

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 10th, 2023
7:00 p.m.
AGENDA**



- 1. Call 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-** September 12th, 2023, Finance Meeting
September 12th, 2023, Council Meeting & Work Session
September 26th, 2023, Council Meeting

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

MAYOR-GARY GOTTSCHALK
LAW-JAMES CLIMER
FINANCE-BRIAN THOMPSON
SERVICE-TOM HABA
ENGINEER-ED HREN

FIRE-DAVE TAPP
BUILDING-DANIEL MARINUCCI
0 HOUSING INSTECTOR-N/A
POLICE-MARK GARRATT
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 9-12-2023 **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.**
3rd read

2023-33 **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY**
Introduced 9-26-2023 **TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR A POTENTIAL GRANT**
By Mayor and **FOR THE FUNDING OF CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT**
Council as a whole **PROJECTS.**
2nd read

- 9. Adjournment**

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
WORK SESSION
AGENDA
OCTOBER 10th, 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

Warren- Topic: Discuss using local vendors for Village Events

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. 2023-32 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, Tonya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2023-32 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: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-33

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO APPLY TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS
COMMISSION FOR A POTENTIAL GRANT FOR THE
FUNDING OF CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2K of the Ohio Constitution, the State of Ohio is authorized to issue bonds and other obligations of the State for the purpose of financing public infrastructure capital improvements of political subdivisions as designated by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 164.06 of the Ohio Revised Code, the District One Public Works Integrating Committee has been created to accept, evaluate, and recommend applications for state financing of capital infrastructure improvement projects of political subdivisions in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 164.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Public Works Commission has been created to accept and approve applications for state financing of capital infrastructure improvement projects of political subdivisions in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oakwood has conducted a capital inventory and needs assessment and has determined that it is necessary to submit an application for financial assistance for certain capital infrastructure improvement projects:

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to make application to the District One Public Works Integrating Committee and the Ohio Public Works Commission for financial assistance for the following capital infrastructure improvement projects:

1. Broadway Avenue Resurfacing Project
2. Tryon Road Resurfacing Project – Phase 1
3. Alexander Road Septic Conversion Project
4. Richmond Road Reconstruction Project- (Joint w/ Glenwillow as Lead Applicant)

SECTION 2. The Mayor be and he is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance and further upon the recommendations of the Village Engineer, and approved as to form by the Village Law Director, in accordance with all authority granted to and limitations upon the Village Director of Finance.

SECTION 3. This Resolution 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, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Resolution 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 A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the
Mayor _____

Approved: _____

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya A. Joesph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2023-33 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2023-33 was duly posted on the _____ day of _____, 2023, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers and in not less than five (5) of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of the said Village.

Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: _____

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
FINANCE MEETING
2023-09-12

ATTENDANCE

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

Brian L. Thompson– Finance Director

ABSENT

Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
James Climer, Law Director
Mark Garratt, Police Department
Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
Dave Tapp – Fire Department

Tom Haba, Service Director
Ed Hren, Village Engineer
Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor
Carlean Perez – Recreation Director

** Arrived after roll call*

Meeting opened 6:00 p.m. by Warren

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call taken

Thompson: On Friday we sent you May 30th, of 2023. As I moved on I was able to get through June as well. What I was going to do in my report summary is report to you through June 30th which is half the year. But you do have the reports for May and June. **Davis:** 74% for Bedford school we just do this one time? **Thompson:** Yes, we are done with that, and those appropriations will be available if we need to make some adjustments. I try to put the best estimate in terms of what we owe the school system. From all the deals the Mayor has with the companies where we pay back the schools. So, it was only \$159,000.00, this year, I appropriated \$215,000.00. We wouldn't have any more expense there, so the line item will be adjusted. We are pretty much up top on the revenue. We are pretty much on market to 50%, we collected \$5.3 Million through June of 2023. Of course, adding in the add in the beginning balance of the year put us at 5.5 Million. Most of the departments are within their favorable ratios of the 50%. The rubbish collection was over by .07, a lot of these utilities are tied to some rates or just the billing, which I have to look into rubbish disposals. But it is pretty close to where it needs to be. **Davis:** So, we automatically have a budget that we know we are going to be transferring money out? Is that what transfers are for? **Thompson:** Some of the special revenue funds of course do not have enough revenue. So, we do provide a budget. Once we get the estimate of what the expense is going to be and some of the revenue that it actually collects in the fund. That is when we schedule the transfers. If you look on page 13 of 26, I was just going to point out that our transfer budget was a \$1,045,000.00. The only one a little out of ratio is the H.B. Operational Control. **Davis:** That's healthcare? **Thompson:** Yes, like a portion of it. Also, we paid for the collection of R.I.T.A, quite a few variables under there. I gave you a summary of the account and what the expenses were. I had some higher-than-normal claims with some individuals and just a little higher

collection on R.I.T.A taxes. But that is a good thing on R.I.T.A because it means we are getting more dollars.

Davis: They do a percentage? **Thompson:** Yea, they take 3% of collections. So, the overall general funds are at .46, the favor ratio is .5. Accumulative together we are under the ratio for collective spending of the \$10.5 million we projected that we would spend in the general fund, which is good. So, the next page that shows the senior and rec SCMR, I showed the projected regular use. The appropriations for the appropriate fund. **Davis:** asked if we have the total for summer programs. **Thompson:** Once I get through and finalize the July and August, then you will see a total of expenses for that. I have real time numbers he has been within budget. He had a couple cancellations, the last lady did not show up, and the way they have the recreational budget set up. I do have the appropriation set where we lowered the \$60,000.00, for him. So, he has been within budget in the recreational department. Look at the statement of cash position with month to date totals, through 6/30/2023. This shows every single fund, all the transactions in and out, total cash per fund. Naturally, we always look at our general fund, but the general fund of course starts with \$236,000.00. If you look at the unexpended dollars through June, I am at \$683,674.02. Pretty much what attributes to my general fund balance category, we are about 7.15% ahead of last year in income taxes. That's including we lost all of *I. Schuman*, so now the other companies... **Davis:** so now *I. Schuman* is no longer, at all? **Thompson:** We won't get any revenue, none this year from them. Taking that into account, we are up 7.15%, and that is definitely being reflected in my general fund balance. At the beginning of the year, we were at \$236,117.84, I am up to \$683,674.02, and after encumbrances I am at \$465,182.55. Encumbrances are monitored throughout the month. Just being at \$683,674.02, is a huge jump, so we are doing well there. **Davis:** SCMR? **Thompson:** SCMR kind of always runs negative. **Davis:** That is a lot \$164,000.00. **Thompson:** Yea, what happened is when Ed comes in and talks about those projects. I have to pay for them up front. Then I have to show them the cancelled check to get the money back from the County. They actually improved the reimbursement to us. **Davis:** Ok, so this money should be coming back to us correct? **Thompson:** Yes. **Davis:** Part of it or all of it? **Thompson:** With Ed's projection, pretty much 80-90% will be coming back to us. Whatever does not come back we make it whole with the transfers. They Definitely speed up the process. Ed and I talked, and we are not trying to go to the end of the year and not have them on the books before 12/31/2023. **Davis:** Asked if the sewer situation on Garden Road was included. **Thompson:** The reimbursement or the construction of it? **Davis:** The reimbursement. **Thompson:** So far the sanitary sewer paid about \$37,000.00, in expenses. I do not think I have expended for that project as of yet. Usually, Ed gives me the final synopsis of the project and then the final payout. Then I go ahead and pay the contractors and that's when he starts to put all the documentation together for the County. **Davis:** Ok, do we go to the second page? **Thompson:** Yea, I wanted to point out that I started the year in terms of cash with all funds at \$421,091.64 and ended with \$1.2 Million by the end of June. So, everything is definitely trending in the right direction, and I hope it stays that way. **Davis:** Asked why there was a negative for the senior center rental fund of \$1,614.02? **Thompson:** Explained that people pay for the center and then are reimbursed. **Davis:** Say they have to pay a \$150.00 deposit and then a \$100.00 to rent it. Then you get your \$150.00 back, we should be ahead, no? **Thompson:** Probably at this point the refunds are outpacing the actual uses of it. **Davis:** How could that be? I was told all weekends for the remaining year are booked. **Gaither:** People haven't used it yet, but they paid for it, so they haven't gotten their refunds back. **Thompson:** The refunds could be lagging in terms of what people have. **Davis:** So, we should be in a positive amount. **Warren:** With the refunds it should be positive, well break even. **Davis:** At least even if not positive. **Warren:** Especially if you are not charging the overhead of operations. That's charged to another budget. **Thompson:** That is just an

agency fund where we collect the money, pass it back out. What's happening there is... **Warren:** Oh, I see what you are saying. The rental of the center is \$300.00, you give \$150.00 back. **Thompson:** If it is cleaned. **Warren:** The deposit is \$150.00, and the rental is \$150.00. When you receive the \$300.00 you still have to pay out the \$150.00, which makes it a negative in a way. Because you have a receivable of \$300.00 but paying back \$150.00. **Thompson:** It could have been like at the end of the year too. People rented but we didn't get the refund back to them until January, it could be an offset there. **Davis:** \$1600.00 in the negative is up to June. I was told every weekend was booked at the center; it should be at least \$150.00 each week ahead. **Thompson:** I will have Hiliary check, she kind of schedules things. I will do a financial analysis on it; we can match up who paid, who we reimbursed, and that will tell the true story. **Warren:** I am just wondering how you do it on the accounting end. If the rental is \$300.00, which includes \$150.00 deposit, do you show the \$300.00 as a receivable in this fund? **Thompson:** Yes, the expense goes out as well. **Warren:** Ok, so it's a receivable and you show that as a receipt in this line number? Then after you show it as a receipt, after they use it, if they clean it up you give them \$150.00 back. So that's what makes it... **Gaither:** Shouldn't be a negative. **Thompson:** Yea your scenario shouldn't be negative. But if we refunded maybe \$3000.00 in one month but only took in \$1500.00 for the rental then ... **Warren:** How you would rent it if it's not paid for. **Thompson:** Well, those refunds would be from prior rentals. That's why the timing is always off in terms of what you collect from what you reimburse to those individuals. **Warren:** What I am looking at is this, worst case scenario. The thing that would make it uneven is if you are not paying the money back because they left it dirty. You are always getting the \$150.00. So, what I am saying in essence is that if you are always getting the \$150.00. It shouldn't be an issue with the former people renting because you have their money. It's not like they pay it after they leave and now it's a receivable, they pay up front, is that correct? **Thompson:** Yea that is correct. **Warren:** Then if they left it clean you pay back the deposit. So, it shouldn't even be. **Thompson:** I will run an analysis. **Davis:** Then the sewers that money should be coming back to us. **Thompson:** Yea, those will be reimbursed as well from the County. **Davis:** Ok. **Thompson:** For me, the great highlight is our cash position at this point. **Warren:** What was our six-month projection we originally anticipated? **Thompson:** I provided you with a nice report from year to year, it was a one pager. It shows the prior year, this year and what is projected for 2023. I did analysis of January through June of 2022 revenues, the general fund to June of 2023. Then you can see the difference in the categories through six months. **Davis:** Asked if we are down what we projected for real estate taxes? We project \$370,000.00, but we only collected \$258,659.85. **Thompson:** Not so much down, usually real estate taxes are like a timing thing. Depending on when they settle with me. **Davis:** Ok. **Thompson:** So, I am still confident those dollars will come in. it's just a straight comparison of the dollars. **Davis:** Trailer taxes, we get a tax from every mobile home? **Thompson:** Yes, then you can see the R.I.T.A taxes and municipal net profits, which is really R.I.T.A.'s, is approximately \$530,000.00 more than we had last year. That is attributing to our general fund balance going up almost three times from the beginning of the year. **Davis:** Ok, but the trailer taxes we have it up to \$900.00, so we just haven't collected? **Thompson:** Yes, just haven't collected, this is just a six-month projection. Just showing the in and out differences. **Davis:** So, their taxes actually went down, trailer taxes. Does it go down like depreciation each year? You see 2022 it was \$338.00 and now it went down to \$314.00. **Thompson:** Yea, it's only about a difference of \$20.00, assessment of trailers. **Warren:** The way the County is appraising everything on an increase I am surprised. **Davis:** Yea, I was surprised too. Now electric lighting, is that the lighting that's on the streets? **Thompson:** No, that is when the Illuminating Company comes in and their doing jobs. They have to contribute those dollars to us, so it fluctuates. **Davis:** Ok.

Thompson: This is a good analogy, we had \$4.9 million the same time last year and now we have \$5.3 million. That is some of the positive reflections in the general fund balance, when you look at the cash reports. **Davis:** We only get \$150.00 of cigarette taxes? Is that just the gas station or everybody? **Thompson:** Well, whoever filed with the County, gets that license, and pays the taxes. **Davis:** It's been \$150.00 for a long time.

Thompson: Listed possible stores. **Davis:** I was wondering why it didn't fluctuate. The liquor permits are the same thing. **Thompson:** Yes, same type of process. The bed taxes are direct payments from the two hotels we have. **Davis:** It looks like they are packed all the time, the Hamptons. I am not sure about the one in the back.

Thompson: Fire Service contract is up because we have a clause that gives us the leverage to raise the rate of increase per consumer price index. So, I ended up raising Glenwillow 6%, while they were at 5%, so that is being reflected in the increase year-to-year. **Davis:** Ok, contractor registration, is that just Building Department or no? **Thompson:** Yes, a lot of times the Mayor is waiving those fees, but we do track those. **Davis:** Ok.

Thompson: Sale of fixed assets can fluctuate year to year. I believe Tommy sold some things prior year and so did Police. It's just down this year because we only sold about \$5000.00 worth of old equipment on GovDeal.com. **Davis:** Asked if the Mayor's Court cost went up. **Thompson:** Explained they are probably still coming off the effects of COVID-19. **Davis:** Asked what are tipping fees. **Thompson:** Royalties we get from Waste Management. It's all based in tonnage, so we pretty much have a wash. We pay for garbage collection and then they give us the money back for having a transfer station in the Village. **Davis:** You were talking about the Mayor's Court cost and then the Mayor's fine. So that is two different categories. Does it cost more to have our Mayor's Court? **Thompson:** Well, these are all collections. **Davis:** Building permit we have nothing; I mean \$868.00 compared to \$5,000.00. **Thompson:** Yea, the prior year to this year. **Davis:** That's a big draw, we have all those big companies. Somebody's not charging fees. **Warren:** We have to talk to him about that.

Davis: Yea because it still costs everybody to go out there to do those checks. Asked what are street opening and zone permits? **Thompson:** Those are attributed to projects through the Building Department when they have to do the street openings. They would have to pay fees for that as well. **Davis:** Oh really, you mean like Kroger or like Fair Oaks? **Warren:** It depends on if you have to make a sewer connection, or water, and you go out into the street and dig into the street. There is a permit for that. **Davis:** We are down for miscellaneous permits too, is that still Building Department? **Thompson:** Building permits, street opening, miscellaneous permits, is all Building. **Davis:** The Community Center is a rental of it? Or is that just to run it. You said income, this is income right? **Thompson:** Those won't attribute to it. **Davis:** Because they reported from 12 to 10 and we were supposed to be booked every week. So, we didn't sell very much yet sale of fixed. **Thompson:** Yea that may not change depending on what we sell on Egov.com. Tommy and mostly the Police Chief...

Warren: See what happens is when they rotate the trucks and cars they are selling the old ones. So, if they don't have anything to sell or if they are holding on to it, sometimes they hold on to it from one year to the next. Tommie is good for taking some of the other vehicles that someone else may have used. **Davis:** Refunds and reimbursement sales was \$221,000.00 difference? **Thompson:** Yea, prior years, those came into play when we were getting refunds or workers comp., so we put the estimates in place. Those may have to be lowered as we move through the year, but it was just an estimate we did. The reimbursements on the stop loss, hospitalization those are when we had those large claims that go over that \$35,000.00 stop loss threshold on any one claim; then they'll reimburse us. That is why that \$100,000.00 is there. The cable franchise fee of course they pay us royalties' kind of like waste management. **Davis:** You talking about Spectrum or AT&T now too because they just moved in here. **Matlock:** That's not the company. **Thompson:** It's Charter Communications, they pay us

royalties for cable fees. So, ending 2022 we were at \$4,983,012.48, and through the same period we are at \$5,342,147.95. **Davis:** Asked if Service Department went from four to three personal days this year. Have you been told anything? **Thompson:** I think those changes came from F.O.P., I am not sure I will have to check. **Davis:** The Police got extra; they got two more. The Service Department said they had four forever and now this year they have three. I said we never voted on anything, so I don't know why it would be dropped down. **Thompson:** Let's ask Tommy if we can. **Davis:** Ok. **Thompson:** Another thing you asked for, I gave you all credit card payments from January pretty much through July. So those mean I can answer questions. **Williams:** The only credit card the Village has is for Huntington? **Davis:** We have that Wex card or something like that. **Thompson:** Wex is the gas cards, Circle K is gas, this is the main credit card right here. If you look at it this statement is the roll up of all the department heads' credit cards. We got Garratt, Building, Perez, and mines as well. I don't really ever use mines it is just the master card. **Davis:** Asked Mr. Thompson to repeat who has cards. **Thompson:** Carlean Perez from Recreation, Building Department Dan Marinucci. **Davis:** Oh, Building Department gets one too. **Thompson:** Yes, you have one for the Mayor's office, and one for me. It's kind of bolded out on the credit card statement. **Davis:** Amazon.com that's a different account all together? That's not a credit card or do you pay it through Huntington bank? **Thompson:** Through Huntington Bank. **Davis:** So, it would be on the Huntington Bank card if they ordered something. **Williams:** Asked for the Amazon statement. **Thompson:** I'll have to pull all the receipts associated with that. **Williams:** So, the only credit cards we have are the Huntington and gas cards? **Thompson:** We have Huntington, Circle K, Sunoco, Home Depot, Sam's Club and Tractor Supplies. **Williams:** You only gave us one account, we have Circle K credit cards, Sunoco credit card account, Home Depot credit card account, and Sam's Club. **Thompson:** Yea the Circle K and Sunoco are pretty much all gas; they don't buy anything except gas. **Davis:** Sunoco and Circle K is gas only? What about Wex? **Thompson:** Wex is gas as well. This card right here is about 85% of the purchases other than the gas. **Williams:** Where are the remaining records for the other 15% percent of the purchases? **Thompson:** I'm talking about the credit card accumulative, so 85% here, the rest would be Wex, the gas cards, Sam's Club, tractor supplies, and Home Depot, those make up the other 15%. **Williams:** What do you need to establish to have all of the statements for all of the cards? Because reviewing one wouldn't be sufficient for what we requested. **Thompson:** I will go back and get you the card for Home Depot, I will just run the statement. **Matlock:** Asked who all have access to Home Depot card. **Thompson:** Only one who really use it is Tommy. **Matlock:** What about Sam's Club? **Thompson:** Dionna makes majority of the purchases, I have one but don't really use it, unless it's an emergency. **Davis:** Asked if Carlean has a card. **Thompson:** She does not, pretty much Dionna is making most of the master purchases from Sam's Club and I have a card. We let the senior van driver use it for gas. **Williams:** One of the things we requested was to know who was able to use each card, how many cards we have in the list and a statement for all of the cards. Are you able to get that together? **Thompson:** I can pull a report for that, and I will get the rest of the statements. **Davis:** Who has uniform allowances? **Thompson:** Service, Fire, and Police. **Davis:** That's all, not the inside administration or anyone else? **Thompson:** Yes. **Davis:** Ok, thank you **Thompson:** I will compile all of those for next meeting. **Williams:** I wasn't here in the beginning so you may have provided a reason. Our finances are up through June 30th, where are July and August? **Thompson:** July and August I am still working on. **Williams:** When will you have that lined up? **Thompson:** I don't want to set a date I am moving through pretty diligently. The thing for me is not the quickness but the accuracy and reconciliation or the bank statements. Hopefully, maybe next month I will have the last two months. Some of the highlights we did look over in our cash report, I did start the

