

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
2023-08-22

**ATTENDANCE**

Johnnie Warren, President  
Chris Callender, Ward 1  
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2  
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3  
Candace Williams, Ward 5

**ABSENT**

Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official	Mary Davis, Ward 4
Mark Garratt, Police Department	Elaine Gaither, At- Large
Dave Tapp – Fire Department	Brian L. Thompson– Finance Director
Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	Tom Haba, Service Director
Carlean Perez – Recreation Director	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Ed Hren, Village Engineer	James Climer, Law Director

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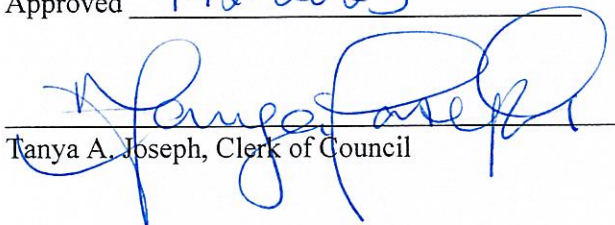
Meeting opened at 8:03pm by Warren

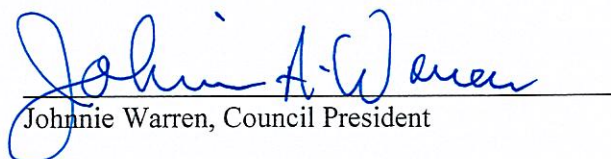
**Hardin:** Last Wednesday there was a meeting, and again every third Wednesday. There is a large number of people in this community that are interested in seeing local talent. At the dinner for Eloise, unsolicited, your neighbor's band performed, and my next-door neighbor sang. My point is David Sowl, your neighbor's group, my next-door neighbor, Hubb's Grooves, unsolicited asked to perform here. At the meeting we said we would do an October fest. Now, what I am asking is, remember, we still have home days, so the money is there. Administration for whatever reason is not allowing them to perform, I don't know why, and I don't care, maybe it's union I don't know. If there's something we need to do to get permission through the union, we are willing to work. **Matlock:** From my understanding, because I did ask about this with Kent and Angelic. WJMO has sponsors and they are the one who sponsors those bands in. That is organized by WJMO, the hippies, because they are the ones who did it on Friday night. Kent got a little upset because you know me, why do you not have our local bands? We have local bands here. But he was saying the bands they brought in were sponsored by WMJO. Like they brought a girl in from Columbus, the other guys from like Cincinnati, on a sponsorship. They use the parking lot, and they get this exposure not only there, but it's in other places that they venture out to. Different communities, cities, municipalities, that their parking lot is not conclusive like Levin's, so they have been doing that for years. The Friday show was very on tune with the younger generations. I went to both of them, and they were nice. **Callender:** Are they using like the stage and stuff like that? **Matlock:** They used the stage Friday night. It seems has if we should be able to pull that for a Friday night, or a Saturday night for our local talent. **Callender:** Is that our stuff? **Matlock:** No, it is not ours, the rent and bring it in. **Hardin:** Who rents it? Who's paying for what? **Warren:** The Mayor brings the stage in with his weekly pay. But that stage is still there, they don't take that down and put it back up. So that's why the two young people he knows, were able to use that stage. It probably was on his rental. **Hardin:** Mr. President, officially, I am asking if this Council can get involved. To the point that we sponsor or bring in local talent? **Matlock:** Yes. **Callender:** Yes. **Hardin:** Whatever is the legal way of doing what our people asked us to do. **Williams:** I thought Council couldn't get involved with that. Because that is what pushed me away. **Warren:** Let me just say this, I don't know of anything written in a Charter or anything else that says what Council cannot do. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Warren:** It tells us what our limits are as far as our legislative responsibilities. But over and above that, if we have anything, there's nothing in the Charter that says we couldn't. Like the block party in ward 2, you had very successfully. What prohibited that? Nothing and nothing was said about it. So, that can be done. **Hardin:** Well, I am going to ask this. Just like we did home days, make it real home days, let it be our own boys and girls. I think we owe it to them. We would like to do it in October, if we can bill it as October fest, or end of the year. **Warren:** Well first of all we need to figure out the cost for

the groups, because that will be something we have to figure out. **Hardin:** Do we want to do it in October? **Warren:** It would kind of be cold outside of October. **Callender:** I think we could probably do it in October. **Hardin:** We will have a committee as a whole, I would like to chair. The first objective Mr. President you were right is the cost. So, can we have a meeting with the performers to see? **Williams:** Why don't we just call and ask for a quote; we don't have to have a meeting. **Warren:** The thing is Candace, if we talk to them and let them know, especially being in our community. The reasonable price that could be affordable, this can springboard this thing into a greater thing. **Williams:** Why don't you first just ask them their cost because it's also very disrespectful to performers. That's what they do to immediately ask for a discount. Let's just ask them what their quote is and the total amount. **Hardin:** I am so glad you spoke up; I might as well tell the truth. You know I don't know all of these people. For the record madam secretary, can we say by Tuesday we would have contact Hubb's Groove, we are going to contact the entertainment group in Ward 1, Sowl, and my neighbor next door. **Williams:** How long do we want this event to be? Do we want them all at one event? Do we do two at one and then the next two later? Hubb's groove usually plays for two hours, I mean he could play less. It's just something to consider. **Warren:** Hubb does his own promotion thing too and maybe he could actually be a facilitator. I say that to say if he wants to perform for an hour and then bring the other two in. **Hardin:** Let's do Hubb's Groove because they asked and your person. We will do those two. Tuesday we will have an answer.

Motion to adjourn made by Hardin seconded by Callender  
YES VOTE: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Williams Motion Passed  
Adjourned at 8:18pm

Approved 9.12.2023

  
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

  
Johnnie Warren, Council President