior potentially run negative until I push in transfers to cover the expenses. Sometimes we get reimbursements, and we monitor throughout the quarters in making the transfers which I do schedule in the budget process. I don't think he will use all the transfers especially for recreation this year. The transfers come from the general fund but we can posture that if you want to as we go through the summary

report. **Hardin:** I guess the question to be asked is how often are you going to make the transfers? **Thompson:** I will put in for the transfers. The recreation if you look at the cash report, they were positive, \$6,900 for that fund. I did process some transfers in August and also with senior fund. They are positive \$8,500 so I did process a couple transfers this month. **Hardin:** As a layperson, do you have a transfer column where we see you do that? **Thompson:** Once we go through the budget process, once we go over that big.... **Hardin:** In an ongoing basis. **Thompson:** Yes, every year.... **Hardin:** I know we do it at the end of the year but as you do that, the moving around, is there a column? **Thompson:** Yes. You are going to see it on detail. In the transfers, we have about 8 or 9 of the scheduled out. You may give me authority to transfer \$200,000 to rec. As I monitor throughout the year, I keep it within that \$200,000 if I have to transfer the dollars down. If not, then I can realign at the end of the year. But you can see in your big packet after your big health accounts, it will say 'transfers senior; transfers capital' so it will list them all out and you can see the detail in that check detail. It's the last detail accounts in your general fund report. **Hardin:** What you mentioned, the norm when you see those transfers is one thing but at the end of the year, because we can't end up in a negative balance, that's why at the end of the year, you will come to us with a.... **Thompson:** Realignment. And if you look back historically, we haven't ended in a negative balance as we close out financials over the years. **Davis:** The general fund, the revenue report? We the collection of the general fund but it says uncollected is still 67% not collected. Is that real estate taxes...? **Thompson:** The 66% should be tied into where we collected. That is the favorable variance and if you look to that far column then they have what's been collected. That 66% is where we should be. But that is the target percentage through 8 months. **Hardin:** Our credit rating, did you clarify that where we are? **Thompson:** I just looked at the report; SP-. The short term was -+A1. What I will do is get a copy for you and you can read the whole report because it's like 3-4 pages. Then you can see the rating. I had an announcement to jump ahead of the game. We had a real positive announcement from Treasurer Sprague's office for OV that we saved money and in good standing (see attached). You can't participate in this program if you're not in good standing. **Williams:** Are there criteria for good standing? **Thompson:** Yes, I have to send them all of these financials and cash reports and they still come back with the favorable decision to allow us to participate in this OMAP (Ohio Market Access Program) program. If you read through the letter, you will see we have been favorable for the last 6 years to participate. When they allow you to participate, we save money on interest. As part of the process they call us every year going toward the end of the year or before we turn in our notes and we have a conversation with them from Chicago. We go over all the financials that we submit to them. **Hardin:** I think the other question was with the audit. **Thompson:** The auditors this year are Julian and Grube. They went out to a more bidding process because we had the state in here before. They have been kind of working offsite but they are coming onsite in a couple of weeks and they like the detailed end of the audit and looking to wrap it up at the end of the year. Once I get the report, I will come before you guys and be sure if they need to be present as well. We will have that meeting that we have every year to review the topics. **Williams:** When does the audit begin? **Thompson:** Maybe July is when they send the information. Remember we do 2 years because we are a village. **Williams:** What years? **Thompson:** '20 & '21. **Matlock:** Is there fiscal year? **Thompson:** Ours is 12/31 at the end of the year. **Hardin:** Where are we with the question, I asked with the figure we are going to end up. **Thompson:** We had a conversation. We had a resident asks us if we're comfortable with the \$25,000. We actually ended up with \$72,000 and I think it was \$29,000 after encumbrances. But what I forgot in the detail was our balance would have been quite higher, but I was waiting on an advance of \$250,000 to \$300,000 because we work with the county. When we do all these projects with Ed, they give me the money back. But they were really slow. I was really badgering to get the dollars and that is why it ended so low. You have to pay out those dollars before you get them back. So we would have probably ended \$250,000-\$300,000 from where we were. Those dollars actually came in February of the next year. **Williams:** So, we can make an informed decision, can you give us some detail of what our ending balance was for the last 5 years? **Thompson:** I can put it together from these cash reports. **Hardin:** Since you asked for that Candace, are you saying, we would wait until we got those figures. Is that your recommendation before we make our own recommendations? **Williams:** Well, I would be concerned about making a recommendation because the first figure heard was \$25,000 and it's \$72,000 now and it should be another \$250,000 that we didn't get. So, I would want something to compare before I make that decision. **Thompson:** The ending balance is always important because it could fluctuate throughout the year. But I can put together the historical for you of those cash balances at the end of the year. **Morgan:** I sent Dee an email to check on those tickets. She should see this first thing in the morning. **Hardin:** Since you started out with the ratios, can we go back to that? This is August. And we have how many more months left? **Thompson:** 4. **Hardin:** What's going to happen? **Thompson:** I think we are going to be ahead of collections myself. I always keep it conservative in terms of making our projections. It has been a different environment over the last 2 years because of COVID and people working from home, things like that. I had us projected at \$10.1 million. I think honestly, it's going to end up at \$10.3 million. A little ahead of my projection of the general fund dollars. That is my assumption by just looking at the numbers. **Resident:** So, you said the beginning