year with \$236,000.00 now we are up to \$683,000.00. Our R.I.T.A income tax collection through the same period, year-to-year we are approximately up 7.15%. which attributes to some of the increase in the general fund balance as well. In total cash for all cash, I had \$421,000.00 at the beginning of the year and through six months I had \$1.2 million. **Williams:** If you expect to have July and August by next month, by that time September would have closed out. When can we expect September? **Thompson:** Usually September, if we were on a normal schedule I would have it by the end of October. I will keep you posted on that. Usually when we close the month we do it on the last meeting of the month. So normally, September would have been done at the end of October, but I am running behind a couple of months now. **Williams:** What do you mean if we were on a regular schedule? **Thompson:** Usually when we have our finance committee meetings and I close out the month, we usually review it at the end of the month. **Williams:** Yea but what do you mean. **Thompson:** If I wasn't behind a couple months that's when we would be reporting, by the end of October. **Davis:** Where is Mr. Sparks wages and everything we pay him, what department is he under? **Thompson:** Under miscellaneous contractual under street funds, under 201. **Davis:** The gas utility is way over budget in every single department. **Thompson:** I'll reevaluate each one since that gas is running \$3.50/ gallon. The ratios weren't really far off but it was over. I'll have to do some modifications to the appropriation for the utilities. **Davis:** ok, I saw on the iPad page 22 of 38, something about a meditation garden for \$9000.00. **Thompson:** Yea that was the creation of the Meditation Garden at Mt. Zion. You heard the Mayor talk about it in prior meetings. **Davis:** So, this is at Mt. Zion? **Thompson:** Yes. **Davis:** For them we bought a mediation garden? **Thompson:** It was pretty much for the landscaping, and creation of the meditation garden. **Davis:** Ok. **Thompson:** I also wanted to highlight Ms. Williams even without the collection from *I. Schuman*, we were still up 7.15%. So, the companies are doing really well in terms of income tax collection for the Village. **Williams:** Have you compiled the *I. Schuman* report? **Thompson:** Yea, they are not going to turn in any revenue for this year, none. **Davis:** They don't have to legally? **Thompson:** when I talked to R.I.T.A., when you have such a catastrophic situation like that, it's a certain filing of paperwork that excludes them. They are not operating anyway, so it's a certain filing they do with R.I.T.A. **Williams:** What was your original projection of loss and how has that changed? **Thompson:** We were going to lose \$144,000.00, that still stands. **Williams:** Oh, wait, you projected we would lose \$144,000.00 but you thought we would get funds through the first quarter correct? **Thompson:** Yea they had some estimates in there, but they pulled them back after the catastrophic situation. **Williams:** Didn't you include the estimates for those? **Thompson:** Originally, *I. Schuman* was there, but we lost that revenue. So even though we lost it, we are still up. **Warren:** I think what she is asking is the \$144,000.00 reflective of total year of receivables. **Thompson:** For my projection for 2023? Yea, it was in there originally. **Warren:** But was it \$144,000.00? **Williams:** Your reflection of \$144,000.00, was including what you thought we would get for the first quarter correct? **Thompson:** No, it was \$144,000.00 divided by twelve times three, it would have been like about \$40,000 for the first quarter of the year. **Warren:** I think he's saying the same thing. The total projected revenue for *I. Schuman*, for the year 2023, was \$144,000.00 or was it \$144,000.00 for the second, third or fourth quarter? **Williams:** How much did we get last year from *I. Schuman*? **Thompson:** Approximately \$144,000.00. **Williams:** For the entire year? **Thompson:** Yes if it's about quarter that would have been like \$36,000.00. But we won't collect any this year from *I. Schuman*. **Davis:** When is the other company opening? **Thompson:** We have seen a lot of activity at *Interstate McBee*, so we were anticipating those to be at the end of 2023 quarter. They have had cars over there, so we may be collecting a little sooner than we think. **Davis:** Do they have to tell you? **Thompson:** Yes, if they have a company in house or out of house doing their payroll.

They have to file with R.I.T.A. to start filing and paying your taxes. Overall, we are trending in the right direction in our revenue, expenses, and our general fund is building. **Davis:** We have a lot of car washes. I assume this is all Police. Do we have a monthly we can do, like buy a monthly membership? **Thompson:** Yea we probably would save money if we did a monthly. **Davis:** It's quite a bit in car washes. **Callender:** You talking about finish line? I have a monthly membership there, and my monthly membership is like \$28. So that may be per car. **Thompson:** I'll reconfirm with Garratt and see if it is a monthly. **Davis:** Is there a uniform stipend for everybody? **Thompson:** Only Fire, Police and Service, yes. **Davis:** But it is there for them to get it? **Thompson:** Yes, we pay them out just straight, one-time uniform dollars. **Davis:** Ok, they don't have to do it like police, like through that shutters company. **Thompson:** The Police are a little different they get their allowance through the F.O.P contract. We put one P.O in place for them and they get a lot more different equipment than Tommy. Like straps for the gun etc. So, it is a little bit different accounting process for Police, it is spelled out in their contracts. I think Service gets \$500.00; I can double check it. **Davis:** Per person? **Thompson:** Fire kind of runs parallel to Police. I can continue to entertain questions and if not, then that will conclude my reporting for today. **Howse:** Did you guys receive your reimbursement from the County? The \$300,000.00 the Mayor said you guys were going to get for the streets. **Thompson:** We got like a Portion of it, I got like \$200.00 and something thousand back. **Howse:** When did you get it? **Thompson:** That actually came in July. **Howse:** Where did you post it to? **Thompson:** Fund 201. **Howse:** So, you transferred money to the general fund, from the general fund to 201 fund. Did you pay yourself back? **Thompson:** Yea at the beginning of the year we put the amount of transfers we are going to put in the 201 fund. Ed sends us pay agreements to pay the vendors, I pay them out of the 201 fund. Once he gets the cancelled check, we give it back to Ed, he deposits for the County. Then they send a check, when they send the check I deposit it back to the 201 fund. **Howse:** Last year when you did your transfer. You transferred out of the general fund, into the 201 fund because it was in the negative; until you get your reimbursement. **Thompson:** Yes. **Howse:** The Mayor said, because we were talking about the balance ending for general fund is \$146,000.00, right? **Thompson:** Right, it ended two something last year, but I know what you are saying. **Howse:** The encumbrance was \$146,000.00. My question is, the Mayor said that wasn't an accurate statement. Even though you close that way I should say. You guys were due reimbursement from the County because you transferred the general fund into the 201 fund. My question is, he said once you got that money back, it was to return to the general fund and then it would increase. Was an advance done in order for that to happen? **Howse:** You weren't able to pay back the general fund? **Thompson:** No, I didn't advance it, I just straight purchased from the 201 fund. **Davis:** The vendor is A&S, the vendor for that meditation garden? **Thompson:** That is the landscaper. **Williams:** Why is this? **Thompson:** When the Mayor talks about the meditation garden at Mt. Zion that's back there. **Williams:** We are still paying for that? **Davis:** It was a one-time fee. **Thompson:** That was the final payment for the landscaping of it. **William:** From ARPA dollars that we originally used back in 2021? **Thompson:** Yea, the vendor was not paid from prior years. So that was the balance we owed for the garden. **Williams:** We had a vendor we didn't pay for from two years ago? **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** I thought all the ARPA funds had to be expended by a certain date? Because that wouldn't have come from ARPA fund if we just paid it put in April of 2023 right? **Thompson:** Yea he was kind of encumbered to be paid but he didn't get paid in that time. We ended up paying him in April. **Williams:** But didn't we report that as being something we used from the ARPA funds? **Thompson:** As an encumbrance, yes. So, we didn't get to pay until this year. **Williams:** So, we have to use those funds by September of 2021 or 2022, or send them back right? **Thompson:** We had it encumbered,

so we were anticipating for the use. **Williams:** So that would have come out of general fund? **Thompson:** No. **Williams:** So where did the money come from? **Thompson:** That one is actually out of that fund. **Warren:** I thought if you didn't pay out of the ARPA fund, you have to pay out that ARPA fund by a certain date? So, basically we would have to give back that \$9000.00. ARPA funds you can't encumber you have to spend it right? **Thompson:** Yea that was the stipulations by them. **Warren:** So, we spending it this year, makes us owe ARPA \$9000.00, because we didn't spend it during the year. **Thompson:** The ARPA funds were expended to finish paying for the meditation garden. I paid the final balance out of 201 fund for the landscape, the same I do for Andy Sparks. So that is what ended up happening. We wouldn't owe ARPA back. **Warren:** So, we spent all of the ARPA fund during the time it was supposed to be spent? **Thompson:** Yes, expense for the final wasn't paid, so I had to pay it this year to the vendor. **Williams:** But if we spent all of the ARPA dollars, \$9292.00 of those dollars were supposed to be for this, but we had to spend them by a certain day. We didn't send them back, then we spent those funds on something else that we didn't indicate because we just paid for this. And I want to know which fund it was paid out of because it's not the ARPA fund. **Thompson:** This payment was made out of the 201 fund which is not the ARPA fund. It's paid out of the street fund for the landscaping. **Williams:** Do you get the flag, the concern here? **Thompson:** I get the concern, but we spent the ARPA dollars. What happened is we had to pay it out of the 201 fund. It's going to reflect general funds having to cover this cost. **Warren:** So, this payment you made was the balance due, it actually cost much more than the \$9,000.00? **Thompson:** Well, the \$9,000.00 was the cost, the ARPA funds we expended. The \$9,000.00 did not get expended out because we didn't make that payment on time to the vendor. When I paid it this year, I paid it out of the street fund, out of the 201 fund where we pay landscaping fees. **Williams:** So, what I would like to know is what did we spend the ARPA dollars on? If we said we were going to spend \$9200.00 on this specifically and we didn't, and we didn't send funds back, then we spent it on something else. What was that something else? **Thompson:** I will run a detail of all of ARPA to see that. This expense was not through ARPA... **Warren:** Bottom line is we would like to see what expenditures came out of the ARPA dollars. **Williams:** Line by line. **Thompson:** It's only one fund, so I will run it all in detail. **Howse:** Attempted to ask a question. **Warren:** Told Ms. Howse, no. **Howse:** Asked if the Finance committee was closed. **Warren:** Explained to Ms. Howse she was extended a courtesy during the financing previously. It is a committee meeting and not for the general public, there is no public comment. Comments or requests cannot come during the prompt, but she can ask when we open up the floor for public comments. **Howse:** Ok. **Davis:** Signal service company, said repairs to traffic signal equipment. Is that all of the traffic lights that needed to be fixed. **Thompson:** Normally when the traffic light is out they call dispatch. **Davis:** Ok, it's like \$43,000.00, that's a lot. **Thompson:** That particular one would have been a project bid out through Ed. A signalization project that we did. **Davis:** Ok. **Warren:** Could it have been the one right there on the corner of Richmond and Broadway? **Hardin:** 201 street funds. **Davis:** Page 24 of 41 signal service company. **Warren:** By saying repairs it might not be. **Thompson:** It was definitely a bid project through Ed. It was probably the description he had on the pay request, but I can go back and look. **Hardin:** Why is the Service department, rubbish disposal, why are they in that particular percentage at this time? And Bedford School, we are at 74%. **Thompson:** Yea, Bedford School we talked about before. I had estimated we may have to pay the school board according to agreement \$215,000.00. It only came up to \$159,544.00 approximately, so that's a one-time expenditure we'll have for the year. So, the difference in those appropriations is available. **Hardin:** Ok, so we don't have to worry because we have up to \$215,000.00 available? **Thompson:** Yes, rubbish disposal would be attributed to the rates on the

garbage collection. It should be at 50%, it's over by .07%. Hardin: Ok, Service Department are we going to be ok? **Thompson:** Yea, service is at .52%, could have been some repairs involved in that, but I am still confident with the projection of appropriation for service. **Hardin:** Ok, thank you. **Warren:** Any other questions? **Williams:** So which reports will have on September 26th, 2023? **Thompson:** July and August and by the end of October I should have September's. **Williams:** What is your expectation to begin budget for next year? **Thompson:** Usually this is the time frame to put out those letters. we could probably get started on some of the departments within the next month or so. **Williams:** Can we get it started and have it completed before so we are not going into next year... **Thompson:** I will get the letters out to the department heads. **Warren:** I thought we did that already? **Thompson:** I didn't get the official letter out. Warren: I ask that we do that. **Thompson:** Ok. **Warren:** Ok, can I get a motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn made by Davis seconded by Gaither

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

MOTION PASSED

Adjourned at 6:58pm

Approved _____

Johnnie Warren, Council President

Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2023-09-12**

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
Dave Tapp – Fire Department
Tom Haba, Service Director
Brian L. Thompson– Finance Director
Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
Mark Garratt, Police Department

ABSENT

Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor
Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Ed Hren, Village Engineer

Meeting opened at 6:58pm by Warren
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call taken

Motion to approve Council minutes of August 22nd, 2023, made by Callender seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Williams ABSTAINED: Gaither, Davis
MOTION PASSED

Motion to approve special meeting minutes of August 28th, 2023, made by Gaither seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Matlock, Davis ABSTAINED: Callender, Hardin, Williams
MOTION PASSED

Motion to approve special meeting minutes of August 29th, 2023, made by Davis seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Matlock, Davis ABSTAINED: Hardin, Williams
MOTION PASSED

Warren: Any correspondence? **Tanya:** No, sir. **Warren:** Ok let's start with our departmental reports, Mr. Haba.

Departmental Reports

Service-Haba: Yes, sir, thank you Mr. President. Preconstruction begins today on the pedestrian safety trail on Tryon. They are starting on the 18th of this month and completing in forty-five days maybe sooner. I'm sure the Mayor will have more on that, he's been up and down Tryon a few times in the past couple weeks talking to residents. Our computer, paint, and tire pick up was today and it was a lot less than previous years. We don't know why but we only had about 120 tires today. Paint and computer parts were less than normal. That is all I have. **Warren:** Your paints had to be oil based though, everyone is mostly using latex. **Haba:** Yea that's true but they still have latex they put out there. **Hardin:** So, if I saw paint on my way up here that means that... **Haba:** It's probably latex. **Hardin:** And you left it? **Haba:** Yea we left it. On the paper it says all they have to do is just pop the lid open if it's out already and just throw it in the garbage. If it is not solid, take the lid off, let it dry out for a weeks or two, or put some kitty litter in it, then throw it in the regular garbage. **Hardin:** Is it not going to impact certain homeowners? **Gottschalk:** I'll answer that question when it gets to me. **Warren:** He said that he had talked to the residence and everything. Tommie did in his report the Mayor talked to the residents

about the trees and their driveway and things of that nature. **Hardin:** I will reserve my comment after the Mayor speaks then Tommie I would like to go one record, could you officially ask Waste Management not to compact the trash... **Haba:** I called them and left a message this morning. **Hardin:** Ok, but like what else do you need? That is unacceptable to keep doing that, it's nasty. **Haba:** I mean they have to compact it every so often. The way she explained it wasn't right on the message, but I am not so sure. **Hardin:** My understanding is he compacts it there because it's just before he goes in for the evening. A few more feet he would be at their property. **Haba:** I'm not sure if that is the case but I will talk to a supervisor. **Hardin:** We don't want him compacting in our streets it's nasty. **Haba:** Sometimes I think they have to compact it though. **Warren:** Ok, may we hear from our building official.

