

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2023-02-14

ATTENDANCE

Johnnie Warren, President
Elaine Gaither-At-Large
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3
Mary Davis, Ward 4*
Candace Williams, Ward 5*

Jim Climer, Law
Mark Garratt, Police
David Tapp, Fire
Ed Hren, Engineer

ABSENT

Chris Callender, Ward 1

Gary Gottschalk, Mayor
Brian Thompson, Finance

*= Arrived after roll call

Warren opened meeting at 7:05p

Motion to approve minutes of 12-21-2022 made by Gaither seconded by Hardin

Yes: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock Abstain: Williams

Motion passed

Motion to approve minutes of 1-24-2023 made by Gaither seconded by Matlock

YES: Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Williams Abstain: Warren

Motion passed

Departmental Reports

Fire-Tapp: We have a new reporting system if you want a copy of that let me know. **Hardin** asked for a copy.

Building-Hardin expressed her thanks for work on Somerville. **Marinucci** explained an instance in which he had a phone conversation with an LLC regarding compliance, and he was called a racist. **Climer** mentioned he must use regular mail and make notes.

Service-Haba: Trash will be picked up on Presidents Day. **Hardin** mentioned Somerville. **Haba:** We cold patched areas. **Davis** asked what the policy is for folks who leave garbage cans out for weeks on Hickory. **Haba:** I will stop there again and leave a letter. **Gottschalk:** We put out a letter each spring regarding garbage cans. **Warren:** They should receive a citation. **Hardin** mentioned garbage cans cannot be in the front of the house.

Law-Climer: No report

Police-Garratt: I just sent out a press release regarding Hyundai and Kia 2012-20120 models and offering 'the Club' free to Oakwood residents. **Davis:** Why these vehicles. **Garratt:** They are the easiest to steal.

Mayor: We interviewed the CEO of Thermo Fisher Scientific. Their stock was \$1,000 in 2005 and is now valued at \$20,000. Also, the Vet Center is open for veterans. He showed an 8-minute video on the 'Electric Disco Band'. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame personnel will be here, hopefully, but if we can't get them, we will get Hotel California. View Ray sold an MRI guided radiation therapy unit to UH Seidman Cancer Center. We have three companies in Oakwood which

are in cancer research and are all expanding here. High tech and medical research personnel must come to work so in Oakwood we have a lot of people working. The County has gone through six Sheriffs. **Davis** asked about Kroger. **Mayor:** Their Chief Technical Officer had personal family issues. We are now meeting with him. **Matlock** spoke about Bedford schools. **Mayor:** We are providing technical education to our students. We focus on what will be in demand in the next 5-10 years. Many of our students have excelled due to our summer programs. Council and Mayor discussed.