balance as of August 2022 is \$97,355. **Thompson:** That includes the audit adjustment because it was \$72,000 and there was an adjustment that I am confirming with Julian and Grube. So, I put the audit adjustment.... **Resident:** Where did you post that at? What adjustment did you make? **Thompson:** Audit adjustment just for some balances and reconciliation things we did. We had an audit adjustment line item and contingency line items to make audit adjustments. **Resident:** The difference between the \$97,000 and the \$72,000.... **Thompson:** Is approximately \$25,000. **Resident:** In what month would we see that difference? **Thompson:** It would be in upcoming. I will get it certified by Julian and Grube. **Resident:** It will break down what those adjustments are? **Thompson:** Yes. **Resident:** I want to go back to that question by Eloise and pose it to you. I think it will be a good idea that a policy should be in place as a goal. What is the end game as far your general fund that trees you that there are some things we need to do. What would be that comfort level? Even though you said that it fluctuates, and you wait and that's not unique whereas when you are doing transfers, you kind of wait till the end to see what those balances are because if you advance too soon, the problem is when you put it in there, you can't take it out. **Thompson:** If you advance, they come back but if you transfer, they stay. **Resident:** So, you said you did some advances to these special revenue funds? **Thompson:** Transfers. If you see they are all transfers. **Resident:** But you were saying you were advancing. You used the word advance, so I was looking for.... **Thompson:** If I said advance, I didn't process any advances. **Resident:** Back to the question, when you are closing year end, what is the comfortable goal in mind to close end of year before you have to act on it. Because you don't want to wait too late to do that.... **Thompson:** A good comfort zone for us is \$300,000-\$500,000. I believe that was the projection we had as we went through some of the budget process. We had \$779,000 now even though we have some of these negative funds. But this SCMR fund is going to sure itself up and everything we do with the sewer fund is reimbursable through the county in our relationship with everything we do. **Resident:** Let's go back to the advance statement you said, you realized you didn't include the \$25,000 that you are saying when you were entering the previous month about are you comfortable with \$25,000. **Thompson:** We were talking about the balances. We weren't discussing advances. **Resident:** But you said what you didn't include, you didn't factor in when we were talking about the \$25,000.... **Thompson:** It was reimbursements. **Resident:** Where would that reimbursement have gone? **Thompson:** What would have happened is the reimbursements would have come to the SCMR fund and I wouldn't have had to push down the transfer. My general fund balance would have stayed high because I would have put the money in the 201. **Resident:** If you did an advance, you would have been able to return that. **Thompson:** But I didn't do the advance, I did the transfer. **Resident:** That's what I was asking about the \$250,000. So, at the end of the day, it's still at \$72,000-\$100,000 is what you're looking at is what your balances are because you had an SCMR fund that is in a negative position contingent on your reimbursement. Since you don't do advances, because it wouldn't make the general fund not as strong if you do an advance because you have other obligations. That's why you don't do the advances. **Thompson:** But I wouldn't have to do the additional transfers to bring the general fund back up to where it would be. **Resident:** But the \$250,000 has nothing to do with the general fund balance. It goes to the SCMR fund. **Thompson:** Yeah, but it would have a relation because it would sure up the fund in the 201 and I wouldn't have to push down transfers from the general fund. So, to keep the general fund. To keep.... **Resident:** I understand that comment, but I am feeding back on what you said. You said you ended a balance for 1 month at \$25,000.... **Thompson:** After the encumbrances. **Resident:** (Repeated Thompson). You're saying the unexpended or the unencumbered. **Thompson:** The unexpended was \$79,000 after encumbrances between \$25,000 to \$29,000. **Resident:** The \$250,000 that you said you got for the SCMR fund, to your point it was less money you would have to transfer to the SCMR from the general fund. **Thompson:** Yes. **Resident:** So, what I am saying is, with that statement, it has nothing to do with the fact the general fund is at its current state regardless of the fact you got the \$250,000, you didn't have to do anything from the general fund, right? **Thompson:** Which came in at \$23,000. **Resident:** Right. So, the balance that is stated here is correct. It's under \$100,000. The \$250,000 you got you didn't have to transfer more because that balance would have been even lower. **Thompson:** For everybody, we are talking about 2021. We are not talking about current. **Resident:** Correct because I am going to the fact that you said the beginning balance is \$72,000. **Thompson:** It was \$79,000. **Resident:** Right here, it says that your '22 balance is \$72,355. **Thompson:** Right. **Resident:** You said.... **Thompson:** Look at your ending report from '21.... **Resident:** As of August, due to audit adjustments, that you had to do some revenue adjustments which increased your.... **Thompson:** ...to \$97,000. **Resident:** You said you have that in your audit report to show that. My question is again, even with all that being said, what is council's (even yours) comfort level as it relates to that general fund ending balance and what you think we should do to protect that balance? What would trigger you to say, 'we might have to adjust the credit.' Just an example of that.... **Thompson:** My comfort level is \$300,000 to \$500,000 considering our revenue stream and our expenses that we have this time. **Resident:** Because I looked at your revenue stream of \$700 something thousand for the month according to your august statement. In the general fund you received revenue of \$867,000 for the month. **Thompson:** Right. **Resident:** What did that encompass; is that the receipts from your income

