

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
2023-07-11

**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  
James Climer, Law Director

Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor  
Ed Hren, Village Engineer  
Brian L. Thompson– Finance Director  
Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official  
Mark Garratt, Police Department  
Dave Tapp – Fire Department  
Tom Haba, Service Director

**ABSENT**

Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor  
Carlean Perez – Recreation Director

*\* Arrived after roll call*

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Meeting opened at 7:02pm by Warren  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call taken

Motion to approve minutes of June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, made by Gaither seconded by Hardin  
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Williams, ABSTAINED: Davis  
MOTION PASSED

**Warren:** First, I would like the residents of Oakwood Village to be introduced to our new Council Clerk, she was gracious enough to accept the position. We are happy and fortunate to have her join us. We will be getting her information, she is learning. Debbie Hladky is working with her to get her set up, and she seems to be grasping on very well. So, without further ado, would you please stand. **Tanya:** Yes! My name is Tanya Joseph, I will be your new Clerk of Council, hopefully I can do some great things for you guys. **Hardin:** Thank you, Tanya. **Warren:** Ok, we do not have any correspondence. **Tanya:** You do, each of you have a letter from Legal Aid Society, just asking for a contribution to the agency. Ms. Hardin, you have a package from the County, and just a flyer from Jam for Justice that you all have as well. **Warren:** Ok, we will start with today's agenda. Could I get a motion to approve the minutes for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, regular Council meeting?

*Departmental Reports*

**Fire-Tapp:** Last couple weeks has been busy for Oakwood Fire. We have had seventy-two calls within the last ten days and only needed mutual aid for two of the calls. So, we have been very busy, probably the fastest pace we have ever had on record in July. We are not sure why. Last week we did four days of Summer Camp. One day we did first aid, we did CPR with the kids for two days, station tour, and demonstration of the fire hose on the last day. Turned out really well, kids loved it. So that is all I have to report. **Davis:** Fireworks were not an issue? **Tapp:** Fireworks were not one of the calls, no issue with that at all. **Davis:** Ok, I was just curious, so they were pretty good about it. **Garratt:** Only a few complaints but a lot of people understand the law has changed with fireworks, but no major issues. **Hardin:** I am going to use my term, the defibrillator, we have one in the room now? **Tapp:** Yes, it is right there. **Hardin:** How many do we have in this building? **Tapp:** Just one in this building I believe. **Hardin:** Ok, is there one down at the Community Center? **Tapp:** There should be one down there as well. **Hardin:** So, those are the only two building that we have. **Warren:** Service Department. **Tapp:** Yea, I am not sure if Service Department has any either. **Haba:** No, we do not. **Hardin:** Ok, can we get one there? **Tapp:** We can. **Hardin:** Please, and the other question is who is trained on them? **Tapp:** Well, we

offer classes to anyone that wants to be trained on them. We do classes for the Police Department yearly, usually for all city employees who have had the opportunity. I know Brian has asked if anyone wanted to. The A.D. comes in with the CPR training. **Hardin:** The reason I ask, I think there was someone that passed away at Mt. Zion, several years ago, if I am not mistaken. The wife of the individual said there had been one available, but no one knew how to use it. **Tapp:** Right. **Hardin:** So, as employees, it would not be a requirement. But could you Mr. Finance Director, make sure that everybody has some idea of how to use it? **Warren:** At least the heads of the departments are trained and maybe their assistant. **Hardin:** There is no need in having that if no one knows how to use it. **Tapp:** I will have Brian shoot dates over to everyone and if they are available to make it. We can accommodate pretty much any time myself or Brian is here. **Hardin:** Maybe the next time a newsletter goes out, can you offer it to the general public? Is that reasonable? **Tapp:** They usually charge for the general public; any Village employee gets it free. It is a three-to-four-hour class for A.D, CPR, etc. If you wanted me to do the employees here, we could do a quick one. **Hardin:** Ok, that would make sense. **Davis:** Mr. Tapp, do those machines also do the talking? Like step by step, walks you through. **Tapp:** As soon as you open it up, it will walk you through it. **Davis:** Ok, thank you sir. **Matlock:** Is there any type of legal ramification if you used it? I mean if it comes across an individual who would need medical attention with this defibrillator. Would that hold them liable in case something may happen? **Tapp:** It does not hold them liable; the machines are automatic. It will not shock someone who does not need it. **Matlock:** Ok. **Climer:** It would be extremely remote. **Warren:** May we hear from our Building Commissioner?

**Building-Marinucci:** Thank you Council President. One of the properties that always keeps surfacing on Tryon, I think it is 25714, close to that address. We received legal notification couple days ago that it is in foreclosure. One of those properties, the debt is over \$185,000.00. I will send you an email with the address. **Matlock:** I did not know if it was the house being torn down. What is the address? **Marinucci:** I will fax it to you in the morning because I do not want to be wrong. **Matlock:** Also, while we are talking about homes, there is a home that is being demolished, correct? I do see them starting to put the dirt in the back yard and have a dozer there. **Marinucci:** Ok. **Matlock:** Is that the home? **Marinucci:** I am not sure. **Warren:** The house on Tryon? **Gaither:** A couple of doors down from the Council Person. **Marinucci:** It is a lot going on right now, right now we are making... **Warren:** It is about four houses from Jean Drive. **Marinucci:** I will go check that out. **Warren:** You will see piles of dirt back there. **Matlock:** I will get with you because there are a couple of homes on Tryon that I need them to cut their grass and one where there is a mailbox down. One individual lives in Cleveland Heights and I know Cleveland Heights fines you. I am pretty sure their house is not over there looking like that. Then one lives in Twinsburg, and I know Twinsburg is not going to let the homes look like that. **Marinucci:** We have been citing a lot of people recently. I know I cited about fifteen of them, but some were repeat offenders and the rental market issue. I know they have been heavy on grass. The issue with the grass, we are heading more this way than citing. Not court citing because we do not want the Municipal Court Judge to be... **Matlock:** This is not just grass, this is the home itself, widows, screens are all bulking out. There are just some things with the home, and it is on the street. So there just needs to be kind of like... **Marinucci:** Got it, but the grass, we are having service cut it and then put it on their tax liability. **Matlock:** I am not worried about that as much. It is just basically the condition of the home. It is a rental, and no one is living in it. **Marinucci:** We may have cited that. **Warren:** You know the guy with the tree cutting business. **Matlock:** Behind you? **Warren:** Yes, you know that was a tree cutting business he had. **Hardin:** Cut down half the trees. **Warren:** The house she is referring to is right next to his. **Matlock:** It is next to his and a couple more. **Garratt:** Is that Dumas? Or is that next to Dumas? **Matlock:** No, these are a couple of other homes. One is on the beginning of Tryon, and one is down before you get to Glenshire, about two or three houses before you get to Glenshire. They just need to come and do some work to it. **Marinucci:** Cause I do know, Council Person Davis, the gentleman that we had a meeting with, just a quick update. I feel truly sorry for the guy. I think the contractor took all of his money. We reissued his permit because it lapsed, so we reissued it to get him going. So, I had a meeting with him, and I wanted to get the contractor in, and I asked for a date. I cannot make him work, but I was getting ready to cite him because it is an LLC. I did not think he would return a phone call, everything goes to voicemail, and you do not get a call back. This gentleman called back, so it was nice, we set up the meeting, we had the meeting, I am praying the contractor does the job. The contractor made a faulty complaint when I read it, cause I was a structural engineer, this is absurd. He has an engineer, he's a very good architect. I have dealt with him in the past and the architect said that was bogus also. So, I am wondering if he just took the money and ran off. I hope not, he paid him a lot of money. I told him he better get the roof up, cause he is at a point if

he does not put the roof on, he is going to lose all the money he put into it. that is going to be condemned, we will condemn it, it will fall apart, and he is aware of it. **Davis:** So, the basement is something too, that is what I was going to ask you about. The basement is all open, they were afraid of people coming in there. **Marinucci:** Yes, he is aware of it. I am just hoping the contractor shows up. In the process of all this, before it started, I met with the contractor and the owner. We thought we had everything up and running because the drawings were perfect. He put a lot of money into this. So, the drawings were really good, but there is this bogus claim. If he does not do anything about it soon, it is going to fall apart, and he is aware of it. So, if he does not get this roof on by October, he is going to be in serious trouble. **Warren:** He is going to be in trouble way before that because of the fact, he will have environmental issues; as far as mold.

