

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5th, 2023
7:00 p.m.
AGENDA



1. **Cali Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**

Council President	Johnnie A. Warren	Mayor	Gary Gottschalk
Council-At-Large	Elaine Y. Gaither	Law	James Climer
Ward 1 Councilperson	Chris C. Callender	Finance	Brian L. Thompson
Ward 2 Councilperson	Eloise Hardin	Service	Tom Haba
Ward 3 Councilperson	Paggie Matlock	Fire	Dave Tapp
Ward 4 Councilperson	Mary Davis	Police	Mark Garratt
Ward 5 Councilperson	Candace S. Williams	Building	Daniel Marinucci
		Engineer	Ed Hren
		Recreation	Carlean Perez

4. **MINUTES-** August 22nd, 2023, Council Meeting & Work Session
August 28th, 2023, **Special Meeting**
August 29th, 2023, **Special Meeting**

5. **Clerk Correspondence**
6. **Departmental Reports**

MAYOR-GARY GOTTSCHALK	FIRE-DAVE TAPP
LAW-JAMES CLIMER	BUILDING-DANIEL MARINUCCI
FINANCE-BRIAN THOMPSON	0 HOUSING INSTECTOR-N/A
SERVICE-TOM HABA	POLICE-MARK GARRATT
ENGINEER-ED HREN	RECREATION-CARLEAN PEREZ

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

2023-32 **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 125.01, 125.04,**
Introduced 9-5-2023 **AND 125.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF**
By Mayor and **OAKWOOD RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE**
Council as a whole **DEPARTMENT.**
1st read

9. **Adjournment**

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
WORK SESSION
AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 5th, 2023

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

Legislation: Fiscal Officers Certificate Present

Municipal Complex	Hardin
Disaster Recovery Plan	Hardin
Human Resources	Hardin
Five Year Plan	Hardin

5. Matters Deemed Appropriate
6. Adjournment

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-32

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS
125.01, 125.04 AND 125.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD RELATING TO THE
COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, The Council of the Village of Oakwood has decided to amend the composition of the Village Police Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. Section 125.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Oakwood which presently reads as follows:

125.01 COMPOSITION.

- (a) The Police Department of the Municipality shall consist of a Chief of Police, not to exceed one Captain, not to exceed three four Sergeants, not to exceed twelve fulltime Patrolmen. One of the Sergeants may be designated by the Mayor to be the head of the Detective Bureau.
- (b) Patrolmen shall be further classified as 1st, 2nd, 3rd Class Patrol Officers, as follows:
 - (1) 3rd Class - First twelve months of continuous service after original appointment.
 - (2) 2nd Class - First twelve months of continuous service after serving as a 3rd Class Patrol Officer.
 - (3) 1st Class - All service as a Patrolman after service as a 2nd Class Patrol Officer.

be and the same is hereby amended and, as amended, shall read as follows:

125.01 COMPOSITION.

- (c) The Police Department of the Municipality shall consist of a Chief of Police, not to exceed one Captain, not to exceed four Sergeants, not to exceed fourteen full-time Patrol Officers. One of the Sergeants may be designated by the Mayor to be the head of the Detective Bureau.

SECTION 2. The existing version of Oakwood C.O. Section 125.04 which presently reads as follows:

125.04 PART-TIME PATROLMEN.

The Mayor is authorized to appoint, not exceeding 15 part-time patrolmen and to station such officers. The service time of such patrolmen shall be kept in a book by the Chief of Police as directed by the Mayor and certified by the Chief for payment semi-monthly.

be and the same is hereby amended and as amended, shall read as follows:

125.04 PART-TIME PATROL OFFICERS.

The Mayor is authorized to appoint, not exceeding 15 part-time Patrol Officers and to station such Officers. The service time of such Patrol Officers shall be kept in a book by the Chief of Police as directed by the Mayor and certified by the Chief for payment semi-monthly.

SECTION 3. Section 125.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Oakwood which presently reads as follows:

125.05 FULL TIME POSITION: PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

All appointments made to the position of full-time patrolman shall be for a probationary period of one-year continuous service and no appointments shall become final until the appointee has satisfactorily served the probationary period. Before expiration of such period, the Chief of Police shall file a report with the Mayor showing the services of such employee and the complete record thereof, so that the Mayor may determine whether the employee has satisfactorily served his probationary period and is efficient, courteous, and competent.

be and the same is hereby amended and as amended, shall read as follows:

125.05 PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

The probationary period for all original and promotional appointments of Police Officers within the Police Department shall be as specified by contract with the applicable collective bargaining unit.