tax? **Thompson:** That is everything.... **Resident:** No, I am talking month to date your reported \$867,000. **Thompson:** Month to date is a ton of categories; you got your real estate, you got your income tax. The majority is coming from RITA. It's building permits, it's a whole host of everything in those line items. **Resident:** I understand that but what I don't have is, I don't have that detail revenue report. **Thompson:** You have it. It's right there. You've got to look in that blue book. **Resident:** It comes after your expenditures? **Thompson:** After the cash report. You start seeing the revenue accounts.... **Resident:** Okay, so you're looking at the income tax of which the bulk of that \$700 some thousand.... **Thompson:** You mean the \$800,000; not the \$700,000. **Resident:** Your month to date revenue for RITA.... **Thompson:** You want to know the validity of \$867,000. **Resident:** I asked a question what's does encompass the \$700 something thousand.... **Thompson:** Why would you want the seven when it's total eight? You have to look at the whole general fund.... **Resident:** I know that but can I finish my question? **Thompson:** Yeah, you can. **Resident:** For August in your statement, it says month to date you booked \$867,000. **Thompson:** Yes. **Resident:** I'm following you. So, I'm saying of that you indicated it encompasses a lot but the bulk of it, you booked RITA month to date \$632,000. So, it just shows that of the \$800 something, \$632,000 is income tax. **Thompson:** Yes. **Resident:** So, my question goes back to, if you say your goal is \$300,000 as a general fund ending balance, how would you go about doing that? **Thompson:** It's all based on your revenues and expenses. So, you pretty much know the bulk of your expenses which is the payroll at 66%. Once you get that scaled out before you put in raises or anything else, you have a pretty good crust of what the expenses are. And we scaled out our debt and with the instruction of our street projects and what potential transfers we have to do, then that is where we know where those balances are at. **Resident:** What my concern is what that ending balance is going to look like future wise because we know we aren't going to get ARPA money; CARES is done with.... **Thompson:** But we will get guaranteed money on income tax from some of these companies. It's definitely going to move in the right direction. **Warren:** Everything is speculative. **Resident:** We don't know.... This will be the first full year that we find out what impact the income tax from the remote workers. We won't know that until the end of this year. They speculate between 10% and 20%, right? But it's still good you're getting a nice balance.... **Thompson:** We are trending higher than last year on our revenues. **Resident:** Better than they initially thought but because what is not happening is a lot of these companies are not doing the work. They are depending on the employee to file their income tax refund themselves. **Thompson:** It's all speculative right now. We can't pinpoint.... **Resident:** Absolutely. But you can speculate going forward your comfort level and you said your comfort level goal is \$300,000. **Thompson:** Three to five is what I said. **Williams:** So, let me make sure I understand that your comfort level is \$300,000 to \$500,000 but where we ended at is \$97,000? **Thompson:** No. We ended at \$79,000 but in light of those reimbursements in '21. But my comfort level and projections through the end of this year is between that \$300,000 to \$500,000. That's why I am speculating right now from the historical trend that we are going to end up another \$200,000 to \$300,000 for this year and that is where it's going to put us. **Williams:** Have we in previous years, ended with \$300,000 to \$500,000.... **Thompson:** Yes, historically there was a \$300,000 year in there. **Warren:** I have never.... **Thompson:** We have. **Williams:** Just one year of the last 5? **Thompson:** In the last 5 I know we have a \$300,000 ending. **Resident:** And it could fluctuate based on your capital improvement projects because if you transfer more.... **Warren:** I understand that. **Thompson:** We still made it through all those balances that went through our hit as well with COVID. **Resident:** Why am I asking all the questions? As a resident, I'm nervous. From the last council meeting that we had the Mayor presented on his piece of paper. He knows what he's talking about, and I like the fact that he is aggressive about projects. Those are important. The problem is I feel like, even as a resident, how do you make a concerted effort and make the right decision to say 'let's defer this project and let's move on with this project,' when you're citing he has the goals in mind but you're not giving council enough time to make a good decision when legislation is posed to them and it's passed on an emergency because you've got to get it. Maybe he is meeting a grant deadline. Nonetheless, keeping these finance meetings current and bringing them up to date every single month on where we sit will help council make those decisions. What I fear, even at \$4 million for a community our size, that's not light. We borrow. Cities borrow money to free up their general fund. Every time we say we are going to do this or that, we are only talking about what we pay out monthly. Twelve months add up for the year. My question I have been trying to ask is, what is our outgoing cash flow for the debt? We do get revenue return when you're doing a note and you just flip it. You get more money to cover the note and then you pay down the interest. **Thompson:** It's about \$300 some thousand. We advise council when we go through the budget process. When we do the 301 fund to show what we are going to expend to pay off those debts. **Resident:** The amortization schedule? **Thompson:** Yes, I provide it frequently showing that information that we're paying down. **Resident:** So, you're saying if I ask my council person right now how much debt we're in, she knows that. **Thompson:** Actually, I put a one pager periodically with how much debt OV has. They may have to refer to their notes, but I have provided.... **Hardin:** What he is saying is the amortization chart and we get that. That part is true. **Resident:** My last question is this, when I asked for the financial statements, he has provided those to

me in a zip drive for '19, '20 and '21 (July). **Warren:** One of the things that will make things will help to make things a little more simplistic is we are going to have to figure out a format. That is as we talk about amortization of our obligations for infrastructure, to know what our net amount is because going forward and just to let everybody know, we do pass legislation and we do have to give the Mayor authority or authorization to apply for the grants. But then going forward doesn't mean we have to take them. It doesn't mean we have to move on them. We have to monitor our financial situation to determine whether or not we will go forward with the project. But we do have to apply for and do due diligence of trying to have everything in place and then at that point we can make the decision on whether or not we are moving forward with the project. But we need to know what our debt service is for the big picture of our infrastructure. That seems to be the standing, most demanding obligation besides payroll is our SCMR funds. They are large and what we do is create more as we go along to redevelop. I guess two things is what we need to do right away is this year's end, have a special fund to say we put X amount of dollars into this fund every year that shouldn't be touched unless council authorizes it as an emergency. Just to have a flow of fund we add to every year and carry over every year, so we have the funding going forward. But we can add to those funds on an annual basis into one account that will be untouchable for any other reason except for council to authorize it. The key is to find out what that amount should be and going forward to increase that amount. **Hardin:** As a council, I sit in agreement. Don't keep running around that issue. Let's do it. **Warren:** Going forward, that's what we've got to do. **Resident:** My last question that I want to ask is what is your credit card policy? **Thompson:** We do have one we passed through council. To get the details, I can get you a copy of it (see attached). ***inaudible-recorder was moved but seems the request was made for list of those who have credit cards*** **Thompson:** It hasn't been updated in a while. Probably need to update those who have one and who doesn't, but the core of the policy is still in place. **Climer:** It was actually updated about a year ago in the employee handbook. **Resident:** Three people have credit cards? **Thompson:** More than 3. **Resident:** I was looking at the minutes and I believe Councilwoman Hardin asked who has an assigned credit card. **Thompson:** We provided a list before but some of those names may have changed. We can update the names and let you know who has credit cards. But it's the majority of the department heads that have them. Service has Home Depot. You have Sam's Club, Home Depot, Circle K (gas). So, there are quite a few. We have our original bank cards from Huntington. That is mainly director cards. **Hardin:** So, if I have a credit card and something is needed down at Sam's Club. I go and get it, what happens? **Thompson:** You have to have your purchase requisition in place. Usually if it is something repetitive, we put a blanket PO in place.... **Hardin:** I am going on repetitive. **Thompson:** Well, if it's not, you need to have a purchase requisition and if ultimately the purchase requisition for the system is viewed by the line item if there are dollars there. If not, we can do a budget mod if it's okay. We can move forward and eventually it turns into a PO. Everything on those credit cards have purchase orders. **Resident:** What action is taken if or when an employee abuses credit card? **Thompson:** I am not sure what it says, but I am sure by the ORC you can make them personally liable and sue them. **Resident:** An employee.... **Thompson:** I would assume. I know when I learned about the unauthorized purchases law you can make the person accountable personally for the purchases that they make. But I don't know if that is in the review.... **Resident:** If they are doing a PO, you will know in advance what they are spending. **Thompson:** It will start with a purchase req before it becomes a PO. **Resident:** Then, it's approved by you and the department head, right? **Thompson:** Yes. **Resident:** So, if that is the layer of monitoring, within the last 2 years, would you say that every employee has followed that procedure? **Thompson:** Yeah, we have been audited on everything. They actually pull the reports and they have been following that. There could be instances where they bought it and they need to come in the next day or two and put it in. **Resident:** So, you are saying that if an employee spends something on the credit card that is unauthorized, that has is not applicable to OV. They charge something on their credit card, you're saying that every expense that has occurred, an employee expense has been approved via PO. **Thompson:** Yes. **Warren:** Then, we need some clarification because I thought you said that certain expenses aren't made by a PO. It depends on the amount of the expense. **Thompson:** No. If they are going to buy something, you have to do the purchase requisition at the department level. Once they put the requisition in place and we go through to review that the money is on the line item, then it's a PO placed on that purchase. That's how that is, and all the departments follow that procedure. **Resident:** All departments follow that procedure? **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** Give me a second; you just said they could not do that and come the next day or the day after. **Thompson:** No, what I was saying about the next day like they may have some emergency where it may be at night where they had to have a tow truck to fix a tire. But it should be handled the next day but putting a purchase req in. But everything on those credit cards has PO numbers. **Resident:** And you are saying you have approved every credit card purchase coming through there as the finance director. **Thompson:** The purchase requisition. That is how the system is set up to make the review on the financial end and the approval of the purchase requisition to ultimately become a PO. You can see all those on there, all the transaction in those detailed notes have PO numbers. **Resident:** So, what happens if an expense has been done that's improper, how do you handle that. **Thompson:** Give an

