

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

ATTENDANCE

Johnnie Warren, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Elaine Gaither, At- Large	Brian Dirocco, Fire Department
Chris Callender, Ward 1	Brian L. Thompson, Finance Director
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Tom Haba, Service Director
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	James Climer, Law Director
Mary Davis, Ward 4	Mark Garratt, Police Department
Candace Williams, Ward 5	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official

ABSENT

Ed Hren, Village Engineer	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	
Dave Tapp, Fire Department	
* Arrived after roll call	

Meeting opened at 7:03pm by Warren
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call taken

Warren: We would like to get our departmental reports. May we hear from the illustrious Mr. Tom Haba.

Departmental Reports

Service-Haba: Haba: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to Tanya Joseph, our Clerk of Council and Eloise Hardin for helping out with the rain garden at the park a couple weeks ago. We had a member of our staff there along with representatives from the County. We have to do two of those events a year to get extra points, to be eligible for some grants. Ms. Matlock, we ended up picking up that trash on that lawn on Oak Hill. It was a new resident, I explained before the old resident put it out there. So, we had to pick it up early this week. **Matlock:** Thank you. **Haba:** Last note, we are still picking up leaves. We just got a call yesterday and we are still picking up leaves at least through this week. Probably through next week also. And that's all I have thank you. **Warren:** May we hear from Chief Garratt.

Police-Garratt: Garratt: Thank you Mr. President. Just wanted to thank Council, we have the shop with a Cop program this Saturday. Some of the Council people helped to get some names and kids for the year. It looks like about a dozen kids are going. Fortunately, a lot of the businesses donated a lot of money. We should be able to start at about 9:00a.m., get the shopping. They're going to come back, wrap presents at the training center, and go through the pizza party and everything. So that would be Saturday. If anybody wants to volunteer, help wrap presents. I know I don't do that very well. You can please contact my office and we'll get you in there, thank you. **Warren:** May we hear from Building Commissioner Dan Marinucci.

Building-Marinucci: Marinucci: Thank you Council President, I would like to wish Council a very, very happy Christmas and an enjoyable New Year. Things are running smoothly in the Building Department. I'm here

for any questions. **Hardin:** We would still like copies of the inspection reports. **Marinucci:** I'll get that up in the morning. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Warren:** I wanted to thank you and your staff for responding to the request that we made. When the contractor was leaving mud. Of course, it's muddy during this time, it's hard in construction. But they did clean up the streets where mud was brought on to Jean Drive and Tryon Rd. from those two new construction houses. So, the contractor cleaned it up. **Marinucci:** Just to note, we've been having trouble with the phone. We're trying to get that resolved. We're having trouble getting voicemail and we're having trouble on some of the phone calls. From a lot. Of them coming in one shot. **Warren:** May we hear from Assistant Chief Brian Dirocco.

Fire-Dirocco: Dirocco: Thank you, Mr. President, not too much to report from the Fire Department. Everything is going smoothly. I would like to remind Council and the residents that we still do offer free smoke alarms for the residents of Oakwood. As well as very discounted carbon monoxide detectors. If you're someone who's uncomfortable getting on the ladder or do not have the tools. I'm more than happy to come by and help install that for you. May we hear from our Law Director, Mr. Climer.

Law- Climer: Climer: Thank you, Mr. President, I have no report, but I'm happy to answer questions. **Warren:** May we hear from our Finance Director, Mr. Thompson.

Finance-Thompson: Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, just to recap, we did have our Finance Committee meeting today. Taking us through October 2023 financials. I reported to the body of Council and the committee that the Village was within its spinning thresholds as a whole, in its general fund. We had approximately \$421,000 beginning of the year and we ended through the end of October at \$767,000. So that would recap my reporting. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. **Williams:** I know we didn't have the financial municipal advisor present on the reserve budget today or the rainy-day fund. But based on your recommendation on where you see the finances. Do you feel like we're in a good position where we could begin a reserve fund? **Thompson:** I would like to just have that evaluated further with our financial advisor that assists me. I rather not report until I have all the variables in front of me. But we are showing that our funds are higher than where we ended last year. Once we gather all the policies and look at all the variables, then I can report back to you. **Williams:** Does the financial municipal advisor bring in additional consultants since he deals with bonds? **Thompson:** No, it'll just be him doing the evaluation and presentation. **Warren:** He'll be at our first meeting in January, correct? **Thompson:** Yes. **Williams:** If you can be present January 9th meeting. **Thompson:** I'll see if he's available. **Davis:** You have the credit card report in one of these packets that we got? **Thompson:** No, it's not in there, I'll provide you with that. **Matlock:** When are you going to provide us with the statements of leave for each employee? **Thompson:** I presented that about two months ago. **Matlock:** We need an updated one for all the leave. **Thompson:** Ok. **Williams:** Our redacted bank statement, showing where our funds actually sit. Are you still going to be able to provide that? **Thompson:** It's not a problem to get the information. **Warren:** May we hear from the Mayor?