SECTION 4. The existing versions of Oakwood C.O. Sections 125.01, 125.04 and 125.05 be and hereby are repealed.

SECTION 5. The Codifier is hereby instructed to substitute the adopted versions of Oakwood C.O. Sections 125.01, 125.04 and 125.05 in place of the previous versions of said ordinances.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the same relates to the daily operation of a municipal department and urgent staffing needs to maintain the peace in the Village, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and

approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the
Mayor _____

Approved: _____

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2023 - was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2023 - was duly posted on the ____ day of _____, 2023, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days as provided in the Village Charter.

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: _____

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2023-08-22

ATTENDANCE

Johnnie Warren, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Chris Callender, Ward 1	Tom Haba, Service Director
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Brian L. Thompson– Finance Director
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
Candace Williams, Ward 5	Mark Garratt, Police Department
James Climer, Law Director	Dave Tapp – Fire Department

ABSENT

Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor
Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Elaine Gaither, At- Large
Mary Davis, Ward 4
Ed Hren, Village Engineer

*** Matt Jones covered the meeting in place of business partner Ed Hren.*

Meeting opened at 7:01pm by Warren
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call taken

Motion to approve finance minutes of July 11th, 2023, made by Callender seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, ABSTAINED: Williams
MOTION PASSED

Motion to approve council minutes of July 11th, 2023, made by Hardin seconded by Callender
YES VOTE: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Williams
MOTION PASSED

Warren: Any correspondence? **Tanya:** There is mail from the Legal Aid Society, Jams for Justice, and the Solid Waste Department. **Warren:** Bedford school? **Tanya:** There is a notice from Bedford school as well. **Warren:** I would like all council members to read the correspondence we got from the Bedford school district. **Warren:** May I hear from our illustrious Fire Department.

Departmental Reports

Fire-Tapp: Tapp: Thank you Council President. Since last Council meeting, we did a couple PR events. Collaboration with the Police Department, collaboration Backpack. Sunday we did Rome Baptist Church, we brought the truck and got to spray down some kids with some water. That went pretty well, I was excited for that. A nursing home in Glenwillow has shut down recently. They were shut down by the state. With that nursing home being shut down we are having more calls than we have ever had. Last month alone, we responded to mutual aid to the surrounding cities because of staffing shortages seventeen times in one month. We are keeping up with our staff here. **Hardin:** Where is the home? **Warren:** The nursing home is in Glenwillow. **Hardin:** Ok. **Tapp:** See we thought it was shutdown because of calls but really that is not what it was. Other than that, that is all I have to report from the Fire Department. **Warren:** Ok, any questions? May we hear from our Finance Director.

Finance-Thompson: Thompson: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a quick note tonight there is an annual Note on the agenda tonight. Last year this Note was approximately \$1.8 Million dollars. This year it is approximately \$1.6 Million Dollars. We are paying down about \$160,000.00, this year, \$70,000.00 in interest and the rest in principle. There's a quick

note in evaluating the income tax collections up to seven periods. We have been comfortably above what our projections were for the upcoming year. Also, we ended our Summer Camp which we were evaluating. It looks like the summer camp expenses, when we make the adjustment of the \$66,000.00 lower on the appropriations it's going to come within budget. That's it, thank you Mr. Chairman. **Warren:** Ok, may we hear from our illustrious Police Chief.

Police-Garratt: Thank you Mr. President, like the Fire Department we have been very busy this summer. Since June we have received 8500 calls for service, that is almost a hundred calls a day, that includes traffic stops, alarms, etc. Although we have been busy we got into a lot of community events. We were there at Rome Baptist Church on Sunday, Stuff the Backpack with Channel 19, we were there with donations for the kids with school supplies like we do each year. We had the Summer Camp kids like the Fire Department. We had them for a week, in my written report you can see what we have done with them. On July 23rd, 2023, we did the basketball tournament that we discussed. We had the basketball court resurfaced and one of the star players is sitting here next to me. You can see several photos on the long sheet, it was a really good event, we had a lot of kids. I can't tell you how many people came up to me to ask, "Why are you guys doing this?", they wanted to know what the catch was. There's no catch we just wanted to do this, and we are allowed to bring volunteers. Ironically, if you look at the picture on the second page of the statement, on the bottom right corner. There is a three-person team, that is your winning team, and they are all policemen here. It was a really good event; we look forward to doing it every year because of the reception we got from the public. I appreciate the support we got from Council, Ms. Matlock, and Ms. Gaither, were there cheering on the Police Department only of course. The commentary on the sideline from Captain Freeman was hilarious. Fire Department and Service Department helped us get it all ready. Fire Department offered their grill, it was just a good event, and everyone got involved. So, I just wanted to bring you up to speed on that. **Mayor:** I would like to re-recognize the Service Department for the great job they did on the basketball court over there, relining it, it really looks great. **Warren:** May we hear from our Building Chief.