Open Floor

Karen Howse 7209 Glenshire: We have young people with families. I have always asked when you plan your concerts, what audience are you trying to attract? I am not criticizing. I feel like generation-x is often missed. **Mayor:** How many cities are doing concerts? I have done this for 25-years. This is what is successful. **Howse:** Jazz is popular as well. **Mayor:** What brings in the money are these types of concerts to the 501C3. I don't get much from Oakwood Village. On Fridays, we will have local entertainment five weeks in a row. Thursdays are the big name musicians which is a big draw. This is what works. **Howse:** The City of Warrensville brings in eclectic bands. We recognize we have options. **Mayor:** That is on Friday nights. Thursday are the national acts. These promote Oakwood. **Howse:** Families are attracted to a community because of the school district. She spoke about our school district. It is challenged by private schools. Public schools get a bad rap. We should bring ideas to the school board with our concerns. As legislators we should promote our district. **Warren:** Cleveland schools are down but its what you get out of it. **Howse:** I am for the trades. Why don't we have a police academy in the summer program? My son benefited by our Police Dept. I pray for our Police, Fire and Service Depts. We pass legislation but there are no attachments. **Climer:** When was that. **Howse:** The last appropriation in 2021 in December. **Climer** will research it. **Howse:** Maybe the attachment wasn't on the website. **Mayor:** I want to make clear; I wasn't putting down the Bedford School System, but the national level. Our new superintendent has been industrious but it is a long road. I am not being critical. **Hardin** asked if the village was going to offer classes. **Mayor:** Yes. It hasn't happened yet. Many jobs will be different in 5-10 years. We need to be creative to enable our students change on a dime to move forward. **Howse** asked about a consortium of Walton Hills, Bedford and Oakwood work together for this. **Mayor:** If this happens, it could work out nicely. Maple Heights has two new school buildings with residents leaving. We can just put together a model and present it to Bedford, then to the County and State to look into it. **Matlock** suggested involving each community within the Bedford district. I would love to see this happen. We have a lot of transient families in our district. **Mayor:** Forty percent of Bedford homes are leased. Kids coming in are behind. **Warren:** Homeowners stay in their homes more than renters. **Howse:** You need wrap around support for families. **Hardin:** Hummer was at the Planning meeting. **Mayor:** The Hummer building on Macedonia is requesting putting vans in the back. We want screening. **Hardin:** Several residents wanted to come tonight about Kroger but couldn't. **Mayor:** I have a meeting in early March. **Hardin:** What do we need to enforce zoning ordinances? She asked Warren to have his information available again that he put out about assistance to residents. She asked about increasing fines. **Warren:** We could ask the Building Dept. what their largest issues are. **Climer:** We studied what other cities do for difficult issues especially point of sale inspections. I am happy to speak to Dan Marinucci about that.

Floor Closed

Legislation

2023-1 An amended ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Carolos Geraldo Gonzales and Sandra Mejia Alcantara to sell Village land designated of records of the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer Permanent Parcel 795-04-016 and 795-03-017

Third reading

Williams asked about the property location. Is this large enough to put a road in? **Mayor:** This is undevelopable and there is no access via Grove or Blackburn. **Climer:** We discussed this with Mr. Alcantara to ensure he understood these are not developable lots.

Motion to adopt made by Davis seconded by Matlock
Yes: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
Motion Passed

2012-03 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with A & S Animal Control and declaring an emergency

Frist reading

Davis: Is this a pay increase? **Warren:** This is a modest increase. **Garratt:** The last agreement was 2021. This is also for two years.

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Davis
Yes: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
Motion passed

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Gaither
Yes: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
Motion passed

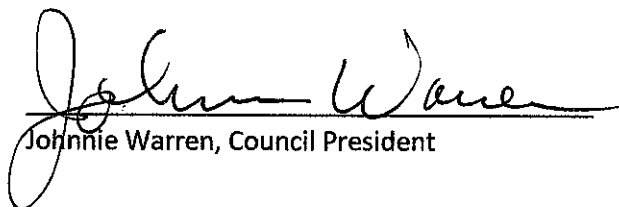
Williams asked about the NLC and our next meeting. **Warren:** We will hold our first meeting on March 14 with our second meeting on March 21. **Williams:** We haven't passed the full budget yet. **Warren:** The budget will have to be prepared for passage on the 21st. **Williams:** Will we have 2022 closed out? **Warren:** It is closed out. **Williams:** It wasn't when we last met. The numbers weren't in the right places. **Mayor:** You will have that. **Warren:** We can't demand our Finance Director to change numbers. We can't do that. **Williams:** The dollars the Federal government gave are required to be in a specific fund by themselves. **Warren:** As long as that is the case. **Williams:** I would like to see them in the correct place. If not, that has to be corrected. **Howse:** There could have been an executive session to review the audit. **Williams:** At the last meeting it hadn't been completed. I want to make sure his job is done, the year closed out, and monies are where they need to be and if the audit was completed. **Mayor:** You will have that before the 21st. **Warren:** We could have that by the next Council meeting. **Williams:** It will be nice to have those in time to review, not just five days to review. That is a lot of numbers.

Motion to approve moving the March 28th meeting to March 21st YES: Yes: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

Motion to adjourn made by Hardin seconded by Davis
Yes: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
Motion passed
Adjourned 8:35pm

Approved

June 13, 2023


Johnnie Warren, Council President


Interim Clerk of Council Debra Hladky