Mayor-Gottschalk: Gottschalk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good evening, hope you had a blessed week. I first met with the new owners of Home Instead Senior Care, along with Visiting Angels. They are the two biggest caregivers in both Northeast and Northwest Ohio. They came here about 10 years ago from Solon. The Radcliffe's brought them over here. They're currently in a few suites no bigger than the size of this this room and one other room. And yet they have a payroll of seven and a half million. And the enticement to bring them here was to offer them 40% of what we receive in our payroll. The new owners are out of Denver, Co. This lease lasts until 2029, if they were to leave any time before then. They'd have to make up the entire amount that

has been given, in terms of them in the grant to begin with. Very nice arrangement, very pleased. So, this is a very nice asset. As is Home Instead Senior Care. Just a few suites away is Sophie. They were formerly called IBA molecule. And they manufactured and dispense PET scan imaging agents for Cancer and Alzheimer's patients. They have about 25% of the entire market in the United States. This is one of the three or four bases in the in the United States, in Oakwood Village. They just expanded by about \$3.5 to \$4 million internally. Including bringing in a \$1.5 million dollars Cyclotron, which helps make these imaging agents. Just a few steps away from them is Oakwood Laboratories, industry leader in sustained-release injectable pharmaceutical development for cancer patients. I'm pleased to announce that the first building owned by the King Group. Donald King has made the announcement. We have a company coming out of France. A worldwide performer in providing high technical services worldwide. They chose Oakwood Village to be their base in the United States. So that was quite pleasing. It's great with our incentive program the way it is. You attract these kind of companies. That has allowed us to have a property tax in Oakwood Village, which is 18% less than Glenwillow, 28% less than Bedford, or Bedford Heights, 40% lower than Warrensville Heights, 60% lower than Maple Hights, and 80% lower than Garfield Heights. Because of our incentive program, again, state Senator Jerry Sereno has said "we have more economic development going on in Oakwood Village in a per capita basis, than anywhere in the state of Ohio". I'd like to report that Starbucks will begin construction in front of the Hampton Inn on Broadway this coming Spring, for the coffee lovers. Lastly, we're familiar with Rudolph the red nosed reindeer and helping Santa bring his sleigh. There's a song called here comes Santa in a pickup truck. Oakwood had its own Santa in a fire truck and that was Sunday. We've been doing this many, many years now. In the past, normally I would see our 8- to 13-year-olds. We had more youngsters one-year old to seven-year-olds than I've ever seen. One house alone had nine kids, grandkids, etc., and it was quite exciting for the kids. But next year, rather than the fire truck, we're going to be back in the Community Center here. We're going to have a horse drawn carriage, taking the youngsters as well as their parents and grandparents along Broadway, down where McDonald's is. Then they'll go down in the shopping center around Levins and we'll have a Grinch come out and swoop the kids there and come back here. But when that next year we're doing a horse and carriage. I think that completes my report and again I wish all of you here an enriched Christmas with your loved ones.

Warren: Next we would like to invite Reverend Claudie Williams Jr. and First Lady Williams. We would like to present items of our appreciation to the Reverend Claudie Williams Jr. We have resolution 2023-52, which would be approved at this meeting today. Resolution 2023-52, introduced by Council members and the Mayor. A resolution recognizing Reverend Claudie Williams Jr.

Whereas, Reverend Claudie Williams Jr., and the First Lady, Sandra Williams, have been residents of Oakwood Village since May 12, 1980. Their separate journeys to the Village of Oakwood began years before it began in separate places.

Whereas, Sandra grew up in Manning, SC, the eleventh child of Henry and Martha Ridgill. Claudie grew up in Cleveland, OH, the first child of Claudie Sr. and Alma Williams. Sandra lived in small town where tobacco farming was the predominant industry. Claudie lived in a major city where steel and auto manufacturing were the predominant industries.

Whereas, both graduated from their respective high schools. Sandra matriculated from Buchtel High School in Akron, Ohio. Claudie matriculated from Glenville High School in Cleveland, Ohio. Although their starts were divergent, their paths began to converge.

Whereas, Sandra entered training to become a nurse at the Kate Bitting Reynolds School of Nursing in Winston-Salem, NC. While Claudie entered the US Navy and trained to become a corpsman, subsequently being stationed at Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

He served in the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman and was honorably discharged in 1970. Whereas after finishing their training, they both worked at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital System. While there, Claudie received an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Cuyahoga Community College in 1975. At the Cleveland Clinic, Claudie held a position in the Organ Preservation Laboratory involved in research and the Kidney Transplantation Program of Northeast Ohio and Sandra held a position as a Registered Nurse for 39 years before she retired. It was there, at the clinic, that they met for coffee and moved closer to being one.