Building-Marinucci: Thank you Council president. Things are running smoothly in the Building Department. Just a note on the digitation, we have come a long way, we are not done, we have ways to go. It is truly neat because when you get a public records request, it's nice to go and grab a file. We are getting Dropbox installed so we can pass a great amount of material back and forth, so we are implementing that. What remains is we are still doing the street files; we still have the drawings and that is the next phase. So, I will be working with Brian because we have to get the machine to do it. We get the drawings scanned then we will be up to speed on that issue, which is nice. But I am here for any questions. **Warren:** may we hear from our illustrious Service Department.

Service-Haba: Thank you Mr. President, just a couple things. We had a water main break ten days or so ago, the Police did an excellent job of closing the roads off because it happened overnight. It took Cleveland Water quite a few hours to get the water shut off. So, it did a lot of damage and I just mentioned to Mayor their policy. If it is a 16-inch pipe or bigger they correct the problem in the road, they fix the road up and repair it. If it is smaller than that, we are stuck with it. We got stuck with an 8-inch main that went into Garden Road. So, we had to repair it quickly, I appreciate what the Police did. On the light path on Lamson Road, which had the tree roots coming through that we talked about couple months ago. We tore out a section of that, took the roots out, repaved it, and put the trees back. That is all I have. **Warren:** May we hear from our Engineering Department.

Engineer-Matt Jones: I'm primarily here to discuss Ordinance 2023-29, that is on the agenda tonight. This is a change order for Vandra Brothers on the Fair Oaks rehabilitation project. I believe Ed sent a memo to everyone last week, hopefully everyone seen it. Basically, what's going on is, the original design, the plans you recall included a relocation of the southernmost 400ft of Fair Oaks Road to line up with the future driveway. It was done without that work included due to timing and the expense of when it came through the first time. So, basically the thought was we would pave the section 400ft north of Alexander up to where the freeway ramp merges as a part of the project. With the intent that the relocation would happen under a separate project, that would coincide more with the Kroger project. Now that the Kroger project is kind of in limbo at this point, not knowing how long it's going to be before something happens there. Really don't think it is a good idea to leave southern 400ft untouched. So, we are asking for a change order in order to be able to pave that southern 400ft at the same time as the rest of it. We would take advantage of the funding that is in place. We do have