Building-Marinucci: I have no report, but I can answer questions if you have any. **Davis:** The house on Drake Road, that Mr. Rhodes brought to your attention about a month ago, has anything been done to it? **Marinucci:** There's nothing we can do about it that's number one. Number two, I met with the architect, and I think the contractor stole the money and ran personally. Not that long ago the architect, very skilled, dropped a completed set of plans off and I approved them. They were very well done but I have no idea if the contractor is going to do the work. I was in contact with the homeowner and met with him personally and my heart goes out. We can't make the contractor do the work. Only thing we could do is, and I did it, I expanded his permit without charging him any fees. Because I don't want to put him in bankruptcy. He got one year with the permit, and it's still not started. It's open and I fear the worse. Before this particular project started I sat down with the homeowner and the contractor, we had everything on board. His architect had good plans, everything was first class, he spent a lot of money for blinds. I could call him again but that is the only thing I can do. The homeowner is a very nice gentleman. **Davis:** So, they haven't done anything since before our break? **Marinucci:** I think the contractor is running away and he's going to lose all of his money. Those kind of lawsuit don't return, so I don't see a good result there. **Davis:** We just had a new house put up for sale on Garden Road, a Policeman's. **Marinucci:** He was in the other day; I think for a point-of-sale maybe. **Davis:** Do you guys go in for a point-of-sale? **Marinucci:** We are not allowed to go inside unless the homeowner allows it. I don't know if he's allowing it. If he fills out the form and allows it, we will go inside. **Davis:** Now he's the one that has the gutters draining to Mr. Schuster's. So, can that be stopped at all? **Marinucci:** That issue is not going to go away. It's never going to go away; the complaint is low in elevation. What they both should do is, they both should get together and put a drainage system in. he likes to complain, the house on the left. There's a lot of water going down into the separation of the two parties. What makes a drain as well impossible is there's a huge tree right on the line. A part of the tree is on the complainant's side and part on the property that's being sold. But that has been going on for years. **Davis:** If the gutter is being aimed towards the lower property, you're allowed to do that. **Marinucci:** No, it's a gutter that's on the... **Davis:** Garage, I'm talking about the garage gutters. **Marinucci:** There's a lot of water going in there just from the difference. **Warren:** Does the gutters have a splash block? Why don't he have the splash spot go away... **Marinucci:** Agreed and I will make that happen, but the issue is not going away. **Warren:** We know the issue is not going away, but at least it will reduce it. A down spout, drainage and water can be directed as much as you can with the splash block. **Marinucci:** We went out there when it's raining, and the complainant is not correct on a lot. But I agree with that issue. **Davis:** So, you will take care of that? **Marinucci:** I will tell him to take the splash block and turn it 90 degrees. **Davis:** Ok, I have not seen reports from you guys driving around, have we had one for a long time? **Marinucci:** I'll get it of in the morning, he's been doing that every week. **Davis:** Ok, thank you. **Warren:** Any permits recently? Have you received applications for permits? **Marinucci:** Yes, all the time, a lot is commercial land, and the commercial land is beautiful. Just to give a moment on *Agmet*, we allowed them to go fast track and the demolition before we got the plans to do the steel. It's going well, they got the steel drawings, they've been approved. It's a \$10 million project and it is on schedule; it might be \$11 million to be honest with you. The game plan is to be operational January 1st, 2024. If they don't meet that, they will be in final testing on that date. That as you know is all about pollution and I'm impressed with the drawings. They are putting two steel buildings up, but they are more housing to house the equipment. They are a great company, and it is going very well. We recently received permit request regarding additions and stuff like that, but you don't care about stuff like that. **Warren:** We care about them, it's nice to hear people are adding on to their houses instead of just moving out. **Gottschalk:** We'll get into that in a minute too. **Marinucci:** I am going to just send you this because it's bothering me personally. I want you to take a look at a recent small home. It's something that I really want to fight against. **Davis:** You said we have one of these coming in?

Marinucci: No, but they are coming. The manufacturers at the state level in the industrial unit division of the Department of Transportation are going to get these things approved. Once they get that stamp on it, they come in. You don't want that next to your home, I don't want them anywhere. I think it's going to demean the value. I think there is going to be a reduction. There's enough, we still have vacant homes, still have houses that are going to be taken down in this village. If you are going to spend \$15,000.00 just to take down a home, they are going to jump on that. We have been doing some research and we found out the cost of these things is realistically, not a savings. The contractor is charging the same amount of money to build so there's a lot of profit here. The selling point is they get it up in two months verse six months. So, the selling point is time, but they are not giving you a break. You know when I told the Mahoning County Justice Center what we did. We had a manufacturer from Virginia to build these cans, and they were just tin cans. There were 432 of them and you run them on a crane, and you set them in place. That's all the cells and everyone had a toilet, all the amenities. The reason they did it that way versus building them in Cleveland, is the cost savings. It's cheap to build, these things are done by \$15.00 an hour in a factory. So, you don't have weather delays, you don't have the labor portion you are dealing with, so they are cheap to make. So, the contractors are charging a lot of money on this. So, that's what's going on and we are trying to keep them out. **Warren:** Do you have a blueprint or plan of them? **Marinucci:** I didn't see blueprint of them yet. **Warren:** I'm just trying to figure out what width things are. **Gottschalk:** There are fifty different models coming, I will get into that as well. We are counting on the Law Director and Dan to get regulations in place to not have this happen in Oakwood. Believe me this is only the beginning, it's happening everywhere. I will expand on this in a minute. **Hardin:** Give me a call on Somerville, I've been told any number of times a permit is good for a year. I want to know how close we are to a year. The house on Somerville where the Police had to serve them notice. **Marinucci:** The one with the gutters and all that kind of stuff? **Hardin:** Yea, what's going on there? **Marinucci:** I don't know, I do know we served him. I do know there has been correspondence, so I will check. **Hardin:** Today is Tuesday, by Friday I would like a follow up. **Marinucci:** Yea I'll mention it to Aaron. I know something is going on, they have been notified in court, they have got to figure it out. **Hardin:** I know this is not my work but what's going on, on Tryon? The house that was brought down, who paid for that? **Marinucci:** I don't know we didn't pay for it. **Hardin:** Ok, as long as we didn't pay for it. **Marinucci:** I do know we had all kinds of issues associated with that. It was taken down, you needed the demolition permit, stuff from the County with the sanitary and stuff like that. So, I know that was an ongoing issue for a while. It's completely down and everything. **Hardin:** It was seeded, it's a lovely lot. **Matlock:** What about the house next door? **Marinucci:** Don't know, there's more that has to come down. Trouble is if I want to pay for it. **Hardin:** But that house is occupied isn't it? **Matlock:** Which one? **Hardin:** The one you asked about. **Matlock:** No, it's not, it has been empty for a while. **Marinucci:** The one you are talking about I wish I knew somebody was living in it. **Hardin:** Ok, thank you. **Warren:** May we hear from our Police Chief.

Police-Garratt: **Garratt:** I reported to you guys a couple weeks ago that since June we've had over 8500 calls. A lot of the cities around us have been plague with some serious crimes. Fortunately, we kept a lot of those crimes from coming into our town. We helped out Maple Heights with a triple homicide at Stafford Park they had last week. In a nutshell, there was a church picnic where an ex-boyfriend came and shot the ex-girlfriend. She was pregnant, she passed away, the infant died. The boyfriend ran and hid in a bathroom, where the shooter chased him down and killed him in the bathroom. he was taken into custody. It came out as an active shooter, we sent two cars out there, we had four of them. That's generally how we work things out. It's been very, very busy. Maple if you remember this year, had this picture of someone shooting out of the car in the middle of the day. They really have it rough over there. Their staffing is extremely low. They were forty-eight officers at one point now there are twenty-six of them. When they do get people they move on so quickly. The other thing is if you heard on the news we deployed our MPU unit. As you know we are one of the seven cities in S.E.A.L.E., and within S.E.A.L.E., we have a missing persons unit for a twelve-year-old girl that ran away. There were actually two twelve-year-old girls that ran away. They were looking for the most dangerous areas of Cleveland and Chicago because they wanted to hang out. We worked with the F.B.I and U.S. Marshals office. We did locate her a day and a half later in East Cleveland in a house. She was unharmed and hopefully we can get her back and get counseling, it's just been very busy. The Captain and I just want to keep them out of our borders. We used to be named a high traffic enforcement town and we are, and there is a reason for that. If you come through Oakwood usually you'll see a Police Officer. **Gottschalk:** Be truthful Chief we were considered the speed trail. **Garratt:** That was because of Interstate 271,

but we still enforce the laws and other violations too. You see Police stopping traffic, I like that, and want to continue that. Because if you think about doing something ill and you see a lot of Police cars, you will go to the next city. We keep that reputation and I'm not saying we are not going to get crimes like that. However, we have been pretty good at keeping it away from here. For example, Bedford right next door had three or four homicides alone this summer. It's just busy and that is just the big stuff you hear about, there's stuff you don't. I don't want to bring doom and gloom, but everything is going well. The Police Department we are taking care of ourselves and our residents. We don't have anything signed up for Citizen Academy yet, but we are looking to do it in the fall. If we get enough participation, we'll do it again. **Matlock:** I just really want to thank you and your staff. Since my incident, they are up there all the time. I really want to thank you because right now I may be living in a hotel for four months. they come on the premises, luckily they did on Sunday. My car was locked with the dog in it, and it was on. The dog was in the car, and I was like oh my god the keys are in the car. He got in and he got it out so thank you so much for checking on us. **Hardin:** I will make this quick, I think we in Oakwood invented the saying "if you see something, say something". Along with our services here, I think the citizens have been conditioned to the type of services we receive. The reason I say this is, there was something that I observed, and I said I wasn't going to say anything. Come to find out another resident observed the same thing and contacted the Police Department. If there's anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, we pay attention. As a result, your Officers were on it because we are aware of our surroundings, so thank you. **Garratt:** We can't solve crimes without the participation of the public. We really can't, this is why one hand washes the other. For us to do our jobs we need input from you guys and assistance, it works well. We have a core group of Officers; they are very obligated to Oakwood. They very much care for and about this community. **Hardin:** I gave you your compliment last meeting, with the storm. They stayed in the neighborhood; they did not go back to the station. They were available, they were actively looking for situations that they could be of help with and again, thank you. **Garratt:** Speaking of active looking. Service Director Haba did not brag about his detective skills with the concrete dumping. It was all the way down Pettibone and around the roundabout. It took a team effort with the service and us to find out who was dropping the concrete. He cleaned it up as usual and he was down chasing this truck all over the place. It wasn't even a concrete truck. It was actually a regular utility truck that a concrete company nearby poured it in the back for them, and it was pouring out. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Davis:** Thank you, thank you. **Callender:** I also wanted to give you guys props as well. No job is too small. There was a missing dog in our neighborhood and you guys came out, in the dark, with flashlights and found the dog. You made the people very happy so, thank you. **Gottschalk:** What was the name of the dog? **Callender:** I don't remember, but I do know it was the first day that the family had that dog. **Gottschalk:** We have been getting a number of calls from the residents in the Meadows appreciating the presence of the Police. **Garratt:** Well, that's really what I want to continue to do, that keeps the crime out. **Warren:** Anyone else? May we hear from our Finance Director.

Finance-Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, just to recap, we had a finance meeting today. Some of the highlights we looked at are our cash position, we are approximately \$236,000.00 at the beginning of the year. We ended with an unexpended balance of \$683,000.00, after encumbrances it was at \$465,000.00. Total of all funds was approximately \$420,000.00 and I ended through mid-year about \$1.2 million dollars. Quite a bit attributed, our income taxes were up from prior year by about 7.15%. All of our general fund departments are within their budget over all as a collective general fund. Just on a final note we close out our note bill at approximately 4.0% interest rate, which is pretty good. So, that's all I have to report thank you. **Hardin:** I apologize, I wasn't at the last meeting when legislation 2023-29 was passed. I talked to the Mayor and because it involves finances, that's why I'm bring it up now. I would like for the Law Director to look at that legislation again. When we went over that particular legislation, it was stated, and it's a matter of record. That Oakwood had an obligation to pay a certain amount. The Mayor made the comment that, that would be recovered with the project that came in. Do you recall Mayor? **Gottschalk:** Yes. **Hardin:** Ok, I would like for the Council to think about this. I think it should be in the legislation Mr. law Director, that our portion should be recovered by the project. **Warren:** Any other questions? May we hear from our Fire Chief.

Fire-Tapp: **Tapp:** Thank you Council President. Just like the Police Department, call lines are through the roof. A lot was due to the storm that came through. We had a lot of down power lines, a lot of false fire alarms, thank god no bad fires. COVID-19 is on the rise, so we are back up 20% on ambulance calls right now. So, we are taking all precautions over at

the station and the squad to protect ourselves from COVID-19. That's about all I have to report. **Warren:** May we hear from our Law Director.

Law-Climer: I am happy to answer questions. **Warren:** May we hear from the Mayor.

Mayor-Gottschalk: What adjective do you normally use before you say Mayor that you didn't use this time? **Warren:** The illustrious. **Gottschalk:** Ah, there it is. First of all, I would have facetious with being perceived as a speed trap. It's great having that perception, it keeps a lot of troublemakers out of Oakwood Village. Secondly, excellent news from the Finance Director in terms of much higher level of receipts from taxes coming from Oakwood. This is reflected in some of our neighboring communities. The property taxes are a percentage of residential market value assessed by the County. For example, Orange is 13% higher than Oakwood, Glenwillow is 19% higher than Oakwood, Bedford and Bedford Heights are 28% higher than Oakwood, Warrensville Heights is 40% higher than Oakwood, Maple Heights is 60% higher than Oakwood, and Garfield Heights is 80% higher than Oakwood. Again, Oakwood is a very nice place to live and work and that is what you see reflected. In order to maintain this, what we originally call container houses are now being called tiny houses. You asked about the size we are looking at three hundred and fifty square feet, to maybe four or five hundred. With additions, and additions you could get up to maybe eight hundred. But the normal size is three hundred and fifty square feet. Again, this is the answer to the affordable house crisis, is what it is being promoted as. Tin cans is what we call them, but they are hardly that anymore. You can have a gourmet kitchen, big loft bedroom, living room with a fireplace, unique green cabinetry, and they no longer have to be built there. They are now being built on wheels, we are talking triple axel trailers and they can wheel them in from anywhere. They buy the land, and they can wheel it right in and it's up. Oregon and Maryland alone have a fleet of over fifty tiny houses in their warehouses. Now even more worrisome is the idea of these prefab factories that are now being put up. To put add-on's to homes in these operations that don't even match. That is why it is really important that our Law Director and Building inspector can get something that will be as tight as it can be, to try to avoid some of this. I think I have pointed out already before in Bedford they have 40% of their homes being rented out. So, it's really essential that we being the lead, and fortunately we don't have a whole lot of land left available for this but would be on top of this. Areas that do have land like Pepper Pike could be open to a lot of problems. This could be big trouble and it is becoming bigger and bigger and bigger. **Warren:** Now that our home values are escalating because of the types, quality, and size of the homes. We can't let these types of homes come here because it's going to decrease your property value. **Gottschalk:** It's just not fair to the homeowner next door that spent a lot of money on their homes. When all of a sudden there is something coming in that is far, far less than that, or looks like it. Lastly, we were talking about the all-purpose six-foot-wide concrete safety trail. First on Broadway to Lamson. We received \$150,000.00 from County in a block grant and \$50,000.00 in supplemental grant from the County. We are looking at probably \$39,000.00 estimated for what Oakwood share would be. It is essential, we nearly had a young lady clipped the other night, a close call from a car coming down the from Tryon Road. It is a very narrow strip. Police Chief has been very helpful with putting together a letter that I've given the residents who are being affected on this. It lets them know the essentialness of having this there, it's really a safety issue, there's no doubt about it. I think some of you that use this pathway coming here, particularly in the evening and when it's bright out. You can easily get distracted, and you can nearly clip somebody. **Hardin:** I guess my concern is you made some inroads already moving right along with this, I can only speak for myself. I would like to see the actual proposal. **Gottschalk:** This is already far beyond; this was discussed by Council some time ago. In fact, this Monday, every resident that is affected is going to have twenty feet of their drive turned into concrete, rather than whatever it might be, whether it's asphalt or cinders or whatever else. This is from Broadway to the fire hydrant before you get to Lamson. At the same time, within a few days of that, there will be a trail. A pathway, a midpoint of the trail will be three feet on each sides. **Hardin:** Stop right there, you have to bring the people with you. **Gottschalk:** There were only three people I haven't met that this will be affected. **Hardin:** But everybody is going to have it happen, right? **Gottschalk:** No, we are talking about the people who would be affected with the trail. Again, this is a huge problem here we have to deal with. **Matlock:** You said you only have three more residents in that area who are going to be affected by this walkway. **Gottschalk:** Yea, they weren't home. **Matlock:** You said you have a letter that was made up, I wish I was involved with that. I know we already put everything in, we got the grants for. The decision was going to be made on which side of the street would be more feasible to put this walkway on. But before this

walkway was going to be put on. I thought we would be able to talk to the residents to let them know this is what's going to take place. Also, to get some feedback from them on which side of the street do they feel, they need to be brought into this process. So, everyone is one board with it. We all know it's needed because I almost hit a person on the street. I almost hit a kid, who had headsets on and couldn't hear and it was fog outside. Then they walk with dark clothes on, and when you turn you can't see them. I know it is very important and we need something there for their safety. We were going over figures \$39,000.00 is nothing compared to a life because you can't bring a life back. I would of love to have those individuals brought into this process, so we can all discuss and talk about it. I know they are going to have some concerns because the easements on their property, whichever side it's on, is going to be taken away. **Gottschalk:** There isn't any easement, there might only be two residents have easement issues. All the others are on Oakwood property. **Matlock:** It is still going to affect basically... **Gottschalk:** That's why I went down the street three times. First, I'm dealing with trees, drainage, and engineers. Then, with the landscaper on the trees and finally, with the residents to explain to them exactly what happened. There was only one person who initially had an issue with it and now he is all in. The only person I didn't meet one owns a rented house that isn't being used, that's the first house on the right. One of them I know won't have an issue. So, there is really only one house left that I haven't been able to discuss it with. **Matlock:** It was just something that I felt because eventually, we are hoping to get it all the way down. It may take some time, but at least we are starting. It's a starting point from here up to Lamson Road. I don't mind if it's causing safety with individuals. It's fine with me but there's other homeowners that may just want to know what's going on Tryon Road. **Gottschalk:** They now know, that's why it was three different days out there, about two hours each, walking not driving. I mean you really had to walk. **Matlock:** So, is it possible? **Warren:** I guess the conclusion, or the end result would have been if each Councilperson would have been able to send out a newsletter to the residents. To let them know what was going on, this way everyone is informed. This way when we are stopping at Lanson Road, rather than going all the way down. Everybody from Lamson Road all the way down east to Richmond Road is wondering when it would be put in their area. So, these are the things that we would like to have addressed as a Council and more specifically, as a Ward person. **Gottschalk:** I was trying to put this project off until next year. Unfortunately, the way it was drafted and approved; it has to be done this year. **Warren:** We knew that from the engineer. **Gottschalk:** I was hoping still to get the County to put this thing off. It wasn't seeming to be possible. Then all of a sudden I was hearing that they're going to be putting concrete on the drive, twenty feet of the drives. This actually is going to be tomorrow, and we haven't talked to the people yet. So, this thing has been put off until Monday. In the meantime, on Friday, they will put the marker out for where the trail is going within their property. Eighty- five percent of the time it is on the Village's property, on the right of way. The one or two that will be easements, they are aware of it, but you're going to see it before and they're going to have to approve it before... **Warren:** They have to sign it. **Gottschalk:** Exactly, so again they are getting a second chance to just hear it, but they are going to see how. As I said there are about thirteen trees going down. The biggest was the first house when you are coming down Tryon Road from Broadway, on the right-hand side. Because no one ever lives there, there's more trees over there and it's all going down. So, there are only about eight trees left and one of them is full of poison ivy. **Matlock:** Asked for a copy of the Mayor's letter. **Hardin:** Mayor, we are not going to come kicking and screaming, we would like to go with you. So just share the letter, let's get it out this week. So, that everybody's on the same page and knows what is going on. I appreciate what the president has been saying, even projecting if and ever you're going to go any further down. But everyone has known for years we needed to do this and wanted it. Especially, with the group home. Remember at one point the safety force offered reflective clothing for people it was so bad. So, this is nothing new but... **Gottschalk:** I don't see it being feasible to going all the way down. **Hardin:** A letter needs to go out tomorrow, so the community knows. **Warren:** I guess we are on a going forward position right now. Going forward be cognate, be aware of extending... **Gottschalk:** We'll have a letter going out to the rest of the residents. **Williams:** It's not a curtesy though. **Warren:** It's a curtesy and respect because everyone would have the curtesy of knowledge. So that's what I am saying, it's expected... **Williams:** It's not a curtesy every resident should be aware of what's happening around them. We can't pick and choose which residents we think we need to inform. Everybody should be brought along as part of the process. **Matlock:** I mean honestly, everyone needs to know the plan. **Warren:** We are going to look for and seeking funding to go all the way down Tryon Road no matter what you think. **Matlock:** Right and I only say it because I live on a hidden hill, and you cannot see going pass that hill. **Warren:** It's no more than Forbes Road, bike trails, peaks and valleys that were there. **Hardin:** I guess what we are saying is, there's more than one person that can make a flyer.