Whereas, on September 9, 1977, Claudie and Sandra became united in holy matrimony at the home of Sandra's sister and brother-in-law, Mr., and Mrs. Leonard Mitchel in Warrensville Heights, OH. Whereas Reverend Claudie Williams Jr. became the Pastor of the Rome Missionary Baptist Church in the Village of Oakwood, Ohio in May of 1984. He retired as Pastor in May 2023 after 39 years of service. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Historical Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. C. T. Nelson.

Whereas, while an active member in various auxiliaries of the Beulah Baptist Church of Collinwood, he received his Call to the Ministry under the pastorate of the late Reverend Emery Woods 1982. He attended Moody Bible Inc. at Cleveland State University and was awarded a Master of Arts Degree in Theology from Ashland Theological Seminary in 1997. Whereas he is a part of several ministerial and community groups. He is not only an active member, but also a past president of The Baptist Minister's Conference of Cleveland & Vicinity. He presently holds the office of President of The Baptist Pastor's Council of Cleveland, Ohio (2023) and a Coordinator for the Foreign Missions Board in Cleveland, Ohio of the National Baptist Convention USA. He is a member of the United Pastor's in Missions of Greater Cleveland, a Life Member of The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Cleveland Chapter, a member of the NAACP, and a member of the Southeast Ministerial Prayer Group.

Whereas, together, Reverend Claudie Williams, Jr. and First Lady Sandra Williams raised three children, Christopher Chad, Claudette Nicole, and Charles Emery. Sadly, Christopher was called home to be with the Lord, December 17, 2004. From their children, they gained two daughters-in-law, Krystal, and Marilyn, and one son-in-law, Herbert (Jude) McDonald, and a host of grandchildren: Christian Jaquir Xavier, Raven Simone, Riane Mackenzie, Amari Shaheim, Ari Nycole, Charles (CJ) Emery, Jr., Carter Lee, and Madilynn (Madi) RoShall.

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

SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wishes Reverend Claudie Williams, Jr., and First Lady Sandra Williams the best and continued health and happiness for many years to come.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Warren: I want to add that I would like to especially thank Councilpersons Williams and Hardin. Who initiated this process with all of Council supporting. This is a community wide event in recognition and a community wide appreciation. Would you want to say anything? **Rev. Williams Jr.:** I want to thank Oakwood for being our place. It is a joyous place to raise a family. There's much safety here and there's more than enough promise. I said a long time ago that Oakwood itself in the Bedford community would be the center of Cuyahoga County and everyone must come. If not once, but come to Rome, because all roads lead to Rome. I want to thank you for giving us this recognition and this opportunity to say a word. Thank you for allowing us to have residency here, where this is the best community in Cuyahoga County. I thank each and every one, as you remain faithful to your positions. We pray safety on each and every one, from the youngest to the oldest, every residents, and visitors that come through and out of Oakwood Village, OH. **First Lady Williams:** God bless you; we love you all. This is such a surprise, thank you very much for everything. **Williams:** In commemoration of your 39 years of faithful leadership and service to the community of the Village of Oakwood. We bestow this honor to you on this 12th day of December 2023 and wish you a joyous, peaceful retirement. It says Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes". (presented them with a crystal book). **Hardin:** We have one more item. **Williams:** We know you may travel frequently... (presented them gold luggage tags). **Hardin:** From our hearts, this is not just a symbol, this is a heartfelt thank you. **Rev. Williams Jr.:** I like to recognize the new pastor. **Gottschalk:** Rome Baptist Missionary Church in Oakwood Village has been the site where the good Lord has heard the praise and worship of his many believers. Led by the inspired leadership of the very special anointed Reverend Claudie Williams, Jr., for the past 39 years, you have stood tall and confident. Through all of these years, while at the same time remaining dependent and prayerful before an almighty God. To get the truth of the gospel to as many people as possible, and the power of the Holy Spirit and the glory of God. Oakwood cannot do justice and honor to everything that you've done. This is a symbolic gesture on behalf our community for your service, pastor. Thank you for your service and God bless you and first lady Sandra Williams. Thank you, may you be used to the maximum of your potential, through the remaining years of your lives. (Presented them with a plaque). **Warren:** Before we start today's agenda, we'd like to invite you for refreshments. Can I get a motion to take a recess?

Motion to take a recess made by Davis seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

Recessed at 7:35p.m.

Warren: May I get a motion to resume today's meeting?

Motion to resume meeting made by Matlock seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

Returned from recess at 7:50p.m.