\$250,000.00 in ARPA funds that comes right off the top on this thing. There is also PWC money, which covers 67.5% of all expenses. Basically, what you will end up with is the Village's final not to exceed amount that they would be on the hook for construction. It is just a little over \$30,000.00, we just had slightly more than what is prior to this change. It is a good way to leverage those funds and take care of the southern section at this time. If anyone have any questions on it I will do my best to answer. **Mayor:** Well, we can leverage it a little better as well with the owner of the site in the end, we will ask for the \$30,000.00 back. **Warren:** I was also informed that the price would be much more significant because of the mobilization and remobilization of the equipment. When they have the Rollers, Trucks, Bulldozers, etc., if they don't do it with all of the equipment there at that time. The projected price of \$40,000.00 is there because if they pull it out and have to come back and do it. It could add another 25% to the cost. **Jones:** Oh easily, it could be immobilization, who knows how much the price of asphalt can go up between now and whenever that happens. This way we are locked into a price. **Hardin:** Mr. President, so a mere \$30,000.00, is where we are right? **Jones:** \$31,000.00, I believe and that is the not to exceed amount. That is total for the entire project not just this change order. **Warren:** It is a specific part of that project estimated with the ARPA money and all of that would be about \$11,000-\$15,000.00. **Jones:** That is correct, that's the additional. **Hardin:** What is additional? **Warren:** In other words, the \$40,000.00, he's saying with the specifics to that area, is going to be out-of-pocket for the Village with the incentive from the ARPA money. Another potential grant they are expecting to get will be out-of-pocket for the Village of around \$11,000-\$15,000.00, rather than the \$40,000.00. **Hardin:** Ok, so the bottom line is how much? **Warren:** Not to exceed \$15,000.00. **Hardin:** Ok, then you gave another caveat a positive for doing it for \$15,000.00, because to reconvened all of the equipment would be an additional cost? Did I understand that? **Warren:** Yes, if the equipment left and if the contractor left off the job and we call them to do it at another time at that specific area, the price would be a minimum of at least 25% more. **Hardin:** Ok, so I heard what he said, I heard what you said, and I heard the Mayor say that even at the \$30,000.00, it would be recouped. Is that what I heard him say? **Mayor:** Yes, I will be making that request to the site owner, and if they don't want to pay it, we will take away some of our incentives. We will be getting it back. **Hardin:** Is that somewhere in writing? That we are going to get it back? **Mayor:** As I said, whoever the site owner is going to be whether Kroger or somebody else. We are going to let the owner of that site pay for it rather than us. **Hardin:** Well for the record because you might not be here, I might not be here... **Mayor:** This will be all done within six months. **Hardin:** Well, the Law Director is here, this is a matter of public record. That it will be paid for by whoever comes in, is that correct? **Mayor:** Yeah, I'm willing to make that statement, yea. **Hardin:** There's going to be an agreement. **Mayor:** There is no one to make an agreement with right now. **Hardin:** But you're committed to that? **Mayor:** Yea. **Williams:** Can you refresh my memory please. Was this not included because Kroger or someone else was supposed to pay for it? **Jones:** This portion of the work was not included in the work because the southern end of the road, ultimately would need to be relocated eastward to line up with the Kroger driveway. So, we left this part out of the contract because of the timing basically. In order to be able to leverage all the OBWC funds we have and the ARPA funds towards the part the Village is entirely responsible for. Which is the part north of that relocation, basically the part we are currently resurfacing. So, because of the fact there are some delays with the Kroger situation, we don't want to leave that southern 400ft untouched. What is going to happen is you will come up Alexander, drive down the little beat-up road, go 400ft and then you are on repaved road. So that section will continue to deteriorate. So that is the reason for adding it now and why it was left out originally. When we bid on the project, we were under the impression that the Kroger situation would be a lot further along. **Williams:** So, you had an expectation that they would be responsible for that? **Jones:** Right. **Warren:** Originally, in the beginning it was in and then they took it out when it was decided that Kroger would be responsible. Now that this is in limbo nothing is done, we have to put it back in. From what I am told is whoever owns that site, whoever develops that site, we will pursue to get the money back from that developer. **Williams:** When would this \$31,000.00 be due? **Jones:** It will be due when the contractor invoices the Village. Again, that is over the course of the project. They will invoice the Village, I believe monthly. **Thompson:** Ed usually gives the pay request. **Warren:** Ms. Williams it will be this year. **Williams:** When are they expected to finish? **Jones:** The scheduled finish date I believe is mid-October. I know they are ahead of schedule currently, so could be soon. **Williams:** So, for now until October we will be expected to have an additional \$31,000.00. **Jones:** Keep in mind that the Village is not responsible for the entire \$31,000.00. A portion of that is already budgeted for, so the additional amount the Village is on the hook for is more in the range of \$11,000.00-\$15,000.00. **Williams:** Thank you. **Warren:** Ok, any other questions? May we hear from the Law Director?