We can help, Tommy can help but we need to get that out as soon as possible. **Gottschalk:** Ok, one other trail that will be happening. We have a trail on Richmond Road that goes up Buckthorn and down Bedford Reservation. We are now working with Glenwillow. Glenwillow got the grant, the trail will extend, they will cross at that point. Be on the other side of the bridge and extend all the way to South Chargin Reservation entrance. So, pass the picket fence. Our share will be \$5000.00, for the next twenty years. What I hope this will then lead to would be the Gresley Landfill would be bought by the philanthropist or by the Metroparks. And turn it into a trail going up and down the mounds over there. With the T.D. financing some of the greening space and the beauty. This will be a great tie in with the trail that's going to be happening.

Hardin: Who are we paying the \$5000.00 to? **Gottschalk:** Glenwillow. **Hardin:** Glenwillow because they received the grant, ok. **Warren:** How much is the trail's total cost? **Gottschalk:** All I care about was what our cost was. \$5,000.00 a year for twenty years isn't a problem. **Williams:** We can't get a grant? **Gottschalk:** That ties in with our residents and not just with walking but with biking. So, there is much tying in with the idea of getting the landfill into a trail. **Hardin:** I don't want any surprises. So, my question is, what time frame? **Gottschalk:** That is on a pretty fast track too now.

Hardin: Well, you need to let everybody know. **Williams:** Are you going to have total numbers for the project? **Gottschalk:** Your numbers is \$5000.00 a year... **Warren:** No, what we want to know is how much the total project is. It could be \$5,000.00 a year for the next twenty years and \$5,000.00 times twenty is \$100,000.00. What if the project is \$125,000.00? **Gottschalk:** Don't be ridiculous. **Williams:** Can I finish my point? One of the thing we hammered in with the intersection between all four communities was what the total cost was. And how we figured out our share according to what part of our property. It was in that entire thing, so I think the same applies. We need to know what part is Oakwood's, what part is Glenwillow's, and the total cost. I don't know why that would be a problem. Especially if they have a grant. **Hardin:** You good with that time frame Mr. Mayor? **Gottschalk:** I'll have it in time. **Davis:** I have a question, for the Law Director maybe. On this container thing. If you draw up legislation for what they are building. Does it have to be voted on through the City? Through everybody? Or can we just approve it through Council? To prevent these container houses from coming. **Climer:** If it is a zoning change then yes, we would have to go around. They are other things; we are still working on a way to do it and still keep Dan's certificate. Because the Board does not have a sense of humor about people not accepting their standards. So, we want to do it in a way that our Building Department remains certified. **Warren:** They will de-certify you if you don't. **Climer:** I would prefer it not to go on because it gets expensive. It gets time consuming, so we are looking for a way to thread the needle. **Gottschalk:** At the same time, I broadly support getting it on the ballot in time. This needs to be an urgency and for the reason being, we have a much better chance in court. When people make the decision instead of when public officials make a decision. But there's no rush, I would like to see this happen in the spring or summer of next year. **Warren:** It could come up in May. **Climer:** We are getting close to get it on for May, because there's a big lead time. So, it may have to be next November. **Warren:** Anything else Mr. Mayor? **Gottschalk:** No. **Warren:** Anybody got any questions for the Mayor? Ok, I'll open up the floor for public comment. This is the time residents can come up to the podium, give their names, address, ask whatever question.

Open Floor Comments

Erica Nikolich, 7230 Wright Ave, Couple questions for the Law Director. My first question would be regarding the use of the Village's property opened free to adjournment of residents. Is there anything in the Charter or Legal Governance that would prevent a resident from using commuting property reserved for residents gathering in any type of way. **Climer:** That's a very open-ended question. For instance, there are curfews in our parks. **Nikolich:** Ok, curfews for example. **Climer:** There are stipulations that are attached to renting out the Community Center and other. **Nikolich:** Let's say for example the basketball court. Which is open to residents, I believe maximum capacity of twenty perhaps. Maybe the only restriction I've seen. Are there any other restrictions that you could think of. **Climer:** I honestly have not looked at any of the restrictions to the basketball court. I am not sure what is there. **Nikolich:** Ok, would you be willing to research that? Or are we just going to go with no restrictions. **Climer:** No, I'll take a look at that. **Warren:** And get back with her please. **Nikolich:** The other question I have was about C.M.H.A housing. Is there any authority we have or mandate we have that can ensure that they are keeping up with those properties? Does the Village have any authority over what C.M.H.A. does with their properties? **Climer:** To my understanding this has been a long-standing issue with C.M.H.A. I think we do have the authority to enforce our building standards. To get them to comply and cooperate is the issue. To my understanding of the past history with them. **Nikolich:** Ok, is there a way for that to be clarified and communicated to the community?

Climer: Sure. **Warren:** C.M.H.A. housing, the Building Department can site any housing that is in noncompliance with our codes. Gutters falling down or anything like that, you can identify that and send a violation notice to the owners. C.M.H.A housing has just as much as a responsibility in compliance with the local code and Ordinances as any other house. **NiKolic:** Thank you.

Charlotte Stevens, 7251 Linwood Dr., I too would like to thank the Police because we are getting good surveillance in our area. Every morning between five or six, I open that door and the Police are coming around the corner. We like that, we have a lot of older residents, it makes a difference. This was a Fourth of July in Oakwood like no Fourth of July we have ever seen. We don't want another one. They partied from July 3rd, 4th, and the 5th. I thought they were sending off cannons, not just firecrackers. I don't know who was in town, but I was here. There's a lot of widows and widowers. There's a safety factor, we don't want the young people to not have what they want. But we won't want to lose our life. It was unbelievable, I thought they were sending off cannons. I went into the homeowners meeting; I got a copy of the new law. Has every Council person seen the new law, in red? because we don't have to put up with that. I read the law and I highlighted some of the things. I am not going to go into it because we only have five minutes. But we have a right to opt out of this and on page three of this slot, it tells you everything about it. I do want this into the minutes, what are some safety tips for discharging fireworks: "Fireworks are extremely dangerous- so, please be safe and follow basic safety protocols. Each year, thousands of people are injured in fireworks- related incidents and sadly, many die as a result. In addition, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year, resulting in extensive damage to structures, vehicles, and property. The Consumer Product Safety Commission offers the following guidelines for safety". It's very intense and it lets you know how important this issue is because I was afraid my house would start on fire. That's why I didn't go to sleep. I sat by my window, I'm there by myself. I'm a sound sleeper, I would wake up in heaven. So, I tell you very seriously, I'll make sure to get a hard copy to Ms. Hardin, or Council Clerk to see she gets it to everyone. I would like a follow up. I ask the Council and Mayor to bring in legislation that would consider the following: 1) Put something in the budget that will cover an event we can have in one day on the 4th of July, and everyone can go up there and enjoy them. I thought someone had sold tickets because they had so many cars on their property. It was so loud, and it went so long. I couldn't believe I was in Oakwood Village. I have been here over forty something years, never experienced something like that. Our community is changing, I'm not moving, my house is paid for. I don't have my husband no more, it's just me and I am not going anywhere. We are about to stop the madness in Oakwood. The Mayor I always call him and tell him when he has done something good. I'm very likeable, but I am not moving. We can opt out of this; we have good residents. If you tell them they can't, they will poke their mouths out for a while, but they will find somewhere else to take it. We don't have a lot of little kids anyways. So let the old folks retire and enjoy. That is my request that I would like you to have considered. Write something into the budget, so that we can have an event just like we do recreation. The landfill worries me, I would like to know the last time it has been inspected. I would like to know if there is methane gas running under those houses. They tore down a couple of houses and there is a reason why. **Gottschalk:** That's the Solon side. **Stevens:** The house I'm talking about, if you leave my house and make a left on to Richmond and when you get to the landfill that house right there is gone. There is a reason why. I'm concerned I don't want to move; I can't give my house away. I am afraid for my safety. So that's why I have been saving for a long time because we follow that landfill. Debbie and I went to every meeting they thought about having on that landfill. I haven't gotten any reports or data. I don't know if the land is good for planting my flowers or vegetables. Several of them are saying they are going to put a trail there. I'm not worried about the trail; I am worried about the value of my home. I'm worried if there's methane gas under my house, the property value based on the fact if that thing blows up. Or years from now, it's contaminating the water, the spring is contaminated. Nobody has checked, I believe it's too high. I was in the bathroom brushing my teeth and the mirror reflected out the window and I couldn't believe it. That was the landfill at eye level. You know the implications, and then I have to come up here because I am afraid that my house, instead of being worth \$250,000.00, my house may be \$25,000.00. I ask Council to look into that. Are Airbnb's coming, people do not want Airbnb's popping up. You don't know who's coming in, there's a lot of traffic on my street now, at all times a night.

Karen Howse, (unknown address), I was hoping to be able to ask these questions at the finance committee because I didn't want to hold up too much time, so I will be quick. As a concerned resident, I feel that certain people have a

particular interest in what they want to ask. Seems like when I ask anything about finance it appears that I am picking on people, or I bring discomfort about financing. That's an interest of mine. So, when I come up here and ask I shouldn't be told that sometimes I can ask certain questions at committees and sometimes I can't. **Warren:** I'll give you your minutes, I said that you couldn't because of the fact of the Finance Committee meeting. We extended you, and appreciated your input on finding out where our village was, because there were rumors about the Village and the finances and everything. But now we know where we are at, and you can ask questions in the Council meeting. Just like any other resident, they have the right to say anything they want to at a Council meeting. But because of the fact I did mention to you that you could not participate after you asked one question, you were going to another one, and I said no. This meeting is for the body of Council. **Howse:** Ok, in the previous finance committee you had no problem allowing me to ask multiple questions. **Warren:** That's cause we were concerned about what the truth of the financial picture was. Because they were rumors around here that the financial picture, and everyone can tell you if you want us to pull Council. We had concerns about the financial picture of the business, we went through that, you asked all the questions you wanted to ask. You were allowed to do that, and we appreciated it because you are a resident, and you have a financial background. You were formerly a Finance Director here, working with me at that time. All I am saying is I have the upmost respect for your financial knowledge and that's why we wanted you to ask any and everything you wanted to. Now we are at a point where we feel the questions are answered. If any other questions, this is the venue for a resident to be able to ask the questions they want, which you are. **Howse:** Going back to what I was saying whether you felt comfortable at one point and uncomfortable at another point. **Warren:** It's no comfort, it's compliant with protocol. **Howse:** I'm just stating what you just said. I'm repeating what you said. **Warren:** I didn't say anything about comfort. **Williams:** You did. **Warren:** I did not say comfort but go ahead. **Howse:** I am not here to cause dissensions. This is my interest, and no one is going to stop me from asking questions of my interest. So, again you did say at one point, when you felt uncomfortable collectively, it was ok for me to ask questions. Then when you became comfortable now I can't ask questions. **Warren:** With the financial position of the Village, yes, that's the comfort. **Howse:** So, it is your comfort, but if it's not a resident's comfort, then we because you representing the residents, are not allowed to ask questions? **Warren:** Yes, right here at this Council chambers, just like I told you. At the regular meeting you can ask whatever you want. **Howse:** But you didn't apply that rule, Johnny, at the finance committee previously. All I am asking is that you be consistent because you can't pick and choose what I'm allowed to ask. One minute you say I can and now today I cannot because you feel comfortable with the reports presented and that's unfair and fine. Thank you for providing the financial report. I'm not sure why we are happy since this is only up until May. The summary statement is from 5/31/2023, right? **Thompson:** There was a report passed out today for half of the year. **Howse:** The statement of cash you prepared right? But they don't have the actual expense report where the summary statement as of today. **Thompson:** They have it, not as of today but it was discussed 6/30/2023. **Howse:** The statement of cash right here represents as of May, the close of May. **Thompson:** It was a report passed out today with the close of June. **Williams:** He did add June on. **Howse:** So, does anyone know where we stand financially as far as where our cash position is as of July, August, and September. So, my point is Brian, I understand you have had some challenges with staffing and stuff like that in your back log. I'll give you that, but you cannot be uncomfortable when I ask a question. Because it is a question I think everyone should be interested in. the reason I ask the questions is one, because I am a resident, and to speak to the previous resident. I am a concerned citizen that is concerned about the future. The future of the condition of our finances going forward. This is not to imply, indicate, or accuse you that you are doing something nefarious. I am a concerned citizen that has a right to ask questions. Now if this is not the best form, you said I could talk to you one on one. You have opened your door with that. Sometimes I feel like you are taking it as a personal attack. Again, this is my interest, I will continue to come. I am not operating on rumors; all you have to do is look at the document. It does not have to be a rumor. If you are reading it and council's reading the report, it shouldn't be you acting on, I'm ok with you talking now. Because there were rumors versus I am ok now so you can't talk no more. This is not a pick at you, this is what I want to know, and I will continue to ask. My question is this, regarding the sanctuary for Mt. Zion. We spent over \$9000.00 for that project. The contractor was A&S, this is news to me. I don't come to all Council meetings; how did we get in the business of doing a meditation garden for a specific entity. We have multiple churches here. I am trying to figure out how this particular church got selected to have a mediation garden expensed out. It was expensed out of the 201 fund, which would be subsidized by the general fund, and we are already in the negative in the SCMR fund. How did that happen, was there an ordinance? **Thompson:** I can't attest to why that

location was picked. **Howse:** That's probably not a fair question to ask you. **Thompson:** It was something eligible that we could expend. We normally do our landscaping expenses out of the SCMR fund. SCMR fund can normally run negative because we have a lot of reimbursements to come back to make it whole. She's right about transfers that can happen. The Village is doing well now, we have seen a 7.15% increase in our income taxes, started the year at about \$236,000.00, now to \$683,000.00. All of our indicators are trending well in the right direction. So that is some of the explanation. There's a vendor that did that work and he had to get paid. **Howse:** Maybe you do not hear me. I don't think this is for you because you are handling finance so it's not you to make the decision right? The question for Council, \$9000.00, almost \$9300.00, why was it Mt. Zion? **Gottschalk:** They had the acreage. **Howse:** They had the acreage, is this a right of way, is it a public domain, where it is open to the public? **Gottschalk:** They had the acreage but more importantly than that, just look at what's happening to our youth in this Country. \$9,000.00, for a place to be able to get sanctuary and some peace. **Howse:** My question is why was Mt. Zion selected? You said they were the only ones with acreage. Did any other church have that kind of property? **Gottschalk:** No. **Howse:** That was all that I asked. Did that upset you that I asked? **Gottschalk:** What upsets me is that you don't look at the bigger picture. The bigger picture is what's happening with the youth. The car jackings, two girls merely committed suicide here. **Howse:** What does that have to do with the meditation garden? Can you tell me the statistics of how many youths have attended the meditation garden? **Gottschalk:** I know that many days, there's people there. **Howse:** The question you spoke on, can you explain to me how many youths have gone there? **Gottschalk:** It's an opportunity for people to be able to go. **Howse:** What means of notification have you sent residents to inform them about this sanctuary? **Gottschalk:** None. **Howse:** Ok, next question in regard to the pedestrian trail, which I love. If it's Glenwillow having the trail and there's a \$5000.00 share. I think Council has the right to know what they will be paying and how long. What is the agreement? **Gottschalk:** There is no agreement, it isn't ready yet, it's now being put together. **Howse:** So, this is the first time Council heard about this? **Gottschalk:** Yes, it was brought to my attention by Glenwillow. I would like to see whether this would make sense for Oakwood. So, the agreement is being put together to be put before Council. **Howse:** So, I apologize for directing that to you, it should have been directed to the Mayor. **Gottschalk:** That is where the questions you have will be answered, in the agreement. It will be drawn up in the next couple weeks, maybe even at the if not next meeting, certainly before end of October. **Howse:** SCMR fund is street, construction, maintenance, and repair. How is \$9300.00 of sanctuary landscaping? How does that relate to that? **Thompson:** That's where we charge our landscaping, even the beautification you see around the Village. **Howse:** How does Mt. Zion, meditation garden apply to the SCMR fund? It is an improper expense. It could be under general fund, miscellaneous contraction. The reason why I am saying this Brian, is because you are going to have to do a subsidy. You are going to have to transfer money to pay for that \$9,000.00. It interests me and I will continue to ask questions even though it irritates. Brian I know you are trying your best, but it's my right to ask questions. You can be sometime with me, sometimes you let me ask questions, sometimes you don't. But I am going to continue to come randomly, I may come every blue moon, but I will have questions. I hope I get answer and not yelled at all the time. **Thompson:** I never contested your question, I tried to answer them. **Howse:** I wonder why that's a deterrent. Why did I get deterred? **Thompson:** You've always been given the ability to ask those questions. **Joseph (Clerk):** Asked for the resident's name and address. **Warren:** Can we have your name and address; the Clerk is asking for it. **Howse:** Karen Howse. **Warren:** Address please. **Howse:** When you provide a rule, I'll give it. **Warren:** Provide the rule for what? **Howse:** Provide the rule that I am required to provide my address. **Warren:** The reason that the rule exists... **Williams:** It doesn't exist. **Warren:** the rule exists to verify that you are a resident. **Howse:** For safety purposes in this day and age, I am not required to provide an address. **Williams:** She's not required. **Warren:** In the past you have. **Howse:** In the past you let me ask questions. **Warren:** You still asked questions. **Williams:** It is not required by law so we should take a look at that as a council. We are asking people if it's required, there's no lawful requirement. We should stop saying that. **Warren:** We can verify whether the person coming up is an Oakwood resident or not. **Howse:** It's not a law Johnny. **Warren:** We didn't say it was a law, it's a procedure.