Warren: We'd like to invite Mr. Nagusky from Federal Metal. Could you come to the podium, along with your associates. Could you just give us a summary of your company and what you do. **Nagusky:** Let me first thank Councilwoman Williams for inviting me here to make a few comments. What a wonderful tribute to Reverend

Williams, that was really neat to be a part of and to see that. My name is Peter Nagusky, I'm the President and the CEO of the Federal Metal company. I'm here with a few of my colleagues. I'm here because we're considering making some improvements to our property. And we'd like to ask for the support of Council, Oakwood Village, and the Mayor. I'll try to keep my remarks brief and tell you a little bit about the company and our background that brought us here to Oakwood Village. I'm actually the 4th generation of my family to come into this business. Started by my great grandfather in 1913 in the city of Cleveland. He established the business as a way to make copper-based alloys. That get used by foundries to make parts of all different kinds. He established the business in 1913. His only son Mark joined him in the business in 1930. He was the one who moved the business from the City of Cleveland to Division Street in Oakwood Village, where we still operate today. So, we've been in Oakwood Village for nearly 65 years, operating as the Federal Metal company. We had originally bought 9 acres on the west side of Division Street. It was originally a new building of 67,000 square feet. We have four furnaces there today where we melt scrap metal. Mainly copper based alloys to manufacture specification ingots, that we sell to companies all over the world. I joined the company to be in the business with my father. He was the 3rd generation and started in 1973. I became president in 2010. We undertook over the four generations, a significant amount of growth that continues to this day. I think in just very basic terms we take scrap metal, and we do a lot of processing. In order to understand the chemical composition and how we might best use this material to make alloys that we can certify for our customers. Humans have been melting copper for thousands of years. We continue to refine that process to this day. But you can alloy copper with other elements, things like tin, nickel, zinc, and aluminum. We are a 100% recycling company. So, part of our role is to make sure that manufacturers do not have to use primary material that comes out of the Earth. One of the real benefits to nonferrous materials like copper and aluminum, is that they're infinitely recyclable. While still maintaining the properties that are necessary. So, we don't buy any material that is mined. We are involved in the recycling of metals in order to make our products. We've had a wonderful partnership and support from Oakwood Village over now 3 generations of my family. We really do appreciate that support. What began on 9 acres and 67,000 square feet has doubled to an entire campus on Division Street. There's several parcels of land and several buildings. It's really just on the west side that we melt material. But we now we own property also on the east side of Division St. So, in 2006, we leased and then ended up purchasing the building of 7255 Division St. directly across the street from our main headquarters and foundry at 7250 Division St. A year later we purchased another parcel at that time which was 7280 Wright Ave. We still operate in that building to this day. Oakwood Village shortly after we bought that building. Wanted to eliminate the industrial traffic on Wright Ave., because it was largely at that time, a residential street. So, in cooperation with the Village. We kind of transformed that property so that there was no more truck traffic on Wright Ave. The address changed to 7299 Division Street and to this day, that building is accessible from the cul-de-sac at the end of Division Street. More recently, in 2021, we bought five more acres directly across the street from 7250 Division Street that have addresses 7233 Division Street and 7246 Division Street. This growth was all part of additional acquisitions that we made in 2022. Just September of last year, we acquired a competitor in Eastern Pennsylvania, and we operate a melting facility there as well. Then in January of this year, we started the Greenfield projects in Central Arkansas. Where we operate a facility in Little Rock. In addition, the buildings here on the Division Street. We have operations in two other states, and we see significant growth opportunities for our company. We're trying to calculate whether we should be growing here in Oakwood Village or at one of the other facilities that we operate in. In terms of a little bit more detail about what we do and how we do it. We're happy to try to address any questions or comments that you have. After just a few brief remarks, I'll tell you we do not cut corners when it comes to environmental control and safety. I'll give you a few examples, we do have a full-time safety health and environmental manager at our facilities including here in Ohio. We also consult with leading experts and consultants to make sure we not only comply with the long list of regulations, but that we exceed