Law-Climer: Mr. Marinucci proactively identified an issue that is coming down the road with the Building Commission. In which they may be requiring people to accept construction plans for container type homes. At his request we are taking a look at means to potentially control it. It is a little convoluted what the Village can do. They don't have Building Commission which sets standards for these homes, but we are actively looking. Hoping to get some proposals within the next four to six weeks. At Council's request, we have been pulling down a number of different ordinances from around the county of cities are attempting to control short-term rentals, Airbnb's, and rentals in general. There is quite a bit of litigation going on around the county concerning those ordinances. One of which is in the seventh district of Ohio, I believe in Cincinnati. So, we have been studying those at the moment to see what steps we can take. With that I am happy to answer questions. **Mayor:** By the way kudos to Legal as well as Dan, these container homes, they don't even look like they are more than \$20,000, they are pathetic. Bedford is 40% of their homes are now being rented out. None of this is conducive for having very strong residential stock in your community. **Warren:** Just for me to understand and maybe other Councilmembers, they can only put them on land they own, is that correct? **Climer:** Theoretically you can lease the land, have a 100 year lease or something. **Warren:** I know, but what we're looking at is, there are only a few places I see in Oakwood that, not to minimize the impact they would have on our community and housing stock. But just to get a logical understanding that you can't put it there unless you own or lease the lot correct? What we need to do is make an assessment of lots that are not Village owned. This is for the engineer to take back to Mr. Hren, are you familiar with the housing units they are talking about? **Jones:** I have heard of them, but I don't have a lot of familiarity. **Warren:** Ok, well what I would like you to do if you don't mind is to collaborate with Dan, our Building Commissioner. So, you could get an idea and at the next Council meeting I would request somebody bring us pictures of how these units look. **Marinucci:** I will send it to Council tomorrow morning. **Warren:** Ok, secondly, what would be the minimum lot size that would be required for those homes. Because those homes regardless could not be placed if there are existing zoning ordinances that require a certain lot width, is that correct? **Climer:** Right, we have minimal lot sizes number one and number two we have area regulations for coverage by the building. **Warren:** Right, and all of those units would have to comply within those existing ordinances. **Climer:** Correct, I am assuming given the size, most of these placed on one of our standard building lot, our minimum is 80ft furnished. I am assuming most of these would comply with the area regulations. **Warren:** I thought it was 90ft. **Climer:** I think it is 90ft. **Marinucci:** I just wanted to make a note, I was going head-to-head with a contractor that, in my opinion, insulted our department. So, I wouldn't give him any permits or anything like that until the owner sat down with me and have a face-to-face talk. The superintendent that they hired last year put 113 of these tin can home storage units in the state of Pennsylvania. It struck me the size and I think it's coming. **Warren:** But they still have to comply with our existing zoning regulations minimum one lot requirements. **Hardin:** Some people can get really creative. I know what the standard lot size is. I already heard of a situation where the person owns the lot or is thinking about allowing the kids to build on the property. I don't know if we have anything on the books about splitting a lot. **Warren:** They have to go through planning. **Hardin:** So that is one of the possibilities of putting one on their property. They want to split the property and let the kids live in a tiny home. **Climer:** We have regulations about accessory building, out buildings, setbacks, lot sizes, coverage by the buildings. They have building standards that will approve the method of construction on these things. It will force all of the Building Departments around the state to accept those standards. So, we need to go about it in a different way in order to control this. **Hardin:** I understand. **Marinucci:** My biggest fear is it is going to get shoved down our throats, we can't prohibit it, but we can regulate it. These are tin cans, people are jumping up and down, so it is something we will have to deal with. **Warren:** Back years and years ago in the Slavic Village in buckeye area, they use to have what was called a mother-in-law houses. That is when people from Europe moved over to those areas and had homes. When the parents come they built a little home in the back of their lot, and it was allowable in the City of Cleveland at the time. Now the city has very minimal number of those homes. The thing is they were very shabbily built these, some didn't have footers or anything else. Not to say that we went to the Board of Zoning Appeals, or we went and passed some kind of rezoning that prohibits them. It's just to say is the state going to impose on our existing zoning and regulations to say we have to accept them despite your existing zoning. **Climer:** Well, that's the problem, we got authority to formulate building standards, so we think we can probably go with that. **Warren:** Ok. **Marinucci:** We are getting a lot of calls relating to transient occupancy, I'm doing my best to keep them out of here but the phone calls. **Climer:** That's the other issue that we are dealing with. **Warren:** Ok, another happy day, did I miss anyone? Mayor?

