

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2023-12-22**

ATTENDANCE

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

Brian L. Thompson, Finance Director
Dave Tapp, Fire Department

ABSENT

Ed Hren, Village Engineer
Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor
Tom Haba, Service Director
Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
** Arrived after roll call*

Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
James Climer, Law Director
Mark Garratt, Police Department
Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official

Meeting opened at 7:02pm by Warren
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call taken

Warren: May I have a motion to approve the minutes of Dec. 12th, 2023, finance meeting.

Motion to approve finance meeting minutes of Dec. 12th, 2023, made by Hardin seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Williams, Davis, Matlock, Hardin
MOTION PASSED

Warren: May I have a motion to approve the minutes of Dec. 12th, 2023, regular Council meeting.

Motion to approve regular minutes of Dec. 12th, 2023, made by Hardin seconded by Gaither
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Williams, Davis, Matlock, Hardin
MOTION PASSED

Warren: Any correspondence? Joseph: No. **Warren:** Then would like to get our departmental reports. May we hear from our Fire Chief.

Departmental Reports

Fire-Tapp: Tapp: Thank you, Council President. Nothing really new to report since last meeting. We had a fire in Bedford Heights yesterday. No injuries, it was the electrical outlets plugged in because of Christmas lights. So, make sure people are careful of what they plugging in. I wish everybody a happy holiday. **Warren:** May we hear from our Finance Director.

Finance-Thompson: Thompson: Thank you, Mr. President, nothing additional to report. And I also want to say happy holidays to everybody. **Williams:** Liberty News does that attribute solely to summer camp? Do we make any other payments. **Thompson:** Liberty News, the summer camp, and I think he maybe bills us for that picture y'all took with Council that he does every year. **Williams:** I saw where you had Hubb's Groove, Raymon Phillips, and Gregory Williams. I see that there's different payment amounts and then there's a reclass expense. Can you share more information? **Thompson:** Yeah, I had that initially in recreation. But it was more appropriate to put it under Council special events. So, we had to move it. **Williams:** For Raymon Phillips it was \$1800 and then you did it the second time, that was \$1250. **Thompson:** Yeah, apparently I think it was raining. Some facilities on the stage he didn't need, so it came in lower. **Williams:** We didn't make that \$1800 payment? **Thompson:** It could have been encumbered. He sent us the original invoice for covering the event, I think it's going to be external. But it ended up being internal if I am not mistaken. So, we didn't use the whole encumbrance, we only paid what the new bill was. **Williams:** Ok, you gave us Exhibit A the final appropriations transfer budget, right? **Thompson:** That would be legislation 2023-54. **Williams:** I just want to make sure of that. This is not actually final because you have to close out the year, this is like the projected amount? **Thompson:** Yeah, this would be my projected year end appropriation. **Williams:** Ok, because you have final appropriations. **Thompson:** It would be final for the year it's projecting my year end. **Williams:** You understand why I'm confused because you have final appropriations. But you can't close out to until December 31st, 2023, right? **Thompson:** This is my projection; it runs into the new year. But when I close all my financials and I present it to the state auditor, it's going to be my final. Then I'll have the approval from Council. **Williams:** It will be with their actual numbers not projections, right? **Thompson:** The year-to-date will. **Williams:** So, will this document change? **Thompson:** No, it wouldn't change. **Warren:** But either way, you're going to reflect exactly what you did. **Thompson:** Yes, I will. **Hardin:** Did you want the word change? Is that what you're trying to say? **Williams:** Do you still have other things to add to this between now and December 31st, 2023? **Thompson:** That's what I projected out. So, this could be final, and these appropriations are going to cover me on every department. **Williams:** But your projections are like an estimate. So, you could do something different, and then this would change? You would have to amend this? **Thompson:** You would have to if there's additional moving parts by the time I post December. This is my iron client projection here for the end of the year. I really looked at it closely. **Williams:** Ok. **Matlock:** Next year, just make sure you put projected instead of just putting final. Then we will all know that's your projected final. **Thompson:** No problem. **Warren:** It will be different than you projected because nobody could project any cost or expense exactly. **Thompson:** My goal was to not have those departments have a negative appropriation. **Davis:** On the pay line report. All the things that we spend for Thanksgiving when we buy those cookies, lunch meat, pies, etc. What department budget does those go under? **Thompson:** Pretty sure because it was opened to the whole Village, it would be the Mayor's. Actually, a lot of those turkeys and stuff we get, we don't pay for. We have a vendor that makes donations for gift cards to giant Eagle, for those turkeys. **Williams:** That, you know, do we have any policies around gift cards? **Thompson:** I don't really have any gift cards other than this organization making a donation for the cards. You can't keep those gift cards for yourself. You have to get it into the community. We do have a credit card policy. We do have a legislative credit card policy. **Davis:** We have so many Walmart transactions, they're all the same day. Thanksgiving turkeys, Thanksgiving pies, Thanksgiving supplies, I mean it lists of turkeys. **Matlock:** I can answer that because I was there that morning, Candace was there also. They were running back out because they were short. They went out the next day too. They didn't have the right amount. **Thompson:** We could get only so many with the gift cards. **Davis:** I thought we had that tallied originally, I don't understand. **Matlock:** It should have been tightened up a little bit, as far as what they actually had purchased. It was confusing one because they didn't get the letter out until the last minute. Then

