

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2023-10-24**

ATTENDANCE

Elaine Gaither, At- Large	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Chris Callender, Ward 1	Dave Tapp, Fire Department
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Brian L. Thompson, Finance Director*
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	John Freeman, Police Department
Candace Williams, Ward*	Tom Haba, Service Director
James Climer, Law Director	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
	Ed Hren, Village Engineer

ABSENT

Johnnie Warren, President	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Mark Garratt, Police Department	Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor
Mary Davis, Ward 4	

** Arrived after roll call*

Meeting opened at 7:00pm by Gaither
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call taken

Gaither: Any correspondence? **Tanya:** Yes, you each received a letter from the Legal Aid Society and NOPEC both inviting you all to their annual meeting. **Gaither:** May I have someone to approve the finance minutes of October 10th, 2023.

Motion to approve Finance minutes of October 10th, 2023, made by Callender seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Gaither, Callender, Matlock, Williams ABSTAINED: Hardin
MOTION PASSED

Gaither: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10th, 2023, regular Council meeting?

Motion to approve Council minutes of October 10th, 2023, made by Callender seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Williams, Matlock, Callender, Gaither ABSTAINED: Hardin
MOTION PASSED

Gaither: Ok, departmental reports, may we hear from our Building Official.
Departmental Reports

Building-Marinucci: Thank you, Madam President. **Marinucci:** I want you to know that I've been pushing Aaron Smith to take courses and take the test. So, I got him certified. I'm told he passed all of his tests. I am waiting for the certificates to arrive. If it's true, I haven't seen the paperwork. Then that's a home run, we would rely less on anyone else, and more internally. Very happy for him, that is a good achievement. Things in the Building Department are going smoothly, any questions? **Gaither:** Thank you, Chief Tapp.

Fire-Tapp: Tapp: Thank you Council President. Last Wednesday into Thursday morning we had a house fire at 7461 Macedonia Road. One person was injured, we were able to put a stop on the house. We were able to save most of the house there. Yesterday we had a fire at Waste Management, we were there about six hours. No major damage done there but they had a lot of mutual aid help. The Police helped getting some traffic and some more details but I want to thank them. Any questions? **Hardin:** In Waste Management, what went on? **Tapp:** Garbage started the fire but it got into the building to the second and third floor. **Hardin:** That's the first after all these years. I wonder what happened that was so different. **Tapp:** Got caught in the longer conveyor belt so their system couldn't reach the fire. So, the garbage started to burn there. The conveyor belt kept pushing the fire upstairs to the second floor, we hit the fire there. Then went to the third floor and found it and we put it out. We probably had like eight other departments there yesterday to help. It was not the addition. **Hardin:** It was not the addition? **Tapp:** It was not the addition. **Hardin:** No one got hurt? **Tapp:** No one was hurt. **Hardin:** In those cases, do you make recommendations to make sure it doesn't happen again? What is your responsibility after something like that? **Tapp:** Seeing that this was a trash fire, we didn't have to investigate because we knew what it was. Our Fire National will be coming down this week to tell them things that they can do better. To make sure this doesn't happen again. They put in a new system to put fires out, it did start to put it out, but it couldn't reach it. This one was in the building unfortunately. We'll make some recommendations to them but something like that just happens sometimes. **Hardin:** Is it reported to the state? **Tapp:** It does get reported to the state just because of the loss. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Gaither:** Any more questions? Service Director Mr. Haba.

Service-Haba: Haba: Thank you, Madam Chairperson, I have no report tonight. I'd be happy to take any questions. **Gaither:** Can we hear from our Finance Director Mr. Thompson.

Finance-Thompson: Thompson: Thank you, Madam Chairman, just want to report we are starting the compilation for the 2024 budgets. We did get a couple of departments in. One of the big departments I did get in was Fire. They are starting to bring them in and I'm starting to compiling the full report so we can start on budget hearing. **Matlock:** Do you know approximately when? **Thompson:** I have the deadline to turn in those budgets by November 1st. So, I guess our first meeting after November. **Matlock:** Do you know how long it would take? How many meetings we would probably have in order to complete this beginning of the year? **Thompson:** Maybe fifteen to twenty. **Matlock:** Fifteen to twenty, so that means we got some extra meetings? **Thompson:** Yes, on the off weeks. **Matlock:** We need to have it finished by the first of the year. We don't want to go into next year like we did last year. **Callender:** You said fifteen meetings or fifteen departments? **Thompson:** Fifteen to twenty meetings. I am just gauging on what we did before. **Callender:** Ok. **Thompson:** So, we do a meeting before every Council meeting. Then we schedule those other ones maybe on a Thursday. Then come back that following week when we don't have a meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. That was usually the normal that we follow. **Matlock:** We have a schedule put together for us? **Thompson:** Not at this point, but we can put something together. We probably could get started on Fire. **Matlock:** Since we already got it we don't need to hold on. **Hardin:** When we get the monthly reports. Is there any type of accounting best practices that you could put in place or is it staff related. That you can't just press a button on the 30th or the 31st and you have everything. Is there some way to accumulate figures or is it the staffing or lack of? **Thompson:** Right now it's kind of a combination. Normally you get your bank statements from the bank. That starts the reconciliation process. **Hardin:** When do you get those? **Thompson:** Usually, the first week following after the end of the month. **Hardin:** Ok. **Thompson:** We've been diligently interviewing and trying to replace staff. I got into the government Finance Officers Association. I got into Ohio Association of Public Treasures. I have been doing a lot of Indeed. I actually had some candidates that I thought I was going to have come in but the salary was too low for them. It's kind of been good because I have been able to sell them on some of the benefits we

have here. We have been diligently trying to replace those, I'm thinking in two weeks I should have full staff. **Hardin:** Oh really, in two weeks? **Thompson:** Yes. **Hardin:** That's how many people you anticipate hiring? **Thompson:** Two more. **Hardin:** Two people in two weeks. **Thompson:** Yes. **Hardin:** Back to the reconciliation for the bank. How long does that take? I am not trying to minimize, it's just the thought process. I am just trying to follow, if everything is in place. How long does it take you to do the reconciliations from the bank? **Thompson:** Reconciliation from the bank can take three to five days if you go through every single transaction. We get a lot of direct deposits from the County on our property taxes, taxes for license plates, etc. They also send us a lot of receipts. On the flip side you have to reconcile the expenses as well. So, it just takes some time. **Hardin:** Ok, based on what you are saying. In two weeks, which would put us into November we should be fully staffed? **Thompson:** Yes, November fully staffed and that should help out tremendously. Of course, they will need training and things like that. But at least we will have some bodies in place to start getting the training done. **Hardin:** Ok, and who's going to do the training, you? **Thompson:** Yea, I'll be training, and we have a good support group with our financial system. They do a great job of being there for support. They have technology where they can grab your mouse. They could be all the way in Columbus, and they can login, help you with a lot of the modules. You can pay for them to train as well; it is called Moodle. You can actually go in and do simulations so they can learn what they are doing. It won't affect the current system. So, we have a great system that does that, for support. **Hardin:** Since we are talking about training, do you have a training format? After two weeks I am fully trained, and you verify that by making them do some kind of testing. How do you work your training? **Thompson:** They have a outline that has been quantified for some time. Once they get the training, you would start telling if they are acclimated with the system. If they can do the checks, do the reconciliation, posting entry, etc. It will all start to come together as you go through the checklist in these modules. **Hardin:** Got it, thank you. **Thompson:** You are welcome. **Gaither:** Anyone else has questions? Let the record show that Ms. Williams is here. Police Captain Freeman.