Mayor-Gottschalk: Thank you, ward four, they have a deal with pollution control issues from Agmet. Wind is blowing northeast and I am happy to report that Agmet's LLC is pouring in nine to ten million dollars to not only making their operation safer but making their emission environmentally clean. This is through no incentives, just on their own. They have been bought out by Glencore out in Switzerland. They have a few cites in the United States, one in California, one in Florida, and one here. We haven't had the problems we have had in the past year. With a new group taking over. I believe our Building Inspector can attest it's a classy group. They are very serious about this and ready to begin. **Marinucci:** Have they started construction, or will it be done at the end of the year? **Mayor:** January 1st they will be operating, so we are talking nine to ten million. So, there should be hardly any problems at all regarding any more emissions or pollution in the air. Secondly, regarding the camp, we are under budget in appropriations our finance director said. As well as limiting the budget to \$66,000.00. What I find most interesting is, there were anywhere from 2-3 times as many young girls as there were young boys. I find that interesting, we are not just talking about those interested in nursing or care giving. We are talking about in stem, science technology engineering, robotics, big data management that segways into artificial intelligence, these are young girls. Second-to-last thing is Interstate McBee will be having the ribbon cutting soon and once that is known, obviously all of you will be invited to that. There are twenty cars over there already getting things ready. Again, we are looking at a payroll of seven million so that is going to be very nice for Oakwood. We are looking at that within the next forty-five days. Lastly, regarding our concerts, there will be no concert next week. Maxine Nightingale has symptoms of lung covid for two years now. So, she's going to be operated on in early September. Her doctor does not want her traveling. This was her last concert and if you weren't there you had missed a historic one. First you had the *Chicklets* come out from New York and did a tribute to the iconic lady singers of Rock and Roll, Jazz, and Blues. Deon Warwick, Tina Turner, Fifth Dimension, Aretha Franklin, and Whitney Houston. One of the songs they did was *The Best*, as I said before I used that as the theme we had up on the screen here. We can certainly say our Police Department and Fire Department are the best. Then Bobby Wilson came out from Vegas, and touched on the collaboration with his dad Jackie Wilson, with Berry Gordy, and Smokey Robinson forming Motown. Collaborating on songs they put together for Jackie, along with Sam Cook. So, it was quite a show, that was our last show for this year and that concludes my report. **Williams:** Do you know about the letter we received from the school district; is there a reason we are receiving this? **Mayor:** Regarding? **Williams:** Regarding a Charter School in Oakwood Village. **Mayor:** I had a meeting with them today and that wasn't even touched on. We do have registration with the state on a direct learning center that would be tying in with the sport complex by fiber glass dome. For three weeks I'm dealing with concerts, to big businesses, as well as Kroger, but that hasn't been touched on today. **Williams:** It says that you were present, but it wasn't discussed in today's meeting. But there is communication of a Charter School in Oakwood Village. **Mayor:** Again, it's not a Charter School it will be supplemental to their school. It will be a direct learning center that ties in with Bedford for half of the day and then the other half electives. Not only can our students take advantage of it, but some of their students can as well. So, it will actually be saving money, but this hasn't been discussed with them. **Williams:** What is a direct learning center? Is that another category beyond school? **Mayor:** The school themselves mentioned that their test scores in math and reading are very bad. They are looking at improving that. That is one of the things we're thinking at our own academy, as well as getting involved with Ahuja, University Hospitals with nursing and home care. As our Fire Chief was saying we have, how many girls did we put through over there? **Tapp:** At least twenty. **Mayor:** This was in first aid and CPR, as well as them going to Ahuja and hearing from their Neurosurgeons etc., for the opportunities available in health and medicine. To the credit of Bedford, they at least now have one of the teachers going over this. That is where we would come in and have people that are actually from University Hospital teaching. Knowing some of the senior educators in the Senate, we could get this approved to where it is actually becoming a class rather than an elective. where people who take advantage will get credit for them. The difference between free enterprise and socialism as part of social studies. These are the kind of things that can be electives that we will offer here. That would be in addition to where our own students are getting credit to graduate, these would be the electives and they will be offered to some of the students in Bedford as well. **Matlock:** Bedford already has that program; my daughter went through it. **Mayor:** Again, by a teacher rather than a professional. It's a big difference between the two. It's a big difference being taught by a Neurosurgeon than by a teacher. **Warren:** But you are not going to have Neurosurgeons teaching at this academy. **Mayor:** Again, we would be working with University Hospital, they would be coming in and speaking, not every day. **Warren:** But they won't be teaching just a guest speaker like anyone else. **Mayor:** Yeah but the head of that class will be from the University Hospital to begin with and not a registered teacher. **Hardin:** I don't want to be a part of anything that