**Marinucci:** You know I might just give him a call again, but he cannot do much more. If the contractor does not, he will have to go to court. **Warren:** Did the contractor pull the permit? **Marinucci:** Yes. **Warren:** That is an advantage for him though. **Marinucci:** Yea, we had a permit on hold, permit lapsed, and I reissued it for him. I gave him until the end of this year. **Warren:** Who pulled the permit? The homeowner or contractor? **Marinucci:** The homeowner pulled the permit. Contractor's license is in violation. **Davis:** How long can we give him without having. **Marinucci:** We gave him until the end of December. **Warren:** No more renewal. **Davis:** Yes. **Marinucci:** If he is out of money, then he is out of money. However, the cost of everything is very expensive. **Davis:** But with no roofing, he will be condemned. **Marinucci:** He is going to lose everything if he does not get the roof on, I made that very clear. The addition is paid, and there is no roof, it is all open. I went over the concerns about children and all the other stuff we were concerned with. I had that meeting a couple of weeks ago, he is a very nice guy. **Davis:** Ok good we need that done. **Hardin:** Once you issue a permit, the house on Somerville, there is a roof that is supposed to be replaced. This is where the police served the homeowner in Cleveland Heights. They started on the roof. **Marinucci:** We just cited that one. **Hardin:** That is the one? **Marinucci:** We cited them before, they came in, they said they were going to do A, B, and C. Then they may have done A, but not B and C, that type of thing. We cited him. I know they called, and they were supposed to do it. **Hardin:** Well, the season is almost over so we need it done before we go another year. The other thing is when you give a permit for a fence, how long before they have to complete it? **Marinucci:** A year. **Hardin:** That is usually it? **Marinucci:** We do not get into timing; our permit is good for a year. **Hardin:** Ok. **Marinucci:** They started the fence and did not finish it? **Hardin:** That is correct, back to this follow up scenario, so at the end of the year whatever, I am sure it is a rolling month that you would have to follow up. You do check those permits to see if the work has been done? **Marinucci:** We do not. **Hardin:** Well, I will help you with this one. **Marinucci:** There is only so much they can do. **Hardin:** Well first of all, it is not just unsightly, it is a hazard. There are materials all over, everywhere. **Marinucci:** I got to see that property, call, and get the dimensions of that address. **Hardin:** Ok. **Marinucci:** I would cite them on a different property maintenance versus an issue with a fence. Typically, we have an inspection for depth of footer, then we have a fine, and that is it. As far as going back and checking the fence, I do not ever remember doing that. When it comes to houses, they have a year to complete the house. I will give them additional time if the driveway is not completed and stuff like that. They get to October; November and they go put it up and the following year we allow them. They signed the affidavit. We have one on Richmond Road, a new home, and they did not want to put the driveway in, in November. I do not blame them. The contractor got the permit. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Davis:** asked if the price of the permit includes them checking the work when it is all done. **Marinucci:** Fences are not a top priority as opposed to other things. Typically, the difference in time between a post hole and the completion of a fence is no more than seven days. So, I have to see this one that you are talking about. If it is unsightly then I will get on it right away. Where is that Somerville? **Hardin:** Yes, that is as much as I will give publicly. **Warren:** For clarification about the fences what the Building Commissioner is saying is they do the post hole digging for the post. Then, they come out and verify that the post holes are deep enough, forty-two inches deep. After that, they wait until the contractor comes and asks for a final. At that point, any unused inspection money or whatever can be released. Sometimes it is not the individual, it is the company. Sometimes the agreement is they do not get paid until it is signed off. **Marinucci:** There have been a lot of issues with that regarding some of the ordinances. I would like to have a potential ordinance as well. **Warren:** Well, we can get a code that they have to comply with, like everything else. **Marinucci:** You know what they are doing, they love this privacy fence, but ours you have to be able to see through. It is plastic, so they are separating it and putting a gap between it. The way they are doing the connections, I told them, when the wind blows, those screws would not hold. She says well we will glue it, but that is not going to work. I was giving her all these examples of why and the cost of the fence. The material cost is \$7000.00, and it will fall apart in three years. You do not screw with the plastic; it does not work. **Gaither:** There was a question that I think Ms. Matlock