Police-Freeman: **Freeman:** Thank you, I only have a few things. This Saturday is our national DEA Medication Take Back Day at the Village Hall from 10a.m.-2p.m. Last year we collected seventy-three pounds of unwanted medication. Also, if you don't make it, there's a Dropbox in the hallway. You can always drop off your unused medication there. **Hardin:** Captain how did you advertise that for Saturday? Or have you? **Freeman:** I think we put it on our Facebook website. **Hardin:** So, you think enough people heard about that? **Freeman:** I mean last year we had seventy-three pounds that's a lot of medication. So, the word gets out pretty good. **Hardin:** Got it, ok. **Freeman:** Also, we have the Trunk or Treat on Sunday night. Which is going to be at Oakhill Park from 6pm-8pm. I will have some Police vehicles out there, Fire trucks out there. Some Firefighters, Police Officers, and some Council members passing out candy to the kids that come through. **Hardin:** When is this? **Freeman:** This is going to be Sunday at 6pm. **Hardin:** This coming Sunday? **Freeman:** Yes, the 28th. **Hardin:** I might be a little tardy I didn't know. **Matlock:** Do we have to dress up? **Hardin:** When did we decide to do this? **Freeman:** We just put it together kind of last minute. We've done it a couple years ago. **Hardin:** Right. **Freeman:** And it worked out pretty well. **Hardin:** This coming Sunday right? So, how did you advertise the Trunk or Treat thing? **Freeman:** That is also on Facebook, and I think they may be passing out some flyers. **Hardin:** Tommy, are you going to put out flyers? Because, other than that, the kids won't even know. **Matlock:** Why don't we put out the banner or something that can go up? I did see it on that thing. **Freeman:** Yea on the front. **Matlock:** What about the medication, that's a good thing, is it on that board advertising? **Hardin:** Mayor, can we get some flyers out. **Gottschalk:** Dee and I are exhausted. She's been working sixteen hours a day. She can't tomorrow because she's with the seniors. So, it doesn't look good. **Hardin:** It doesn't look good, alrighty. How much are we about to spend on the Trunk or Treat? **Freeman:** That I do not know. **Hardin:** Well, whose idea is this? **Freeman:** I think the Police came up with it and some

Council people. I am not exactly sure, today I heard we were going to have it. So, I figured I'll let you guys know we were putting it together. It's not going to take long to do. We are just passing out candy to the kids, it's nothing major. **Hardin:** Captain, what Council people? What are we talking about. **Callender:** I am helping out; it's just giving out candy to the kids. They have all the stuff, Fire Department included as well. **Hardin:** You the only one? **Matlock:** I going to volunteer. **Hardin:** I wanted to do it; I didn't know we were doing it. **Callender:** Please come on Sunday 6pm-8pm. **Freeman:** Anyone can come if you would like to help out. We are just passing out candy that's all. It's actually a drive through situation. People drive in with their cars, we go to the car and pass out the candies. **Hardin:** You know the reason I am saying this is because when we don't get the word out. We get disappointed by the turnout and it's because they don't know to come out. Since the Council is involved, I'll volunteer, and I'll make a flyer. That's my contribution because I am not standing out in the cold. On Sunday night, Captain, if we come up with a flyer. **Freeman:** We have a flyer. **Hardin:** Tommy? **Haba:** We have a flyer; I'll pass them out. **Hardin:** Well, there is your answer, thank you that is all I am asking. **Haba:** John you said it's a drive through? **Freeman:** Yeah, just a drive through. **Haba:** Good because we just winterized the bathrooms. **Freeman:** No one gets out of their vehicles. Last thing is Halloween is on Tuesday, October 31st from 6pm-8pm. We will have extra patrol in the neighborhoods like we usually do. Also, they will probably have candy in their cars passing out to the kids as well. **Hardin:** Would you believe that is the night of the first snow. We are supposed to have snow. **Callender:** It's always cold and wet for trick or treating. **Freeman:** Any other questions? **Hardin:** When we are putting out for the trick or treat, we are putting out the flyers for the drug thing? **Freeman:** The drug thing is earlier in the day, so we will probably have the flyers with us at that time. **Hardin:** Good, so what about if we put them out at the same time? **Freeman:** We do not have a flyer for the drug situation. **Matlock:** We can add it to it. **Freeman:** Ok, that is fine. **Hardin:** So, it is a success, ok. **Freeman:** I think it will be, it has been so far. One year we had fifty pounds, last year seventy-three pounds, year before that another seventy pounds. That's a lot of medication collection. **Matlock:** Excellent, let me ask you one more question. We have two communication boards here in Oakwood. One is at the senior community center correct? You can plug in information and one we have here. Who actually plugs in that information. Is there any way to plug it in at the senior citizen building? I mean that's communication and people see it. **Freeman:** Right, I think... **Tapp:** The one in front of the Fire Station, one fireman can do it and then Dionna can. **Matlock:** What about the one at the senior center? **Tapp:** I have no idea. **Matlock:** That is a communication board. We can put information on it, I mean two spots is better, people will see it. **Freeman:** I will find out and see if we can do it, I will find out tomorrow. **Tapp:** The problem with the one in front of our station is our guy is part time. So, he could work this Wednesday and not be back until next Tuesday. So, if something needs to go up there immediately. He's the only one who knows how to do it and Dionna. Between those two, they are the only ones who know how to run that program. **Matlock:** Can they train anyone? Can I be trained to put that on the board in case we need some extra correspondences to go on. **Tapp:** The one at the senior center I am sure someone can. I don't know who runs that one. But we can have someone here at City Hall learn how to run it. **Matlock:** I'll volunteer to do that if you need to have extra communication correspondence. **Tapp:** That's the problem, if he's here one day and he's not here for another week, it's very hard to do. Dionna knows most of those slides on there but to build those slides. You need to know how to run the computers, we just don't know how to do that. **Hardin:** Thank you, and I have seen increased patrol too, so thank you for that. **Freeman:** You are welcome. **Gaither:** So, we have Trunk or Treat taken care of. We know the medication information is going out. Thank you, may we hear from our Law Director, Mr. Climer.

Law- Climer: **Climer:** Thank you, Madam President. About a month ago I passed out information concerning an offer that we've had for about 8 land bank lots over on Suwanee Ave. If Council has had the opportunity to

review that, I'm not asking for a vote. But just simply whether there would be any objections to me proceeding to negotiate and sale of those lots. With the advice of Ms. Gaither and Mr. Hren on a price. It would be brought back to Council if we do reach an agreement on principle for Council to vote, any objections to that? **Williams:** You said Mr. Hren and a Councilmember, what is the Council's part in this? **Climer:** Ms. Gaither. **Williams:** What is Council's part in this? **Climer:** Sooner or later we would need a resolution on a proposed contract to solve that. So, I am just asking if the... **Williams:** Do you usually have a Council person involved in that? **Climer:** No, it's only Ms. Gaither because of her real estate experience. **Williams:** Ok, but typically we have done this in the past? **Climer:** No, and the reason being that generally, the lots we are selling are non-conforming. There's no chance of making them conforming. They're just being split among two landowners or whatever. Our program has generally been, it's a thousand dollars and you pay us all the cost of the transaction. This is a little bit of a different animal. Those lots can be consolidated forming buildable lots. **Williams:** Are they all buildable? **Climer:** They are with some variances, there's some need for depth variance. One of the conditions is the purchaser assumes all of the risk of the buildability of the lots. I don't know if they are swampy, not swampy... **Gaither:** Whether they are wetlands or not. **Williams:** Wasn't there a matter about repairing the streets or something? **Climer:** Yes, that is another condition. **Williams:** How is that being determined? **Climer:** One of the preliminary conditions of reaching an agreement. Is that you would bring that section of the road, in front of those lots, up to Oakwood standards. **Williams:** The pieces outside of the area are we just leaving those? **Climer:** I think those are generally drivable. I haven't surveyed it, but we would get that pinned down. **Hardin:** Is the infrastructure over there? I haven't been on Suwanee in quite a while. **Williams:** It's blocked at a certain point. Before you all move forward, we are going to see what this would look like in totality before it goes further, correct? **Climer:** Yeah, I've given you the diagram. I would work with Mr. Hren to determine how far the road needs to be extended and repaired. **Williams:** So, there has to be some final something that's gotten to correct? **Climer:** Right, we will nail those details down before it goes back to Council. **Williams:** That was my question, thank you. **Hardin:** Mr. Law Director, I don't remember too much of this. So, back to the infrastructure and the street. What's going to happen with the street. **Climer:** That's what I was just saying, one of the conditions of the contract. Would be that the purchaser has to bring the substantive portions of the street; up to Village standards. **Hardin:** Are all the utilities in over there? **Climer:** I do not know. **Hardin:** See, I think that has been an issue before. **Climer:** And that would be an issue for him. **Hardin:** Well, here's my concern about that. If you sell it to me and I just sit on it, what good is that. There should be a time frame to bring it up to par, wouldn't you think? Am I missing something? **Climer:** We could add that. **Hardin:** Yea, you don't just buy it and then sit on it. **Climer:** Right. **Dixon(resident):** Is it a commercial lot? **Hardin:** It's residential. **Climer:** Zone residential. **Dixon(resident):** If you buy the lot you have to fix the street? **Climer:** Yes. **Dixon(resident):** I've never heard of that. **Williams:** You don't have to fix the street. It's just a condition we are adding to it. That's not a typical thing, it doesn't always happen. We are proposing to add that condition. Ed do you have anything further to add right now? **Hren:** No, that road is obviously in bad shape. We're essentially giving those lots away at the pricing you're proposing. So, I think that is a reasonable condition to ask them to improve the roadway in order to be able to build. You don't want to leave it in a condition where somebody builds a new house. Then you start getting phone calls a month after people move in. for the price we have generally been giving away or selling these parcels, I think that's a reasonable condition. **Climer:** Though I will say it's not an unusual situation when the developer wants to develop a subdivision. The developer builds the street to the Village's specifications, and it gets dedicated to the Village. **Hardin:** Are you saying this is going to become a subdivision? **Climer:** That is not at all what I am saying. What I am saying is it is not unusual for a developer to bring a street up or even build a street to Village conditions or specifications. **Hardin:** Ok, but this is not a development. **Climer:** It is not. **Hardin:** Alright, and it's eight lots? **Climer:** Yes. **Williams:** Then they will have their own agents for this process, we are not acting

as an agent? She's just informing us of the cost. **Gaither:** Cannot act as an agent. **Climer:** Correct, that's all I have unless there's further questions. **Gaither:** Any more questions for Mr. Climer? Thank you, Mr. Hren.