them. We have a terrific and stellar record, both with EPA and OSHA. I can't recall the last citation we've had. In fact, EPA was just at our facility doing a review with us within the last month. We made a significant investment just last year. A seven-figure investment in the new baghouse at the main facility where our foundry is, where our four furnaces are. That was nothing we were required to do, but we were in the process of renewing a ten-year permit to operate with the EPA. As part of that permit, which was granted in January. We have the ability to operate all four furnaces simultaneously. We have two state-of-the-art baghouses that we use to capture and collect the emissions that are generated from our production facility. We're very proud of that. We operate two furnaces, typically five days a week. So, we basically have twice the capacity of what the EPA requires that we have. We're operating two furnaces, and we actually have two baghouses to capture and control that emissions. We also are very careful when it comes to stormwater pollution, and we have a very detailed and regimented plan when it comes to preventing stormwater pollution. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District visits us regularly. They were with us in September of this year, testing and observing the industrial wastewater. And everything is in order there. So, I'm pleased to tell you that we're in compliance to our knowledge with all of the environmental and safety regulations. We've been recognized several years not only for being a fast-growing company, but for being a top workplace in Northeast Ohio. Which we think in part speaks to the culture that we've created at the company. There're 110 employees. here in Oakwood Village. I believe our payroll was somewhere around \$8 million. One of the things that we did four years ago in addition to the products we made called ingots. We put a new line in one of our buildings to recycle aluminum copper radiators that get used in air conditioning and heat exchange. This process is a way to liberate and separate the copper and aluminum used in those radiators. In order to provide it to manufacturers who are looking for more recycled aluminum and copper. As opposed to needing to buy primary aluminum, that's been another source of growth. I should just also say in the in the 90s. Under my father's leadership, we developed a group of patented alloys. That really helped us become more of a national and then international company. We also undertook a modernization in which we moved the production into more efficient and cleaner fuels. So, we use an oxygen rich burner that drastically reduces the emissions of the facility. We switched over and added furnaces that are powered by electricity as a cleaner source as well. So that's a little bit about us. All of the material, unlike some of the scrap dealers that maybe you've visited. The material we handle, we keep indoors and under the roof, we don't store material outside. When we acquired the parcels across the street from us on the east side of Division St, which borders Wright Ave. We did some soil testing on the new land before we acquired those properties. We've even tested the water since we've been there and everything's coming back clean. So, we feel very good about our environmental record and our safety record. As we look out in the market, we'd like to continue to grow, and we'd love to do it here in Oakwood Village. So, we're here to ask for your support and to make sure we listen to any of your comments and hopefully get an opportunity to answer any questions that you have.

Hardin: You said everything is stored under roof? **Nagusky:** Yes ma'am. **Hardin:** Once you acquired the new land, will you continue to keep things stored in the same manner? **Nagusky:** Yeah, we don't have any plans to store any materials outside. **Hardin:** The additional land is to do what? **Nagusky:** Well, so far what we did after we acquired the parcels across the street is. We actually regraded that land and put gravel on it. To redirect what previously existed as standing water. We wanted to move that water across the street, down into the rest of the stormwater. Which ends up, I guess, going west towards Tinker's Creek. So that's the first thing we did. We then did some renovations on the two modest buildings that are there. We relocated our maintenance shop from one side of the street into one of the buildings at 7247 Division Street. We relocated some of the accounting, HR, and finance people into the other building at 7233 Division Street. We actually put some money into an employee gym so that our folks could stay healthy and work out. There's no manufacturing happening in those most recent seven parcels of land. **Hardin:** What type of jobs do you have over there? Do you often hire? Do you advertise? **Nagusky:** Yes, we do, it's a manufacturing facility with a wide variety of different roles. A lot of

entry level positions are just semi-skilled general labor or machine operation positions. As people progress in the facility, they move into more advanced roles like operating furnaces or sorting metal. We also have specialized positions like on our maintenance team and engineering roles. We have metallurgists and we have a full metallurgical laboratory. **Davis:** You said you did soil testing. Was that on the new parcels you bought or you're talking about where the furnaces are running? **Nagusky:** In 2021, we bought some land across the street from our foundry. It's just associated with the diligence before we purchased it, we did some testing. **Davis:** When the EPA comes do they test the soil? Do they test water? I don't know what the EPA does when they come. **Nagusky:** I think it depends on the reason they're there. I don't think as a matter of course, they start out with testing. **Davis:** Do they come once a year? Is it a five-year thing? Do they let you know? **Nagusky:** Well, they were just there, many times they come without warning. **Wittenberg:** This this was unannounced. **Davis:** Ok, do they come yearly? **Nagusky:** Not necessarily, I should just say that when it comes to the EPA. There is regular reporting that we provide, and we're required to provide. So, there's a lot of information that we do share with the EPA and regular monitoring that we do. That we're required to submit report and so there is regular communication. **Williams:** So, we get residents and it's not just Federal Metal. It might be about any business in Oakwood, where they're asking about EPA reports and things of that nature. How does that process work in terms of you said there's some regular reporting. Do you post those reports? Do you get that information from the EPA? If we had a resident that wanted to know what your results were. How does that work? **Nagusky:** I mean, I believe a lot of this information is accessible online. I think you have every right to take a look at what our environmental record is by doing a search. But there isn't like a requirement to publicly post when it comes to the EPA. **Williams:** Ok, thank you. **Gottschalk:** Might I add on Mr. Nagusky, that in fact I do believe this coming Thursday. You aren't involved, but Oakwood is. Our Fire Department, along with an outside soil testing company and our Engineer are going to be meeting. With one of the Council people to arrange for some soil testing in the backyards of some of the people on Wright Ave. That might have some concerns about what's going on. So, we're looking forward to that and we should have the results by the end of the year. **Nagusky:** Ok. **Warren:** Or before, because I talked to them, and we were anticipating 7 to 10 days after the testing. right? **Matlock:** EPA reports and OSHA reports, do they have those available in your safety office? **Nagusky:** Yea, we maintain all the records for all our reports, environmental and safety related. **Matlock:** Ok. **Williams:** Who's the Council person involved in the soil testing and meeting with the engineer? **Warren:** I'm not meeting with the engineer; I don't know who is. But I just know that the engineer's coming on Thursday. I told the Mayor that we need him to get out there and do the soil testing right away. It's Erica I think. **Williams:** Oh, incoming Council, thank you. **Warren:** We'll proceed with today's agenda, but first, may I have a motion to approve the minutes of November 28th, 2023, Council meeting.