Pat **Malone, Drake Road, Malone:** Inquired about Kroger. **Gottschalk:** Stated he met with them but is very disappointed. **Malone:** So, it is not a go? **Warren:** It is not a go so far. **Malone:** Last time I was here you said nothing was moving forward and that they owed us money. Do they still owe us money? **Gottschalk:** Their legal team is saying we don't owe the money until they begin the project. Again, we are talking to the County and the State on this matter dealing with them.

We are giving them our final response on our position, very shortly. I am meeting on Friday with them. **Malone:** You talked about our Officers, and yes, it's very nice. I see the Officers when they come down Drake Road, it's nice to see them. How about staffing? Are we ok as far as staffing? **Garratt:** We are doing fine, on the agenda coincidentally, I have something coming up. I asked for an increase of two, that will put me at full staffing. We are doing fine right now.

Malone: Which is how many? **Garratt:** It's fourteen full time Officers, four Sergeants, one Captain, one Chief, and two of the fourteen are assigned to the Detective Bureau. **Malone:** You talked about this walkway, this fabulous walkway. Which we need dearly. You're only going up to Lamson Road, right? **Gottschalk:** Right. **Malone:** What about when you go pass Oakhill Road and you're going past Richmond Road? Someone talked about almost getting hit and not seeing people in that. My problem is there is a resident who manages to park cars and trucks in front of the house, and close to the street. That scares me, because if there is a car going this way and I am going that way, you know. It's not a driveway. **Garratt:** Asked where. **Malone:** On Tryon Road, before Richmond Road. You know who it is. The walkway down Richmond Road, why are cars allowed to park on that in the evening? **Garratt:** They are not. If you see it, call us.

Malone: There's cars, the driveway is full, and there are cars on the walkway. **Garratt:** We chase them off all of the time. We give them one or two warnings and then we cite. We don't like to cite our residents, but when it comes to something like that, we have to. If you see that please let us know, you can remain anonymous. I have six complaint from January 1st to now of firework complaints, and 2 dozen of those, because people are parking there. **Malone:** Yea it's like, you're trying to make the Village look nicer. **Garratt:** It's usually not the residents, usually the renters we have issue with.

Malone: I was disappointed yesterday, I took a walk-up Alexander, I see all these holes, markings and all this stuff. I'm like "what's going on?" this cannot be a finished product. **Gottschalk:** Of course, it isn't, they are way ahead of schedule. **Malone:** You said that would be opened in October. **Gottschalk:** It will be done well before the end. **Malone:** You did not give us a date, so I am thinking, at the end of October that will be done. I took another walk today because I saw them working. These potholes that they did are filled with asphalt. Plus, they did the end of Drake Rd., and the end of High Rd., they cut that out and I hope that they are going to fill that in. I understand there are more layers to be put on there, am I correct? I looked over my notes, I don't know if I understand this correctly, but something about polymer. **Garratt:** I spoke with engineer; we hate closing roads down because construction crews aren't working on it daily. It gets upsetting when people come by because I feel the same way. I talked to Ed Hren about it, and he talked to Vandra. They have to let the concrete set before they can pour the coating on it. They cut down, where they find that needs to be pulled out. They poured the concrete; they have to let it set before they put the overlay on it. **Malone:** Ok, so how long, if they are going to put two more layers on it. How long do they have to let that sit before it would be opened? **Malone:** Are we getting asphalt put on top of that or are we getting concrete? **Garratt:** You have concrete underneath it, that is what supports the weight. **Warren:** The road is going to be asphalt; the finished surface is going to be asphalt. **Malone:** Good luck Tommy. So, there again, that isn't what I was led to believe. I misunderstood, but I thought it was going to be concrete. So, this asphalt will have polymer in it? **Garratt:** I don't know the details of that. I know it is fancy asphalt. **Malone:** How much money did we pay for this? **Gottschalk:** \$800,000.00. **Malone:** It's kind of, pardon my French but half***. Thank you for listening. **Warren:** You know the Interstates are asphalt. **Malone:** I271 is asphalt? **Warren:** Yes, it has concrete underneath it, but it is asphalt. The reason they put concrete in spots, especially when they are taking it out, is because they find these soft spots. They have to do an engineering analysis of where the soft spots are in the road and fill those with concrete. The concrete has a twenty-eight-day test that the inspectors from the state would do what's called, the slump test. Which is strength, structural integrity, and the strength of the concrete. They make concrete in a five-sack mix, five and a half, six, six and a half mix. The higher the sack mix the more concrete is mixed with other things like water, etc.... most of the time, in all of the streets in Oakwood, except in some areas of ward two, everything is asphalt. **Malone:** Mayor, you said that at the end of Fair Oaks Road when it hits Alexander Road, you weren't going to be finishing that because you wanted to... **Gottschalk:** Now we are, we are paying for it. That is what Ms. Hardin brought up. The cost would be anywhere from \$30,000.00, our share would be \$13,000 to maybe \$35,000.00. She wanted to make sure in the end, as I had said, that would go to whoever is the owner of the property where Kroger was. **Hardin:** We never heard those numbers. **Gottschalk:** Yea, I said \$11,000.00 to about \$35,000.00. **Hardin:** No, no, no, no, don't slide it up \$30,000.00, we were at \$11,000.00. **Gottschalk:** Yea, I said from \$11,000.00 to as much as \$35,000.00. It could be that we don't know. The point is, whatever it is, it will be drafted to where in fact, whoever is going to be the owner or developer pays for it in the end. **Malone:** Like I said, I'm talking about Alexander Rd., what does Kroger have to do with

it? **Gottschalk:** They should have already put a road leading from that intersection into their site because it wasn't. it's difficult to understand what the realignment is going to be on that intersection. At the same time, it wasn't right to not complete that road and have only 85% done. So, we are completing the road, it's going to be appraised and given to the developer. They are responsible for the lighting as well as the realignment. **Malone:** But it will be somewhat finished now? **Gottschalk:** Yes. **Warren:** It's going to be completely done just to let you know.

Silvia Johnson, Bedford Library, 70 Columbus Rd., Johnson: Our mobile pantry will be Wednesday, September 20th from 1:00p.m.-3:30p.m. The library and RTA are just rolling this out, but our library system has a career center. It has had it for forty years and it is called Cuyahoga Works. RTA is partnering with our career center, and they are expanding and diversifying their workforce. RTA needs more than drivers. If you don't have your G.E.D., they partner with organizations that help people get their G.E.D and then train them. If people want to become drivers and they do not have their CDL's, they will pay for CDL training. They are also looking for mechanics and office workers. If you have had encounters with the criminal justice system, depending on the offense. They are partnered with an organization to help with expungement, depending on what it is. These are union jobs, I will leave flyers, they have specific career fair date. The first one is at Fairview Park, September 13th, but there are other locations. **Warren:** A lot of companies are hiring people depending on their level of crime committed. **Davis:** Is that on your website? **Warren:** She is giving us copies. **Johnson:** Post pandemic, the library has hired a social worker. Open for anyone, for any reason and there are self-referral forms. Please utilize this, we also have Digital Navigator who can help with basic skills. You can also see if you qualify for free or reduced internet service or possibly even a laptop or app. **Warren:** Anyone else? I'll close the floor for public comment.

Floor closed.

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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.

Hardin: Chief, why are we changing this and are we budget for this? **Garratt:** We are not getting any more part time; we lost four minority officers in the last seven months. when we have a good officer come by, I need to have a good position to offer them. Minority officers are difficult to find, just because there's not many out there. If we can get them I want to grab them and offer a full-time position. The second reason is there's three officers that can leave right now. They can turn their papers in to me tomorrow and say they are taking off. I want to be able to back fill that. This allows me to have three Officers per shift, and a Sergeant per shift. I already have a sergeant per shift, but the problem is, we have four officers per shift, that's four twelve-hour shifts. If I have one guy call off because they're sick we are down to two guys. That makes it difficult to cover calls. I need more Officers and two more will give us four per shift. With this said, I've budgeted for three part-time Officers for 2023. I don't intend on putting in two full-time Officers by the end of the year. I would be fortunate to put one on, I don't know if that would even happen. Either way I've already talked to Brian on this. We are way under here, my budgeted amount because I budgeted three part-timers **Hardin:** Help me with the math. You budgeted three part-timers right? **Garratt:** Yes. **Hardin:** We have three part-time, but you want three... **Garratt:** Two. **Hardin:** How does that play out money wise if he does two full time instead of three part time? **Thompson:** We worked on the worksheet for his expenses, so he can go into dialogue. **Garratt:** This is what I want to tell you, by the end of the year I would like to get another full time around. I want two, but I am not getting them filled this year. Even filling one of them will still put me way under my budget. **Hardin:** One I can see Chief, but I still want to know from Finance... **Garratt:** You'll have restructuring from a new budget for 2024. So, you will see all of that in my new budget is what I am saying. **Hardin:** We are kind of teetering here; we need to know what the exact dollar amount is going to be when we change this out. **Warren:** What we need to do is see the original 2023 budget that was approved. The Officers full-time, costs and expense, and then the Officers part-time cost and expense. Then see what the difference is between what the

chief is proposing as far as three officers. **Garratt:** I have those figures in front of me. **Williams:** Those three officers are now under a different contract right? Wasn't there a new contract negotiated? **Garratt:** No, there is a staging step when you are hired. There are three levels to go through. They will start at the lower level of hourly rate and then move up as the years progress. **Williams:** So, the new FOP contract, you didn't increase all those levels? **Garratt:** They all increased by 2%, but they will start at that level. **Williams:** I follow you, but what I am saying is that 2% is not attached to the individual. **Garratt:** It is because I budgeted ahead of time. I budgeted after 2023, I budgeted 3% in my budget for the three part-timers. In fact, we are in the highest rate for one of the part timers because he was here, twenty something years. My two-part timers that would have started would have been at \$19.17/ hour. We'll the part timer that left was at \$25.58. so, those are the three figures I would use to offset. Multiply that by 72 hours a week, 72 hours per pay period times twenty-six. **Hardin:** That's good for just one then. **Garratt:** What I am saying is, I'll do the numbers, I know exactly what you are asking for. But I am going to give you a heads up, we'll still be under because I'm not going to fill position by the end of the year. Even if I have great candidates. Just because I have it on the books and it gives me freedom to put them on doesn't mean I'll do it. **Williams:** Three-part timers are always going to be cheaper than two full timers, correct? **Garratt:** Correct. **Williams:** Ok, so I know you have the numbers. But anytime we have something like that, cost analysis is pulled out of the budget. We should have something written. **Garratt:** I'll get you a breakdown. **Warren:** That will be our first reading. **Williams:** I want from Brian, a breakdown of what it was, versus what it will be. **Warren:** To add to that, what it was for 2024, what it would be for 2024 with three-part timers versus 2024 with the full timers. **Garratt:** Here's the issue, if you ask any Police Department, probably in the country, you don't find part timers. The Fire Department, that's a different story. The workers in the Fire Department are full-time somewhere else. This is their secondary job. **Warren:** Right. **Garratt:** The Police Officers here this is their primary job, period. That's the difference on full time. I'll take part timers right now, there's not a single application. I can't get any, no one wants to do this job. Not nobody but most don't want to. The problem I have with some of the part time when it comes to Police stuff. It's different than the Fire Department. We have time that is considered "downtime" that has to be obligated to do things like traffic enforcement. We require them to be proactive and do different things. Sometimes when they have a full-time job and consider this a part time job, this is answering calls job. I've seen that for thirty years, I understand that. I can't get any part timers and I am running out of guys. I've lost four guys in the last seven months; I've replaced two of them. **Hardin:** Before we got here tonight, the news, I was wondering how long before it hits Oakwood. You're aware of what's going on with the Sheriff's Department, the new project? It's so bad that the news, this particular news item, took twenty minutes to cover. They were giving us an update on the fact that the new Sheriff, along with the Governor, is here today. The County is going to step in and help Departments like ours short term because of what you're going through now. So, I was just wondering why it hadn't hit Oakwood. **Garratt:** Well, we have been fortunate. There's a variety of reasons, a lot of it is our officers going out and recruiting other Officers. I don't want to snipe people from other departments that need help, that's not my goal. But when your Officers are working hard, doing their jobs, and recruiting other people over, there's a reason. We getting the productivity, giving proper training and everything else, they are just coming through like crazy. But, if you saw it from my point of view, it's great to have part time, but we can't get them. Walton Hill use to have part timers, they don't have it anymore. No one wants to do the job unless it is full time with benefits. **Warren:** There's a huge shortage. **Williams:** Our part timers did not have benefits correct? **Garratt:** They didn't have pensions; they didn't have the same level of benefits I would have. They have no medical. **Williams:** So, even that cost breakdown will be different from us for full timers? **Garratt:** Correct. **Williams:** You're not going to keep any part time workers next year, is that what you are saying? **Garratt:** Probably if I can fill those two full time. Makes no sense anyways because I can't get any part timers. **Williams:** What are the big differences here? **Garratt:** We found an error. The big change is going to be where it says twelve to fourteen. If you go down and look under composition 125.01, lower section, first page at the bottom where it says C. Police Department should consist of a Chief of Police, not to exceed one Captain, not to exceed four Sergeants, not to exceed fourteen full timers. The previous one, up above there says twelve. **Williams:** This says no to exceed three or four Sergeants, so is it three or four? **Garratt:** It was always four. **Climer:** We are amending these three, so we have the old version immediately above the new version. That's the way an amended ordinance is generally. **Williams:** So, there were four Sergeants before and we stay at four, they were 12 full time before and now we are moving to fourteen? **Garratt:** Yes, only change is two full time patrol. When we put the captain position in. In 2013, there's a note from Debbie to Steve Klaus. "Per our conversation 125.04 has been eliminated from title not to exceed fifteen

Patrolmen, is that correct?" Deb said to Steve Klaus, and he answer, "that is correct". He omitted my part time job; we didn't catch that until this year. I talked to the Law Director, and we put that back into what we have now. I only have so much money to work with and I only need so many staff. What I am saying is I am not budgeting for part timers next year as long as I can fill these two full time position. **Williams:** If you know you're not going to have part timers why are you keeping that in the legislation? **Garratt:** Just in case. **Williams:** But your budget will only allot for what you can afford and there won't just be three extra part time Officers. **Garratt:** I always had fifteen available. I always budgeted for three because that would have worked out well. However, I am looking at current, and I can't get part timers. **Davis:** The one that is part time, would he consider full time? **Garratt:** He is retired already. **Hardin:** Here's where my head is if something happens, and everyone is gone. To have it available is one thing, to have confidence it will be used in the manner you used it, that bothers me especially with finances. You see where the hesitation flies? **Garratt:** Well, you control the purse strings. When they bring the budget, whoever the Chief is, if you don't like what you see in the budget, you don't approve it. **Climer:** The position is not created until it is funded. **Hardin:** I hope everyone understands the nature of the beast. **Garratt:** I'm not asking for the Officers because I think it would be a better party, I want to protect the Village. I want to keep the level of service up to where's it's at. I want an organized structure; I want job descriptions and you'll be able to see that. **Williams:** Can I clarify 125.05, so, the main changes are just that everybody is under this probationary period now? **Garratt:** Our contract supersedes, the contract for probation is eighteen months. The contract that you guys voted in the Police Department, there's an eighteen-month probation. This could say twelve months, six months whatever, that supersedes it. They have to follow what that contract says. **William:** So, this brings it in alignment with the contract? **Garratt:** Correct, it didn't before, the Law Director made those. **Climer:** The ordinance conflicted with the contract and it's difficult to change the ordinance. So, we just simply granted it, essentially, compliance with the contract. **Davis:** 2504, all it changed was the part time Patrolman to part time Patrol Officers, is it? **Garratt:** Yea, the terminology changed. **Davis:** Ok, can you give us that information for the next meeting? **Garratt:** Yes. **Williams:** The Bedford City School District has issue four on the ballot for November 7th. I had a resident make a statement that they received from the public officials stating that the bond levy would increase their taxes on their home by \$1,000.00 per year for a \$100,000.00 home, which is not correct. The amount is somewhere between \$100.00 per year, so I wanted to make sure that was clarified on record. I also wanted to make sure that individuals know there is a message document. If you have specific questions about the bond levy that clarifies a lot of nuts and bolts of the bond levy for supporting building of new school in the district. There will be a community forum held sometime in the next two weeks and you should receive a notice about it. **Stevens:** But our property taxes are going up 34% already. We have an older community, and I can tell you the taxes are out of control. There's got to be a revolt, no one is saying anything. Nobody can live because of taxes. Unless you can tell me how much you're saving this year, how much you're putting in the budget, you are not doing your jobs. Because you cannot survive on the same budget. You have to be able to say, well we cut \$1,000,000.00 out of budget because there's no way. Especially with dollars coming in based on tax. **Warren:** Well, the taxes that our dollars come in, are predominantly the payroll tax. The taxes on real estate, the majority of that goes to the schools. **Williams:** Those are two very important issues. I do agree taxes are out of control, especially for someone with a fixed income. But in regard to the school district, when we talk about property taxes, when schools go down, the community goes down and so does your property value. We have very good reasons to support the issue, but I would just direct people to that document. They can get factual information as opposed to just hearsay. **Stevens:** Well, I see they got new buses. Maybe they need to make sure they are learning something, getting good curriculum, and getting good test results. Without someone buying a billion dollars' worth of new buses. What's more important is teachers, books, education, or the buses. **Williams:** This is not operating levy; this is a bond levy. So, no learning, no staff, that's the difference. It has nothing to do with money for you, it's bond levy, buildings only. **Stevens:** But we pay for it. **Williams:** It's a bond levy. **Stevens:** I'm not saying I'm for or against it. I have to be the ugly person in the room because I do taxes. I have to put it on people, you can't do it the way you did last year. It's not working, taxes are out of control, food, lights, gas, utilities out of control. You have to have a budget; you have to cut. **Hardin:** We are going to have a brief work session here Mr. President. **Warren:** Can I get a motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