Engineer-Hren: Hren: Good evening everyone, I am here to address the legislation that's before you tonight. If you want I can wait until the individual pieces are presented and answer any questions that you may have.

Hardin: Can we do it that way because we have people in the audience that may want to speak. **Gottschalk:** Ed why don't you go through the four pieces. **Hardin:** Excuse me, that's not what I said Mr. Mayor. **Gottschalk:**

He has four pieces of legislation. **Hardin:** Ok, I am speaking to the chair. **Gaither:** The audience will have an opportunity to speak next. But they are not a part of legislation. **Hren:** Legislation 2023-33 was originally

proposed in the end of September to authorize the application for four individual projects to the Ohio Public Works Commission. That is actually now broken into four different legislations. So that you can consider each

project separately. Those are now legislation 2023-36, 2023-37, 2023-38, and 2023-39. With that I would ask the Law Director if this is a piece of legislation that would get dropped or rescinded. Whatever the protocol is, I don't know. Because these projects are now being addressed separately as four different legislations. **Climer:**

Correct we would withdraw legislation 2023-33. **Hren:** Ok, I'll take these in order if it is ok with you. Legislation 2023-34 is a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Engineer to make application to the

Cuyahoga County Department of Development Community Development Block Grant Program for 2024. This is for First Place Reconstruction and there are actually two separate pieces of legislation. One authorizes the

application for the Community Development Block Grant. Which is up to \$150,000.00 in funding. The second one, which is legislation 2023-35 is the Community Development Supplemental Grant which is up to

\$50,000.00. It is very similar to what we did on Tryon Road pedestrian path last year. We actually had two separate applications to the Department of Development for the same project. We were successful last year with

getting rewarded \$150,000.00 under CDBG and another \$50,000.00 under CDSG. What I wanted to point out is the Community Development Block Grant is due a week from today. I do need legislation authorizing that

application to be passed prior to next week Tuesday. **Gottschalk:** That's the problem we surely can't do it tonight. So, that means you have to have a special meeting. **Hren:** Now the legislation 2023-35 is not due until

the end of November. **Gottschalk:** The first one is very important. So, Council what do you want to do regarding a special meeting? We have six people. **Climer:** The alternative would be to just go ahead and pass

legislation 2023-33 and withdraw the other four. **Hren:** That's actually a separate program, I was thinking the same thing. Those are Ohio Public Works Commission. **Gottschalk:** The roads are in terrible condition. We

have two companies doing some research on that. University Hospital and Community Ambulance services. This is going to be split into two pieces. **Hren:** I can walk through it right now if Council would like. As far as

the application and what we are anticipate the cost to be. This is, as the Mayor indicated, the First Place Reconstruction. This is actually phase one which is the area that is the worst part of First Place. That's really the

section from Forbes Road up to the first driveway at the Penske facility. Which is 7600 First Place. What we would do essentially, we would reconstruct the existing concrete pavement base. Then resurface the roadway

with polymer and modified asphalt. From Forbes to Penske Drive is approximately .25 miles. This is essentially the same process we used on Fair Oaks Road. If you been on Fair Oaks Road recently that would be the same

process on that section at First Place. **Hardin:** As it relates to legislation are you on legislation 2023-34? **Hren:** It's legislation 2023-34 for the 150,000.00, which authorizes the application to the Community Development

Block Grant. On the same project, we will submit an application to the Community Development Supplement Grant for \$50,000.00. **Hardin:** Ok, thank you. **Williams:** Before you go forward, when I am looking at all these

projects. The yellow highlight is what we are going to pay? **Hren:** It is an estimate, I apologize for getting these out late. The estimated total project cost is \$488,000.00. So, we would apply for \$50,000.00 from CDSG and

\$150,000.00 from CDBG. So, the net cost to the Village would then be \$288,000.00. **Williams:** Got it. **Gottschalk:** Ed, when does this have to be passed? **Hren:** I have to have the application in a week from today at

four o' clock. So, I would have to have the legislation by noon on Tuesday. **Gottschalk:** So, Council we could have a second meeting of just a reading. We have a reading tonight on this. A reading later in the week on this and then getting this thing on the third reading. All you will need is 4 votes if not too many people are here for third reading on the emergency. **Williams:** Brian, for the \$288,000.00, actually, for all the amounts in yellow. What does financing look like for us? **Thompson:** Normally throughout the year, we collect about \$660,000.00 on auto registration, permissive tax, etc. We fund these projects from the SCMR fund, which is for the streets. We definitely have the cash flow to fund our matches for the projects. Actually, one of the projects is for 2025. **Hren:** This is a 2024 project. **Thompson:** So, this is preconstruction year? **Hren:** Yes, that is correct. **Thompson:** So, that's when we would have to pay. **Williams:** The total I have is about \$686,000.00, what is the amount you budget to have? **Thompson:** It estimates between \$600,000.00 to \$685,000.00 a year. **Williams:** So, that's an \$85,000.00 difference. **Thompson:** Yeah. **Williams:** What did we do last year? **Thompson:** It was approximately \$660,000.00. **Williams:** So, if we don't have the extra possible twenty-six or twenty-seven thousand dollars. Where does that come from? **Thompson:** We normally schedule that in as a subsidy for the general fund as a transfer. **Williams:** So, Ed's going to go through the dates differently. Do you have all of the years in which we will be paying with the months? Do you have that out? **Thompson:** Yea I have them up. I am assuming the construction year they would be done and then we pay. **Hren:** We anticipate the final payment, which is usually retain or release. Would happen by the end of calendar year 2024. So that would be December 31, 2024. **Williams:** Only one of these is due in 2025? **Hren:** Did I put down twenty-five? **Thompson:** Yea on the Alexander Road and Macedonia Road. **Hren:** We will go over all of that. If we could take them one by one. **Williams:** My question was just to him about finances. Like when is this coming due, so only one is 2025 and the others are next year. **Thompson:** Yes. **Hren:** The only thing to point out is we will continue to look for funding on these. We do that on every project. This one is a little bit more difficult because it's not what we call a federal aid highway. It's not a county route, it's not state route, not Interstate routes. It's a little bit more difficult to secure funding for these types of projects. But we do look, we're constantly looking for any type of funding that's available. **Hardin:** Why isn't it County? **Hren:** It's not a County route, it's a local road. **Hardin:** I'm sorry, you're talking Forbes Road. **Hren:** No, this is First Place. **Williams:** This starts at Forbes Road. **Hren:** Yeah, First Place from Forbes to the Penske drive. **Hardin:** I got it. **Williams:** So, what you're saying when you say a little more is, we could end up paying the entire \$288,000.00. Because you may not be able to get additional funds? **Hren:** Yes, and I also wanted to point out that when I put these estimates together. You never want to be the low bidder as the engineer. So, we do throw in a 10% contingency. The other thing that we've done this year is when we put these applications in. We utilized the latest numbers that we received on bids this year on state projects and county projects. Because there's been a significant increase in cost and we wanted to make sure that we anticipated all of those. It's hard to say obviously what's going to happen over the next construction season. I'm fairly confident that we won't see the increases that we saw between 2022 and 2023 in 2023 to 2024. **Hardin:** Where is Forbes Road, what did we do with Forbes? **Hren:** Forbes is being funded by the County, Ohio Public Works Commission, Bedford Heights, and Oakwood. **Hardin:** That is in 2024 also? **Hren:** That is in 2024, correct. **Hardin:** So, we aren't paying anything for that? **Hren:** We are paying for a portion of that. I don't know what it is, I don't have it in front of me. **Hardin:** So, why isn't it here. **Hren:** Well because we don't have legislation, we already passed legislation. **Hardin:** I know but the funding part of it. **Hren:** I just don't know what it is, I don't have it in front of me. I can tell you what this is, which is \$288,000.00. **Hardin:** Am I correct in we've already dealt with Forbes? **Hren:** Yes, that is correct. It was a project we applied for actually in 2022. **Hardin:** Ok, I just wanted to make sure I am not missing something. **Hren:** That one we actually received funding from NOACA, the Ohio Public Works Commission, the County, and then we're splitting the cost with Bedford Heights. **Gottschalk:** That has been budgeted in the finance already and appropriated. Honestly in the end we might not pay anything. **Hren:** Well, we are paying