people bombarded them at one time once they got that letter. They were trying to satisfy all the people in the community who called for that. **Williams:** In regard to the CRA's and the TIF's. We had asked for the Mayor to provide some type of information. About how he came to the percentages, the number of people that we're going to be working, amount of the investment they were doing to add on to their businesses. Did he give you that document? **Thompson:** No, I'll mention it to him. **Hardin:** Mr. President, I think that was pretty significant request and to not have that. Were you Privy to those numbers and how he arrived at these numbers?

Thompson: I mean certain things I work within closely on. Look at a lot of the history on the taxes, I give him the community rates, which are issued from the County. So, he kind of always looks at the residential and commercial. But he gets more intricate details, so he would definitely have to bring it in for you. **Hardin:** I think we're at a point where, what we used to do. We're not going to keep doing the same things we've always done. I would have liked to have seen them all. So, traditionally, we're just taking those figures and understood that it's use as an incentive to keep the businesses here. As a part of the process and as a courtesy. You have people that are intelligent enough to understand the process. I'll say I feel my back is against the wall tonight on this third reading. We're going to have other companies and other situations. The Mayor's not here. So as his representative, you can take this back. Until and unless we get that type of input when we're asked to make these kind of decisions. Even though we don't have a community development committee that works as closely with the Mayor. As he does with the person requesting it. Going forward without it, I won't vote for it.

Thompson: I reckon I'll convey it to him. **Williams:** I don't just ask for things just because I want more information just to have it and sit. It's necessary to understand what we're passing for the people we represent. So, that I can then explain if someone asks, because people do ask. Some people do understand what we're doing here. So, the CRA that we got for the Federal Metal Company. If you look at E, it says seven million. But if you look at five, it says eight million. And if you look at what the CRA is supposed to do. It's supposed to be based off of the new investment and the new employees. The new employees is blank. We don't even know the number of new employees. So, to not have sufficient information and to be on 3rd reading and you want me to pass it. I don't have the information I need to pass it. So, I just want to be clear about that. **Davis:** Starbucks. Why are we giving them thirty years? It's such a small, I mean it's not a large corporation. **Thompson:** I'll have to defer and reconvene with the Mayor. **Warren:** I could give you a speculation that their revenues and things like that. The food service industry is struggling. Starbucks, we don't know what kind of revenue. But the thing is that we're getting them into the community. It's something that all of us have enjoyed to get in the community. And to give them an incentive to come into our community and stay in our community. For the service and the comfort of our people I don't have a problem with it. I mean everything that we do isn't always income incentive. Some can't give us, look at the Dunkin Donut. That's what I do every day. Look at the traffic they have, it's very minimal. So, to give the restaurant, to come into our Village. An incentive that's not coming out of our pockets at all. That's providing some service to the residents and to the workers that employed in our community. **Hardin:** Mr. President, those are the basis on which I have sat here for many years and passed. But I think as we go forward, we need to understand that this Council. Needs to have as much knowledge as available to them. Because believe it or not, we have constituents that are asking us questions. So, I agree, if I had, I wouldn't have passed over the years. I'm sure that's a part of the Mayor's negotiation strategy and rightfully so. But again, as a Councilperson, those are the kind of things I think we need to have. Just as a courtesy, lets put it that way. It's good to know the numbers, especially since the numbers are handed to you. And if they're different, why are they different? **Warren:** The only thing I'm speaking specifically of is Starbucks. Because that's what we were talking about at the time that I interjected. When the question became why we giving them thirty years. That's why I was talking about the other things. You're absolutely right, we need to get more information. The thing is that we know that 68% of our revenue comes from the businesses that we get. So again, like I said, we do, and the Mayor owes us more specific information. Especially when it's