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

Warren: May I have a motion to approve the minutes of November 30th, 2023, regular Council budget meeting.

Motion to approve finance/budget minutes of Nov. 30th, 2023, made by Hardin seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Williams ABSTAIN: Davis
MOTION PASSED

Warren: I will open up the floor for public comments, this is a time and opportunity for residents if they have any questions, do come up to the podium.

Open Floor Comments:

Karen Howse, (unknown address), Howse: Few comments, I'm Karen Howse, I live in Oakwood. Do you guys know who Jerry Sereno is? **Williams:** He's a state senator, he was introduced the recent bill. SBA. **Howse:** So, I just encourage you to read a bill he put before for education. It's very controversial and I will be wondering your thoughts on this House bill that he has presented. I don't know if it's passed or failed, but I will encourage you guys to read that education bill. It's very interesting, it kind of suggests that Holocaust didn't exist. It also suggests that education unions might not be good thing. I'm just asking you to read that bill. It has. Been all over the news, in the newspaper, on television. His political affiliation, he's a Republican, in case you're looking for it. So, please read that information and then I'd like to come back and ask does it matter what Jerry Sereno thinks about Oakwood Village? Because I couldn't find anything as far as where he ranks us. **Hardin:** Well, let me respond to that. Must be pretty low because he's never. I speak for myself as a sitting politician. I've never heard him make any inroads to this community. **Warren:** Well, most state senators don't. **Williams:** That's not true. **Howse:** Like I said, they have their right, right. That's why they're here. But I'm just saying, read that and I'm just hoping, as Council people. That you are reading that and understanding what that looks like. What that's presenting to the state of Ohio. The other thing I would like to offer, and I will submit to everyone how effective tax rates are created and determined. I think that would be an important piece of how we're ranked and how effective tax rates are created and determined in the state of Ohio, particularly in Cuyahoga County. Brian when can I get the November statements? Because I asked you, I know you have to post certain things. When I had asked that public records request for the November statement of cash, you said you're going to e-mail it to me within three days or so. **Thompson:** I would say by Friday. **Howse:** Ok, thanks, that's all.

Erica Nikolic, 7230 Wright Ave, Nikolic: Good evening, Erica Nikolic, I too live in Oakwood. I just had a couple more follow up questions for Federal Metal. You mentioned that you do testing on your own outside of the EPA. **Nagusky:** I'm sorry, what type of testing? **Nikolic:** Am I correct in understanding you said you do testing outside of the EPA? On your own Federal Metal does its own testing? **Nagusky:** You're talking about environmental testing? **Nikolic:** Right. **Nagusky:** We did some testing before we acquired the parcels across the street, that's what I was talking about. **Nikolic:** So, you don't do any ongoing testing of your soil to be sure you're in compliance with regulatory. **Nagusky:** I don't think we're doing any regular soil testing if that's what you're asking. **Nikolic:** Ok, so the only testing that's done was done by the EPA and they've come how often? **Nagusky:** I don't know when they last did soil testing. **Nikolic:** You said it was recently though? **Nagusky:** No, what I was describing was that in 2021, we acquired some parcels of land. We didn't involve EPA, but on our own, we hired somebody to do some testing before we agreed to buy the property. **Nikolic:** Do you recall which firm you used for testing? **Nagusky:** I don't. **Nikolic:** Just to go to the manufacturing, I'm a little confused. So, it is just melting metals but you're taking recycled materials and you're creating metal. But it's manufacturing, so you have furnaces that are burning down what? **Nagusky:** So, we heat up scrap metal. We make blends of different types of scrap metal in order to arrive at a chemical composition that our customers need. After we get the material molten, we get it to the right outline, we pour it out, and the molten metal goes into molds. That makes like a bricks of metal that we call ingot. That ingot then gets sold to our customers for them to rebuilt and make castings. So, that's really our core business, it's taking the copper-based material, melting it in one of these four furnaces that we have, and producing ingots. Also, my remarks that I described. Kind of a growing business where we're processing these aluminum copper radiators and there's no melting