something. **Gottschalk:** The most would be maybe \$40,000.00 or so, it's really down to very little. **Hren:** I don't know what it is, and I don't want to speculate. **Gottschalk:** Well, you can give that to the Clerk for her to give to Council. **Hren:** I will forward that. **Hardin:** I would like to see it. **Hren:** That's it for legislation 2023-34 and legislation 2023-35. Again, I do need that legislation by noon on Tuesday. **Gottschalk:** Before we move on to Council, let me know when you will have the second. **Williams:** Is this the only one close to the time frame? I know we are going to talk about it. But everything else is about what? **Hren:** Typically, community development would be in December. This year, partially because they kind of put the communities in a jam. We had to have that Tryon Road Project done by September 30th. When I say done, \$150,000 worth of it. They awarded it in May, and it sounds like a long time. But you get the award in May, you have to put plans and specs together, you have to bid it and get a contractor. It's not a very long time. So, what they did this year was bump it up to October instead of December. Worst part is they announced that in September. So, I apologize for the crisis that it has caused. **Matlock:** It's beautiful that sidewalk area. It's really nice, now when can we work on something to get it like we say, on down the road. **Hardin:** That's what this is. **Hren:** That is not in here. **Matlock:** We need to talk about it because we need to get it down the road. **Gaither:** We can do a special meeting. **Matlock:** We could do it Thursday, Thursday evening. **Hren:** With the Ohio Public Works Commission, they want to make sure that when you are awarded you have that legislation. They give you a couple of months after the project is applied for. Which was in September 2023. If we get it in November, end of November, I think we'd be in good shape. **Gaither:** Are you available for a special meeting on Thursday, Ms. Williams? **Williams:** I doubt it. **Gottschalk:** Madam Chairwoman, all we need is four people. At the same time, I want to underscore on First Place you have Oakwood Laboratories, which is for Cancer research. You have Sophie, which has bought a second cyclotron which aids in their PET scan ingredients. They have twenty five percent of the U.S. market in PET scans for Cancer and Alzheimer's. You have Home Instead senior care, which is over 350 clients in the area we do caregiving at their homes. We have two ambulance services and critical care ambulance, and there's the dialysis center. Hopefully within five day or so, we will know if we are picking up the firm out of Paris, France. Donald King is over there speaking with the people. They will be located as well on First Place. This is an international company from Paris, and this will be the U.S. base from their headquarters. All of this is on First place on one side. It's important we make sure to get this thing going. **Gaither:** Thursday at 6:00p.m., this week. **Williams:** The next one is legislation 2023-36 and we don't need that as an emergency? **Hren:** Correct. **Williams:** Ok. **Callender:** So, we are doing two meetings, are we scheduling those now? **Gaither:** Today is first reading, Thursday is second reading, next Tuesday could be third reading. **Callender:** I mean that's Halloween, so you might want to do it Monday. **Climer:** You need it by 4:00pm Tuesday, right? **Hren:** Yea. **Climer:** It would need to be Monday. **Gaither:** Monday next week. **Gottschalk:** Mr. Law Director all we need is four people for the third reading correct? **Climer:** On third reading yes, correct. To pass as an emergency then you need five. **Gaither:** It's not an emergency. **Climer:** As long as they accept irregular passed. **Hren:** Oh yeah, for sure. As long as I can get a signature on it that says it is passed. I know you're talking about when it takes effect. **Climer:** Right, ok. **Gaither:** Monday at 6:00p.m. **Hren:** Shall we move on to legislation 2023-36? So, 2023-36 is the first project that was actually reference in Legislation 2023-33. This is the Broadway Ave. Resurfacing Project. This legislation will authorize the Mayor and I to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission, which we've already done. This is a 2025 project, so work would not start until 2025. We already have an agreement with the County for this project. This is very similar to the Forbes Road project. Where the County is administering plans and the construction of the project. The estimated project cost and now this has been updated. It is now an estimated project cost of \$3,015,000.00. This is the number we received from the County Engineer. This year has been a brutal year for the County because of the cost increase from 2022-2023. They were short on a lot of projects. Personally, I think they over did it, but they want to make sure it doesn't happen again. The project has a significant

contingency in there. I'm thinking the contingency is in the 15% range. **Hardin:** Well, if it's going 15%, everything is contingent. **Hren:** Right, I'd rather they be conservative. With that NOACA has committed \$1,708,000.00, the application to the Ohio Public Works Commission is \$904,500.00 all in the form of a grant. The balance of funding is then split between the County and the Village. In this case it will be \$201,250.00 for each part. **Hardin:** It's a total of \$442,000.00 that's being split? **Hren:** That is correct. **Hardin:** Ok. **Hren:** Any questions about that? **Williams:** What part of this is on our property? **Hren:** That's a different one, that's Richmond. This is 100% within Oakwood Village. The only funding parties would be NOACA which brings a federal component to it. Ohio Public Works Commission, which is what the application is for. Then the balance is split 50/50 with the County and the Village. Which is, per the agreement we passed probably in 2021 with the County. **Hardin:** I'm glad you split this up, it makes a difference. **Hren:** I did include copies of the Ohio Public Works Commission application. If you want to look at the numbers or more detail project description, that's in there. It will be a summary of the application. The actual application is about 100 pages. If you want I can forward those to you. It's really more exhibits than anything else. **Williams:** These project fact sheets, which one is legislation 2023-36 because they don't have a number. What does it say at the top. **Hren:** Broadway, so if you look at the section one with Broadway Avenue Resurfacing Project under legislation 2023-36. I just have the name of the project down there. That breaks down the cost and then it's got the actual application in that. **Williams:** The number we talked about earlier was \$686,000.00, but I didn't have this \$201,000.00. so, we are at like \$887,000.00. **Hren:** Remember that is 2025, the Broadway. **Thompson:** We'll have another stream of potential. **Williams:** So, for each year, we are getting about \$600,000.00, is that what you are saying? **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** Are we paying on other projects with that same \$600,000.00? **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** There are other projects already eating away at the \$600,000.00 as well. **Thompson:** Not so much eating away. When we schedule, he gives me his total for the year. We schedule in the transfers to offset. **Hren:** We'll have a spreadsheet which breaks out the cost of the projects as well as its funding agencies involved. **Williams:** Have you updated your spreadsheet with the new numbers? **Hren:** I told Brian I would have it to him by next week. **Williams:** Ok. **Hardin:** I'm kind of stuck on what just happened. Once you get these number. **Thompson:** You put them in the budget. Ed gives us a nice spreadsheet for SCMR and he also does sewer. **Hardin:** Once we add these per your numbers and projection we will be within the \$600,000.00. **Thompson:** Yeah, we have the cash flow to fund them. **Hardin:** Ok, just wanted to make sure I am following what you said. **Williams:** When we get that sheet it will be broken down by which year and amount? **Hren:** Yes, anymore questions on legislation 2023-36 the Broadway Resurfacing Project? Legislation 2023-37, it has the same body of resolution as legislation 2023-36. Although, this is the Tryon Road Resurfacing Project, Phase 1. I have a project fact sheet referencing Tryon Road Resurfacing Phase 1 in Oakwood Village. This is a 2024 project; the project limits are Tryon Road from Richmond Road to Jean Drive. Estimated project cost on this is \$562,000.00. The County has already awarded us \$235,000.00 under what they call their 50/50 program. The Ohio Public Works application was for \$249,999.00 which leaves an upfront cost to the Village of \$77,000.00 in 2024. I want to point out that the OPWC funding for this project. The application, the funds were requested in the form of a grant for \$174,999.00. Also, for \$75,000.00 zero percent loan. Which would be paid back in equal annual payments of \$3,750.00 over a 20-year period. The reason we do this is because of the scoring criteria assigned to these grant applications. You get a certain number of extra points when you ask for funding in the form of a loan. When we put these projects together, there's certain things that we can't control. Which is the age of the infrastructure, condition of the infrastructure, and the number of users. Those points really are what they are, but we do have some control based on the amount of money that we're asking for. That's why you'll see some of these odd numbers with a certain percent in the form of a grant and a certain percent in the form of a loan. This particular project we would pay \$77,000.00 in 2024. Once the project is completed, that's when we do the final closure with the Ohio Public Works Commission. Which I anticipate would be in 2025,