Adjourned at 9:04pm

Approved _____

Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
WORK SESSION MINUTES
2023-09-12

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

ABSENT

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

Meeting opened at 9:04pm by Warren

Hardin: We talked about the fact we have local talent, and as a Council, maybe we can do something about it. Candace, do you have something I asked you about? **Williams:** I did, I forgot to bring it, Hubb's Groove is \$2000.00. **Hardin:** The other band is Hubb's Groove. They performed three Wednesday's ago at Warrensville, at Lee-Mile's reunion, they are everywhere. **Warren:** And they are on the boat. **Hardin:** I'm asking Council, what we have is a contract to give some idea of what is involved. This promoter, Greg Williams, he's actually your neighbor. He puts together entire concerts, the staging, the equipment, everything. He offered me pricing, so if this Council is interested, I know we are talking budgeting. What are your thoughts on having the locals perform at some time in October. I took the liberty of asking Dee about the park and the Community Center. We can have it at the Community Center If the weather is bad. **Williams:** You told me October 7th at the community park and October 28th at the Community Center. **Warren:** Let's make it October 7th, because October 28th is our five-year anniversary and we have never been anywhere. We finally decided to go somewhere. **Williams:** The 7th may be better weather wise. **Hardin:** So, I am asking because we've done it before. Remember we use to have home days? It was a part of the recreation budget. Finance Director has left, and we are the keepers of the dollars. **Warren:** We have the money; we will take it from the recreation budget. **Williams:** We have less than three weeks to plan this and get advertising out. **Hardin:** Do we want to do both bands? **Williams:** We can do two bands. **Hardin:** how much is our budget? **Williams:** Can we get pricing on paper? We need to create a budget and then see how much we have. We don't know what anything costs. **Warren:** As soon as you get the information, just pass it to everybody. **Hardin:** So, you'll have those numbers tomorrow? Because he offered them, I didn't know how much of his business we wanted. **Williams:** Just make sure whatever quote he gives us; he knows it's going to become public record. **Hardin:** There was no set dollar amount, it just tells you here, really simple. The responsibilities, this band will pay for whatever set time, half an hour break, and then when they end. As far as money is concerned, it says that the client agrees to pay the performer a guaranteed amount of, that's the dollar amount, in the form of certified check or cash. **Gaither:** The half hour break is when they have a two-hour time frame. **Warren:** The question we have to ask ourselves is if we are going to have one band, is one thing, but if we have two that's four hours. **Williams:** It should be four hours. **Hardin:** Has to be a certified check, due prior or the day of. Tommy can supply electricity anywhere in the park. We got a whole field, there's plenty of room. **Williams:** October service is still pretty decent weather. **Stevens:** I like what we are doing now. But I would like to see it be a part of the Recreation Department's agenda to include local talent. **Hardin:** Well, after this, Council will require it as a matter of fact. If we have to write it, put it in the ordinance we will. I will get that to everyone we are still

sticking with October 7th. **Williams:** 12pm-4pm will be the hottest time of the day. **Hardin:** Ok, that's a Saturday, 12pm-4pm. **Warren:** Are we including refreshments. **Hardin:** Yes. **Gaither:** Are we having food trucks? **Hardin:** Yes, let's have food trucks for sure. **Matlock:** Something for the kids. **Warren:** Is the food truck going to be free? **Williams:** Maybe we can have free hot dogs and chips. We can talk to Ms. Sharon's food truck. She'll create hot dogs and chips for us if we want. She'll do that in addition to her food. **Davis:** She will be at Family Dollar on Saturday. **Williams:** Hot dogs, drinks, and chips. **Hardin:** Have you ever gone to Bedford on the commons? They have movie, screen as big as this room, it's fabulous. I got all the information on that, the company that does it is right here in Oakwood. **Warren:** I would suggest if you don't mind. Once you solidify it with the guys. Maybe Ms. Williams can have Hubb talk to them so they can get an understanding of the setup. **Hardin:** Oh, they know they will be working together. We have to talk about this. **Warren:** This is just a grant for those four projects that we talked about. So, we just need authorization. **Hardin:** Ok, so we did discuss it. I want to reemphasize nothing goes on the agenda unless it goes to work. **Warren:** The Mayor is authorize to put things on the agenda. **Hardin:** Just by himself? **Warren:** Just by himself. **Hardin:** Ok, that's good. **Warren:** Can I get a motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn made by Hardin seconded by Callender

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

Adjourned at 9:26pm

Approved _____

Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2023-09-26**

ATTENDANCE

Johnnie Warren, President
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3
Mary Davis, Ward 4
Candace Williams, Ward 5
James Climer, Law Director

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

ABSENT

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

Meeting opened at 6:59pm by Warren
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call taken

Warren: Any correspondence? **Tanya:** We received a booklet from Legal Aid. I also handed out a new phone extension listing for the Village. **Warren:** Ok, I would like to deter the approval of the minutes from September 12th, 2023, for the finance and regular Council meeting until next meeting. We received them late and didn't get a chance to review them. So, we will go into the departmental reports, may we hear from Mr. Marinucci.

Departmental Reports

Building-Marinucci: I have no report today, but I am here for questions. **Davis:** At the last meeting you talked about going to Mr. Schuster's house on Garden Road. **Marinucci:** He has a meeting set up and that issue will be resolved. I was supposed to be in today, to be honest with you. I was waiting this afternoon and he didn't show up. You are talking about not Schuster but the neighbor right? **Davis:** Mr. Schuster was the one who made the complaint about the water draining on his property. You said you would have Mr. Gavin... **Marinucci:** Yea he called; I am having a face-to-face with him. We were scheduled today but he did not show. I don't know the reason why, because he has questions about the driveway. So, that is on the agenda. **Davis:** Can you tell me; do we have to put in if it's gravel now? Is it in our Ordinances that we have to put a blacktop in the driveway? **Marinucci:** No. **Davis:** Ok, I didn't think so. That was a miss understanding from your assistant then. **Marinucci:** The people selling it are complaining, they don't want to put the gravel in. **Davis:** So, they do have to put fresh gravel in or more gravel? **Marinucci:** It's only if you go out there, and they all are like this by the way. You go out there and the grass is always growing through it. When the report comes back from the POS, we may put gravel in it. It's an expensive hit right now to put black top on the concrete. The ordinance doesn't require it anyways. If you had to explain it, if you have blacktop and it is damaged you have to blacktop it. If it has concrete we can hold them to that. If they are ten squares and three are broken, we make them fix the three. **Davis:** Not the whole thing? **Marinucci:** Not the whole thing. **Davis:** Ok, I have another question for you. In the activity report from Aaron, should we be asking him. Or do you want to ask him and have him answer me? He put that two of my residents on Alexander Road had pest control. We don't know If the pest control was resolved. There was nothing done, there's two house and I guess they are side by side. **Marinucci:** Ok. **Davis:** Alright, I appreciate that, thank you very much. **Warren:** Any other questions? May we hear from Mr. Tapp.

Fire-Tapp: **Tapp:** Thank you Council President. Two Thursdays ago, we had a fire at 7555 Hickory. It was a little bit of a problem because it was 3:30p.m., and the school bus was coming around. So, I want to thank Chief Garratt and the Police Department for help with that. Our mutual aid came in to help us out and get the school bus around us. Minimal damage to the house, there were no injuries to the outside of the house. You can't even tell it was a fire. I did the investigation

with the insurance company, and they said it was an electrical fire. That's all I have to report, any questions? **Warren:** The residents didn't have to get relocated or anything like that? **Tapp:** They are working on the house now to move into. **Warren:** Ok, may we hear from our Police Chief.

Police-Garratt: **Garratt:** Thank you, Mr. President, I just had to pass along these finance sheets on the legislation you asked me to bring. I wanted to make sure you had it in your hands for review. Fair Oaks Road will be opened tomorrow. I have the guardrails in today, so they finished the paving on that. I don't know if I stole your thunder on that Mayor. We have had a lot of trucks down residential roads. Since they closed it, we have written one hundred and forty-seven truck violations. So hopefully that will stop after this because we have been pretty busy. One Officer wrote nineteen trucks in one day. They've posted properly so hopefully we won't have this issue anymore. Mostly on Macedonia Road and Alexander Road, it's in your ward. **Davis:** Yes. **Garratt:** Hopefully, we will curb those complaints and that will take care of it. **Davis:** Ok, great, thank you. **Garratt:** Thank you, Mr. President. **Warren:** May we hear from our Law Director.

Law-Climer: **Climer:** Thank you, Mr. President. I passed out a proposal that we have received from a gentleman interested in developing some lots on Suwanee Road. It is a opportunity to get rid of some more of the land bank properties we have. You will see attached to the proposal, my original response to the inquiry. Basically, we're making no representation about soil or any condition of the properties. He'd need to purchase all the properties that are outlined on the third page in green. Of those, he would then need to consolidate them into about four lots. In order to meet the minimum lot width required by our ordinances. He would need variance on depth, that's a fairly small variance. As many of you know, portions of Suwanee Road are not in the greatest condition. They haven't really been repaired because no one is living there. One of the conditions if he did develop these lots would be to bring those portions of the road up to City standards. I passed this out for your consideration pending the next meeting. I would like to have a discussion and answer any questions you may have about it at that point. **Williams:** Let me ask about the condition for bringing the roads up to, I don't even know what word to use. Those roads are horrible, how would that work? Would he only do the portion in front of what he is purchasing? What would we do about the rest of it. **Climer:** I think Ed's concern is the areas in front of these particular lots are particularly bad. That is what he would need to bring it up to standard. **Williams:** What about the areas outside that, that's not up to standard? **Climer:** He would have no obligation to that. I will talk to Ed some more about it. **Williams:** So, we would lead that and take that on? Do you see where I am getting at? Like the road would be partially done and partially undone, but we have residents or be expected to build on that road. **Climer:** Well, the City is maintaining those other portions. Now whether the Village is maintaining the other portions at this point, honestly I haven't... **Williams:** Yea, because you can't drive completely through that street. **Climer:** I think that his lot covers most of the undriveable. But again, I will double check that. **Williams:** Yea, can you, I would like to know more. **Warren:** I see here there's a small sliver between forty-nine and fifty. Is that a typo or is that supposed to be green? **Climer:** That is my bad use of pdf. **Warren:** Ok, I just wanted to make sure. **Climer:** All of these shaded areas go to the lot lines or intended to go to the lot lines. **Warren:** There are zone what currently? **Climer:** Single family. **Warren:** Ok. **Nicolich:** Excuse me Council President can we have a copy of the proposal? Is it possible for us to view it? **Warren:** We can get copies made. **Davis:** Mr. Climer, how many house would this provide by consolidating these ten lots. Under our ordinances now, lot size and the amount we would require. **Climer:** It depends on the width, 4.44 lots, so four. **Gottschalk:** One of the reasons this hasn't been developed is because it's a major wetland area. It's going to be a lot of cost involved. Whoever is interested in doing that when they see the cost involved in delineating the wetland. It's probably going to be cost prohibited. **Climer:** There may or may not be a wetland issue. Again, this is in the very early stages. I wanted to bring it to the Council's attention. **Williams:** Do you how many more lots are to the right of this, on this street? I am just wondering. **Climer:** I believe they are two occupied lots. The ones you see to your right forty-five and forty-four are not owned by the Village. I think there may be a couple further to the right. Which are occupied by other people. **Davis:** Has it been mentioned to them that it may be wetlands or might be. Or do we not even bother with that? **Climer:** One of the conditions of the broad outline I had given him is, we make no representations about the suitability of the property. He needs to take it as is and decide for himself. **Williams:** Ok, thank you. **Warren:** May we hear from the Finance Director.

Finance-Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I don't have any additional reporting tonight, but I can entertain questions. **Williams:** I think my question would be, we talked about have the financial reports through September for today's finance meeting. There was no meeting, I'm trying to find my notes, we reviewed up to June now. **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** Ok, so we are missing July, August, and September. **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** When will we be up to date? **Thompson:** The hour before the next meeting, we can look at its kind of like a three month quarterly. **Davis:** July, August, and September you said? **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** Do you expect any legislation related to anything financial prior to that? **Thompson:** At this point, I don't think I have anything. I may have some tax rates to accept from the County, I'll take a look at that. **Davis:** You were going to send out letters to each department head about making sure budget gets started. Did you send them out yet? **Thompson:** No, I did some final analytical information as it relates to payroll. So, I will have it out before the end of this week. **Davis:** Ok, and also you said you would have credit cards, dates, who has credit cards, and the purchases. So, would that be at this October meeting? **Thompson:** Yea, I may have that before. **Davis:** We'd appreciate it if you could get it to us before; it will give us a chance to look at it. **Warren:** Before the first October meeting, we would like to have the financial information prior to that. Hopefully, within the first week of October because there may be a possibility, I'm not saying for sure. There may be a possibility that we may have a special finance committee meeting before the regular Council meeting. So, we would like to get that before. So, we are looking at by October 8th, 2023, which is a Monday. Which is almost two weeks from today. **Thompson:** Two weeks from today, the 8th is on a Sunday. **Davis:** Yea, it will be on a Sunday because our thing is on the 7th, on Saturday. So, Monday will be the ninth. **Thompson:** The next meeting is on the 10th. **Davis:** So, we need it the week before. **Thompson:** I usually submit it like the 6th, and you'll have it over the weekend. **Warren:** Ok, that will be good. **Williams:** If we have having a financial meeting on the 10th, when will we have September's? **Thompson:** Seeing all the reports for the meeting? **Williams:** You won't close out September by October 10th will you? **Thompson:** My goal is to have all three of them in the first meeting. I will submit the information October 6th. Then we will have a meeting an hour before that meeting date on the 10th. **Williams:** The other thing we requested was the details on the ARPA fund expenditures. **Thompson:** Ok. **Williams:** You recall? **Thompson:** Yes, I do, I will make sure I have everything. **Warren:** May we hear from Mr. Haba.

Service-Haba: Thank you Mr. President. I actually have nothing to add to my report, happy to take questions. **Davis:** I walked down the trail yesterday, the trail on Broadway/Richmond. The one on Broadway, there's a commercial building that dug it out because of the water and they had a big hole. **Haba:** I did talk to them, I got to go over. I think a water line they had to connect. Legally I am not sure, I have to talk with Jim about it. Find out whose responsibility it is, and it will get taken care of. **Davis:** To replace it, yea. **Warren:** Well, they dug it out, there's a responsibility to restore it to the minimum condition of what it was. **Haba:** It wasn't Cleveland Water that dug it out, it was that business itself. **Davis:** 26625 is the address of it. Mr. Bugarcic's property is on that corner. I know it's not yours, but that gravel, you guys fixed it once to make it at least walkable to cross, it's a mess again. **Haba:** Yea, I got into it with them a few weeks ago. He was hauling some of his bricks out of there and the guy ran over our cones we put out there. He tore out the sidewalk. **Davis:** Yes, he tore out the walkway. **Haba:** I asked him what he was doing? I think it was a Saturday, I happened to be there. He thought he removed the bike path. He moved it back a couple of times and I moved it back a couple times. I don't know what Mayor or Council wants to do with that. It's been tore up there, you know he did the curb cut outs, other places. That took the curb out and the bike path out and still out. **Davis:** Maybe we can get an update about it today. If it's going forward, or not going forward, we haven't heard, or we don't want... **Haba:** Like I said he was hauling brick out of there three weeks ago probably. **Davis:** Was he? So, he has to replace. **Warren:** Well, if he's hauling bricks, that means he's probably not going to be building. **Haba:** He had a company guy that had a flatbed truck, he was polite. **Warren:** Well, he's going to have to restore all of what he destroyed too. **Marinucci:** He put a lot of concrete under the surface. That has to come out. **Warren:** I think that maybe you can get with the Law Director and send him a letter. Identify all the things that we anticipate for him to do. **Climer:** If you guys can draft up the details on it, I will put the lawyer words on it. **Haba:** Ok. **Davis:** Thank you very much Mr. Haba. **Warren:** Any other questions? If not we will hear from the Mayor.

Mayor-Gottschalk: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Police Chief pointed out Fair Oaks will be opened starting tomorrow. It was a very important project and next year will be Oak Leaf. Which runs parallel to North to South and back to Alexander Road. I am only going to address the issues before you tonight on first reading that Ed Hren has before you.

