

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2023-03-29

ATTENDANCE

Johnnie Warren, President
Elaine Gaither-At-Large
Chris Callender, Ward 1*
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3
Mary Davis, Ward 4
Candace Williams, Ward 5

Brian Thompson, Finance
Jim Climer, Law

ABSENT

Gary Gottschalk, Mayor
Mark Garratt, Police
Dave Tapp, Fire

Carlean Perez, Recreation
Dan Marinucci, Building

Ed Hren, Engineering
Tom Haba, Service

Meeting opened at 6:05pm
Pledge of Allegiance

Warren deferred Council meeting minutes to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn to executive session for the appointment, employment of a public employee or official made by Matlock seconded by Davis YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams. Motion carried

Adjourned to executive session at 6:08pm

Motion to reconvene Council meeting made by Hardin seconded by Davis YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams. Motion carried.
Reconvened at 7:04 p

2023-8 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, OHIO FOR THE YEAR 2023.

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Callender

Davis: I thought we were taking \$66,000 out of Recreation. **Thompson** explained he put the exhibit in summary form. The mayor reduced his budget by \$21,000. In order to reduce the Recreation budget, the transfer will be reduced by that amount. Note: I included the projected revenue, beginning balance, and total projected revenue with the proposed expenditures. This puts us at \$419,000 for an unincumbered balance. I don't have a rainy-day fund or capital. I would like to go into depth about bond counsel to come back in 30-60 days to discuss the ramifications. **Warren** agreed. **Davis:** No revisions will be done? **Thompson:** Correct.

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis,
Williams asked what we are doing? Warren: The 2023 budget.

Motion to adopt made by Davis seconded by Hardin

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis. No: Williams
Motion carried

2023-9 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Motion to suspend made by Davis seconded by Callender.

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

Davis asked if that should be on the billboard. **Hammett:** Yes, we just don't have the pinwheels.

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Matlock.

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

2023-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT.

Motion to suspend made by Gaither seconded by Hardin

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

Motion to adopt made by Gaither seconded by Hardin

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

2023-11 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AND THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO FURTHER PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD FROM THE INHERENT DANGERS OF A TRAIN DERAILMENT ON THE TRACKS LOCATED IN OUR VILLAGE AND URGING CONGRESS TO PASS SENATE BILL 576, THE RAILWAY SAFETY ACT OF 2023.

Davis: The Governor already passed this resolution.

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Callender

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

2023-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000 TO FUND THE 2023 HELICOPTER EASTER EGG DROP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Davis asked why we have to pass a resolution. **Hammett:** This is in the amount we already included in the budget.

Williams: The State Auditors stated we have to pass this to approve the expenditure. What are the details of this?

Thompson: I go to the bank to get the funds. **Hammett:** The Mayor will put the money in the safe. Papers will be in the eggs and Carlean will give out the money to those who have the special eggs. The paper will have printed on it \$1 or \$5.

Williams asked about invitations. **Hammett:** The church is allowed to invite its members as well as having residents

participate. **Hardin:** We are giving out \$1,000? **Hammett:** Yes. **Hardin** asked the amount for the helicopter. **Hammett:** It

was \$1,500 but is \$1,300. We are giving out Easter bags with Malley's chocolates in them. **Hardin** asked how much was

spent on that. **Hammett:** I believe \$500 on candy. We also pick up candy at Sam's Club which amounted to \$300. We do

that for Halloween too. **Hardin** asked if all the eggs are picked up. **Hammett:** Yes, but if we have money left over, we

give it to Brian who takes it back to the bank.

Motion to suspend made by Callender...

Hardin asked about the audit. **Williams:** The Auditors asked for a separate ordinance because of the cash. **Hardin:** Is there a problem with inviting the church? **Thompson:** That isn't a problem, it was just the cash which should have formal legislation, so Council is involved. **Williams** mentioned a paper trail. **Hardin:** There are no issues since it was advertised at the church and not other churches. **Thompson:** There was no issue with the church involved. **Williams:** It has to have its own resolution and appropriation because it is cash. **Thompson:** The Mayor reviewed this in his budget with exhibits. Seconded by Gaither

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Matlock, Davis, Williams NO: Hardin

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Callender

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Matlock, Davis, Williams NO: Hardin

Motion passed

Davis: I thought we were going to have all these things on this agenda. **Hardin:** It was publicized properly, right?

Warren: I made sure of that.

Williams: How quickly can you change your report for us to separate out Fire salaries from the rest of their budget.

Thompson: The top four-five lines in the report are salaries. **Williams** asked about further separation. **Thompson** explained the reports. **Williams:** Are salaries the first four items? **Thompson:** Yes. Is the report not showing enough detail? **Williams:** It is detailed right? **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** This is important for our meetings. We don't get all the other reports. As a summary, can you create a line which shows salaries separate from the other line items in the budget in the snapshot. **Thompson:** I can do that. **Williams** asked for 2020, 2021, and 2022 salary for the Fire Chief, Interim Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and the remainder of Fire budget. **Thompson:** Ok, noted.

Motion to adjourn made by Davis seconded by Hardin

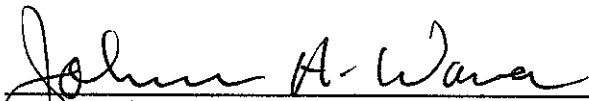
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

Adjourned at 7:25p

Approved June 13, 2023



Debra L: Hladky, Interim Clerk



Johnnie Warren, Council President