that is when we would start making payments. Actually, the following year, which would be 2026 is when we'd start making payments of \$3,750.00 per year for a twenty-year period. OPWC recently within the last five years has allowed communities to pay back that money early without a penalty. In the old days it was twenty years, and you didn't have the choice of paying it off early. Although with today's interest rates, I don't know why you wouldn't. Any questions on that? **Hardin:** Back to Brian, the loan for \$174,999.00. **Hren:** That's the grant, the loan is \$75,000.00. **Hardin:** Ok, so the loan is \$75,000.00 over a period of twenty years for the \$3,750.00. **Hren:** That is correct. **Hardin:** Got it, that first payment won't be until 2026? **Hren:** Most likely yes. **Hardin:** Based on the completion of the project. **Hren:** Correct. **Williams:** When you say most likely, what can change, if you finish the project earlier? **Hren:** Yeah, but I mean by the time we get the paperwork in, the retainer release and everything, it will be 2025. That we submit the closure report and then it's the following. **Williams:** Ok, that's fine, thank you. **Hren:** Sometimes our procrastination pays off, this is one case where it does. **Hardin:** Sounds good to you Brian? **Thompson:** Yes. **Hren:** Let's move on to legislation 2023-38. This is the Alexander Road Septic Conversion Project. This is also a 2025 project; this is not a roadway project obviously. This is actually brought about by, if you recall, there was a resident who had septic failure on Alexander Road. That's the only section of the Village, between Macedonia and Fair Oaks Road, that we don't have sanitary sewers. **Hardin:** This will give them sanitary sewers. **Hren:** That is correct, if you take a look at the location map on the last page of the project fact sheet. It shows you where that sanitary would be connected to. It would actually connect to Painter road with about a thousand feet of eight-inch sanitary sewer. So, with this Ohio Public Works Commission application we are asking for fifty percent of the cost. Estimated cost is \$442,000.00, leaving Oakwood responsible for \$221,000.00. Couple things I want to point out, I know it sounds like a large number. There are a couple of funding sources that we will tap into for that \$221,000.00. In September of 2023, we also applied for an Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund under their principle forgiveness program. Which is essentially a grant, you agree to borrow money and then they forgive the principal. We should find out about that sometime in January of 2024. If we do receive that funding we would just withdraw the Ohio Public Works. **Hardin:** About how much would that be? **Hren:** That would be for the full amount. **Hardin:** Oh, really? **Hren:** That would be for the full amount of 442,000.00. if we get that we will drop the OPWC application. If we don't get it, we will continue with the OPWC application. I think we have a very good chance of getting that. The \$221,000.00 balance, we can secure that funding from either the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District under their community cost share program. It's the same program that funded the salt facility at the service yard. Theirs is, I believe, a little over \$250,000.00 that's available in that fund. **Hardin:** Is that the funds that has been on reserve, that has been accumulating over the years? **Hren:** That is correct, if you are in the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District service area. You're paying about \$5 a month into their stormwater fund. Part of that goes to the Regional Sewer District, about 25% of it comes to the Village. It's in an account that regional holds for us. Then when we apply to them for these funds, they determine if they're applicable. **Hardin:** Over the years I've asked you about that fund, do you recall? **Hren:** Yes. **Hardin:** What makes this project such a sacred cow? **Hren:** That's a good question. That fund is designed to keep pollutants out of freshwater, streams, and the lakes. So, with the septic tanks, you have pollutants that are entering the ditches and the storm systems that wind up in Lake Erie. Anytime you have any type of sanitary sewer failures that gets into the waterways. That's where you can use those community cost share dollars. **Hardin:** So, this will wipe that fund out then. **Hren:** We continue to put money in it every year. In addition to that we also collect money under our real estate taxes. There's a line item for sanitary sewer maintenance, and that's a fund that the County keeps. That's a fund that we actually used to reconstruct the Forbes Road pump station. So, that is another source of funds that we can use to go after the matching funds. There's a couple of different options that we have as far as paying that additional \$221,000.00. I'm confident that the number would be zero or very close to zero. Any questions on that? **Williams:** I just have a question about the map. Is BOH, Board of health? **Hren:**

Yes. **Williams:** What does it mean by BOH failure, is that another something that has to be taken care of?

Hren: Yes exactly, those are the septic systems that have failed. **Williams:** Those have to be done in the future?

Hren: The Board of Health works with communities because it is really difficult to get people. I mean it's about a twenty-five, to thirty-thousand-dollars investment sometimes. So, they recognize that not everybody's systems fail at the same time. We've notified them that we are seeking funds from OEPA, Ohio Public Works

Commission, and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Again, they will not go after these property owners and tell them they have to replace that septic system. They may require them to make minor repairs. But typically, once a system fails, you have to put a new system in; those are expensive. **Williams:** This is up to the homeowner, or we usually take part in that?

Hren: That is a hundred percent up to the homeowner if they have a septic tank.

Hardin: Remember someone came here to council with that same issue. The problem that she brought to us, after we do what we do at the cost of the Village. What will that do for her?

Hren: She will have to convert the septic tank. First they pump it and pump holes into it. Then they'll actually connect the lateral. The line that actually comes out of her house will then be connected to the sanitary sewers.

Hardin: So, we are doing what the Health Department wanted her to do? **Hren:** We provide the main and then the property owner is responsible to make that connection from their house to the main.

Hardin: Had we not done this, she could not comply with the Board of Health?

Hren: No, she can comply by putting in a whole new system. A whole new system is going to cost like I said twenty-five thousand dollars. Whereas a connection to the main, may only cost about \$3,000.00, that's the big difference.

Hardin: So, we are saving the homeowner by doing this.

Hren: Right. **Hardin:** How many homeowners are involved? **Hren:** Up to eleven, probably because we did demo two of them. It's probably down to nine in that area.

Hardin: I remember we got involved as a Village. We contacted the Board of Health for them did we not?

Hren: Yes, we are working with the Board of Health. They are giving us support letters when we apply to different funding agencies. It is a collaborative effort between the Board of Health and us to secure funding and try to get sanitary sewer system in there.

Hardin: Sanitary sewers are everywhere but for these people? **Hren:** That is correct, any other questions on that one?

Last but not least legislation 2023-39, which is the Richmond Road Reconstruction Project. This is actually a joint application with the Village of Glenwillow as the lead applicant. Glenwillow asked the Village of Oakwood to apply with them. To reconstruct the section of Richmond Road between East Hawthorne and West Hawthorne; which are the two park roads. The Metro Parks have secured funds to link those two trails. There's actually going to be a fitness trail that's going to be installed on Glenwillow's side of Richmond Road. There are some drainage problems in those areas. Glenwillow is going to address those by adding some sewers and some catch basins. Then they are going to resurface that entire section of the roadway. It is approximately .25 miles, so I think about 1200 or 1500 feet. The Village of Oakwood would only pay for the work that takes place in the Village of Oakwood. This is not unlike what we did at Forbes Road. When we worked with the City of Bedford to resurface the section of Forbes Road. The funding is split between the Village of Glenwillow and the Village of Oakwood. In this particular case the funding was I think 39% in the form of a grant loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission. We would get 39% of that money based on the amount of work that's actually being performed in Oakwood Village.

Hardin: As we speak, they started working today at the bridge where it floods there.

Hren: Yeah that has nothing to do with this project. Work cannot start on any Ohio Public Works Commission project until July 1st of the following year. We were planning in 2023, we can't even start that until July 1st of 2024. This is going to resurface our half of the road. I believe there's a few catch basins that may be installed. But it is a part of a bigger project which Glenwillow is undertaking. The total project cost is estimated at \$634,000.00. Glenwillow will pay \$283,351.00, Ohio Public Works Commission would contribute based on this application \$249,999.00, and Oakwood Village would be responsible for \$100,650.00. What the Mayor worked out with Mayor Cegelka is whatever the cost is to the Village. Which in this case is estimated to be \$100,650.00. We would pay Glenwillow back in equal annual payments over a twenty-year period of

\$5,000.00. I actually attached a copy of the cooperation agreement. The language is very clear that we only pay for the work that takes place in Oakwood Village. Whatever the cost is, our portion of the grant is divided by twenty. So, it is estimated to be \$5,000.00 for the next twenty years. **Williams:** When you talk about the 39% that we get, is that 39% that we get then reimbursed to the \$100,000.00 that we are paying? **Hren:** No, but that is a good question. I have the cost estimates in there for Oakwood Village's portion. It's estimated at \$165,000.00, when you multiply that times .61, that's where you come up with \$100,650.00. **Williams:** Thank you, just looking at the agreement that doesn't have anything. It says twenty equal payments. **Hren:** That's because we don't know what it is. We wouldn't know until the project is closed. **Williams:** So, this cooperative agreement doesn't stand alone, it stands with whatever the final number is. **Hren:** Correct. **Williams:** Always. **Hren:** Correct, we really don't know what happens until the project is closed out. At that point you take that number, we figure out how much work was done. It's like fifty square yards of new concrete in Oakwood. That is what we are paying for. We did a similar project with Solon. It was the same type of deal because we share Richmond Road with the center line. We had an inspector out there that would tabulate the amount of work taking place in Oakwood and the amount taking place in Solon. Solon was billed for the portion of the project that was performed in Solon. Then we took a proportional share of the grants. In that case be let's say 50%. So, if you did \$100,000 worth of work in Solon and there's a 50% grant, they paid \$50,000. So, this would be the exact same thing except we would take the total the Village is responsible for. Then divide it by twenty and pay that amount each year. **Williams:** When it's finalized, those numbers, is it then added to this agreement as an addendum? **Hren:** No, not really. **Williams:** Is it just by law? We know we have to revert back to that. **Hren:** Yes, we'll shuttle up, the engineer for Glenwillow and I. We will go through, sign off, and then I'll let Brian know this is what we owe. **Williams:** It gets added to our debt and that's how we track it, ok. When it says 100% of all local costs, is that intending to mean on our property? Is that language for that? **Hren:** Correct, what I just basically explained is if we owe \$50,000.00, we are going to pay a 100% of that \$50,000.00. Any other questions? You guys have always been a pleasure to deal with, likewise tonight. If anybody does have any questions, email me or call me, thank you. **Gaither:** We will hear from our illustrious Mayor at this time.