It's resolution 2023-33, and there are four points to this resolution. The first one is the Broadway Avenue Resurfacing Project. On that one the estimated price is \$3.015 Million. The Federal Government is putting up \$1.708 Million, which is a balance of \$1.307 Million. We are requesting \$904,000.00 on a grant, which will then leave a balance of \$402,000.00. On that the County is putting up \$201,000.00, and finally the Village share will be \$201,000.00. That project is scheduled for 2025, that is again from Tryon Road to Richmond Road. The second one is Tryon Road Resurfacing Project- Phrase one. That is from Richmond Road all the way to Jean Drive. The estimated cost is \$562,000.00, the County is putting up \$235,000.00, OPWC is putting up \$250,000.00. So, our balance for the Village would only be \$77,000.00, that's a project for 2024. **Williams:** Are you talking about the legislation? **Gottschalk:** Yes. **Williams:** Do we have those numbers? **Gottschalk:** No, he's not here so I am reading, this is the first read. You can get them next week if you want. **Warren:** We do. **Williams:** I am sorry did you say Ed will provide the numbers. **Gottschalk:** Ed is, again going through his own situation with his health. He would probably be available on the third reading. **Williams:** Does he have these numbers in a document whether he's here or not that he can submit? **Gottschalk:** No, I can have him do it for the next meeting. **Davis:** We appreciate that, that would be great. **Warren:** We need it for the next meeting. **Gottschalk:** Alright, so the balance again would have been only \$77,000.00 for that phrase, which is in 2024. Next item is the Alexander Road Septic Conversion Project. That's from Macedonia Road on Alexander to Painter Road. Now Painter Road does not hit Alexander Road but that is where it will go to. Then it will be a connection in the ground to Painter Road. We are looking at an estimate cost of \$442,000.00 and OPWC's \$321,000.00 would leave a balance to Oakwood for \$221,000.00 on this project. It won't be scheduled until 2025, but we are hopeful to get more grants towards the \$221,000.00. Lastly, the Richmond Road Reconstruction Project. That is on Richmond Road where it's lead by Glenwillow. They will resurface the road and at the same time add a trail running from the Bedford Reservation entrance to the South Chagrin Reservation. It's over 800ft, we will only be paying for the reconstruction of our part of the road. At this point it is not clear whether it would be \$100,000.00, with \$630,000.00 as the estimated cost. OPWC is putting up \$250,000.00, the balance is \$380,000.00 of which our share would be \$90,000.00 or \$100,000.00 of the \$380,000.00. whatever it is, we will only be paying \$5,000.00 a year, for whether it's eighteen years or twenty years. This is going to be a very important project in time. Because from that it could lead into the old landfill that's on our side into a beautiful park. Where you will have trails going through it, *Petitti's* would be furnishing plant material and flowers to really make it look gorgeous. It offers as it is, even with just this. People using Forbes Road and then taking Richmond Road and going over the hill on Buckthorn. It would only take them to the Bedford Reservation whether they are walking or using the bike. They can now go to the South Chagrin Reservation which leads into Solon, it is quite a trail. **Williams:** Does Ed have a date this needs to be approved by? **Gottschalk:** Yea, that one we don't know if it would be twenty-four or twenty-five. It is up to Glenwillow they are the lead. **Williams:** Does he have a date he needs this approved by in order to submit? **Gottschalk:** Yea, but as I said, Glenwillow just needs to know where we are on this. We are only spending what is going to be our share once reviewed by our engineer. We are only going to pay \$5,000.00 per year, up to whether it's eighteen or twenty years. **Williams:** Does Ed need us to approve this legislation by a certain date? **Gottschalk:** No, there's no rush on it, other than This can't linger on. Because again Glenwillow has to get there.... **Warren:** We are not just talking about this one, we are talking about all four. First of all, what we need is the exact cost, we need it in writing. We want it to show the grants we have confirmed, the grants that are potential but have not been confirmed. Then at that point for each of these projects that you just mentioned. We would like to see that and the name of the grants, the total amount left for the Village. But we need Ed here by the third reading because this is going to be tabled if we don't get the information. So, the thing is we need to have the financial information prior to the next meeting. **Williams:** Number four, if I am correct, is where we are paying \$5,000.00 into a project with Glenwillow, is that the one? **Gottschalk:** Yes, that's the one where we pay \$5,000.00 a year. Let's say our project cost \$90,000.00, then it would be eighteen years rather than twenty. If it is \$100,000.00, then it would be twenty years. So, it really depends on when Glenwillow sees the final grant return. Then they can make the decision on when to start the project. **Williams:** So, we have a separate contract for that because we have to make our payment to Glenwillow? Is that correct? **Gottschalk:** Yea, it will be made to Glenwillow. **Williams:** Where's that contract and when does that need to be executed? **Gottschalk:** Again, when Glenwillow is asking to have this done is when we will, ok. **Williams:** How does that work? **Warren:** I don't see how it will work without knowing up front what the Village obligation will be and the terms. **Gottschalk:** How many time have I explained this Johnnie... **Warren:** You don't have to explain anything. **Gottschalk:** We are talking about this project cost \$630,000.00, when they get their grant

it will be down to \$380,000.00 and split between the two. They are paying the balance of our share, which would be either \$90,000.00 or \$100,000.00 based on what Ed will review. **Williams:** For the record this is only your second time explaining it. The first time you just threw our \$5,000.00 for some you weren't sure how many years. So, this is only the second time. **Gottschalk:** We are getting legislation forms that will be in front of you. **Williams:** Ok, so we need to be very clear about those numbers and what Glenwillow's cost is. **Gottschalk:** There will be legislation from Glenwillow to be acting on this. Ed is only getting a sense for all of this and putting it together with Glenwillow. **Warren:** Ok, we understand that is going to be for all four projects, the break down... **Gottschalk:** Yea. **Davis:** Now question, in the legislation it lists that the public works for just a potential grant. But this is many grants I thought you were talking about. So, it is not just a single one... **Gottschalk:** Each project has different grants coming in and it still can be more. I have already given you what the estimated share for the Village is for each, but it could be even less than that. **Warren:** With this legislation the wording is not correct as the process is going to be proposed. So, what we're going to say is, in addition to the wording being corrected. Each one of the cost break down, each one would be an addendum to the legislation. **Gottschalk:** in the next Council meeting, I will have about four or five pieces of legislation. Regarding companies here in Oakwood expanding or coming into Oakwood. That would include job creation, tax credit legislation, job retention legislation, one on the C.R Community Reinvestment agreement, two or one at least on tax incentive finance agreement. You will have that not at the next meeting but the following meeting. **Williams:** Does that have a date it needs to be approved by? **Gottschalk:** Yes, there will be some that has to be acted on. **Williams:** As soon as you give it to us? **Gottschalk:** Let me formulate these things and discuss them again with the companies. Again, there was one in here from Texas, one from New York, and one from Paris, France. We got all kinds of things going on here. So, I will first put it together and I'll have a better handle then on when these have to get passed. **Davis:** Mr. Mayor, question, did you mention whether Kroger's is going forward or not? **Gottschalk:** The new person in charge of this project, I am speaking with her tomorrow. Jobs Ohio is putting up quite a bit of money, they have extended until six months, our extension is only until October and then we are done. We will terminate because premier would like to have that land back and develop it. Kroger has been going on and on and I am exhausted, it was a nice arrangement. Actually, I think some of their fulfillment centers, I think there's seven in the country now. Some of them are not doing too well. But here in Northeast, Ohio between homestead senior care which is right here in Oakwood. Visiting angels u looking at over a thousand clients that each have to get delivered food. Otherwise, the care giver has to go to the grocery store. So, right there, there's a thousand clients just for that. This will be presented to them but in person. The lesson to be learned when other people are involved is you never deal with committees. Nothing gets done you have to deal with decision makers. They are able to make a decision in one or two meetings. **Warren:** One of the things just to let you know is that, and I just read this recently. The issue with Kroger right now is the merger. That's the big issue with them, as a matter of fact, they are selling off a certain number of their stores to some smaller organizations or operation. Now it's a potential they may have to sell an additional one hundred and thirty to one hundred and forty stores. So, they are facing that type of situation. It's not just the thing of negotiating with anybody at Kroger. **Gottschalk:** At the same time, \$24 billion arrangement with Albertsons and this thing certainly has tied them up and it's an excuse. But remember this was supposed to be on fast track two years ago. When we did meet last time in March, they wanted to re-look at the agreement and make some changes. I didn't receive anything until I sent a report on exactly where we stood on this. If it's going to move forward at all, they only responded two and a half weeks later. My patients are exhausted, again I am only giving them until the end of October. At which time we are going to terminate, take the incentives out, unless they sell it to premier. So, that is where we are at. That has been a legitimate tie up for them, there's no doubt about it. At the same time, we are not going to be waiting around for another two years for this to happen. **Warren:** Ok, is that it? **Gottschalk:** Yup. **Warren:** I will open up the floor for public comments. This is the opportunity for residents to come up to the podium with a name, address, and to explain or present whatever they have.

Open Floor Comments

Karen Howse, (unknown address), In regard to the Village of Glenwillow and that project, you're saying it's \$5,000.00 a year? **Gottschalk:** Yea. **Howse:** you have not confirm the terms of the years to pay that, right? **Gottschalk:** No, they wanted us to pay \$10,000.00 for ten years and I divided that. I put it down to \$5,000.00 a year for twenty years. However, we have to see what the cost is going to be. Our share will probably be \$90,000.00 to \$100,000.00, that will all be on its

own legislation. Where it stipulates exactly how many years we will be paying on this, but it is quite something. Imagine a trail where it ends right now at the base of Buckthorn Road over there entering Bedford Reservation. So, it will extend now all the way down into Glenwillow and into the South Chagrin Reservation. **Howse:** So, you will have those terms of that agreement before they pass it. **Gottschalk:** Each of these pieces that I mentioned will have its own piece of legislation. **Howse:** Ok, my next question I have is, is there some form of legislation that has been passed in prior years that suggests or changes the terms of full-time administration? As far as the hours go. I don't know if that is a Council question or Mayor's question. Has legislation been passed in regard to what full-time hours should be, to be considered full-time? **Williams:** Not in the seven years I've been here. **Warren:** No, Law Director? **Climer:** I believe that our criteria are laid out in the employee handbook, which was adopted by an ordinance. **Howse:** So, they have been a change in the criteria in what full-time administration is? **Climer:** I don't know that there was a change. **Howse:** But you're saying in the employee handbook specifies expected hours? **Climer:** I believe so, yea. **Howse:** For a public records request, I'll send it again. I'll do it via email, I am asking to review the employee handbook for that. **Climer:** Sure, is this your request now or are you going to email it? **Howse:** Yea it is, but I can do it formerly in writing. **Climer:** Yea, send me an email, I'll make sure you get it. **Howse:** For full time administration, particularly in the Mayor's office, what are your hours of operation for your staff there. **Gottschalk:** My only staff is my executive secretary. **Howse:** Your only full-time staff is your executive secretary? **Gottschalk:** Hiliary works for the finance administration; she answers the phones. **Howse:** Is she part time or full time? **Thompson:** She's full time. **Howse:** And Dionna is full time? **Gottschalk:** Yea. **Howse:** In the Finance Department, who is considered full time? **Thompson:** Full time staff is the Finance Administrator, Accounts Payable, Finance Director, and Hiliary. **Howse:** How many hours as a Finance Director do you work Brian? **Thompson:** The office hours are 9a.m.-5p.m. **Howse:** If we look at that and said you are there Monday through Friday from 9a.m.-5p.m.? You commit forty hours a week? **Thompson:** Yes. **Howse:** Ok, this question is for the Law Director please. Is it proper for an individual who is hired to be full-time to work another job during the full-time hours they are expected to work at the Village? **Climer:** Depends on management's rules and whether they make up the hours. **Howse:** You're competing with the vents. **Climer:** I'm sorry, I need to take my hand away from my mouth. I don't talk really loud sometimes. It depends on the criteria that's been laid out by management on when somebody is supposed to be here. Whether they make up the hours they have been working at another job. **Howse:** Ok, so whether they make up the hours. So, the criteria do not have to be in writing. It's what the Mayor would say, I am ok with you working so many hours and you do your own thing. **Climer:** Whoever the supervisor is with the authority to do that, yea. **Howse:** So, if I am working here full-time, I am expected to be here 9a.m.-5p.m. But I am not here 9a.m.-5p.m., but I have another job or business...let me put it this way. Who does the checks and balances to ensure that this is so? That the Finance Director, Hiliary, and Dionna are working 9a.m.-5p.m., do you sign off on that? Do you verify that or...? **Gottschalk:** No. **Howse:** So, how do we know if people are taking vacation, or if they're sick? **Gottschalk:** That's Brian if that's the case. **Howse:** So, Brian you do the checks and balances, and you check your own? **Thompson:** Everyone turns in their time sheet. **Howse:** Who checks your time? **Thompson:** The Mayor is responsible for my time. **Howse:** So, the Mayor signs off on your vacation and sick time? **Thompson:** Yes. **Howse:** Public records request, I would like to see the timesheets that the Mayor signs off for Brian. **Gottschalk:** I don't sign anything off. **Howse:** You do not sign, he just said you sign off on them. **Gottschalk:** The key is whether the job is getting done. **Howse:** Is that the key? **Gottschalk:** To me, at the same time and obviously, I expect to have whatever is needed to be done. It's interesting by the way the State Senator.... **Howse:** You can tell me that after, I am almost done. We are talking about the Village of Oakwood not the senate. **Warren:** Mayor she has the floor... **Gottschalk:** Let me speak. **Warren:** No, let me speak because I have the gavel. Ms. Howse has the floor, go ahead. **Howse:** All I am asking is this, for over a year now randomly when I come to Council. One of the things that has been asked consistently of Council, various times, is financial reports. Copies of the financial statements. This is even before the staffing issues. Council is expected to make safe decisions on anything that comes before you relating to financial information. If it's presented to you and you don't know where we sit. I was looking at the minutes and the Mayor was giving accolades. About now that we have our financial reports from January to June, it says we are doing a good job financially, we are in a good standard, right. But you haven't received July or August, right? There's a piece of legislation that was passed many years ago. That requires you guys have your financial statements monthly on the following month, the 15th of each month. So, if a month closes, if I close, if you're closing the month of July. You are supposed to have those financial statements, the following month August 15th. I'm asking, I am almost

pleading for Council just to consider this. I know that many cities have had challenges with staffing, that is factual. But it's incumbent upon the department heads to ensure that staffing does not hinder their obligation to report to Council. To make sure that the Mayor is informed of your finances. Because you guys are presented with legislation all the time with big numbers. To vote on stuff and you don't have the information. How are you comfortably passing legislation without the information. We are not asking you to be finance experts. But you should be knowledgeable enough to know that I am comfortable to say the Village is in good standings. To take on new debt, new projects like the Glenwillow. It sounds attractive, but how do you agree or entertain it, if you have the numbers given to you verbally. Promises over and over again that you are going to get data, and you don't get it. I don't know how it's done. I sit here and I know that you guys want to know this, it can't be just one person. But I am just charging you guys to ask the questions. It's your obligation to ask the questions if you pass legislation. **Warren:** We do. **Howse:** I am making a statement; I am not asserting that you're not. I'm saying I am trying to ensure that you know where we stand. Don't take it personal, I am telling you at some point or another, what I think. I don't think you would want to be surprised, a aha moment saying I didn't know this. Cause you don't know; you only know what is given to you based on someone else's time. If you commit this legislation that says, you are to receive financial report on or before the 15th of the following month. You just received January through June last Council meeting and you're giving accolades about that. You are saying now you are comfortable with it. I don't even charge you I charge the Mayor to be responsible for that. It's the administration, now when I say something and bring it up. You say it's not you guys it's the Mayor's responsibility. But Council you're passing legislation. **Warren:** Well didn't say that you just said that it was the Mayor's responsibility. We never said that. **Howse:** When I asked about an administration issue before you stated that Council does not get involved in administration issues. **Warren:** Following that, as you know in your own community. You would have to provide your Council with financial information. All the information and all the legislation we've passed. All of it doesn't necessarily involves money first of all. Any that does, we already know where we stand as far as the reports. The reports for legislation that we approve, 98% of the time, or 90% of the time at least. We have had recent reports, or we know that unless something devastating happens between two months where we didn't get anything in. We do have trends of finance as they come in. we do get a monthly report, not the one he presents to us in a finance meeting. We get a monthly income and expense report. **Williams:** Let me say this really quick because I don't want to sit here as a Councilmember, and we say things on record. It's hard to answer these questions in a general sense but I do not like making general comments about something like finances. But, we can't say that 98% of the time we have what we need. We can't say that we usually know our financial standing when legislation is passed. Many times, I vote no because we don't have the information. So, I don't want to make that blanket statement and be covered in what you're saying. When it's not true based on what I see. **Warren:** Well, I play for what I see. **Williams:** Ok. **Howse:** Johnny I've come to the meetings, and I ask the questions. You do not have the financial status; you don't know that. If I asked you right now, do you get a statement of cash at least. Which gives you a summary of what the general fund is and what all the funds' balances are? If you are saying 98% of the time... **Warren:** When we were fully staffed, we did. When we weren't fully staffed it was a big problem. At one time, Brian was the only one in finance. He didn't have any staff and that was in the months of March, April, and May. **Howse:** What about last year? You can look at the minutes, same inquiry. All I am asking is, it's not about incompetency, that's not what I am saying. What I am saying is it's the responsibility, that is what I am saying. Brian is an intelligent person, but when he gives you the information it needs to be timely. He needs to be timely, so when I ask the question. You can for certain say, I am going to add an additional \$90,000.00 to the budget next year and agree to this Glenwillow thing. Or when you ask to agree to some kind of grant and find out what is your share. That adds on to your debt. I am not saying you all should be accountants and know that. You should know where you stand. You don't know where you stand financially because you don't even have the reports to say, I know where we are at. You don't! I randomly come to Council meetings, your financial statements are not public, it's not on the website. There is no transparency. So, I am challenging you on this, I am not implying that you are afraid to say no, but just say not right now. Provide me the information and we can look at it, we can table it. You can table things and bring them back. Again, I just think it's incumbent upon the Mayor to push for excellence. To bring up the fact that, if you are hired a full-time person, expected to work full-time hours. There is no reason why these simple questions or requests for public information should not be given when asked. **Warren:** That is true, just to let you know, even though five minutes has been passed. But for the record, we propose and approve a budget just like the other communities, in the beginning of the year. With anticipation and projection just like your community and everyone else's.