had regarding the landbank. **Matlock:** If we are tearing a house down, is that land in the land bank? **Marinucci:** No. **Matlock:** Ok, I am just asking. **Marinucci:** If we are going to tear it down then it is not in the land bank. I would love the landbank to take it, let them do it. **Matlock:** Would it be in Oakwood landbank or no? **Marinucci:** We do not have a landbank. The program is a county wide program. **Matlock:** Ok, that is all I needed to know. **Warren:** Well, we have parcels that are in Oakwood Village. There is a landbank of Oakwood for parcels that are owned by the Village. It is not like the County landbank. **Climer:** It is not a separate entity; they insist on putting it in the name of Oakwood landbank. Which is a non-entity and causes all kinds of problems when you sell it. **Marinucci:** I am heading the condemning of two places, and I am hesitant on it because we do not have the money. **Warren:** We can always condemn it. **Marinucci:** We can always condemn it. We are making an L.L.C, which is buying the property that has two houses on it, but that back house has to be demolished. **Hardin:** So, an L.L.C is buying the house? **Marinucci:** That is all that is around anymore, is L.L. C's. **Matlock:** So, the L.L.C is buying the house and they are going to condemn the whole thing? **Hardin:** No, just the back house. **Marinucci:** Correct, just the back house. I make them sign, I put together what L.L. C's have to do to get it through the system. It is a checklist; they just have to give us the information. A part of the information is: are you going to rent it out? If they say yes, then you have to fix any rental issues. If they say no, then it is a flipper, it is not going to be rented out. **Hardin:** I was on Forest Hills Blvd., a couple of days ago. Some of those homes are stunning, absolutely gorgeous. So, all I am saying is we are talking about the changes we see taking place here. Rather than talking, Mr. President, I had asked that maybe we have a work session. Specifically with the Building Department, because the Building Inspectors and his employees have pointed out some of our ordinances which need to be looked at, and that is important. It is something we need to start doing a.s.a.p. **Warren:** Ok, going forward one of the things I wanted to suggest to you is, when you have a house that is condemnable, let us start the process as soon as we can. So, if we want to pull off of it, we can, but at least we have the process going. We can have the advantage of determining whether we want to move forward with letting the third party or whatever the case may be. We are going to have to follow up with what Council Person Hardin was saying. When we are in these situations of course, it will have to be reviewed by the Law Director. We have to have ordinances that are really much stronger for houses that have been condemned and are now trying to renovate to be livable. **Marinucci:** Once we condemn the title it can be renovated. See what happens is, the cost to do it is absurd. Like the exterior walls today cannot be two-by-fours under two-by-fours. Whatever you condemn as a two-by-four wall, you will need two-by-sixes. It does not meet the energy code, so I made them get rid of the whole thing. Now if they want to tear down, then you can assess the basement itself. Typically, take it out and redo it, I do not have a problem with that. If they renovate it, they have to come in, and this would be the procedure: they have to get an Architect and drawings, they have to make the 2000 code. Right now, the code will be changing in two months to come out with this year's code. The requirements this year, makes the house that is condemned really, really expensive to build. I will not let them put a two-by-six wall on a foundation that would only take a two-by-four wall. **Warren:** That makes sense. **Marinucci:** What we have going on is the issue we just talked about. I cannot think of the name of the road, but that barn that is condemned that everyone wants to buy on Arbutus. You can pick the house up for less than \$35,000.00, yes. But I want them to pay the \$35,000.00 and take it out because we will take it out eventually. Take it out and rebuild, no one wants to do that. Then the developers came in, I had meetings with them, can we leave the two-by-four walls in? No, most do not meet code. Most of these people just want to come in and paint, the electric is bad, you would not want to live there, the electric is laying on the floor, with all kinds of issues. I agree that the houses we are going to condemn we could condemn. Once that is condemn now, we have an option. **Hardin:** Rather than we talk about it, since you are saying this may be a busy season for you. How about you give us your schedule? This is July, I will even give it until October. **Warren:** To have the meeting? **Marinucci:** Aaron did not mention that to me, but I will run it by him. I could start tomorrow, let's find out where he is at on it. I have something I really want changed here, that is going to take a zoning change. **Hardin:** See what I mean, we cannot keep talking about it, we have to start doing something. **Marinucci:** Got to know how to go and where to go. **Hardin:** Ok, so why don't we wait until, this is July, and we will be in recess until the end of August. We come back in September, by then you will have had a talk with Aaron. **Marinucci:** Oh, I can pop in tomorrow. **Warren:** The thing about Jim, if there is something that you want to talk about and propose. If it is something that needs to be addressed, then you need to talk to him about it right away because that is going to have to be on the ballot. **Climer:** We are not going to make November's election. **Marinucci:** There is a lot to this, it has to be done right. I have talked about this before, but it deals with small homes and tin cans. Tin cans are terrible, I would not want one next to my house and you are not going to want one next to your house. **Warren:** Ok, may we hear from our Finance Director.

**Finance-Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman, just a quick recap we had our Finance Committee meeting today. I reported to Council pretty much on the departments were in ratio and spending levels by appropriation through Council. We had an in-depth discussion of the exhibit attached for the tax budget, an annual piece of meeting we submit to the County every year. That is, it, thank you Mr. Chairman. **Warren:** Ok, may we hear from our service department.

**Service-Haba:** Street striping has been going on since Saturday, the linear lines I think are done. They are coming out with three crews tonight to do all the stop bars, crosswalks, etc. So, he is hoping he will be done by tomorrow. Mrs. Williams, everything is still there, I checked around 4:30, and I checked on the way in. **Williams:** Ok. **Haba:** I will take you over there tomorrow. **Matlock:** Tommie, yesterday, there were some garbage cans still out, did they do a garbage pickup on some of those homes? **Haba:** They were behind schedule just because of the high volume after the fourth, they were supposed to get those earlier this morning. **Matlock:** Ok because I still see approximately four homes. I just seen; I did not get to go all the way down. **Haba:** Was that this morning? **Matlock:** That was this evening. **Haba:** I will check maybe they did not take it. It was on Tryon? **Matlock:** Yes. **Haba:** I will take a ride there on the way home. **Matlock:** Ok. **Haba:** I know he sent me a text; I had a resident call a little after five, saying they were not picked up yet. That is not too late, but I called, they did hit Grove about a half an hour later. He texted me around 6:30, saying because of the heavy volume, they had a few houses left. A little on Tryon, and one other street they were going to finish in the morning. **Matlock:** Ok. **Gaither:** Congratulations on how you have that one sign looking, the Oakwood sign. **Haba:** Yes, lights turned out well, it was being blocked by something when I asked you a couple of weeks ago, or something. Cause I had not seen it on there, just a small malfunction. **Gaither:** Ok, great. **Haba:** The next day at night it was very bright and shining on it. **Gaither:** The Oakwood sign when you are coming into the community, the flowers look really good. Were there any considerations to blocking bricks around any of those signs? **Haba:** That's the Mayor's baby, but I know he plans to do some landscaping. I do not know about any brick work, but the landscaping. **Mayor:** No brick. **Gaither:** No brick work. **Haba:** I know brick work is very expensive to go that big. You see a couple in Glenwillow, I know how much they paid for those a few years ago, it was very expensive. **Warren:** You could railroad tie it, or something like that, if you want. **Gaither:** They really look good and the landscaping, the flowers that you guys have done, good job. **Davis:** Beautiful. **Hardin:** Could I piggyback on that Mrs. Gaither? I wanted to take credit Mayor for the signs. Everybody is excited about those Oakwood signs. Now what kind of landscaping are you going to put around it? **Mayor:** Well, Service Department has been pretty busy with the landscaping on Broadway etc. **Hardin:** Well, the growing season is over anyway. **Mayor:** Yea, it might not be a whole lot this year, but certainly we will be ready for next year. **Hardin:** They are beautiful, congratulations. **Gaither:** Mrs. Hardin wants to take credit for Oakwood signs. **Hardin:** I wanted to, last week there was a recommendation for lights. Like solar lights maybe to go on the outside of them, so when it gets dark, that sign is illuminated. **Mayor:** This is a joint thing; this is the first one to get done in place. We wanted to see what the reactions are and what we will do to compliment that, because there will be some compliments. **Haba:** That can be done with solar lights. That is what we did with Cambridge with the solar light, it turned out pretty well. There has to be a place where it gets enough sun. You have got to be careful with the lights because of the traffic around that area. **Matlock:** It is beautiful, the landscape is nice. **Gaither:** Kudos. **Warren:** May we hear from our Engineer.

**Engineer-Hren:** Good evening, everyone. **Warren:** Ed Hren. **Hren:** Yes? **Warren:** Just for the record, we have our new Council Clerk, and she is not familiar with peoples' voices when she is typing the minutes. So, say your name so when she is doing the minutes, she knows who is talking. In the matter of a couple of weeks or months, she will know the voices and be able to know who is speaking. **Hren:** Oh, I thought it was because I was getting older. (Everyone laughed). I am here to answer any questions you may have on Legislation 2023-23, which we discussed last week. I followed up with some exhibits I forwarded to everybody. Just giving you a better idea of what exactly is being constructed at the four corners intersection. So, if you have any questions on it, I can answer them now. **Hardin:** Legislation 2023-24, what are the streets again? What streets do you have? **Hren:** They are all county routes. Every year the County gives us money to do maintenance on the County routes. This year we received \$92,100.00, or up to that amount. This is typically Alexander, Broadway, Columbus, Forbes, Macedonia, Pettibone, Solon, and Tryon, those are the County routes. Then 2023-24, will authorize a change order which increases the contract on the pump station on Forbes by \$45,720.21. This is money that will be reimbursed to us by the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works. The work has been completed