is working against the school system. **Mayor:** What did I say would be? **Hardin:** What I am saying is I don't know exactly what is involved in the proposal. Because you used the words free enterprise vs. socialism, wow, that is deep. **Mayor:** Absolutely, and that's not happening, what happening in many public schools, not Bedford. I give them credit for moving forward, you are having more indoctrination than education taking place. Particularly look at what's going on with the youths in this country. The car jackings, the youth are doing it, what the heck is going on. These kids aren't skilled coming out of High School, they don't have any type of skill set. They are not disciplined, focused, or even want to work, this has to change. **Hardin:** Gary, this is all great and we are all here to hopefully answer to some of the social problems that are becoming the norm. So, for me as we go forward with the school, I've always thought a school was a great idea. But the concept has to work in conjunction with the Bedford schools. **Mayor:** When this is finally put together then I will be going over this with them. But it is not done yet, we are registered now as a private non-profit. It's not a Charter School. It will be supplementing what's being done in the schools in Bedford to begin with. **Hardin:** Mayor, these people are educators, I am not. So, I am sure they are intelligent enough to know... **Mayor:** If that is the case, then why do we have what is going on in the country? **Warren:** But we are not talking about this country, we are talking about Bedford schools. I am not talking against it because you said it would be totally unrelated to the Village I guess, as far as financing. **Mayor:** It's not done yet. **Hardin:** So, there is no finance involved? Ok. **Williams:** Does this need to be approved by the Ohio Department of Education or no? **Mayor:** No, on some of these electives we want it to be credited for graduation, that is the point. **Williams:** Is this the same thing you were talking about getting the fourteen Million for with University Hospital? **Mayor:** Yes, this is a part of that, it is not the tax paper's money. The key is you want to have a student be able to take the class and get credit for it. This is meant to work with Bedford, but it is not ready to be presented to Bedford as of yet. Until I have everything in place, I have the state's support in terms of the electives, and making sure students get credit for graduation when taking these classes, that's all. **Matlock:** So, this would be like them taking courses at Tri-C, but still getting credit. **Mayor:** Well incredibly you don't even have this happening at many of the colleges. **Warren:** She's just asking if it is going to be kind of like that? **Matlock:** I'm just giving an example, is it like AP classes. Sometimes they would take it at a community college or other college. Then what happens is they get that credit and even forward on to college credits once they take those courses. **Hardin:** So, your objective is to coincide with Bedford. **Mayor:** Not only would this be an advantage for students here in Oakwood and those who are in Bedford interesting in taking advantage of something like this. It would be free; Bedford wouldn't pay for this either. They might want to use some of our classes over there. **Hardin:** So, this will be state funded? **Mayor:** No, it will be privately funded. **Warren:** Any other questions? Is that its Mayor? **Mayor:** Yes. **Warren:** Ok, I will now open up the floor for public comment. It's the opportunity for residents of Oakwood Village to come before this body and say whatever is on their minds.

Open Floor Comments

Debra Hladky, 2593 Garden Road, Mayor I just wanted to commend you for the education. I educated my children until graduation. The only one who graduated from Bedford High School was my oldest son. I have to tell you what he learned at Bedford, took him further than I could imagine. They had such good classes then. The atmosphere of the schools is different because of our society and how it has fallen so far. I think something like this would help working with the schools. When I was in high school I had to take class on Socialism and American Government to pass. We have lost that, and I think our kids need to learn what our government is all about. What our founding fathers meant and what socialism is. Then they can make their own choices instead of being told what to learn, instead of how to learn. So, Kudos, thank you. **Mayor:** Bedford can be a lead. The County Executive Director and his staff are very interested in what we are doing here. We very much think that this could be happening, that they could be introducing it to the public schools in Cleveland or Cuyahoga County. Again, this is premature, let's put this thing together and raise the money to implement this. That's why we haven't really connected a whole lot. That's why they think it is a Charter School. When it is not, we will be working together. At no taxpayer's expense. **Warren:** Anyone else? If not I will close the floor for public comments.

Floor closed.

Warren: I would like Council to entertain adding Legislation 2023-31, our Council Clerk forgot this at the last minute. It is a Resolution of Condolences for the Family of Mary Fowler. So, we would like to add that.

Legislation:

2023-28 **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF**
Introduced 8-22-2023 **\$1,655,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF**
By Mayor and **BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF (i) IMPROVING**
Council as a whole **STREETS AND ROADS IN THE VILLAGE BY RECONSTRUCTING,**
1st read **RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING,**
CONSTRUCTING STORM SEWERS AND RELATED FACILITIES
AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE
PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, (ii)
ACQUIRING, REMODELING, RENOVATING, FURNISHING AND
EQUIPPING A BUILDING TO HOUSE VILLAGE SERVICE
DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS AND IMPROVING ITS SITE, (iii)
ACQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLES FOR USE BY THE VILLAGE'S
POLICE DEPARTMENT, (iv) REMODELING, RENOVATING,
INSTALLING LIGHTING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE
VILLAGE'S COMMUNITY CENTER, (v) ACQUIRING SOLID
WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR USE IN REFUSE
COLLECTION AND (vii) RESURFACING FORBES ROAD FROM
NORTHFIELD ROAD TO BROADWAY AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

2023-29 **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR**
Introduced 8-22-2023 **VANDRA BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC., INCREASING THE**
By Mayor and **CONTRACT BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,245.00, FOR,**
Council as a whole **THE FAIR OAKS ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE**
1st read **VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

2023-30 **A RESOLUTION IN COMMEMORATION OF ELOISE HUNT'S**
Introduced 8-22-2023 **75TH BIRTHDAY.**

By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read

Motion to adopt 2023-30 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Williams
MOTION PASSED

2023-31 **A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES FOR THE FAMILY OF**
MARY E. FOWLER.