Mayor-Gottschalk: **Gottschalk:** I'm going to spend ten minutes on this, but none of this has to get passed immediately. At the same time, I don't want to be dealing with this in the middle of December after we've done the budget. I will touch on it now and get this thing in three readings. As I said, this is very accommodating for the four businesses that are going to be involved here. Know that this thing is moving forward. The first one, theses are the preambles on the first sheet. You'll see DCOMM, Cardinal Realty on the back, Federal Metal, and the King Group. On, DCOMM right here on Broadway, just put to the left of the first preamble TIF, that's a TIF. The second one JCTC which is job creation tax credit. On the first one, you'll see the legislation after that, that is the TIF for DCOMM. They are putting in about sixty to seventy vans to do installation for Spectrum. They can't park them currently in the back of their building because it is zoned residential. They are going to do it on the side of their building which joins Reflections. They are going to be concreting about 11,000 square feet and putting in mounds to screen the vans. This is going to cost about \$150,000.00. So, this TIF is based on the \$150,000.00. it's very simple, their payroll is going to bring three million. So, that little operation will be three million starting next year. The TIF money would be only on this \$150,000.00 by \$1,500 a year. That's nice \$1,500.00 a year for thirty years coming in just to help on that landscaping and other things around it. The second portion of this is the job creation tax credit. **Hardin:** This DCOMM has been here for how long already? **Gottschalk:** About three quarters of a year. But there's only been a few people working over there. They really are just getting started. The payroll isn't that large. **Hardin:** That's my question, what's the payroll. **Gottschalk:** Brian can give you that, it's not very much. **Hardin:** These trucks are going to kick it up to three million? **Gottschalk:** These are vans, these are like... **Hardin:** It's just a few people there now and we get X number of dollars. So, the \$150,000 to make room for the vans. **Gottschalk:** Well, that'll be alright, they not

shouldn't have had to be having to. It should have been zoned for trucks in the back. We're going to have that on the ballot next year so that could be done. In the meantime, we're offsetting that expense by doing this job creation tax credit. Which over three years is either going to equal the \$150,000.00 or if it's collected before three years, that ends then. **Hardin:** You through out a three-million-dollar figure. **Gottschalk:** That is going to be the payroll of the people that are going to be now working over there. If you have these vans, you're going to need drivers for all vans and the installation, etc. So, this is going to be quite something a little operation like that. If you look at it from the streets it's going to be bringing in three million dollars a year. **Hardin:** Starting when? **Gottschalk:** Starting in the spring of next year. By the way, if they should leave anytime, they would have to pay back that \$150,000.00 when they did get it. That would be a part that's in the legislation. The next one is Cardinal Realty, which is Starbucks. They're developing it for Starbucks releasing this. On the last page, after you flip over the yellow sheet, is what the Starbucks would look like. **Dixon (Resident):** You said a Starbucks is coming to Oakwood? **Gottschalk:** Yes. **Dixon (Resident):** Where would it be? **Gottschalk:** Right in front of the Hampton Inn on Broadway. The Planning Commission has worked on this. They only had one lane going around the building now there's two lanes. The reason for the second lane is if there is an emergency, the ambulance can get in there. Or if there's vehicles behind in a long line they can get out of there as well. They can only turn right on Broadway off that exit. That was all worked out by the Planning Commission. What's nice about this one is, the TIF in this one will amount to about \$4,000.00 a year for thirty years. That's again money that would have been going to the County, that comes back to Oakwood. Next one is Federal Metal; they are on Division Street and use recyclable materials to make bronze and brass ingots. For our manufacturing companies in the United States, they've been here since 1960; their payroll is eight million dollars. They want to put up one to three buildings on their headquarter site. It would be very small, where the total square footage would only be 35,000-50,000 square feet. It would be for the one to three buildings; they don't know quite yet. For receiving, production, shipping and warehousing. We're looking at maybe only about fifteen new people. This TIF, we have a TIF, and this is the only one I have to go to the school board on. We are giving them 90% CRA on this business, about eight million dollars. As we get to the pink sheet here what I am going to do is read the job creation tax credit. The job creation tax credit reads "One Hundred Percent of payroll taxes payable to Oakwood for any year during the term of this agreement (which is ten years) from the additional withholding income tax revenues of Federal Metal. As used in this agreement, 'additional withholding income tax revenues' means income tax on a gross annual payroll over eight million dollars for any term of this agreement". Which is already what we are getting. So, they have to be over eight million before we give them 100%. We are locking in the eight million dollars for good. They have a firm now in Pennsylvania and one in Arkansas in Little Rock. So, we are locking this in, and this is nice, eight million dollars that cannot be touched. Only above that are we paying 100%. The TIF in this case is going to be bringing into Oakwood per year \$40,000.00 a year for thirty years. That will be used on Division Street and Forbes Road between Northfield and Broadway. Again, that is money that would have went to the County that comes to Oakwood Village. The last item is from Donald King. I had Donald King there on First Place what we're talking about. It's based upon new payroll and jobs in the Village of Oakwood. We shall grant a job tax credit to the King Group for attracting the firm from Paris, France to the site on 7730 First Place. This grant shall remain in effect for a period of seven years. That equals to 75% of what we'd be getting from this firm and withholding income tax revenues. This will be quite something having a firm from Paris, France using Oakwood as their base now with their headquarters in Paris, France. So, this is quite exciting, and you see the response sent to me today from Donald King. It says "Sorry I didn't get back to you sooner. I am traveling overseas. I did want to let you know that I'm hoping to finally receive a signed lease agreement from the French company in the next few days. Working hard to get it done, sincerely, Donald". I have one more little item. Thermo Fisher, of course on Thermo Fisher Way. They put together equipment to detect radiological material coming into our country. They