example. **Resident:** I bought this purse, and I used the village's credit card. That would be considered an improper expense. **Thompson:** Well, if its improper, we'd have it reviewed by the law department and takes steps in that matter. **Williams:** There is no formal process in place though. **Thompson:** We do. **Williams:** There is a formal process. **Thompson:** It was updated a year ago in the handbook. **Williams:** Not just the credit card policy but the formal process if there is misuse. **Thompson:** I would assume. From my review if I have my access, if I review something that has been illegal, I'll have it reviewed by my law director. **Resident:** I'll just say improper. **Thompson:** It's kind of the same wording because it's the same sort of negative connotation about it. **Resident:** Well, no. I specifically said improper. **Thompson:** Well, if you buy a purse, I'm not going to come to you.... **Resident:** That would it. But in your instance, I would not infer illegal. I said if someone made it improper, I just use that as an example. Using the credit card improperly. **Thompson:** Buying something that is not validity for the village or the best use of tax payor's dollars. ***inaudible-resident/Thompson*** **Resident:** Some people if they are not reviewing the policy, they can do a oops. It happens. They didn't know, it could be something small. **Thompson:** Right. **Resident:** I'm saying, what is the repercussion if an employee is just outright expensing. And they are educated and it's in the employee handbook, they are expensing improperly, you're saying they repercussion would be you would refer that issue to the legal. **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** My question is, is that memorialized in the policy? **Thompson:** I'm not sure if it's memorialized. It's just my action taken as finance director. **Williams:** I am just asking if it's written because you could choose because so and so has been here longer, you are not going to do that step with so and so. You are going to have a con.... **Thompson:** I wouldn't make those types of decisions. **Williams:** I'm asking if it was memorialized. **Thompson:** I don't know if it's been memorialized. **Warren:** Maybe the idea, if it isn't in place, would be to come up with a disciplinary process for various things that is memorialized in writing and work with the law director to make sure it's enforceable. To see what that policy is or to create that policy if it doesn't exist so we can be mindful of it or be aware. Anything can happen and now maybe during lean times, you have to be more mindful of the things that can impact the village as we've seen the financial COVID impact it all. We have to have things in place for that. **Thompson:** Okay. **Resident:** I just wanted to make sure for the record that I did ask in regard to the CARES act and the ARPA money. I think those two are contentiously segregated. **Thompson:** We got the CARES. I did a little research, and I did register with sam.gov because that is the only way you can get the ARPA money. It's a direct entitlement if you are over \$50,000 allotment. It's something that I am researching at this point. **Resident:** Well, none the less, the CARES and the ARPA money are supposed to be segregated only because like they do a single audit. They do a single audit ***inaudible-mumble while Thompson says 'yeah'*** ...this requires that these two funds are separated. The CARES act should have been zeroed out ***inaudible-voices folks coming for regular meeting*** ...should be a zero balance. For the ARPA money, it should be a separate fund and you should be expensing everything current with the ARPA. That's my only concern is that it's not separated and there is a rule in place that the only way you are a recipient of federal dollars is that you are supposed.... And the county auditor wrote a statement, and he tells you the rules and regulations on how to deal with that. That's it. **Thompson:** Okay, I will put in some research on what we're discussing. **Resident:** I can provide you with it. **Thompson:** That will be perfect. ***inaudible-multiple voices*** **Williams:** ...money had to be separate. **Thompson:** And I do have it separate. It's fund 250. You can't put it in the general fund so, if you look at your reports, you will see it. **Williams:** So, the ARPA money is on top of that or still.... **Thompson:** That's what I was telling her I would look into because I know I have the CARES money separated.... **Resident:** It's an easy fix. All you have to do is.... **Thompson:** You have to go through sam.gov. **Resident:** No. **Thompson:** You do if you are below a certain amount you have to.... **Resident:** I know but what I am saying as far as a special revenue fund, you can just do that and extrapolate to show.... **Thompson:** An adjustment. **Resident:** Right. **Williams:** I do have some questions, but I can wait until next finance meeting. **Thompson:** Or you can come visit me. ***inaudible-multiple voices***

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Hardin; Seconded by Callender

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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:02pm

Adopted _____

Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

Johnnie A Warren, President of Council

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2022

ATTENDED

Johnnie Warren-President
Eloise Hardin-Ward 2
Paggie Matlock-Ward 3
Mary Davis-Ward 4
Candace Williams-Ward 5

Jim Climer-Law Director
Daniel Marinucci-Building
Tom Haba-Service
Gary Gottschalk-Mayor
Brian Thompson-Finance (late)
David Tapp-Acting Fire Chief

ABSENT

Elaine Gaither-Council at Large
Chris Callender-Ward 1

Carlean Perez-Recreation
Ed Hren-Engineer
Mark Garratt-Police

Meeting opened approximately 7:04 by Warren
Pledge of Allegiance and attendance taken.