requested. But I only, for the record, was speaking about my position personally and not everybody else. Starbucks coming in and getting thirty years, I could see the dynamic of that type of business. Versus some other one that's huge. Sometimes they look like ghost towns, so the restaurant business isn't that lucrative. Especially post COVID that's all I am saying. **Hardin:** For the record, I wasn't feeling the best the night that Federal Metals came. And I'd like to say thank you to them for coming. We requested information and they responded. Which is what they should do. But it was quite thorough, and I was satisfied with their response. But I would like to thank them for coming before the Council officially. **Williams:** to ask whether it's 30 years or 15 years. It's not to say whether you agree or don't agree, or for or against. It's just to say, we'd like to have the information to understand how we arrived at this decision. **Warren:** No problem again. I will now open up the floor for public comment. This is the opportunity for residents who has questions that they can pose them to the chair and Council.

Open Floor Comments:

Karen Howse, (unknown address), Howse: I do have some TIF questions. I think there's been a lot of good things that the Mayor has done in regard to attracting businesses. And offering them incentives to come here and let alone stay. But I don't think the ask is difficult. If you're presented with, hey, we want to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Oakwood. By having various food chains here and different companies and it's very eclectic. That question is not complicated. I don't know why when you're asking a question why that information isn't provided. I don't know, I've come here randomly. But I just don't know how you guys make decisions without the information. And when you ask, it's legitimate questions. I think it gets to the point where out of habit. Because your hand is almost force, at the 9th hour and it's like ok, this time. I've heard so many times, this is the last time. It's just asking for information and it's like I don't know how council vote on legislation without having the information. **Warren:** For business retention, just to let you know. Sometimes we get speculation, sometimes we get projections. And if we want it more specifics, he has to deliver them to us, and we expect him to. But no Council, not even Warrensville will approve legislation I would assume. To retain the business if the business is here and it is a good portion of our revenue. I mean Warrensville and everybody else could do however they want to do. But Council is confident, at least I am. In voting for anything that we do to help business retention, especially when it's not coming out of our pocket. **Howse:** Let me just say where I work has nothing to do with where I live. When I ask the question, it's not contingent on anything about where I work. **Warren:** But it's about the things that we've determined. **Howse:** Since you brought that up, I will say the information is provided before Council makes decision. It's a courtesy and they're not expected to make a decision without that information. **Warren:** Ok. **Howse:** Explain to us the certificate of estimated resources, what does that mean? **Thompson:** Means once you get your ending number, you have to certify it to the County. And make sure that your resources are enough to cover expenses. **Howse:** If this is your final budget. Then your budget is over your estimated revenue. **Thompson:** Well, the revenues get realigned as well, I mean, I got my projections there. **Howse:** I know because you said this was your final appropriations right. **Thompson:** Yeah, final projection. **Howse:** Ok if it's final, it's final, a budget is projected. It is an estimate, a source of saying this is what we're anticipating we're going to spend. Go to the 201 fund you budgeted for SCMR. You budgeted as your final \$1,241,800. **Thompson:** Yes. **Howse:** You're going to have enough revenue in the month of December to cover that budget? **Thompson:** Yeah. **Howse:** Ok, and then for your 301 fund you budgeted \$3.7 million. **Thompson:** Yes. **Howse:** So, in the 301 fund you have \$1.8 million, an estimated revenue. **Thompson:** Yes. **Howse:** Where's the money coming from. **Thompson:** We got our funds that come from the County. They go into capital, bond retirement, general fund, and certain funds. It will all line up with the revenue. **Howse:** So, you're saying in the month of December. You're going to have two point something million dollars posted to your bond? **Thompson:** Yeah, the funds come in and out. **Howse:** Ok, and then your