probably for about a half a year. Primarily it was electrical work that had to be done. The combination of work First Energy performed and work we had performed. The major cost is the bypass pumping that took place. It was not like a true three phase energy source. I am not an electrical engineer but, somehow they took regular electricity and made it work like three phase. So, we had to bring in three phase power. **Warren:** Is that Thompson Electric? **Hren:** I am not sure; Nerone and Sons had the contract. They did have a sub-contractor out here it may have been them. So, this will complete the project once we pay for them. The County will then cut us a check for the same dollar amount. If you recall, this was money we received was a loan from Ohio Water Development Authority. So, the legislation, if possible, I would like to have Legislation 2023-23, passed. The one authorizing Twinsburg to apply for Ohio Public Works Commission Grant. Their deadline for the submittal to the Ohio Public Works Commission is prior to our next meeting. Legislation 2023-24, which is the county route, if we can do that, I will get it out to bid. We will get it done sooner and we will also get better pricing because we will go out to bid earlier. Then the same with the Forbes plan, I just would like to get that closed out for the year. **Hardin:** Thank you, Legislation 2023-24, you mention the amount of \$92,100.00, is it \$109,200.00, is that the actual number? **Hren:** Yes, the \$109,200.00 is correct. I apologize, I printed out the letter from 2022. **Davis:** I was not here at the last meeting. Can you explain to me why Twinsburg is allowed to apply for this grant first instead of us? Also, did I read something in the paperwork that Macedonia had not paid their one quarter of a share yet, or they are behind? So, can we discuss that? **Hren:** I will rehash it really quick. All four communities have finally come together since 2006. We struggled to get everyone on the same page. We finally made it happen, the way this is set up is, all the grants which every community is to apply for as many grants as they can for this project. We received funding that would pay for almost all of it with the exception of \$400,000.00. So, Twinsburg is actually applying to their district, we are in district one of the Ohio Public Works division. Twinsburg is either district three or eight, their filing deadline is earlier. What we are doing is letting them file before that. They are in the same district as Macedonia but because of the way the scoring criteria works, joint projects will always get additional points. In their district it is even more so, they get like twenty extra points out of two hundred, so about 10% more which makes a huge difference. When it is all said and done at the completion of this project, we are going to tabulate all of the money that has gone into this project, which is Twinsburg's money, Macedonia's money, Oakwood's money, Glenwillow's money, and all the grant money. We will see where we fall and whatever the balance is, it will be split evenly amongst the four communities. **Davis:** Ok, so all four communities are working just as hard to get the grants? **Hren:** Yes. **Warren:** Well, we had gotten our grant originally for Cuyahoga County. Oakwood and Glenwillow had gotten the grant already and that is why you see the work that is already done to date. Now Summit County, Twinsburg is going to take the lead between themselves, and Macedonia and they are applying for the grant. It is anticipated they will be able to get a significant amount of money. At that point we will know how much money is available and how much money we will be dividing for total cost. **Hardin:** President, there was a little different twist on it when you explained it the other day. I thought we had put in as much as we would be required. **Davis:** The \$77,000.00? **Hren:** I think I estimated \$100,000.00, in 2025, at the completion. Now this money that they are applying for here will further reduce that. I think they are applying for three hundred some odd thousand dollars. So, when that goes into that pot, it gets split four ways. Right now, I handed it out last week on a spreadsheet. You saw Oakwood and Glenwillow have already committed \$60 maybe \$70,000.00, and about \$111,000.00, left. I think each community at the end would have given \$178,000.00, or \$187,000.00, so we would make up the difference of what is still owed. **Hardin:** In Legislation 2023-25, are we locked into this? **Warren:** Remember that is what I was saying at the last council meeting, we are already locked in. **Hren:** Yes, we approved legislation for this in 2021, when we first put this agreement together. **Davis:** It says Council will be provided a bid tab summary at the end. **Hren:** Which legislation is that 2023-23? **Davis:** Yes. **Warren:** Legislation 2023-23, is for the roads. **Hren:** Yes, I think you are talking about Legislation 2023-24. **Davis:** Oh, maybe it was 2023-24. **Hren:** Ok, so the way all of this legislation works when I am authorized to prepare plans, specs, and bid a project. I provide a recommendation, which includes a bid tab just like we did for Fair Oaks. Then any projects that we do, I present that to the Clerk of Council, and then I make a recommendation to the Board of Control. The Board of Control then authorizes the agreement or the contract. So, what this does is I do not have to come back for additional legislation unless it is a change order like this Forbes Road. Then I have to come back to Council and ask for it to be approved. When we pass legislation which authorizes me to prepare plans, specs, and advertise for bids. I am then authorized to make a recommendation to the Board of Control, but I still have to submit that letter, with the bid tab to Council. Which I would do anyways, I mean its public record. Typically, what I do is send a recommendation letter to the Board of Control and then copy the Clerk of Council, and then she

distributes it to Council members. **Davis:** Why do we have to allow Twinsburg to apply for that, why do we have to have this resolution? **Hren:** So, our original agreement allows them to do that. Due to the format Ohio Public Works uses. We wanted to be certain that we had legislation that clearly states we have given them authorization to apply on behalf of the four communities. We just want to make sure they get those twenty points, which gives us a better chance to get that money. **Davis:** Thank you. **Hren:** We do not want to take any chances. **Hardin:** Buyer's remorse, let us talk about 2021. **Hren:** I am not sure why you would have buyer's remorse. **Hardin:** Ok, do not have a conniption, just kind of hold on. The President was making a point on who is going to benefit in that sort of thing. In 2025, when this bill comes due, can we go back and apply for more money again? **Hren:** No, there may be a grant program in 2025, but right now all of the grant programs require you to apply prior to construction or the awarding of a contract. They do that specifically because they want to know what they are awarding grant money for. They provide you with instructions that have to be included as part of the bidding documents. So, each grant has its own nuances, some require federal wage rates, some require state wage rates. So, when you are applying, you typically do it prior to the contract agreement or through the bidding. So that those rates or any other stipulations, whether it is using American Steel, there are all types of constraints put in becomes a part of the contract documents. So, it is just like with the ARPA grants we signed, when we get that grant agreement, I include that in the bid documents, so it becomes a component part of the contract documents. The contractor is also bound to the rules and regulations of that agreement. **Hardin:** Ok, so now maybe you can get excited. What do you project, when all is said and done, and I know you are not magic. **Hren:** I am magic. **Hardin:** In 2025, whoever is sitting here is going to come looking for you, but seriously, where do you think the balance would be that we have to share about. **Hren:** I am very comfortable with that number. Which is I think about a \$100,000.00, and that is now without the additional grant money. We are very good at finding additional sources. **Hardin:** You are. **Hren:** We could continue to apply for them. I did not mean after this year we could not apply, what I am saying is before that project goes out for bid, we would have to apply. So, we will have a year and a half here where we could seek other funding and it is not just as the Village of Oakwood, it is Glenwillow, Macedonia and Twinsburg. So, we have four different entities looking for money. So far, we have gotten close to two and a half million dollars that has already been committed. **Hardin:** Well, you are magic in that you can find money, which is a good thing. Is it also possible to include not to exceed a dollar amount or are we too far down the line? **Hren:** I think it is too far down the line. You had a good question, because some of the communities I work in have a huge increase in construction costs. With that we were actually able to go back to some of the funding sources and secure additional funds. **Hardin:** Good **Hren:** In fact, I think NOACA had actually committed up to an additional 15% on construction cost on some of the project they funded because it was such a unique situation. We have been dealing with 2-3% inflation for so many years, so that is what the estimates are for the next construction year. Then all of a sudden, we are up 15%, 20%, over one construction season. So, it is really hard to predict what is going to happen in 2025. However, we always find a way to seek out additional sources or work with the entities who funded us, to try to get them to add some additional funds. **Hardin:** Again, when the president brought up the points that he made. As far as who is really going to benefit from this and to what level? The fact that the interstate is just going to be straightened out, I do not even know if a traffic study was done. **Hren:** Yes, it was actually. **Garratt:** We actually benefit more. **Hren:** That is why I wanted to present that exhibit. I wish I would have had it last time, I apologize, but it demonstrates what the problem is. Like right now the problem is the traffic is going south-bound or north-bound. Everybody that is going to make a left turn is in the same lane as the people going straight. So, if one car is making a left turn everyone else has to wait if there is anybody coming in the opposite direction. To increase safety what we had to do was actually separate the phases. As Macedonia's Shephard Road traffic is going north, the Richmond Road traffic has a red light and vice versa. With this you will have the lead left arrow. So, you are going to have all these cars lined up that are already in the storage lane for those vehicles that are turning left only. They have what is called a lead turn arrow. There is also a radar that detects the number of cars that are in that stall, so it lets all of them go. Once that is done, then the North bound and South bound movements can continue. What it does is it takes three phrases and cuts it down into two phrases. Which is the most efficient way of handling traffic. The issue on our end has always been during the four o' clock hour, when everybody is coming out of the Glenwillow industrial parks. It tends to back up North, towards the roundabout so this will eliminate that from happening. So, with the new traffic controllers, this is all state-of-the-art stuff, it is essentially artificial intelligence. So, if there is no one in the left turning lane, the lead arrow would not even fire. So, I think you would be very pleased with the results. **Warren:** It does not completely eliminate if there is a left-hand turn, it does not let every car through. It has a maximum timer too that will automatically cut that traffic off if it is too long. **Garratt:** Mrs. Hardin had a