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2022, Council meeting by Williams; Seconded by Hardin
VOTE YES: Warren, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

Clerk Correspondence-Morgan: Newsletter update and appreciation to the OVFD and OVPD staff.

Department Reports:

Fire-Tapp: I wanted to pass along that Sam's Club will no longer be doing the flu shot this year for employees. But CVS is offering free flu shots, so you can go there. As far as call wise, we've been averaging almost 200 calls a month for the last two months which is the most we've ever had. We are on projection to reach 2,400 calls this year where last year we are at 2,096. So, about 300 more call than what our projections are. Within the last month, we have had 2 pretty extensive house fires, 175 medical calls. We have been working with Dan (Marinucci) on some of the new buildings. Interstate McBee we just got approved with the water lines and sprinkler systems. That is moving forward. They are supposed to pass over membership in March. The new vet center we just got the water lines and sprinkler systems there, so that is moving forward.

Building-Marinucci: I also want to thank acting Chief Tapp for the relationship with the building department. We had more than Interstate McBee. We had other issues regarding other fire related concepts. The quick response makes everything work very well. The interaction between the building department and the fire department is complimentary. I thank him for his timely response on the issues that were confronted with. **Hardin:** I left a message about the house on Somerville. What feedback did you have? I called last week and asked that be referred to the law director if that is where we are with this. But definitely I wanted feedback on it today. **Marinucci:** Did you speak with anybody today? **Hardin:** Aaron. **Marinucci:** I am not familiar with it, but I will be first thing in the morning. **Warren:** Will you let her know in the morning? **Marinucci:** Absolutely. I am not sure what the issue is, but I will first thing. **Hardin:** It's in terrible, terrible condition. **Marinucci:** We have a couple that spring to mind, but I will be on it first thing in the morning.

Service-Haba: Just reported last meeting that we fixed a few manholes and catch basins on Broadway. We knew as of a couple years ago; we checked on the ones in the Meadows and we went through there. They weren't installed entirely properly. Most don't have any mortar but stacked the bricks in the manholes. The bricks are falling in, but we got at least 20 of them that we have to report. Most of them won't take that long. There not that old. The bricks aren't broken or anything on most of them. We've done about 6 of them so far. We have had to finish. We started painting the fence on Fair Oaks that we have been talking about for a year and a half. We are not anywhere near replacing that so we started off staining it but the stain we will have to hit 2-3 times because the wood is so old. I decided to paint it and we'll be done with it probably. **Davis:** The Meadows and the drains, can that come out of their HOA? **Haba:** That's part of the street. **Davis:**

They weren't inspected at the time? **Haba:** I don't think they were totally expecting it. **Warren:** I think that was an inspection that the county does. I am surprised they let the county get away with stacking bricks and no mortar. **Haba:** You get a little erosion underneath and it washes the bricks down. Most of them aren't that old, it won't take us long to correct. **Warren:** Did we do a survey to the how many totaled? **Haba:** 20 of them. **Warren:** Are we surveying or are we...? **Haba:** We are just going to hit them one by one. There are only 2 of them that we think we have to saw cut them and make them a little bigger cut, pull out the catch basin and put them back. The other ones we will just go inside the manhole and correct them. **Davis:** Do you have an estimate of how much it's going to cost to do that? **Haba:** It's going to be we buy the mortar mix and we replace the bricks. Not that much, just our time. **Hardin:** How are going to fix the one.... There is a grate all the way down at the bottom.... **Haba:** We didn't see anything wrong with those. The ones on Milbury and Lynbrook? **Hardin:** No, no. It's a hole and it sunk. **Warren:** The manhole cover has sunk? **Hardin:** There is no cover over that hole. **Haba:** I'll check again. There's like 5 manholes in that corner.... **Hardin:** No, this isn't a manhole. This is a storm... **Haba:** The open grate with the concrete trough? **Warren:** You are talking on the curb. **Hardin:** Yes. **Warren:** It's probably a storm sewer drain. **Hardin:** It sits down and there is a hole about that deep (**shows with hand**) around the whole thing. **Warren:** The grate has sunk. **Haba:** We didn't see one that sunk. **Warren:** But you were looking on the street. **Haba:** No, we're looking on the street.... **Hardin:** It's on the lawn right by the stop sign. **Haba:** Right. That is fine. It has one spoke missing but it's fine. There is a concrete trough that comes into that. There is a pipe in their yard, 10-12-inch black bangor pipe comes in from the ditch and that stops. Then a concrete trough starts for about 8 feet and at the bottom of that trough is where the grate is where the stormwater goes. **Hardin:** There is a grate down in the hole and there is a big hole. The grate sits down in that hole. **Haba:** You may have to show me. Have you seen it? **Hardin:** You can't miss it; it's at the stop sign. **Warren:** Maybe you all should meet. **Haba:** Yeah. **Hardin:** And you know, you cleaned it out once. **Haba:** And that grate sits about a foot/foot and half below the level and that is where it's supposed to be. **Hardin:** But a person walking can step off in that thing. **Haba:** That's the way it's been 30-40 years. **Hardin:** I don't care if it's been there 100 years, it needs to be taken care of. I know it's been that way.... **Haba:** But you can't raise up.... **Hardin:** Don't raise it up; just put a grate over the hole. Put something over the hole. **Haba:** That won't work. I'll meet you there and we can go over it. I'll tell you; it takes ditch water. So, for those 8 feet, that concrete trough that was put in there has an open culvert like in some place. It's not like it goes and goes and goes and there is a big drop. **Hardin:** No. It's a big hole and the grate is down about a foot below. In the meantime, to get down to it, it's a hole and somebody is going to step off in it. **Haba:** It's best we go look. I know what you're talking about. If it's the one you're talking about, it hasn't sunk at all. **Warren:** We aren't getting anywhere. Why don't you guys meet there and just see because he can explain to you why he can't.... **Haba:** I'm not saying it can't be done. It's not just missing a manhole cover and you can't raise the one that is there. You can't do that. If you raise the one that is there, you will have a foot of water. **Hardin:** I don't want you to raise the one, but we'll talk like the President said. And it has been there since the development but it's still a hazard and now that we're older, we'll step in it. **Davis:** They came and did the drain (Garden Road) at the end, and we haven't heard anything. Have you heard anything about the sewers? **Haba:** No but I can find that out for you.