First Read

Motion to add 2023-31 to the agenda made by Hardin seconded by Callender
YES VOTE: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Williams

Motion to adopt 2023-27 made by Matlock seconded by Hardin
YES VOTE: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Williams
MOTION PASSED

Hardin: There are a couple folks here, we had a wonderful meeting this past Wednesday. We had Hubb's Grooves your neighbor and it went well. At that time, we found that there is a lot of interest in local groups. Can we discuss it in a work session if you don't mind. **Warren:** Yes.

Motion to adjourn made by Hardin seconded by Callender

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

Adjourned at 8:01pm

Approved _____

Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President

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

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 are. But over and above that, if we have anything, there's nothing in the Charter that says we couldn't have a block party in Ward 2 like 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 that. 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? **Warrner:** 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 _____

Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
2023-08-28

ATTENDANCE

Johnnie Warren, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Elaine Gaither, At- Large	
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	
Mary Davis, Ward 4	

ABSENT

Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official	Candace Williams, Ward 5
Mark Garratt, Police Department	Chris Callender, Ward 1
Dave Tapp – Fire Department	Brian L. Thompson– Finance Director
Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	Tom Haba, Service Director
Carlean Perez – Recreation Director	James Climer, Law Director
Ed Hren, Village Engineer	
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Warren
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call taken

Warren: Ok, we will begin with today's agenda.

2023-28

Introduced 8-22-2023
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
2nd Read

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,655,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF (i) IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE VILLAGE BY RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING, CONSTRUCTING STORM SEWERS AND RELATED FACILITIES AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, (ii) ACQUIRING, REMODELING, RENOVATING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A BUILDING TO HOUSE VILLAGE SERVICE DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS AND IMPROVING ITS SITE, (iii) ACQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLES FOR USE BY THE VILLAGE'S POLICE DEPARTMENT, (iv) REMODELING, RENOVATING, INSTALLING LIGHTING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE VILLAGE'S COMMUNITY CENTER, (v) ACQUIRING SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR USE IN REFUSE COLLECTION AND (vii) RESURFACING FORBES ROAD FROM NORTHFIELD ROAD TO BROADWAY AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL,

AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

2023-29 **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR**
Introduced 8-22-2023 **VANDRA BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC., INCREASING THE**
By Mayor and **CONTRACT BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,245.00, FOR,**
Council as a whole **THE FAIR OAKS ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE**
2nd read **VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Warren: May I have a motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn made by Gaither seconded by Davis
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Matlock, Davis Motion Passed
Adjourned at 6:35pm

Approved _____

Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
2023-08-29

ATTENDANCE

Johnnie Warren, President
Elaine Gaither, At- Large
Chris Callender, Ward 1
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3
Mary Davis, Ward 4

Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Brian L. Thompson– Finance Director

ABSENT

Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
Mark Garratt, Police Department
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Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor
Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Ed Hren, Village Engineer
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2

Candace Williams, Ward 5
Tom Haba, Service Director
James Climer, Law Director

Meeting opened at 6:34pm by Warren
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call taken

Warren: Ok, we will begin with today's agenda.

2023-28

Introduced 8-22-2023
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
3rd Read

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,655,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF (i) IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE VILLAGE BY RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING, CONSTRUCTING STORM SEWERS AND RELATED FACILITIES AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, (ii) ACQUIRING, REMODELING, RENOVATING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A BUILDING TO HOUSE VILLAGE SERVICE DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS AND IMPROVING ITS SITE, (iii) ACQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLES FOR USE BY THE VILLAGE'S POLICE DEPARTMENT, (iv) REMODELING, RENOVATING, INSTALLING LIGHTING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE VILLAGE'S COMMUNITY CENTER, (v) ACQUIRING SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR USE IN REFUSE COLLECTION AND (vii) RESURFACING FORBES ROAD FROM NORTHFIELD ROAD TO BROADWAY AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE

**WITH PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion to suspend 2023-28 made by Davis seconded by Gaither

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt 2023-28 made by Gaither seconded by Davis

YES VOTE: Warren, Callender, Gaither Matlock, Davis

MOTION PASSED

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3rd read **VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion to suspend 2023-29 made by Gaither seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt 2023-29 made by Gaither seconded by Matlock

YES VOTE: Warren, Callender, Gaither Matlock, Davis

MOTION PASSED

Warren: May I have a motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn made by Gaither seconded by Matlock

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

Adjourned at 6:40pm

Approved _____

Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President