question regarding how we benefit from that. We actually benefit more than the other communities. We have two roadways going into that intersection. With this turning lane it is going to alleviate a lot of the issues we have now, especially on Richmond Road and the backups. Plus, future construction on Broadway, repaving people go around like they did last time and really stacked up to the roundabout. This would make a big difference with that. **Hardin:** One more thing, if you go down Richmond Road, I think on the Glenwillow side there's houses about to be built. **Garratt:** They had that sitting for a while. That is more traffic. **Hardin:** That is more traffic on the Glenwillow side, ok, thank you. **Davis:** On the paper that you gave us, the proposed sidewalks, the description of the prices, does that include the sidewalk too? **Hren:** Yes, that includes the sidewalks. That includes driveway acquisition because we are requiring some rights-of-way in Macedonia, some right-of-way in Oakwood, and a little bit in Twinsburg, so that includes everything. Engineering, right-of-way acquisition, sidewalks, everything. **Davis:** Ok, because Twinsburg has quite a bit of sidewalks where we only have a short spot. May I ask a question, did I read somewhere you are the engineer for the other cities too? **Hren:** One of my partner's serves as the engineer for Glenwillow, Mike Henry. Joe Gilani, another one of my partners, serves as the engineer in Macedonia. Twinsburg still has an in-house engineer, she is very confident, she is really good and easy to work with. **Davis:** Thank you. **Hardin:** I do not know who has it in the audience but thank you. **Hren:** Yea, I really should have had this last week, I think it really helps clarify what we are doing. **Hardin:** It does. **Hren:** Thank you. **Davis:** One more question I am sorry, if it ever gets built, I do not know if it is Mr. Bugarcic, will that interfere with any of his traffic? **Hren:** No, he is actually to the northwest. **Davis:** Ok, he will be on that corner of Richmond and Broadway, if he builds, the little shopping center, that will not be affected. Ok, just wanted to make sure, thank you. **Warren:** May we hear from our Law Director?

**Law-Climer:** Thank you, Mr. President, there was a recent decision from the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, which held an exception to the Public Records Act, which permitted us to redact the telephone numbers of accidents victims. It is unconstitutional, I am issuing an injunction against doing that. I have not been able to fully study that as of yet, but it gives me some real cause for concern. As some of my brothers and sisters at the bar tend to bother accident victims with ads, as do medical treatment ads. I will request if anyone gets a public request that is going to look for that kind of information, please send it to me. We will look at other exceptions to the act that may apply, and I would like to protect our residents and travelers as much as we can. Also, per Council's request, we began looking at the ability to restrict short-term rentals. We have identified a number of cities that have been active. Those provisions, a number of them, are in litigation right now on various constitutional grounds. So, I wanted to take a deeper dig into the provisions that are challenged so to stay away from it. We will be coming up with some recommendations in the fall on what you can or cannot do. We are also taking a look at the suggestion of perhaps purchasing property exclusively for rental in the single-family district, maybe a business that is not properly zoned. I have my doubts quite honestly, but we will see if we can follow that. It is certainly something to look at, with that I will be happy to answer any questions. **Davis:** Did you say there's legislation out that allows people to find their information if people got into an accident? **Climer:** There is a Public Records Act, Title 143 of the State Code. It requires that cities and other public entities freely produce their records to the public, but there are about seventy-five exceptions. One of which needs to be the telephone numbers of recent accident and crime victims. The court has held that is unconstitutional; it was a company that goes out and gets business for chiropractors that got the lawsuit. Again, it is issued an injunction against exercising that exemptions and holding back the phone numbers. There may be other sections of the act that would allow us to do that. It was issued right before the fourth of July. A number of the law directors around the state are trading notes on how to deal with this. So, if we get a public records request seeking that information give me a call, if there is any doubt whether a record should be produced or not give us a call. **Warren:** May we hear from our illustrious Police Chief.

**Police-Garratt:** Thank you Mr. President, our call volume is up three times the amount, more than normal just like the Fire Department. Could be seasonal but this is the most we have had all year and they do keep increasing. I wanted to bring your attention to the basketball courts on the corner of Booker, Kentucky, and Arbutus area. We have had problems in the past and you know they have left trash. Tommie has been over there a million times cleaning it all up. Well, we took it as an opportunity, I asked the Mayor and some of the policemen. They wanted to repave it, restripe it, and bring it back up to snuff over there and have our involvement a little bit more over there. So, the Mayor let us do it, it came out of the Police budget unfortunately he would not pay for it. So, we sealed it and stripped it, so it is an actual basketball court



now. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month we are going to go down, which is a Sunday, and try to bring as many of the neighborhood kids down with us. We will be cooking hotdogs and giving them out. So, we wanted to let you guys know what is going to happen on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, it is a Sunday, this month. We will try to get that area so maybe a little buy in they would respect it a little more. We could bring it up and keep improving, that area over there. Cause it is always a residential problem, maybe if we are out there a little more often, then we bring these kids. We are always trying to get the public to bridge the gap over there. That is important to get these, especially the youth kids. **Warren:** That is a good idea because what it does is give the Police Department a connection with the residents and the users. I think most of the problems are coming from outside the immediate community. So, if they have a lock on with the Police Department, we can have an idea on who is participating in being there. We could sell to the residents to be proactive in protecting this because money has been put into this to improve it for your children and yourselves. So, do not let someone else come and cause some other issues. We just recently had a conversation with two of the residents down there that live within an eye shot of it. They have exchanged phone numbers so they are going to let us know if any issues are going on so we can knock this out quickly. If we do not, you know it gets worse. It has gotten a lot better than it was years ago. However, I believe over time we will get the area cleaned up, we will get new brighter signs, and might put something on the backboards. **Warren:** Maybe an appearance once in a while, maybe just watch. **Garratt:** We have to get down there on afternoon shift and play basketball with these kids. We are looking for someone that might be good to get on the basketball team and help us out, just trying to pick out somebody. (Someone suggested Mrs. Hardin) **Warren:** Sometimes height is a deception. (Everyone laughs). **Garratt:** That is all I have. **Davis:** Mr. Garratt, do we have cameras or anything at these places, our parks? **Garratt:** We do have cameras at our park. We have cameras there now, but the vans would have to get power there to run these cameras. There are recording all the time at Oakwood Park, down there we do not. We have entertained it, it was very expensive, but I am sure it is something else we need to look into again. I know there are some issues with restricting it to just our residents down there. There was an issue with that, a liability the Law Director brought to us last time. I think we can get a happy medium down there and look into those cameras again. **Davis:** Is there lights there that they could play late? **Garratt:** It closes at dark, and I'd rather keep it that way. If we come down there and someone is in the parking lot, that gives us the right to shoo them along. We do not want a gathering point down there. **Warren:** You know being a hang out. (Someone asked about time of event on 23<sup>rd</sup>). **Garratt:** I do not know yet to be honest with you because we just came up with the date yesterday. So, we are just trying to figure out the times. It will be around lunch time, so I imagine around noon. We will be there for several hours. **Davis:** Can you text us or email us? **Garratt:** Yes, I can email you guys because you are on break now. **Hardin:** Asked about motorcycles. **Garratt:** A motorcycle is out there, been hammering the stop signs as you all know by now. I know we have had a couple of complaints on Buckthorn and some other residential stop signs. Sometimes it is hard to get police cars to sit down there. You see them really easily block traffic which is against the goal. **Hardin:** You said you did have motorcycles out there? **Garratt:** We have had them out there. **Hardin:** Have not seen them come down the street, what hours does he run? **Garratt:** 4am-4pm. **Hardin:** Really? Ok. **Garratt:** He has been concentrating on Buckthorn for a little while because we had a bunch of problems up there. **Warren:** One of my co-workers lives on Buckthorn. Right around the corner of Buckthorn and Chinkapin, he is the one that told me, "They just zooming through the stop signs". I said what stop sign are you talking about because I could recollect the first one was on Buckthorn. I did not know how many stop signs he says, two. **Garratt:** We have two. **Warren:** Chinkapin and Larch Court. **Garratt:** We set up both of those in there. **Warren:** That is what he said, they just zooming through. **Garratt:** The guys went down there and had like six in a half an hour. **Hardin:** You got to keep it up because periodically... **Garratt:** We rotate them around; they do not know when we are going to be there or when we are not. We put the motorcycle down there, that helps out a lot. It is just another element. **Hardin:** Thank you for putting the street signs up too Tommie. **Warren:** Ok. **Mayor:** Chief, why didn't you mention the recent appointments. I only ask this because the City of Cleveland, has one less police officer today than they had a hundred years ago. That is the reason you hear all these poor response times in the City of Cleveland. **Garratt:** I mentioned that we actually did a promotion. Sergeant Grant retired, so we actually had a competitive test. They announce their names, the agency does the testing. There were eight of them who took the test, Patrolmen trying to get Sergeant's position. We had written tests and oral conducted by several other city chiefs that do not know any of the candidates. They were from far away, this company, The Clancy Company, is the one that performs the testing. It came down to the top two guys with a quarter point difference. These guys know I do not like doing promotions. I love the promotions for the guys getting it, but there are seven others. There was a big change, our Detective Wendel made Sergeant. So, he is going to eventually be out of the

Detective Bureau to take over shift. He has a couple of things to wrap up there. Another officer that is going to the Detective Bureau, is training a brand-new guy. We have to wait for him to finish the twelve-week training. He does six weeks, and another trainer does six weeks. Then we will have a big rotation of schedule changes for the officers in effect. **Hardin:** You will still do the 12 hours? **Garratt:** Yes, it is very efficient for scheduling. Allows us to put more officers in the street than the eight-hour days. Believe it or not it takes more officers to cover three eight-hour shifts than two twelves. **Warren:** A lot of places are going with twelve-hour shifts. Ones that transition to twelve-hour shifts during covid are staying there now. Cleveland Clinic is big on it now. **Garratt:** It is really good; we do not rotate the shifts. There have been so many studies. We used to rotate every thirty days; eight-hour shifts would rotate backwards. It was taking like seven years off their lives. So, we do permanent twelve-hour shifts, 4am-4pm, 4pm- 4a.m. When I first made chief, we were on 6am-6pm. We were in 4am-4pm and moved to 6am-6pm. We were in our department meeting, and everyone was there, and they said can we go back to 4am-4pm? I said, "well you are all here let's vote on it". Everyone voted yes and one person voted no, so we went back to 4am-4pm. The benefit to that is, the day shift comes in at 4a.m., and only has to deal with one rush hour. The second rush hour is a switch in shift and the second part gets that. For the night shift 4pm-4am, they leave at 4am, it is still dark, so psychologically, you get home it is still dark, you can sleep easier. So, it really worked out, everyone is benefiting, and we are not changing unless there is some kind of issue. We have been doing this for 20 years. **Davis:** You said this Detective Wendel is going to be Sergeant, right? **Garratt:** Correct. **Davis:** Now do we have to hire another detective or is that inside your group that you have already? Somebody else just takes that position. **Garratt:** Correct, we have another officer we are bringing in. There is a lot of training that goes into it. Which is what is nice about picking from your own people. If someone comes from outside, they will have to be trained on our techniques. It is nice to have somebody, it happens to be the person who was a court appointed lawyer and a Sergeant. **Warren:** I was hoping that it was. **Garratt:** It really worked out well, I gave that person the first-time opportunity for that position, and they graciously really wanted it, and it is a really good fit. It will be Detective Kelly, you will see him, I am really excited, and I think the department is going to do well. We have a really good core group of Officers now with our two new hires. One of them has twenty-two years of experience in Warrenville Heights and came here. He is probably more experienced than several of my guys just because of the things Warrenville has seen, so he is a great person to have. The other one started yesterday. He came out of the academy this year, young guy, real energetic, and really wants to make a difference. It is nice to have that fresh blood come in, it gets everybody else going. **Mayor:** It is too bad, I had a candidate ten years as a police officer in Las Vegas, but there is a problem when you are going from one state to another. **Garratt:** Yes, there is a lot of training. Believe it or not the Northeast area of the country, the rate our training far above some of the other cities. Which is great for us, but the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy has standards. If you want to come over to law enforcement from somewhere else, you still have to meet these standards. Sometimes that means off to the academy again, and a guy with ten years of experience is not going back to the academy. So, unfortunately, sometimes it is only a matter of three or four weeks of training that is different, it is all on the state's standards. **Warren:** May we hear from the Mayor?