Finance-Thompson: Just a quick note in finance that the auditors are here. They're today, tomorrow and Thursday and they are working in chambers. They had a pretty good day today. They are moving right along, and they advised they will see to put the 2021 audit by the end of the month.

Law-Climer: We completed the final signs and reports on the Interstate McBee transaction last week. That project is going full speed. I am working with Ed Hren at the request of Mr. Haba to get a list of the stray landbank lots that we have around the village. I know there are a ton of them. Looking for a realtor or somebody to cover the marketing of those because frankly it's more than I can do, and more than the village ought to get charged. But try to systematically get rid of those so Tom doesn't have to deal with them anymore. **Warren:** Well, you are talking about landbank lots. If they are not side by side, they are not buildable. **Climer:** Right, I understand that. **Warren:** The average lot is 40 feet. **Climer:** And the hope is that the adjoining owners when they become aware of the availability will have some interest. **Warren:** Oh, we went through that before. Some people had the lots and they never paid for them. They just.... **Climer:** We want to see what we can do. As discussed at the last meeting, the planning commission had some comments on the sign ordinances (**see attached**) for your consideration. And that is whenever we vote on them. **Davis:** Is it profitable for a real estate agent to take care of the landbanks or will that not want to be because it's not enough money? **Climer:** We are in the very early stages. We may or may not have anybody that is interested. We just don't know. **Warren:** The problem is, and we have done this before, we had to identify all of the single available lots. And if there's not 2 lots side by side, it's not buildable because the standard lot is 40 feet, and our minimum is 90 feet lot width. So, if you have two, we may consider a variance

of 10 feet and let them go with two. But we had them and a lot of the residents with the single lots, one said they didn't want to buy it and then we had some that said they would split them. We had the engineer to draw up the lot split and it never comes to fruition. But we can still go ahead and seek to get interest, but to find a developer or realtor, that's useless for a lot that is not buildable. **Climer:** This is just investigating some workable means to identify the lots. If they are not buildable, contact the neighbors and let them know we'd like to get rid of this. Here are the terms. I agree with Mr. Warren. When I came on there was a lot of half-finished lot sales that we tried to clean up and they kind of petered out. Then, we got a few others that have come up since I have been in office, and we have had halfway success with them. **Haba:** There are a few buildable ones. They are not all half lots. **Climer:** We are not talking about selling the buildable ones at a cut rate. If we can market them at a market price, that is something that the realtor can be doing. **Warren:** Ed is going to get a list of them, and we can identify by parcel number to see if they are side by side. **Climer:** And there may be enough buildable lots where the realtor would be interested in selling those for the usual commission and maybe some small fee for the other unbuildable. This may never pan out. It's in the early stages. **Davis:** For those, the service department is the ones taking care of those; cut grass and things like that. **Warren:** The service department cuts the grass, and we bill it through the county.

Mayor: First the vet center; it was getting dark around 9pm and now dark at 6:30pm. So, those who aren't familiar with it right now, they have moved along very nicely. It really looks classy which what we expected versus what they submitted. I don't think you know this, but 22 veterans a day commit suicide. This is a counseling service and when we called up their CEO in Minnesota, I was somewhat surprised to hear there is not spiritual enrichment in this program. He was mentioning that they were looking at a bible study. I don't agree with that. It's nice to know what Jesus has done and it's far more important to learn to develop an intimate relationship with him to where he can pull your spirit out of your soul and give you comfort and peace. That is far more important than what he has done in the past. I'd like to see that here and I will be pressing him in time as we move forward to have a spiritual enrichment program. Reflections is moving along nicely at the General Title building. They finished the interior. Next door, DCOMM will support the entire NE Ohio market. Their main customer is Charter Communications which Spectrum is a part of. Their first full year of payroll, they expect \$1.2 million and by the 3rd year, \$5 million in that small building. We now have a few companies that are expanding, and one is Sofie, fka IBA Molecular. They develop and deliver molecular and therapeutic agents from their OV pharmacy. They will be installing a second GE cyclotron in the first quarter of 2023. With this, it will increase their production to manufacture and dispense to the cancer and Alzheimer patient communities. **Hardin:** How will that affect payroll? What will we get as a result of that expansion? **Mayor:** You're not looking at a lot of payrolls. You're looking at what they are doing for the country. Particularly, with cancer with the prostate. **Warren:** I guess what he is saying is that they need more room. **Mayor:** They have the room to expand where they are at. **Warren:** What I am saying is that they need more physical room and space. They are not expanding where they are bringing in more people. They are expanding the structure. **Mayor:** A few more people but it's not.... **Warren:** ...significant enough. **Mayor:** It's quite exciting. This is one of our 3 companies that are in major cancer research right here in little OV. We have GM industrial. They are at the back end of Division St, and they formulate, manufacture, package and distribute a wide variety of institutional and industrial markets in North America. It's highlighted in *USA Today* that they manufacture 2 of the 35 products approved by the EPA to kill the coronavirus. They are industrially manufacturing these concentrated disinfectants and sanitizers in the EPA approved 100,000 square foot state of the art facility. They will be expanding. Lastly, we have Swift. They are the custom designer and manufacturer of broad range of high-quality products. They are on Forbes Road. From stringent element for domestic and export markets in Western Europe, Canada, Middle East, Asia and Mexico. Their products are made with cleanable stainless steel, disposable silos and microfiber glass and synthetics to make the fluid and gas stream applications for the automobile, aerospace including the U.S. defense department and agriculture. One of their clients is Interstate McBee. They are expanding. **Hardin:** Are they going back? **Mayor:** Yes, back. Just a brief statement about Instate McBee. Their shell is complete. Their roof is up. They expected to spend \$20 million on that 200,000 sq ft building. It's going to be \$30 million because of costs. Solon Road has been nearly completed. The reconfiguration on Solon Road between Bedford Heights and Solon. The estimated costs \$200,000 and we'll only be paying the engineering fees of \$20,000 to \$30,000 for that project. Fair Oaks, we are apparently going to be getting an extra \$250,000 from ARPA. It was introduced by our District 6 legislator Jack Schram. (See attached). This is quite exciting. We were paying as I recall \$810,000. We were getting a \$250,000 grant, a \$500,000 where we pay 0% interest over 20 years. Now, that will be cut in half. This is its first reading. He is the person to introduce it, so I don't expect any problems here. We will have a final result sometime at the end of November. **Hardin:** So, that means we will be borrowing less? **Mayor:** Yes. I introduced last council meeting about a pavement condition rating system. (See attached). This will take the subjectivity in the future deciding which street and residential streets can be worked on as an example. The next page gives you the pavement condition rating scale.