involved. What we do is use equipment to shred and granulate and kind of reduce the size of this type of material. In order to liberate and separate the aluminum and copper. Those are really the principal products there. You know the main product is copper based alloys in ingot form and the other products are high purity aluminum and copper... **Nikolic:** But you said you are regulated? you are highly regulated, and you're required to report? **Nagusky:** Yes. **Nikolic:** And that's through the EPA? **Nagusky:** EPA, OSHA, there's a number of provisions. **Nikolic:** In those reports, what are the main concerns from your business industry? When you're burning, are there emissions, what type of chemicals, what are the concerns of the EPA? **Nagusky:** I mean, fortunately we don't handle hazardous materials as raw material or as products. So, we don't have to really worry about or get involved in hazardous materials. I think the only thing on that report is typically hydraulic oil from equipment that's been dispensed, that we need to properly dispose of. But in terms of the raw material itself. I think the main concerns of the EPA have to do with the air and making sure we're capturing and controlling the emissions and in addition to the water. **Nikolic:** What exactly could be getting in the water? What is it that you're manufacturing that is a concern for the EPA that's getting in the water? **Nagusky:** Well, I think when they test the water and are monitoring all kinds of different levels and elements. We have responsibility to report to the EPA on an annual basis, what our inventory is. **Nikolic:** The report the EPA has on file would show exactly what they found or what they would be looking for? **Nagusky:** I believe, yeah. **Nikolic:** So, the burning right, when you're burning something, how is that? Because I know your company is in the backyard. So, often there's bonfires or something you're burning and stuff. So, sometimes it isn't contained. Sometimes it is outside. So, what is that that you're burning? **Wittenberg:** You're talking about Federal metal? I am not aware of any burning going on outside. **Nikolic:** Yeah, there is, in the summertime is often like, I don't know, something that you're burning. What could you be burning outside? **Nagusky:** We do not. **Nikolic:** So, someone's sneaking on your lot, and burning stuff while you're not there? **Nagusky:** We don't burn anything outside. **Nikolic:** Ok, well, I've seen with my own eyes' things being burned physically outside of the building. So, I don't know who's doing it, but I've seen it. So, I'm just curious what type of capacity someone might be burning something outside of the building. **Nagusky:** Let us know and we will track it down, because there's not to be any burning outside our property. **Nikolic:** Ok, and it's, the little fence right behind your building on Wright Ave. **Nagusky:** Which building? **Nikolic:** It's probably closest to the end. It's just that little fence, because further down there's no fence, It's totally open. Federal Metal on Wright Ave it's right behind my house. There's only one little fence behind there. **Nagusky:** Is that the wooden fence? **Nikolic:** Yeah. **Nagusky:** Ok, so there's burning over the wooden fence, is that where you've seen it? **Nikolic:** Yeah on the other side. **Nagusky:** That shouldn't happen, you need to let us know. That would be someone sneaking because we wouldn't be telling anyone to be burning things. We just don't do it, there's no reason to. That shouldn't be happening if it is. **Nikolic:** Ok, well, thank you for your time.

Tabitha Armstrong, BCSD Treasurer; Armstrong: Good evening, I just wanted to introduce myself. I am Tabitha Armstrong, Treasurer for the Bedford City School District. I stepped in the role in April. Previously I did serve as assistant treasurer under two prior treasurers. I came back in June of 2022 and stepped in again in April. So, I just wanted to introduce myself. I am also a resident of Bedford, not Oakwood, 14 years in Bedford. Also, we also have Marium Armstrong, no relation. Who is our Director of our services with the district. So, I just wanted to introduce myself. **Warren:** Ok, if there is no other public comment. I'll close the floor for public comments, and we will proceed with today's agenda.

Floor closed.

Climer: Proceeded to read...

Legislation:

2023-42
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THREE POLICE CARS, AND ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT, FOR USE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, STATE PURCHASING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Climmer: I should add that this is an amended Ordinance. I believe that the issues raised by Councilwoman Williams has been addressed in that amendment. And it was distorted in red line and Black line to everybody, that is on second reading.