ambulance billing, fund 217. You have \$364,542 for your budget. I Anticipate you got that for December, so that will change. If all of these funds are over, and we're at the end of December. Council should know that. I mean, because if you're saying you're projecting for the appropriations. Where's your projections for November to say all of these are going to be covered? **Thompson:** You have to look at them holistically. Especially on the general fund and you have the revenues projected. Then on the special revenue between the transfers and the dollars posted. We will have enough revenue to cover it. **Howse:** Honestly when I asked for the November statement you said. Or back a couple of months or so ago, you were cheering. I don't even think it was you cheering. I think it was like I wasn't allowed to ask any questions at the finance meeting. Because they said, oh, we got over \$500,000 in our general fund and this is the first time it's the highest it's ever been. But if you look at where we're at, right now. You just said that in the month of December, you're projecting unexpended or unencumbered that it's going to be three or four hundred thousand dollars. **Thompson:** Unexpended after all transfers are done. **Howse:** Ok, because you've been sitting at \$242,000. The last month you gave, it was at about two hundred and something thousand dollars. **Thompson:** Around September I think we paid some notes and things came down. But, I'm sound for my ending to be in that range. Which is only about thirty to forty thousand dollars from where it's at now. **Howse:** Do you give Council the certificate of estimated resource of what you give them? So, they know that they can compare like this is your budget and then say this is what I'm estimating revenue. **Thompson:** I have to look back in the past and I'm not sure. You know it's certified to the County. **Howse:** I think it kind of gets frustrating for you when I ask some questions. **Thompson:** It's not frustrating, I know you have an in-depth knowledge of things. **Howse:** It's just honestly, it's just the area comfortable with. I've asked questions and it's just the transparency line, that's it. And I know you're trying to bring it up. I know you had short staff and everything like that. But I think some of the issues will go away. If you provide the information they can compare. And if the Mayor gives Council information in a timely manner. Like I said, and I'll say it loudly again. I just don't understand how things get passed. It's always well this time in the past. And I'm not just saying you, Brian. It's always this time and every step of the way. I've seen Council passed legislation and then you get the information after the fact. Then people are asking questions from something that's already passed, it's too late. **Thompson:** I don't think that's the case. You know, tonight in legislation they got the exhibits. We provided them in depth information they could see all the way down to check what was cut. I think we've done a tremendous job. Even with the tragedy and loss we had with the company in the Village. So, I'm optimistic about that. It's just that as a resident, I'd like to see it too. **Thompson:** No problem. **Warren:** Any other comments? **Hardin:** Karen, are you saying there's some things that we have that you don't have in your possession? **Howse:** You said you had some management report. You were talking to them about it, I just have the cash report. **Thompson:** I provide them every month, it's the same thing that's in the book. But you can have one if you'd like. **Howse:** So, I mean I couldn't read it when you were saying it, I didn't have it. **Thompson:** The management report is only a summary report of what they have in so much detail. **Howse:** If I had that report while I was sitting here. I would have come up and asked a question. **Thompson:** No problem and you can ask as many questions as you like. **Warren:** Ok, just make sure she gets the report.

Sharyn Macklin, 7473 Oak Hill Rd., Macklin: I'm with the Bedford Board of Education. I personally wanted to come and thank every Council person that stuck with us on the bond issue. We really appreciate it. We realize that our children do need new schools. Now they're finally going to do it and it's going to be great. I just came here to thank everybody. It was a long road and who thought it would pass on its first time. But we did it, so for all of you that's willing and was able to come out and help us. Thank you, and for all that didn't we won.

Warren: Any other questions or comments? We will close the floor for public comment.

Floor closed.