Hardin: Question. And you know what my question is. **Mayor:** Your question is about Somerville and if it's not at the top, you're not getting it done. You can fight with the rest of council on this, but we are now doing it where there is an actual rating based on ODOT. The range is from 0-100. (See attached chart). This be costing \$10,000 to be done and we will be doing it in early spring once we go through the damage of what will happen this winter. I will have this legislation before you before the end of the year. This makes far more sense than doing things subjectively. **Warren:** We may make exception to that, and I will let you know that in advance because of the fact that ODOT doesn't run OV. Our engineer, the administration and council does. **Mayor:** The engineer does the study. **Warren:** And I am going to let the engineer know that too. **Mayor:** Fine. Council can make that decision but know there will be no guess work. You can see the ratings and you can make your decision based on the ratings. **Warren:** That's them but our engineer has been doing a phenomenal job since the very beginning. He knows our village. He has been with OV since 1996. **Mayor:** They are the ones that recommended this. **Warren:** The theoretical thing that is all encompassing doesn't work in every community. **Mayor:** I can still see where Somerville can be ranked. You have Painter, Red Fox, then Somerville. Let's see where Somerville sits. She can still sell Somerville and because it has been mentioned a lot. You're taking the subjectivity out of this at least and you are having it ranked based on ODOT standards which is of course the best you can have. **Hardin:** When was this plan developed? **Mayor:** This has been implemented for a number of years now in a number of communities. **Hardin:** Oh, okay and we are going to do it this year. Okay. **Williams:** It hasn't been implemented in OV. **Warren:** No, it hasn't. This is something ODOT has come up with and ODOT is really focused on the main roads of a community. They are not on the side streets. **Mayor:** But we are doing every street in OV. **Williams:** But our engineer in the past can supply this type of street assessment as well. **Warren:** That is what my point is as well, correct. **Mayor:** They have 70 communities and they have done it in a number of communities with a great response. Like I said, it takes out the subjectivity. You can still vote on what you want but at least now you can have these things in front of you to help make your decision. **Williams:** Can you clarify the subjectivity because I believe the engineer would have to follow some criteria to rate them as well. **Warren:** That is what I am trying to say. You're actually.... **Williams:** What is the subjectivity? You mentioned 3 streets.... ***inaudible-Warren/Williams*** **Warren:** ... but not to an engineer. **Mayor:** I am saying in the past where someone could be arguing. This will be ranking at least to help you make a decision. **Warren:** We can always prioritize.... **Mayor:** It's nice to be having this as a criterion. **Williams:** I am just wondering. In the time that I have been here, we have always asked for this street ranking report. I am wondering, if we haven't received it, why would we skip over our engineer and go to paying \$10,000.... **Warren:** We're not. **Mayor:** This is going to the engineer. They are the ones doing the study. **Williams:** Then why would we need to pay ODOT? **Mayor:** It is now doing every single street in OV. They make a quick look of the streets and make some decision on what should be done. This is a far more extensive review and investigation of the street. Just like Tommy was saying.... **Williams:** I would think.... **Mayor:** ***inaudible-Mayor/Williams*** **Williams:** ...asking the engineer what his report is based off of. What are his criteria for his report? **Climer:** I don't think ODOT is doing the study. I think he's talking about our engineer doing the study, correct? **Mayor:** With criteria from ODOT. **Haba:** For years, I go out with a representative from Ed Hren preliminarily 5 months before you guys got it, we would go down every street and say what was wrong, what was needed. But they were never ranked. So, this is some type of ranking. **Mayor:** Right. **Warren:** Well, we never ranked them but let met just explain something. To rank street this year and you got 10 streets, and we can only do 3, then the rankings could be radically different just based on how the streets responded to the water, freeze, thaw and all that stuff. What you see in 2022 could be radically different in condition in 2023 is all I'm saying. So, the engineer will still every year make a needs assessment and do exactly as he has been doing before, presenting it to council. **Williams:** That would be my two questions. What criteria has he been using in the past because I'm sure it has to be something and two, he said that he can provide a street assessment report several times, we've never been told about a \$10,000 cost for it. So, what would be the new cost be based on? **Mayor:** What this could be actually used for is grant applications using this criterion.... **Williams:** Don't we have to do that already? **Mayor:** ...as a necessity for having the street done. **Warren:** Yeah, but the thing is we have.... **Mayor:** Johnnie, come on. Nothing hurts by applying an ODOT standard and using that as part of the criterion to apply for a grant. Very simple. **Warren:** Mayor, we have been 100% successful.... **Mayor:** And we will be more successful. ***inaudible-Mayor/Warren*** **Warren:** We are just saying we don't want to pay \$10,000 for nothing because the engineer has been doing the same job for the last.... **Mayor:** Because this is far more extensive and makes far more sense. **Warren:** We'll see.... ***inaudible-Mayor/Warren*** **Mayor:** ...on your next trip where you get nothing done. **Warren:** OH! I'll tell you what I can get done. **Williams:** In order to get the grants in the past, we have to do some kind of assessment in order to know that that street needs to be done, right? **Warren:** Right. **Williams:** Okay. **Warren:** And just to let you know for the record, prior to you being on board, from 1996 to 2002, I was with the engineer at every presentation we did. I went down to Columbus and assisted in the presentation. And it came back and said they were so elated that a public official had the knowledge of construction that we had 100% success in our grant applications. And the engineer used this criterion