do clean water operations, which is concerning to me. We talked about the hits in Israel, but you are letting who knows who in the country. You're now talking this last month again, 230,000 people. 80% could have just been men and we don't know who they are, and you get some terrorist acts. I'm looking at a hit on one of our urban center water depots, where it gets spiked. This would be very helpful with getting involved with clean water. This firm is out of Sweden, they are buying it for \$3.1 billion. I put a call into Thermo and we have about 23 acres back behind where the facility currently is located. This company is called Olink, and they are into protein analysis within your body as well as the equipment to detect this. The worst they can do is say no. But I think it's quite something where you have a firm in Oakwood spending \$3.1 billion. Their firm is in Boston, where currently they are doing their bioscience work. Let's have some of it here; the worst they can do is say no. None of this has to be passed immediately. I wanted to get started here so that we don't get interrupted with the budget operations. However, it is important to get things moving. Lastly, the mound over on Macedonia Road in ward four. As you know we have not touched it. Kroger was supposed to, this thing just continues to languish on. I'm meeting with them within the next seven to ten days. They are coming in with another committee and I'm having Jobs Ohio and the County Department of Development here. I don't have a lot of faith in this thing. Here is where we are at, there's a hundred and five trees. Evergreens and Arbor Vita that are going to get nailed by the deer. For \$7,000.00 I can have a firm come in, put nylon knitting high around, as well as spikes in the ground. This can last for up to five years at least, where the deer can't get to it. Verses if, if any are familiar going by there last year and saw what happened in the spring. It was a disaster, and we can't have that happen this year. Now unfortunately, this isn't an easement, maybe only a quarter may be in the right of way. So, I would have to get an easement on this. I can't use the taxpayer's money without getting an easement. We're looking at \$7,000.00 I might get it out of my own 501C3. To get reimbursed by the Village when we get a new owner of that site. Whoever the owner is going to be. Remember with Fair Oaks on that intersection with Alexander Road. Ed what are we talking? We're talking about 30,000.00 to 180,000.00 or what? **Hren:** I'm sorry for? **Gottschalk:** On Fair Oaks and Alexander, what was the work that we did that were going to get reimbursed for by the owner of that site; when they are there? **Hren:** The plan was that when there was an agreement that's reached the cost at \$35,000.00, it went into resurfacing that first three... **Gottschalk:** So, it was only \$35,000.00. **Hren:** \$45,000.00. **Gottschalk:** That's the way this reads. **Hren:** The agreement has not been entered into. So, when the agreement is entered into, we would insert language. **Gottschalk:** Whoever, although it's Kroger right now, whoever will be the owner of that site will be paying for that. So, that's where we are at on this matter. We really should attend to this because otherwise the deer's are going to get there and make a mess. Again, it's \$7,000.00, nylon netting with spikes in the ground as well. It's one hundred and five trees; Arbor Vita or Evergreen. **Williams:** To be clear we still don't own it. **Gottschalk:** No, right now its own by Kroger. **Williams:** Ok, so has Kroger been contacted to pay any of this? **Gottschalk:** Yeah, and they aren't saying anything. We are meeting again, and I don't see anything happening. I would say the movement is so slow here. They think they can have another year, year and a half. My patience is exhausted, Premier would like to buy that land back. They have some people in development that they would like to be on there because it's a high-quality piece of land. They would be bringing in the kind of revenue Kroger would be bringing in. **Williams:** So, potentially right now, you are suggesting we pay the \$7,000.00 but we don't know if Kroger is moving forward. **Gottschalk:** Well, only because right now we don't own that land. I can't use taxpayer's money for this unless I get an easement. **Williams:** Right, that's where I am getting to. **Gottschalk:** I would get it maybe out of the 501C3 or something that isn't the Villages. To get reimbursed when we do get the new owner over there. **Williams:** There's no legal way, who would reimburse you the next property owner? **Gottschalk:** Yeah, they wouldn't be able to get the property unless they agree to this. **Hardin:** Mayor, since you brought it up. Have we received any of those payments that Kroger promised? **Gottschalk:** No, they are absolutely trying to deal with the Albertson. **Hardin:** The Law Director is here, Mr. Law Director I remembered

seeing that they were supposed to start making those payments. **Climer:** Some of them are contingent upon when they start construction. **Hardin:** Was there anything at all that says they should be paying us while we wait? **Climer:** Only on the Attorney fees, most of the rest of payments are contingent upon when they start of finish construction. **Hardin:** Ok. **Gottschalk:** At the same time remember they owe us money as well for our youth. For the programs in 2022 and 2023, that's \$95,000.00 we haven't got either. **Hardin:** That's what I am referring to. The youth fees were also contingent on breaking ground. **Climer:** No, there's a good argument that those are due now. **Hardin:** So, we are trying to get those? **Climer:** Yeah. **Hardin:** Have we approached them for those dollars? That's a lot of money. **Climer:** Yes, we've had some discussions with them. That's going to be part of the mayor's discussion in the upcoming meeting with them. **Williams:** Have we received any, attorney fees are ongoing. **Climer:** We have not. **Williams:** No payment. **Climer:** The attorney fees are capped at this point, but they are ready to pay that. **Gottschalk:** The only thing they are willing to pay is the attorney fees. Unbelievable by attorneys, nothing to do with Jim at all. But again, this was drafted by their attorneys and they only caring about the attorneys. **Williams:** Would you have an answer for Starbucks? I was reading the minutes for planning. There were some questions around safety, and I know that came up with the only exit right. I know you do traffic studies project. So, when they exit right, where do we expect them to turn around in the Village? **Hren:** If someone wants to turn left they really could go right back out to Oakwood Commons. There's an easement through that Hampton property. They would wind up at the intersection there. **Gottschalk:** Right where the traffic light is, where McDonald's is on Broadway and Oakwood Commons. They would be there and then turn left. But the first real concern was just the traffic flow to begin with. That was done not only just by Ed's friend, but by our Police Chief as well. They were very satisfied with the traffic count. Again, that's for Chagrin Valley, you can't get any worse traffic situation than in Woodmere on Chagrin Blvd. All that operation, so they're very familiar with this. Then we had our Fire Chief, Dave was then involved with getting the concern about safety on the site. That was where we needed that second lane around Starbucks to begin with. Which they weren't caring to want to do. So, it's important to have that. Let's say, if a vehicle is in the middle of that. How do they get out of there if it's only one lane; now they will. By the way, if you're on Broadway and you want to turn left crossing the double line, you can't. So, all of that's been worked out, and that project will begin in the spring. **Gaither:** Any additional questions for mayor? If not, I will open the floor for public comment. The residents please state your name, address, and the subject you wish to discuss. For the record, please limit your comments to 5 minutes anyone who wants to speak.

Open Floor Comments

Tanya Dixon, 26482 Buckthorn Rd., Dixon: Ed, how are you doing, I just have a question about the project with Glenwillow. Is that going to be like a leisure bike path or walk path? Because oakwood has a lot of hills. **Hren:** Right, it will be a combined use trail. You can ride bikes, walk, jog, etc. **Dixon:** Do you know like how hilly? **Hren:** It's just that section, right now you have that section that goes through the Metro Parks. One goes to Solon and the other Bedford and Broadway. **Dixon:** I see the tracks over there, is it going to go over the track? **Hren:** Yeah, it's going to link that last section. It will link the two roads that are offset that go through the Metroparks. It's going to link those two trails. **Dixon:** Ok, I was hoping it's not as hilly. **Hardin:** Tanya before you leave the platform. Tanya attended the last ward meeting and I encourage all Council and anybody to come to those meetings. At the last meeting, Tanya was gracious enough to present to everyone. Would you mind getting one for them? **Dixon:** Ok. **Hardin:** This is the kind of thing that's important. **Dixon:** This is called the Great Estate Program, we put this together a month or so back. I mean, hitting all the this the cities with this. We did Warrensville, Parma, and then we also did Westlake. This is for if you have a loved one pass on. We just try and make it easier for everyone to get their paperwork in order and avoid probate. Then if you have a transfer on death deed stating who you want your property to go to once you pass, then same thing with your car. We just try to streamline and make everything easier for everyone. A lot of people would find out that they

really did not know a lot about this. They figure, oh well I put this in my trust or whatever and no, it doesn't work like that sometimes. **Hardin:** This is the kind of information. You'd be surprised who lives in this Village and where you can benefit from open discussion with our resident; this is invaluable. A lot of people have been waiting and asking about this type of information. **Dixon:** Today I had 6 people come in with this, and they had their loved ones passed on like three or five years ago. They never bothered doing their survivorship deed, affidavit, and getting their loved ones off their property. Because if your loved one passed on and you need a new roof. You got to get your loved one off, so that way you can sign the paperwork. You can't have a deceased on the property and try to sign, that has to come off. **Gaither:** Do you have enough of those for distribution? **Dixon:** Yes, there's more. **Hardin:** There's enough because I brought one for each of you on council. Please come out and hear what's going on. Your people would be glad to have this kind of information. She gave them to me; all I did was bring them back up here. **Gaither:** Thank you, Tanya. **Dixon:** You're Welcome. **Gaither:** Anyone else? If not a close for public comment.

Floor closed.

Climer: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Proceeded to read:

Legislation:

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 10-10-23	
3rd read 10-24-23	

Climer: If I am not mistaken, Mr. Hren, this is the one being replace with legislations 2023-36 through 2023-39 right? **Hren:** That is correct. **Climer:** I would suggest it could be handled by a vote and defeat or vote and withdrawal. **Gaither:** We can withdraw this because of the others. **Climer:** Can we have a motion to withdraw?

Motion to withdraw 2023-33 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

2023-34	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ENGINEER TO MAKE
Introduced 10-24-23	APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT
By Mayor and	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2024, AND
Council as a whole	AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS
1st read	RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Gaither: This is the one we're coming in on Thursday and Monday for. **Climer:** Correct, this and the next four I believe. **Hardin:** Must pass by Tuesday. **Climer:** Actually, by Monday, he needs it by four o'clock Tuesday to turn it in. **Hardin:** This is going on second reading then? **Climer:** Yes.

2023-35	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ENGINEER TO MAKE
Introduced 10-24-23	APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT
By Mayor and	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR
Council as a whole	2024, AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER
1st read	DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hardin: Mr. Madam Chairman, this one isn't a must pass. But it's if everybody is ok with it. Do you want to put it on the agenda for next Tuesday? **Climer:** My advice would be to put them all on the agenda for additional readings if not passage. **Gaither:** We can do the readings on Thursday and Monday. **Hardin:** Yes, all of them.