**Mayor-Gottschalk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman, it has been an exhilarating last 5-7 days here at Oakwood. We had ABA Molecular, doing business with Sofie, to make injectables for cat scans for cancer and Alzheimer's patients. As I mentioned, they are going through a four and a half million-dollar expansion by way of Premiere Development. Community Care Ambulance Services who also works with University Hospital, a critical transport. They are looking at forty more ambulance drivers. Swift Filters is wanting to put up a minor 18,000 square foot expansion at the back of the building. Most interestingly, Donald King of Access Point, three buildings over on First Place on the left, has been working with a firm out of Paris, France. A major international firm that is interested in coming to Oakwood possibly to have their U.S. base here. It would be about thirty employees but wouldn't that be something? From Paris, France, major international company wanting to have their U.S. base here in Oakwood. We will know in September whether that is going to happen or not. So that is going to be quite exciting to wait for that. You are aware of course Interstate McBee, who had been in Cleveland since 1945, will actually begin operations in early October. Premier Development put up that building. They were looking at either Houston or Miami, as well with the Ohio Public Works coming in with over half a million dollars to refurbish some of that land down there, which was a mess, very helpful. Ohio Caterpillar is undergoing a four and a half million-dollar expansion where there are. This goes to say, I just had a meeting with president and founder of one of the largest industrial development companies in the United States, who jetted in here from California to

meet with a client in Akron-Canton. Then heard about Oakwood, we were meeting for an hour and a half. He wanted to know a little more about Oakwood, so that happened hours ago. Additionally, the Law Director informed me he had been informed by the Kroger people that we were waiting, they were putting together a redraft of the development agreement. They signed it some time ago. At that time, we were looking at, they were talking about \$13 million payroll eventually went to \$18 million, \$110 million dollar development program which now would be \$175 million. I am tired of talk from Kroger. I am tired of nothing happening. So, if we do not see this agreement, because the County is asking me as well, to see what they have. We could work together in putting it back to Kroger. If we do not see this thing by the end of the month, I am informing the CEO that I meet with him privately without these committees, which are ridiculous, but that was Kroger's conventional way of doing things. We need to work with the decision maker that is going to get things done or they are in default of the agreement with us. They owe us money and I will strip them of all their incentives, so the land is valueless to them. Premiere is ready to buy it back for immediate development. So, we will know that by the end of this month. My patience is exhausted, either we see results or moving forward. We have forty-five of our youth as part of our summer program. It was quite exciting to see not just the twelve- to fifteen-year-olds in a fire department, but even the seven and eight years old, doing CPR and first aid working on the dummies. It was quite something, just as our youth boys will be a part of the Junior Police Academy starting up in another week. Lastly, our concerts are beginning on the 20<sup>th</sup>. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have the number one tribute band in the United States to the *Bee Gee's*, that is *Staying Alive*. The following week the number one tribute band to *Eagle's*, *Hotel California*. Then we will have Mike Elbert and his memories of *Elvis Show*. This is not blue swede shoes and hound dogs, this is Vegas. In addition to *If I Can Dream* and *American Trilogy*, we are getting the gospel like *How Great Thou Are*, *You Will Never Walk Alone*, and *Why Me Lord*. It is quite a show, and they will have people from Rochester to Chicago for this show. The following week will be the son of Jackie Wilson, Bobby Wilson, from Vegas. Then the last week at Mt. Zion, *Maxine Nightingale* will do a tribute to *Donna Summers*. So those are the shows planned, in addition 1490 is looking at maybe having three Friday night shows there with local acts. So that concludes my report, and I will not be taking any questions. **Davis:** If you find out about Kroger's, since we do not meet again until the end of August, can you email or text us. **Mayor:** Well, we may have to have a special meeting. **Davis:** Ok, so you will give us the information. **Mayor:** So, we will see about that, it's time. We have waited long enough; I am tired of the excuse of the Albertsons' deal. Again, they are in default of the agreement they already signed with us to begin with, so we move forward. The County is very anxious as well, let us see what they are resubmitting. We expect to have that as the Law Director is saying within weeks, so we can review it and move forward. **Davis:** My second question, when do we get flyers for the concert? **Mayor:** Well, I have been emersed with all this other stuff, it is amazing that phones are going to get lit up over here. **Davis:** Everyone keeps asking about them. **Mayor:** First one starts on the 20<sup>th</sup>. **Warren:** Well, this is the 11<sup>th</sup>, so you have time to get it out **Mayor:** Yes we will have it out within a week. **Matlock:** You said 1490 is that with Kent? 1490, on Friday? **Mayor:** Friday for three nights, Sam's Club will be out there as well offering water. They will get more involved than they have been in the past. **Davis:** On Thursday concerts or just Friday, for Sam's club? **Mayor:** Sam's Club is probably Thursday. **Davis:** Ok. **Warren:** Any questions for the Mayor? **Davis:** Do we know if Wendys is going to allow people to go in for bathrooms? We had that, then they stopped. **Mayor:** We will have some alternative. **Warren:** Why don't we get those porta potties? That is very commonplace. **Mayor:** Now we would use golf carts to take the people to either Wendy's or Levin, but porta potties would be a lot closer. **Warren:** Only takes about two or three of them. **Mayor:** Yes. **Warren:** Considering having it off to the side, under some trees or something. Any other questions? Ok, I will close this and open up the floor for public comments. This is the opportunity for residents to come and voice their concerns or accolades, or questions. Come up and give your name and address.

#### Open Floor Comments

**John Bell, 6331 Sparrowhawk Way:** How is everyone doing? John Bell, some of you may know me, I am H.O.A President out in the Meadows. So, all of my stuff is good stuff, so no complaints. First, I want to commend the Police Officers. You got a new guy that has been talking to the kids, he has been real cool with everybody. Over on Stonehaven and Whitetail Run we have this big, opened area, some of the kids have been playing football. Actually, I was throwing a few passes with them, I thought I could still do it. **Mayor:** John, there has been a concern from a number of your residents over there about kids particularly not from the area being over there. That is why you have seen more activity by the Police Force over there in the Meadows and over in Cape Cod. **Bell:** Well in our neighborhood, which is one of the things