based on need and the condition of the streets. So, what I suggest we do, we hear the Mayor's report. I'm not interested and especially during these times, to spend \$10,000. So, what I will say is that we will talk to the engineer. We will request him to come to the next council meeting and he can do his presentation. **Mayor:** In these times, where the competition is much more severe and is much more costly, they will be depending on a rating outside your engineer's report. **Warren:** You're just making that up. ***inaudible-Mayor/Warren*** **Mayor:** And lastly, the Broadway trails are looking glorious on the north side of Broadway from the community center to Tryon Road. This will even enhance more of the idea of people wanting to come here and visit, but to work here and live here because of the green spacing we have rather than the seas of asphalt and concrete. It's coming along very, very nicely with cooperation of the businesses on Broadway. **Davis:** I just realized when passing on Macedonia Road. Who pays for the watering of the Premier property? The automatic sprinklers come on and it's just big lakes. **Haba:** They are off now. **Davis:** It has been wasted. There are just weeds down there. Do we pay for that? **Haba:** It will be passed on to Kroger. **Hardin:** I know there is very little on the agenda, but I was hoping you would do what you were starting to do. We have all the time. We want to know where we are with Kroger. You were going to tell us that today. **Mayor:** The reason there is nothing to report on Kroger is they have just finished an extensive labor contract with all of their Ohio employees which is costing them about \$180 million. That has just been resolved and been passed by the employees. **Hardin:** Let me say this much and I don't mean to sound trite. This is a multi-billion-dollar organization and when I cook dinner, I can cook something over here and wash dishes over there. I can multitask. So, you cannot tell me that this corporation, everything stopped. That was their response, Eloise. I told you from the beginning, it's interesting that you have Interstate McBee which is a third of the of Kroger and they shell are already up. **Hardin:** Absolutely. **Mayor:** At the same time, we've had Thermo Fischer Scientific which is 6 times the capitalization of Kroger. **Hardin:** Absolutely. **Mayor:** That took two weeks. **Hardin:** We agree. **Mayor:** Kroger you have 5 different committees meeting on this thing to begin with including a couple down there at the community center. I wouldn't have gone with any of this. I only like to deal with the decision makers, but the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing. This thing is stalling. I can't force this other than the contract that they only have a certain time to be able to start beginning. **Hardin:** But you have made contact with them? **Mayor:** I have 4 companies that are expanding and another fortune 500 company looking at OV. I haven't had the time to deal with Kroger. I will in another week and a half. Particularly since they were going through this program that did seem to take a lot of time with the labor contracts. **Climer:** Mrs. Hardin, I will say I just got a communication from their attorney today that indicated... ***inaudible-cough and chair squeak***... was on the back burner for 30 days because of internal reviews and these negotiations. We have it back on the front burner. **Hardin:** Just a lot is riding on this, Mayor. You just made the comment had you not known you were not dealing with the decision makers, you maybe would have... I can't read your mind.... But we're here now. We need to know whether to ride this horse or get off before we get too much further down the line on this. Just understand where we are. **Warren:** Well, we are in a particularly precarious situation because they own the land. They bought it from OV. They can effectively try to do what they want to do. **Mayor:** I think they only have 2 years. **Warren:** Yes, we have a timespan for it to start. **Hardin:** All I am saying is we need to have some sense of urgency with what we are going to do. It is a project. It's a viable project. But for a company of this magnitude, all we're hearing are crickets. That is the issues. **Mayor:** We hear crickets from Washington. You don't hear crickets from here. We don't just do the talk here; we do the walk here. As I said, there is more going on in OV than probably in Cleveland. If it had been me at the beginning, I would have said, 'we are flattered that you are interested, but we are not interested if we are not dealing with your CEO, legal people and your finance people.' It would have been far different. And I think in time, they will realize. They have gone through enough bad experiences. In these times and these days, you can't be conventional anymore.

Public Comment-John Latsko 24752 Garden Road: My question is for the acting fire Chief; now that Bedford hospital is closed, where are you taking residents? **Tapp:** We still take them anywhere they want to go. Trauma has to go to Hillcrest because that is the nearest trauma hospital. Anything with children, we will probably take them down to Rainbow Babies and Children.

Resident in the audience question regarding the exterior maintenance project. **Mayor:** That was based on the development at Alexander/Macedonia which is Kroger. We are delayed there about a year. So, if it's your drive or something, you can hold off another year.

Legislation:

Ord 2022-56
Introduced by Mayor &
Council as a whole
1st Reading

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM DARRYL REID, SR.

MOTION TO SUSPEND by Davis; Seconded by Hardin

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

MOTION TO ADOPT by Hardin; Seconded by Davis

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

MOTIONS PASSED

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Davis; Seconded by Matlock

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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:03pm

Adopted _____

Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

Johnnie A Warren, President of Council

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2022

ATTENDED

Johnnie Warren-President
Eloise Hardin-Ward 2
Paggie Matlock-Ward 3
Mary Davis-Ward 4
Candace Williams-Ward 5

Jim Climer-Law Director

ABSENT

Elaine Gaither-Council at Large
Chris Callender-Ward 1

Meeting opened approximately 8:03 by Warren

Pledge of Allegiance and attendance taken.

Discussion among Council of the sign ordinances (**2021-WS-26 and 2021-WS-27**) that went through the final reading with Planning Commission on September 26th. Decision was made to wait for the minutes from that meeting before moving these ordinances to the regular agenda.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Davis; Seconded by Matlock

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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:17pm

Adopted _____

Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

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