2023-36
Introduced 10-24-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read

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.

2023-37
Introduced 10-24-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read

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.

2023-38
Introduced 10-24-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read

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.

2023-39
Introduced 10-24-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read

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.

2023-40
Introduced 10-24-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MATTIE L. ROBINSON

Motion to suspend and adopt 2023-40 made by Hardin seconded by Callender
YES VOTE: Hardin, Callender, Williams, Gaither, Matlock
MOTION PASSED

Gottschalk: Before we close the meeting, I had forgotten one little thing. It's not going to cost any money, but at the next Council meeting, we're changing the name of Oakwood Parkway. That leads from Broadway to Mount Zion to Dr. Larry L. Macon Drive. They want to have the celebration on Thanksgiving. So, we don't have to get this passed until the next week or two, but before Thanksgiving. It does go to the County and the County has to approve it as well. That might take some time, but at least formal approval with this Council. That celebration can happen. They've been there 43 years and again from Oakwood Parkway, it will be called Dr. Larry L. Macon Drive. **Williams:** Who covers the cost? **Gottschalk:** There's no cost. **Williams:** How do you change a sign without a cost? **Gottschalk:** The signs, I suppose we're going to make the signs. There's only two hanging, they're wooden signs. They're not big, big signs. So, there's only the one sign over there off of Broadway, which right now says Oakwood Parkway. It'll now be called Dr. Larry L. Macon Drive. **Williams:** Is this the first time we've changed a street name? **Gottschalk:** No, we've changed a number of drive. In fact, Broad Oaks over there were Thermo is, that was later called Thermo Fisher Way. **Williams:** What's our criteria

for changing it? **Gottschalk:** In the case of Thermo Fisher Way, they appreciated it. The same as we named where GM industrial is over there on Division Street. That's now a circle, so it's called GM Industrial Circle. So, we've done this a number of times, for businesses, they like to see this happen. **Matlock:** I think it's pretty nice. Doctor Macon has been here for a long time. I remember attending his church when we were little when my father could not. He had to work and sent us to Mount Zion. He's been in the community for a long time. **Gottschalk:** Forty-three years. **Williams:** How do we come to awarding or changing the name of the street? I know Reverend Williams retired in June sometime. I don't know if we acknowledge that publicly, but he's been here for quite some time as well. How do we make a decision on who gets acknowledged and who does not? **Gottschalk:** He was acknowledged when that did happen. I mean, there wasn't a naming of a street or anything. **Williams:** Do we acknowledge your service at Council? **Gottschalk:** See the problem as well is when you're dealing with the residential street. You need all people that are living on that street to agree on the change. It's a lot of work but in this case there isn't. There isn't one house between Oakwood Commons leading to the church. So, it's very simple. **Williams:** Yeah, it doesn't have to be a street name, but a public acknowledgement. We didn't do that acknowledgment. So, then we begin to look like we're favoring one church or pastor over another. When we shouldn't, we have several in the community. We have to be a little bit more proactive about making sure we acknowledge everybody. **Hardin:** Madam Chair, may I have a floor for a minute. I want to go on record with this comment. There is no doubt that without the cooperation of Mount Zion and its members. A lot of what we have enjoyed, including the last event with their cooperation. That's small potatoes compared to the kind of relationship that we have developed with Mount Zion. Truly, Dr. Macon is deserving of the notoriety, I think that's the least we can do. **Gottschalk:** He didn't know about this. It was his sons that came to me and mentioned that. Like is this a possibility. **Hardin:** Well, not only that, mayor. All I'm saying to you, I just want the public to know that. This is something that the community would like to extend. I'm already aware that you presented something to him. You and the President of Council. So that being said, I'd like to go on record as being the senior member of this Council. That my relationship with Pastor Macon is just as dear, and just as sincere as any other Council Member and you. I wish him the very best and to say that we would have an issue with naming the street after him. That's the farthest thing from the truth. **Gottschalk:** He could get any sleep that night because he thought I was only there to celebrate his 43 years in Oakwood. He was wondering why, other than that, why I would even be there. **Hardin:** He has always been a friend to this Council and this community, and I value the relationship. **Gottschalk:** They provide us in the summertime, with their rooms for our camp programs and for our concerts. Again, we would have had a Halloween at the Dream Center. By the way, the Dream Center is being turned into a basketball area. Our youth will be able to take advantage of that once every month or so for free, having tournaments in there. **Hardin:** I'd like to reflect on Council person Williams comments as it relates to Pastor Williams. Not only was he a constituent of Ward 2 for all these years. He also has demonstrated a love for this community. Have we not, as a community, as a Council, have you presented him with a resolution? **Gottschalk:** The City of Cleveland had one. With no mention of, because again, you know you get into the problems of church and state. No mention of God in there, in mines it was. It was really appreciated. **Hardin:** We'll see there's a problem there. The resolution should have come from the entire community. Because I was contacted, Mayor, and it was a little embarrassing what really happened. **Hardin:** In the future, I would like to know and be involved in any resolution that would have the community backing. I truly feel that this community owes both of those ministers a deep amount of gratitude. **Gottschalk:** Because he's been a longtime resident here. **Hardin:** Not only a resident Mayor, he's also been a counselor. You and I had the meeting and I brought him with us. So, he has been involved in the community to the degree that he deserved a little more. So, if this Council would agree, I would like to suggest that we do a little more for him. **Gottschalk:** We could have a day for him. **Williams:** I mean you, whatever. What did we present? Who presented something? **Gottschalk:** I was asked by the church to be over there and do something.

Williams: But we presented something? **Gottschalk:** This was a last-minute thing again. I mean, these things are always happening like two or three days before. A Member of his committee asked me. They said we're doing this for him, what can you do? So, I quickly put something together. **Williams:** What did we? Who was it from? **Gottschalk:** It wasn't just me; it was presented I believe with the consideration of Oakwood as a whole. The Council and the residents as a whole appreciating his efforts. **Williams:** Ok, so just a reflection.

Gottschalk: I think you're right; I think it'd be nice to maybe do a little more. **Williams:** Well, doing more is an afterthought. Let me just set the, so we're putting the cart before the horse. Let me speak for myself, as a Councilmember if you present something to someone from the whole of Council. I would like to be aware of what my name is going on. I was not aware until you just mentioned it. **Gottschalk:** No names were there. By the way, the reason that there was only myself and then I invited our chairman. Who wasn't aware of what was going on at all regarding Mount Zion. I couldn't let this get out ahead of time. I couldn't take the chance of discussing this with Council and somehow getting out. To where people would know about this before it was done at Mount Zion. Regarding the name change, so that the reason that couldn't be done. **Williams:** Ok, but you realize you're saying two different things. At first you said your time was limited. Now you're saying you couldn't take the chance. **Gottschalk:** That was regarding Rome Baptist for Dr. Williams. For Mount Zion, it was all together a different situation. Because I couldn't, I couldn't discuss this with yourselves. I couldn't take the chance of any of it getting out before the event. **Williams:** Ok, well, you need to be mindful if you present something from the whole of Council. Council does need to be aware. Dionna can send the e-mail just to inform us and say, hey, this is something that is going to be announced. You're the only ones to know because we're announcing it. There is a proper way to do that. **Gottschalk:** Even the Council president didn't even know.

Matlock: But what she's trying to say is communication is the number one key. **Gottschalk:** This matter you couldn't, there was no way I would do it any other way. **Matlock:** But I'm just saying communication is the number one key when something like that takes place. Myself, I think we should get involved if we're going to just Mount Zion, honestly. I think we should put more into each and every other or inform them of things that's going on for the church. We need to help them out. Quite sure those ministers too would like to do community service and like to do something inside the Community. I mean, it's no big deal or it is a big deal. Communication is the key and we all should have been notified if anything was to go out. We should have just gotten a little, this is what's happening. We did get it at last minute. But just to inform you guys that this is what taking place. So, we would know and even if we want to come to something, then we can make that decision to go and be present to represent the Council. **Gottschalk:** On Thanksgiving when you'll be there. I mean, as I said with the name change. It could not have been done any other way. I could not risk and again even his own, other than his two sons, nobody else knew. That was a surprise for both him and his wife. **Gaither:** Ok, if there's no other business, can I get a motion to adjourn?

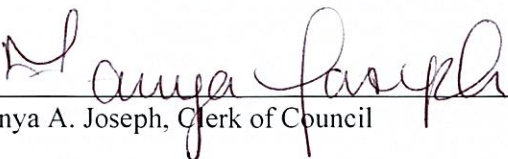
Motion to adjourn made by Callender seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

Adjourned at 9:03pm

Approved 11.14.2023


Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council


Johnnie Warren, Council President