Warren: Reads legislation:

2023-42 **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.**
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23
3rd read 12-22-23

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-42

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis ABSTAIN: Williams
MOTION PASSED

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

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-43

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Matlock, Davis ABSTAIN: Williams, Hardin
MOTION PASSED

2023-44 **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**
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23
3rd read 12-22-23

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-44

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Matlock, Davis ABSTAIN: Williams, Hardin
MOTION PASSED

2023-45 **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**
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23
3rd read 12-22-23

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-45

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Matlock, Davis ABSTAIN: Williams, Hardin
MOTION PASSED

2023-46 **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**
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23
3rd read 12-22-23

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-46

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Matlock, Davis ABSTAIN: Williams, Hardin
MOTION PASSED

2023-47 **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**
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23
3rd read 12-22-23

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-47

YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis ABSTAIN: Williams
MOTION PASSED

2023-48 **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**
Introduced 11-28-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read
2nd read 12-12-23
3rd read 12.22.23

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-48

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

MOTION PASSED

2023-49

Introduced 11-28-23

By Mayor and
Council as a whole

1st read

2nd read 12-12-23

3rd read 12-22-23

**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**

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-49

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

MOTION PASSED

2023-50

Introduced 12-12-23

By Mayor and
Council as a whole

1st read 12-12-23

2nd read 12-22-23

**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**

Motion to suspend legislation 2023-50, made by Gaither seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-50, made by Gaither seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

2023-51(Amended)

Introduced 12-12-23

By Mayor and
Council as a whole

1st read 12-12-23

2nd read 12-22-23

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF OAKWOOD PARKWAY
TO DR. LARRY L. MACON DRIVE UPON PETITION OF AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS**

Motion to suspend legislation 2023-51, made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

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

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

MOTION PASSED

2023-53 **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE
OF OAKWOOD, OHIO FOR THE YEAR 2023**
Introduced 12-22-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read

Motion to suspend legislation 2023-53, made by Hardin seconded by Callender
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-53, made by Gaither seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis ABSTAIN: Williams
MOTION PASSED

2023-54 **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-08, AS AMENDED,
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF
OF OAKWOOD DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2023, AND
MAKING NECESSARY TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**
Introduced 12-22-23
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read

Motion to suspend legislation 2023-54, made by Gaither seconded by Callender
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2023-54, made by Hardin seconded by Gaither
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis ABSTAIN: Williams
MOTION PASSED

Warren: I would like to pull Council to retire into an executive session. Upon our return there will be no further business conducted. **Callender:** May I make a comment. **Warren:** Yes, sir. **Callender:** First of all happy holidays. I want to thank Council for the support that you've given me through my time here on City Council. I've enjoyed getting to know everyone and, it's been a wonderful experience. An opportunity was presented to me. So, I decided to step up and do that. I will be running for state Senate District 18 for the 2024 election. I got over 120 signatures on my petition that I had to file in Lake County. A lot of people don't know about this, so this is kind of the first time it's coming out. I have endorsements from and my campaign managers are Simon Dallas, executive director of Senate Democrats. Tom Jackson from Ohio State Board of Education, District 10 and Senate Minority Leader Nicki Antonio. So those are the ones that are going to be running my campaign. Hopefully you guys will support me in those endeavors. I'll be running against Jerry Serano. **Gaither:** This is my last official meeting with this Council. I've enjoyed working with all of you. Appreciate the support that you've given me through the years, this ends 16 years of service. In the Village that I have come to really love and appreciate. And welcome Tanya, glad to have you on board, happy holidays, everybody.

Entered executive session at 7:55p.m.

Warren: Can I get a motion to retire from executive session?

Motion to adjourn executive session made by Davis seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
Adjourned executive session at 8:22p.m.

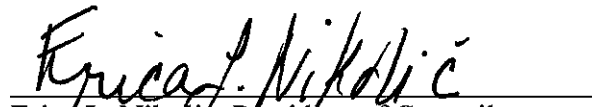
Warren: Can I get a motion to adjourn regular Council meeting?

Motion to adjourn made by Davis seconded by Gaither
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
Adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Approved January 9th, 2024



Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council



Erica L. Nikolic, President of Council