I had to tell some of our residents. I was young too one time and I have two daughters. There are a lot of girls over there now and the boys are coming, they are just hanging out. They are not causing any trouble, but I think they are causing some concern to some of the residents. I even actually talked to one of the kids and he is a cool kid, but that is what they do. The other thing is, we just put in some seating benches, I sent an email around. They are really, really nice. We put about six to eight bushes around them, we built up the back area in between trees, we got black mulch. It looks fabulous. We put in three of them. We still have the lowest dues; I think the second lowest in the state. We are doing good over there and we are in the black. So, Finance Director, we are doing pretty good in that, I just wanted to get that out. The thing I wanted to ask though, not wanting money, just need some direction. These benches, I live on Sparrowhawk in the cul-de-sac, one day last week twenty-seven people walked by my house. So, we are starting to get more walkers. They are going to start using the benches, but they have dogs. What do we do as far as a doggy poop can and who would empty it? Do I need to go to Waste Management? How do I do that somewhere near the areas where we have the benches, if anyone knows? We can pay for it; we just do not know what direction to get into. **Mayor:** I threw that idea out years ago about having these containers for poop for dogs, but I do not know how much they are ever used. **Hardin:** Can I answer that? We have an ordinance "pooper scooper", it is on the books. I have seen it is like a stand and it has plastic bags in it, and it is rather in expensive. So maybe you can check what they cost. **Hladky:** Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, they help you get grants. **Gaither:** What does our ordinance say? **Warren:** When you are walking your dog you carry your own bag, then you dispose of it at your residence. **Hardin:** The little signs do not cost very much Tommie. I have seen the little signs that say, just a reminder. We can get the little signs, can't we Mayor? **Davis:** That is from the Sewer District. **Hardin:** We can get you some of those signs Mr. Bell. **Gaither:** Just take care of your own bag. **Bell:** As long as the cost do not go crazy, we can pay for it. We want to offer something because we have a lot of dogs and lot of walkers. **Warren:** Well, our ordinance requires people who are walking their dogs, carry the bag with them. Then when the dog or cat does whatever they do, then they scoop it up and put it in a bag. **Haba:** You know we do not want to pick up the dog treatment, but we have trashcans around other places in the Village where people congregate. We could put a trash can there and go around once a week, sometimes more in the summer, less in the winter and just dump those cans. **Hardin:** There you go. **Haba:** I do not think it would be that much in there. **Bell:** We clean up the area. We have two residents on Richmond Road, and myself, we went around and took bags and just cleaned up because you know we had that windstorm. That kind of trash will be in there too, just normal trash off Richmond. **Haba:** Well, we have a beautiful thing Debbie Hladky helped us get a couple of years ago. We have one back here, one for trash, one for recyclables, and the other one for cans and bottles. **Bell:** How many can we get? **Haba:** One, but there are three parts. **Bell:** Ok, cool. **Warren:** You know ironically, a gentleman came to the window last week and he was out there soliciting. I had never seen him before, but he was a pooper guy. He would dispatch his own business and they would go clean poop. I had not seen it before **Bell:** There's a guy at my job that does that. **Warren:** I do not know what that would cost but I can show you his card. **Bell:** Yes please. **Gaither:** I mean we have an ordinance so do we want to circumvent our ordinance? **Warren:** What? **Davis:** We have ordinances that you are not allowed to leave your dog poop. **Hardin:** So, we do not need anyone coming to pick it up, just pick your own up. **Davis:** You are responsible for yourself because there is a fine if they do not pick up. **Haba:** Yes but if they throw it in the trash, it is fine. **Callender:** Yes, a lot of people have been doing a better job with picking up the dog poop and everything. **Bell:** Yes, I got into a little thing with a neighbor, she was really upset because I asked her. I did not even care that her dog was on my yard, but I asked her "are you going to clean that up?", and she went ballistic. **Davis:** Remind her there is an ordinance and a fine. **Warren:** As a matter of fact, it might be something that the Council Clerk could give you. A copy of the ordinance to circulate. **Bell:** Yea, I could put it in the newsletter. **Davis:** With what the fines are. **Bell:** The other thing is, we put something out there, but we may still have an issue with it. We have eleven ponds, nine retention and two detentions. The people who are next to the ponds fertilize with high phosphorus; it turns the ponds green. So, all that stuff builds on there, I think they are starting to understand. So, we came in there with aqueduct and cleaned up everything and left some notes. I was wondering if there is a way maybe the city could put out an email or in the newsletters about using heavy phosphorus. We do it in the community, but some people just want green grass and that is the end of it. **Callender:** I will send it out. **Bell:** Ok, I appreciate that. One more thing, school season is coming up. Two of the corner neighbors have noticed, and I sent the email to them last year, but Solon uses our area as a turnaround. So, their bus comes up Richmond, makes a left into Sparrowhawk, knocks that rock into the street at least three times per year, breaks the irrigation systems, comes back around to Morning Glory and then back on Richmond. So, one of the neighbors took a picture and one took a video. I took that and sent it to them, so it stopped. About two or three months

later, twice as many buses started coming through there, they use it as a turnaround. They even come all the way down in the cul-de-sac and back up because they cannot turn all the way, while our kids are trying to get to our buses. **Callender:** I can talk to the Transportation Director. **Bell:** I can send the emails that we have. **Davis:** He is talking about Solon. **Bell:** Not Bedford, Bedford comes from the other direction and is fine. **Callender:** Yea if you could send me those emails. **Debbie Hladky:** you have to talk to Solon Transportation Department because they are the ones who make the routes. **Hardin:** I thought you had all good stuff. **Bell:** That is, it, I just really wanted to get it out there about the officers and how they are treating our area. **Hardin:** Awesome. **Bell:** Oh, one more thing for you, storm basin. We have to have them inspected. So, we called Lake Duct or Aqueduct one of them and they were like \$34,000.00, for an inspection. **Hren:** Yea that is too much. I can send you a list of firms that do that. I will take a look at who else submits it from some of the other businesses that have potential basins, I will get you a list. **Bell:** Ok, because we had someone on our H.O.A Board, we had to remove but they live in the Bedford area, and they are sending us all types of inspection things to our area. I guess they are upset. So, when we started getting these quotes, they were coming in at \$30k-\$34,000.00. **Hren:** It is a walk through, they will come check the basins are working properly, nothing major. They are not doing like chemical tests or anything like that. **Bell:** Gave his email address: belljohnjr@gmail.com. **Davis:** Ms. Joseph, do you have his address? **Joseph:** I do not. **Bell:** 6331 Sparrowhawk way. I appreciate what you have been doing, over there has been nice, the shrubbery, the landscaping, everything. **Callender:** Can I say something really quick? I just wanted to commend Mr. Bell; he has been president for how long? **Bell:** This will be my 10<sup>th</sup> year. **Callender:** He has done a tremendous job. **Bell:** Thank you. **Warren:** Any other residents?

**Sofia Johnson,** Bedford librarian, 70 Columbus Road: The library has a program called Digital Navigators and you can call, and someone will meet with you one on one. They will do introductory computer skills and help you understand your phone better. In addition to that we have a grant, and we can help determine if someone meets the income guidelines to help them get reduced internet. So, I will leave the flyers, Digital Navigators and so they do introductory skills as well as check to see if you can receive reduced internet. Lastly, Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>, there's basic car maintenance and repair program and that is a Saturday at 11 a.m. **Hardin:** Good information. **Warren:** Do you need any volunteer cars? **Gaither:** I will say about the Digital Navigator program if you have a Mac do not expect a lot. **Sofia:** Oh yea, do you use digital? **Gaither:** It is great with windows, HP, something like that but they are kind of shy on what to do with the Mac. **Warren:** Ok and I will close the floor for public comment so we can proceed with today's agenda.

Floor closed.

## Legislation

2023-23      AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF GLENWILLOW, CITY OF MACEDONIA, AND CITY OF TWINSBURG TO ALLOW THE CITY OF TWINSBURG TO APPLY TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR A POTENTIAL GRANT FOR THE FUNDING OF THE RICHMOND ROAD, SHEPARD ROAD, BROADWAY AVENUE, AND RAVENNA ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## Second Read

Motion to suspend 2023-23 made by Gaither seconded by Davis

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

Motion to adopt 2023-23 made by Hardin seconded by Gaither

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

MOTION PASSED

2023-24      AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND PROCEED WITH ROAD REPAIRS ON VARIOUS STREETS AND COUNTY ROUTES LOCATED WITHIN THE

VILLAGE

First Read

Motion to suspend 2023-24 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

Motion to adopt 2023-24 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

2023-25        AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR  
NERONE AND SONS, INC, INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY  
\$45,720.21, FOR THE FORBES-RICHMOND PUMP STATION AND  
SANITARY FORCE MAIN REPAIR PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE  
OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

First Read

Motion to suspend 2023-25 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

Motion to adopt 2023-25 made by Davis seconded by Hardin

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

MOTION PASSED

2023-26        AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ALTERNATE  
FORMAT TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024

First Read

Motion to suspend 2023-26 made by Gaither seconded by Callender

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

Motion to adopt 2023-26 made by Hardin seconded by Gaither

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

MOTION PASSED

2023-27        A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES FOR THE FAMILY OF  
ELYANE G. GOINS

First Read

Motion to suspend 2023-27 made by Davis seconded by Callender

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

Motion to adopt 2023-27 made by Hardin seconded by Gaither

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adjourn made by Callender seconded by Davis

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

Adjourned at 8:53pm

Approved 8.22.23

  
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

  
Johnnie Warren, Council President