2023-43
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st reading
2nd read 12-12-23

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO BENEFIT THOSE PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENT THEREON TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING THE PENSKE TRUCK LEASING CO. LP, MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2023-44
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DCOMM, INC FOR THE PROVISION OF A JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2023-45
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE PERIOD OF TAX EXEMPTION FOR AN IMPROVEMENT TO REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY CARDINAL REALTY, LLC., LOCATED IN OAKWOOD COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 1

2023-46
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO BENEFIT THOSE PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENT THEREON TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING CARDINAL REALTY LLC., MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR

DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2023-47
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO BENEFIT THOSE PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENT THEREON TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING FEDERAL METAL MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Warren: May I have a motion to remove from the table legislation 2023-47? **Williams:** Before I respond can you remind me why we tabled it? **Warren:** Because of the concern Erica brought up the issues of Federal Metals. We didn't have any idea what they did, that's why we invited them here. **Williams:** Thank you.

Motion to remove legislation 2023-47 off the table, made by Gaither seconded by Callender
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
MOTION PASSED

2023-48
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE PERIOD OF TAX EXEMPTION FOR AN IMPROVEMENT TO REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY FEDERAL METAL CO., LOCATED IN OAKWOOD COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 1

Warren: May I have a motion to remove from the table legislation 2023-48.

Motion to remove legislation 2023-48 off the table, made by Hardin seconded by Davis
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
MOTION PASSED

Williams: However, I would like to return not right now, but Law Director. I would like to return to conversation about the CRA's. I didn't find that 49% within the state guidance. **Climer:** Correct, I sent you an e-mail on that issue. **Williams:** Are we exempted from that? **Climer:** No, the statute does not explicitly state that a written application is required. Applications can be made in any number of forms. I sent you an e-mail on that. I'll be happy to resend it. **Williams:** I read it, I'm just saying, did you see the states guidance because it conflicts? **Climer:** Right, that is a guidance that's published by the department. I'm referring to the state statute, there are two different things. **Williams:** Ok, the revised code, correct? **Climer:** Correct. **Williams:** The revised code, is the state department not using the revised code to create their guidance? **Climer:** Departments interpret the code, yes. **Williams:** So, they're conflicting with the code? **Climer:** To a degree, yes. **Williams:** I would still like to revisit. **Climer:** I'm happy to discuss that with you if you want to give me a call. **Williams:** Ok.

2023-49
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FEDERAL METAL CO., FOR THE PROVISION OF A JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Warren: May I have a motion to remove legislation 2023-49 from the table?

Motion to remove legislation 2023-49 off the table, made by Hardin seconded by Gaither

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

MOTION PASSED

2023-50
Introduced 12-12-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read 12-12-23

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO BENEFIT THOSE PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF IMPROVEMENTS THEREON TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING THE EMEK 2 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2023-51
Introduced 12-12-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read 12-12-23

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF OAKWOOD PARKWAY AND MT. ZION CIRCLE TO BROAD OAK BOULEVARD TO DR. LARRY L. MACON DRIVE UPON PETITION OF AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS

Warren: May I get a motion to suspend. **Williams:** It's not correct. **Davis:** We have affected property owners have been notified. I mean, do we have their approval? **Climer:** The statute permits people who adjoin the affected road to petition for the name change. It doesn't have to be all of them or a majority. It can be anybody who adjoins the road. In this case, I think it's really just the Village, Mt. Zion, and one other person.

Gottschalk: The name change is only for Oakwood Parkway not to Mt. Zion Circle. **Williams:** That's what I just said, the legislation does not read correctly. **Climer:** That's correct, there's been a change as of today, as I understand it. I would request that this just be read, that we withhold it and I'll amend it. **Warren:** Ok, so first reading.

2023-52

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING REVEREND CLAUDIE WILLIAMS, JR.

Introduced 12-12-23

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1st read

Motion to suspend legislation 2023-52, made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-51, made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

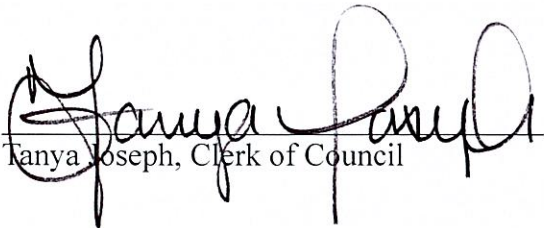
Warren: Can I get a motion to adjourn?

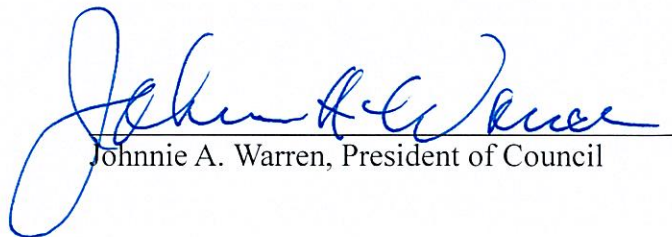
Motion to adjourn made by Davis seconded by Gaither

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

Adjourned at 8:39p.m.

Approved 12.22.2023


Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council


Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council