We pass a budget in the beginning of the year based on projections of revenue. And projection of revenue based on history. That is how most places do it. When you give your financial budget for 2023, you had no idea exactly how much money you were receiving in Warrensville. But Warrensville Council had to believe in you that the projection you were giving them had a foundation and was correct. Unless you are saying they improved the budgets month-to-month. **Howse:** Johnny, let me clarify something for you on that statement. That is incorrect what you just said. **Warren:** Ok, go ahead and tell me. **Howse:** Here is what I would say. You do a projection on a budget because again you are estimating based on revenue. **Warren:** Who's "you"? **Howse:** Council is presented with a projected budget. **Warren:** And who gives them the projected budget? **Howse:** May I complete my sentence because you said I'm done, every time I try to talk... **Warren:** Go ahead. **Howse:** Council knows that the budget is a working document. It changes, it could change, every month based on your trends and what you are receiving. Things can happen, you can project that you'll get \$10,000.00 when all of a sudden I'm not getting \$10,000.00. So, your document, your budget is supposed to change. But you are not going to know that if you don't get your financials monthly. **Warren:** Correct. **Howse:** You are not going to know if you get wind of money. Like I asked the question last Council meeting. The Mayor said last year I made an inaccurate statement saying the general fund closed at \$146,000.00. he said it wasn't a fair statement because you guys were receiving \$300,000.00 from the County. I asked at the last meeting, did you guys get the \$300,000.00 yet, the answer is no. So, no one can answer that question. **Warren:** Let me ask you this then. With the \$300,000.00 is that projected, like two and a half percent payroll? Or is that a definitive thing like the reimbursements we are supposed to get from the County. Where we know we have contract to get those reimbursements? **Howse:** The Mayor said it was definitive and that my statement of saying the general funds closed at \$146,000.00 was unfair. Because you guys transferred money out of the general fund into a special revenue fund, your streets. That you were going to be reimbursed for that amount, three hundred something thousand dollars. He said it was coming in the first quarter, what month are we in now? **Warren:** We are in the third quarter. **Howse:** Has anybody asked about that money yet? **Thompson:** I just wanted to respond to a couple of things. We did receive the money the first quarter of 2023. If you check back in some of the minutes, it's documented formerly that we addressed... **Howse:** Where did the Mayor say it was going Brian? He said it would be replaced too. I ask you did you guys pass an advance. **Thompson:** No, we did not do an advance. **Howse:** You said you did not, so you put the money where? **Thompson:** We posted it back into the street fund where we paid out this project. **Howse:** But if you're taking money out of the general fund, you are supposed to replace that money into the general fund; with an advance. **Thompson:** The projects that we did were posted directly to the 201 fund. **Howse:** If you are taking money out of the general fund to subsidize streets and you are saying you are getting \$300,000.00. As the Mayor made the top comment, don't say that the general fund is ended \$146,000.00. Because you are getting \$300,000.00 from the County to replace that money being transferred out of the general fund. **Thompson:** Well, you can state that the balance is what it is. But when you schedule you budget like the Chairman is talking about. You have already appropriated the projections that you are going to subsidize the 201 fund. So, we will pay up front for some projects, and put it appropriately under the fund. When that dollar comes back from the County it makes the fund whole. Then the end result of your reconciliation of what you projected. **Howse:** You are obligated to make the general fund whole. **Thompson:** We don't do advances; we do transfers here at the Village. **Howse:** You do transfers with the anticipation of not receiving the money back to the general fund Brian. **Thompson:** Right, but it balances in the end. **Howse:** It does not balance. **Thompson:** It does, if you look at every financial week closing...(inaudible) **Warren:** Let me ask you, can you guys have a meeting to discuss... (inaudible) **Thompson:** Because the reports are sent to everybody. Yes there have been some challenges lately. The first page in that report, if you look back the last sixteen years you're going to have a cash report in those documents. **Howse:** Wait a minute...that's not where I am going. **Thompson:** But that's the way the system holds. You got a cash report on every single fund if you look back sixteen years. We can do a requisite find... **Howse:** I will provide you with the difference between an advance and a transfer. The Mayor stated... **Thompson:** Right, we understand, the Council understands... **Williams:** Why are you arguing with her. **Thompson:** Because she is arguing with me... **Williams:** No. **Thompson:** You don't have the right to tell me what to say... (inaudible) **Williams:** (inaudible)... **Warren:** Brian and Ms. Williams...I am calling a court of order for both of you. **Williams:** No, you're not. **Warren:** Yes, I am. **Williams:** I am asking him to stop yelling. **Warren:** Ok, and I am asking you, you're not...(inaudible) **Williams:** This is a Council meeting, there's no reason... **Warren:** First of all,... **Thomspson:** I am just responding to... **Warren:** No one is to speak unless they are recognized by the chair no matter what position they seat. So, the chair does not recognize either one of you. When you

started talking the chair was recognizing Ms. Howse. Now that she is done, we will go on to the next resident.

Gottschalk: Hold on Mr. Chairman since my name was mentioned I have a response for about a minute and a half. Regarding our debt, we rolled over our infrastructure debt a month or so ago. Brian how much lower was it than the previous years? **Thompson:** About \$175,000.00. **Gottschalk:** In addition, we are at least \$300,000.00 more in tax revenues this year. And what I was going to say is, it's going to be even higher than that including the loss of *I. Schuman*. We are over \$300,000.00 from last year in tax revenues, what I was going to end up saying is. A major state Senator and economic developer has stated that on a per capita basis. There's more development going on in Oakwood Village than anywhere in the State of Ohio. That's exactly why we are in the position we are in with low taxes and our revenue situation. Council is aware of this. The money is more than last year and that they are aware of. Anyway, I have nothing more to say, I just wanted to respond to what Ms. Howse was saying. **Warren:** Ok.

Erica Nikolich, 7230 Wright Ave, Nikolich: Good evening Council, Law Director I just wanted to follow up on my questions of last week. I have your email; would the answers be better sent via email, or do you have them prepared today? Regarding the questions I asked you last week. **Climmer:** I would like to do that by email. If you send me an email I will respond. **Nikolich:** Ok, and just out of curiosity I heard Ms. Howse mention public information request. If you all can state the process for that and how we as residents should go about doing that. **Climmer:** It's spelled out in the revised code, but you can make a request through the law department. We will obtain the information from the appropriate people and respond. **Nikolich:** Ok, so just send you an email, ok.

Samuel Vawters:, BCSD, Vawters: Just wanted to acknowledge our bond issue. I just wanted to share some information, and this is not to advocate for or against the passage of the levy for the bond issue. The information provided is merely factual information regarding additional finances. So just a couple quick points:

- the Bedford School District has aging facilities. With the oldest building being 114 years old and the newest building being 58 years old. The average age is 74 years old in our district.
- The building a Brighter Future Community Committee of more than 50 residents, parents, staff, and businesses. People recommended the master facilities plan which includes recommendation for:
 - A new high school with expanded career-technical education opportunities and space;
 - Cosmetology, Video Production, Visual Communication/Graphic Design, Engineering & Biotechnology,
 - Expand our preschool opportunities (we currently have a wait list). We actually had to turn a couple of families away because of the growing population of our preschool. Pre-Covid our preschool was a five star according to the O.D.E(Ohio Department of Education)
 - With new buildings our children will be protected with the latest safety tools and tactics. As well as having state-of-the-art facilities.
 - School- based health clinic with actual healthcare services in school.
- A State facilities study estimates \$224,840,305 million to renovate the current facilities. This is more than building new, which would cost \$161 million. So, the short of it is to renovate would be \$224 million, to build new would be \$161 million.
 - Many neighboring districts have or are building new buildings,
 - The state of Ohio will NOT fund ANY renovations of our current school buildings but WILL fund 21% of a new building facility project. Therefore, 100% of the funds would have to come from tax dollars,
 - This bond will generate \$161M and cost homeowners \$28 per month- less than \$1 per day and that's per \$1000,000 in home valuation. We actually have a video that you could put in the numbers according to your house value. That would give you the exact amount. **Warren:** Do you have the site? Because we, I think Councilperson Williams had mentioned a site or something like that. **Vawters:** It should be on our district website, but if it is not, I will get that information to you. We did have two community forums. One actually here last Wednesday in Oakwood, and then one last night at Central Elementary. The turn out was good so we did share that information there as well. **Williams:** Is there an upcoming forum? **Vawters:** Yes, I was going to say there is an upcoming forum October 9th, 2023, at the high school from 6pm-8pm. Our superintendent, president, and committee members will facilitating that. We do have Q&A portion and then we will take a

tour of the building. As you know the Mayor has had his summer camps there at the high school for a number of years. Which actually my kids have attended it and several kids throughout the community. It has been a great summer camp program there. Tentatively, we're looking at meeting in the NLG, which stands for North Large Group instruction room. If the numbers are greater we will move to the auditorium.

- Funds from the \$9.9 million bond issue can ONLY be used for the facility plan and not salaries, benefits, etc. Sometimes people get them mixed up with the operating levy versus the bond. This is a bond and not a levy. Bonds are for buildings, so this money can only be used for facility plans. **Warren:** That should be a really big advantage if the buildings are built. Because of the fact that then that will offset your budgeting for the repairs of the buildings in this repair. Going forward, for the ongoing maintenance of the building, your maintenance budget should significantly drop. If you build new buildings and they give you more operating expenses. **Vawters:** Currently, I am not operating in the role of executive director. But, I can say that building state-of-the-art facilities, our staff assumes would definitely attract more families. It would help attract when I go recruiting for teachers. You know that currently, often we had to close our building. Because we do not have air conditioning and if it rains, it's going through the roof. Going back some time, Ms. Matlock and her team advocated for us to actually just simply have new faucets. Our bathrooms were just deployed, it wasn't even usable. So, if you go to the high school, currently we have buckets from the south side to the north side. Every time it rains, it rains in the classrooms, in the hallways, and on our children's desk. So, it's really about having a state-of-the-art facility. No one wants to work or be educated in dilapidated buildings. **Davis:** Can you tell me how many students are enrolled in Bedford schools? **Vawters:** Currently we have over 2,800 students. **Davis:** 2,800, is this down or the same within the past five years? Also, the 58-year-old building is that Heskett? **Vawters:** Yes. **Davis:** The building that's 114 years old is that Central? **Vawters:** Yes. **Davis:** Thank you. **Warren:** Just one quick question, with these new buildings that you are projecting. Are you building an area in those buildings to accommodate some special trades? Everyone aren't going to college. We were talking and everyone sees a need for training. For jobs of the future, and all jobs of the future are not necessarily behind a desk. There's auto mechanics, metals shops and things like that when I was going to high school. Are you guys having a return of those? **Vawters:** There's two questions on the floor, so I will start with Councilwoman Davis', then you. Our largest projection of attendance over the years, Ms. Matlock is a proud graduate, I am a proud graduate, Ms. Williams kind of, Mr. Warren? **Warren:** No, my kids, both of them. **Davis:** I am also a graduate. **Vawters:** And Ms. Davis, so our biggest capacity has been 3,500. Maybe 3,600 but we never had four or five thousand. So, to answer your question, yes our enrollment has decreased. We are a little over 2,800. **Davis:** Ok. **Vawters:** Your question was in regard to CTE. Yes, we currently have CTE programs. Previously, we were part of what's called consortia. That's ourselves, Warrensville, Shaker, Cleveland Heights, and Maple Heights. So, a lot of those courses and you know that when we went to Bedford high school, we did have cosmetology, auto tech, drafting, engineering. So, years ago those programs were eliminated, and we joined consortia. The challenge with the consortia is or was, that many of our students were not allowed to get into those programs. If I may, Ms. Matlock had a girl who wanted to get into cosmetology. But, at that particular time we partnered up with Maple. If they had five seats or twenty seats, the first fifteen seats went to their kids. Some of our kids were not able to. We went to the community, and we heard them. What the community said is we want those CTE programs back in our buildings. We have taken ourselves out of consortia and bringing those things back to our high school. Currently, we already have consumer science. If you remember we even had it at middle school. So, we are bringing those CTE programs back to middle and high school. **Williams:** So, the new buildings will house career and technical education within the buildings? **Vawters:** Currently we have family consumer science and several CTE programs as well. **Warren:** With nursing, have you guys thought about seeing what kind of collaborative efforts you can do with Tri-C, in the nursing program? **Vawters:** Currently we have collaborative efforts now. Years ago, the Mayor and myself did collaborate with Tri-C. We have reconvened that relationship with Tri-C, in fact, we have a very positive relationship. Just a sidenote, One of the thing we love about our school district, we have 588 staff. Over 60% have their master's degree, we have 22 master teachers. Of the 588 employees, not just the teachers but all the employees, we have well over 55% of our staff who graduated from Bedford High School. They now serve as custodian, bus driver, teacher, cook, paraprofessional. They serve at some kind of capacity. We've got parents who have kids who graduated from Bedford High School. Now they work for our school district. We have a great tradition and we're very prideful in what we do and the products that we've been able to produce from people right here. **Warren:** Do you see the younger population, who graduated maybe 20 or 15 years ago. Coming

back there like the older people we won't look at? (everyone laughs) **Vawters:** Great question, I am not the executive director of HR. But, I've had the honor and privilege of hiring, just this year ten young people who served under my leadership as principle. They graduated 2012, 2013, and 2014. One of the gentleman on our committee graduated in 2016. So, the answer to your question if we hired young people who just graduated, yes. I've hired teachers, custodians, four security officers who graduated and went to the academy. Our teacher of the year, Ms. Allison Brennan, graduated in 2002, desired to graduate and come back to Bedford High School. She's the teacher of the year for the entire district. We also have a program called future educators. They begin in high school teaching classes or taking classes to be a teacher. They go off to Kent State University, Akron University, and Ohio State University, and come back and serve as teachers.

Williams: To your nursing programs, I spoke to some graduates a few years back. They had gone through some type of nursing program with Cleveland Clinic or something. **Vawters:** Cleveland Clinic NUH, we were partnered that time with Bedford Hospital, along with Ahuja. **William:** Ok. **Davis:** You have on here that Pre-K through second grade school on Heskett site. So, Heskett will be taken down? Are you talking about new building or refurbishing Heskett? **Warren:** Are you tearing down and rebuilding? **Davis:** Because Heskett had the problem with the roofing since it was first built.

Vawters: They will be on the Heskett site, but it will come down. **Boyinton (B.O.E president):** Heskett will actually become a swing school because it's the one building in the better shape. When we build the 6th-8th grade building on Chanel property. Once that building is completed, the middle school children will move into the new building on Chanel. Then we can move PreK-2nd grade over to the Heskett building. We will be doing some modifications in there, as we are building the PreK- 2nd grade building behind Heskett. So, Heskett will never be empty. Currently, Heskett is the middle school. The new buildings will start at the Chanel site, which will be the 6th-8th grade building and the high school. Once that building is complete, we will move the middle schoolers out of Heskett, to the new site. Then we will move the PreK-2nd grade into the Heskett building. In the meantime, we'll be tearing down Central, Glendale, and Carylwood. We'll bring those children to the Heskett building, once the PreK-2nd grade building is built. Heskett building is going to be the building that will be there the longest. We will eliminate Central, Glendale, Carylwood, and Columbus schools. **Davis:** So, is this levy going to be fixing the roofing for the water problem they have? **Boyinton:** It will be maintained to have the children there during this process. We are trying to do the least disruption to instruction right now and Heskett will be the swing building. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade building will not be built with this bond issue. **Williams:** I just want to thank you all as the board and the executive leadership team. I think you all are doing a phenomenal job. I know you all have only been there a few years. Maintenance of buildings is a problem that you inherited from previous boards and administration. I know you all are toughing it out dealing with that, but I look forward to supporting the issue. **Boyinton:** If you want to know more and see the plans. There's going to be much more information we were not able to provide tonight. Come out on Monday, October 9th from 6pm-8pm. We will have several people there that can answer questions. There's a lot of misinformation out there and several people can speak on the misinformation. We are trying to be as transparent as possible, but we do need folks to come out and hear us. Our children deserve this, they deserve better than what they are receiving right now. As a board member and resident of Bedford Heights for 39 years. As long as I am on the board, we are going to fight for this, for our children. Our time is now. **Vawters:** Mrs. Boyd did not share it, but she's an educator and she works for the Warrensville School district. This Saturday Superintendent Dolly has afforded us the opportunity to visit and observe their new building facilities. Last weekend a buddy of mine, we grew up together and he lived across street from me. His mother passed about 10 years ago. Came up for Labor Day weekend. when they got off the freeway. They were so impressed with Oakland village and the signs. The beautiful facilities, the state-of-the-art facilities that mayor and council have done over the years. The saw the walking paths, they went to the old neighborhood and went around, and they were just in awe. So, I say that to say, we've been given this opportunity to come visit Saturday morning, at 8:30a.m., to see their beautiful state-of-the-art facilities. It would be awesome if we have some beautiful state of the art facilities for our children and our neighborhoods to complement our communities Oakwood, Bedford, Bedford Heights, and Walton Hills. Each time you bring in a business, they talk about how they build a state-of-the-art facility for our businesses. Why not do that for our kids. Have a state-of-the-art where our kids can learn, and our teachers can teach.

Haba: You say someone is going to be at Heskett always or just for a couple years? **Boyinton:** It will be indefinitely until the new buildings are built. As Mr. Vawters' said we will be getting 21% of that \$161,000 will be coming from the state. We don't know when we will receive it yet, but once we do, then we will construct a 3rd-5th grade building on the current Columbus Road site. Then Heskett will be gone. **Williams:** When and what time is the tour? **Boyinton:** We will meet at

the high school at 8:30a.m. I will be one of the chaperones at Warrensville, I am in one of the new buildings. Once the building was constructed so many kids came back we had to purchase another site. It's beautiful, we can only take 30 at this time, but can have a second tour. Come down to the high school, we'll hop on the bus. We'll have a great tour, see where we are and where we could be, our time is now. **Gottschalk:** Mr. Chairman, two quick points. Bedford has been very accommodating for our summer camp program. We're doing things there that aren't being done at any other school in the district. Hopefully, we'll be a model for at least Northeast Ohio. Also, it's very good to see they are enriching their curriculum to include the trades again. It's important to be able to retouch it and connect with their kids to be able to see what career they might be interest in. We're very, very pleased with the direction it's going. **Warren:** Anyone else? I'll close the floor for public comment. We will proceed with the agenda.

Floor closed.

Climer: Thank you Council president. Proceeds to read legislation:

Legislation:

2023-32	AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 125.01, 125.04,
Introduced 9-12-2023	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	

2023-33	AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY
Introduced 9-26-2023	TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR A POTENTIAL GRANT
By Mayor and	FOR THE FUNDING OF CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT
Council as a whole	PROJECTS.
1st read	

Warren: Can I get a motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn made by Davis seconded by Matlock

YES VOTE: Warren, Matlock, Davis, Williams, Motion Passed

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Approved _____

Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren, Council President