

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2024-10-8**

ATTENDANCE

Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem	Tom Haba, Service Director
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	Mark Garratt, Police Department
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Dave Tapp, Fire Department
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Sam O'Leary, Assistant Law Director
Mary Davis, Ward 4	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
Candace Williams, Ward 5	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
	Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor

ABSENT

Matt Jones, Village Engineer	Erica Nikolic, President
James Climer, Law Director	
Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor	
<i>* Arrived after roll call</i>	

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

Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of March 26th, 2024, made by Davis seconded by Scruggs

YES VOTE: Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

MOTION PASSED

Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of September 28th, 2024, made by Scruggs seconded by Hardin

YES VOTE: Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

MOTION PASSED

Warren: Any correspondence at this time? **Joseph:** Nothing at the time. **Warren:** Well, we'll get our departmental reports then. May we hear from our illustrious Fire Chief?

Department Report

Fire Chief, Tapp| Taatpp: Thank you, I have a meeting this Friday with Mayor Kolograf at Walton Hill and the head of UH hospital. They're going to be offering some incentives and some programs that they're offering to Walton Hills. So, after that meeting I'm hoping by next meeting here. I can bring some of those ideas and stuff that they are going to be doing to operate the Village after that. So by next meeting, I should have some information for you. Other than that, I'm here for questions. **Hardin:** I'm sorry, sir who's your meeting with? **Tapp:** Mayor Kolograf

and Head of UH hospital. So, they're going to be offering some UH programs to Walton Hills. And will be offering Oakwood after this meeting. So, I'll offer some ideas of what they are after that. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Davis:** I wanted to ask, do UH and Cleveland Clinic Group offer the same today that... We used to reimburse you for your supplies and things. Like if you used them that day. Are they both conducive to... **Tapp:** Yeah, it's a one for one with our supply (inaudible) per hospital. **Davis:** Okay they do that, thank you. **Matlock:** I had a couple of calls from constituents asking about assistance with replacing batteries inside of their smoke detectors. **Tapp:** All they have to do is just call. **Matlock:** That's what I told them. Just call you, but okay thank you. **Tapp:** Absolutely. **Warren:** Okay, may we hear from our Building Inspector, Mr. Marinucci.

Building Chief, Marinucci | **Marinucci:** Thank you Councilman Warren. A couple of weeks ago, you asked about moneys for tearing down residential homes. Well there is no money available in the County because of confirmation emails. Lillie has been on top of it for a while, but there's no money associated with that. Grey Brothers is set for trial in a couple of months. Any questions goes over to the legal department. DCOMM, I met with legal, any any citations is going to be run through the legal department. Ross can talk to you about the issues regarding that. And that's it, I am here for questions. **Davis:** You said last meeting, two weeks ago that you were going to have Aaron give us reports. **Marinucci:** I'll send that out, but I can tell you right now. We're not able to do a lot of the inspections like you're going to want them done. It's understaffed and it's a revolving door. And it's crazy right now. But I asked them more than once to get out. And I could tell you Friday was a (inaudible) and today was crazy inside the department when I was there. So we're understaffed and we're going to have hiccups along the way. And there's the loss of Debbie is instrumental. We have to set up and Ania's learning. So, we'll have a lot more demands to try to fulfill parts. And like the loss of Debbie, they're going to see this in planning. All this planning stuff that Debbie took care of. Now they are at a total loss. So that's where the Building Department is right now. We're understaffed and you're going to have hiccups no matter how you want to do it. But I'll have him send that out first thing in the morning. But I asked them to do it last week and he didn't do it, but I'll make sure. **Warren:** She's asking you for stuff before Debbie left, way before Debbie left. And it's a constant snowball out of not getting the stuff. **Marinucci:** (inaudible) that will be out in the morning when I get there. **Warren:** And the other thing is, what is he doing in Debbie's stead? **Marinucci:** There's a lot of phone calls about the processing of the permits. Ania doesn't understand the software. He's teaching Ania the software, processing permits, getting calls, everything that goes in the Building Department administration; he's doing a lot of it. **Warren:** Well, let me ask you this. There's not a lot of construction, to my knowledge, going on. Where they are coming in and getting building permits. Once you get a building permit, you start building and that's it. **Marinucci:** No, not even close... you're right. We're getting garages, there were three garages that came in recently. The decks, you have those kind of things. A couple decks came in the other day. I approved, I don't know, 4 or 5 things the last couple of days that I was here. Generac... **Warren:** So, what does he do? You're telling me what you. **Marinucci:** He's processing the paperwork to get it going. The licensing deals, the contractors that come in, they have to be licensed. So I know we've licensed one today. That's the stuff they're doing. **Warren:** So, licensing one contractor in an eight hour day? **Marinucci:** Yeah, whatever, whatever you want to do with that. That's what's going on there. **Warren:** I just wanted to see what the reality was. **Marinucci:** The reality (inaudible) I'll tell you what's going on. The phone calls goes into the role over situation. And a

lot of my time is taken because they can't answer the phone, neither can't. And I spending a lot of time answering the phone calls and what I'm doing there every day. So, everybody's working as a team. The Board of Building Standards have made changes in their policies. That has really absolutely overwhelmed and I've been in touch with the Board of Building Standards today asking for more time. They granted us what we have to get them used to be yearly accounting, now it's a monthly accounting. The software is not giving us what we need at a timely basis. We're swamped and you know what, Council. If you think the Building Department is not working, you're clueless as to what's going on. That's my position and I don't understand it. Because you throw me under the bus every single meeting. You can throw me under the bus again. But that's what's going on in the Building Department. I got three meetings with somebody that was coming in to (inaudible). I met with the owner three times, I met with the leaseholder one time. We had multiple discussions with the Mayor because anything on Broadway gets his blessing. So, we're doing all of that as well. **Warren:** I understand all of the stuff that you're saying. And 84% of it is the stuff that you're saying is I. **Marinucci:** (inaudible) **Warren:** Okay, well, that's fine, anybody else have any questions? **Matlock:** Right now, since your department is understaffed, or you stated you're understaffed. You're the director, correct? Are you three days a week? **Marinucci:** Yes. **Matlock:** Okay, how come you won't push up to five days? **Marinucci:** No, if you want to pay me more money; then I will. **Matlock:** Okay, but really, with you being a director. You should be on five days anyway. **Marinucci:** Well, we can talk money. Because I'll tell you, I know what's going on. **Matlock:** No, no, no, no, no. What I'm just saying is. Normally as a director, that's your department? **Marinucci:** Yes. **Matlock:** And what I'm basically saying is this. A director will step up to the plate. You have three individuals in there, okay. You have Aaron, you have Ms. Hicks, and you also have the young lady, correct? **Marinucci:** Correct. **Matlock:** And right now you're saying they're overwhelmed? **Marinucci:** Yes. Okay. **Matlock:** You're the director, so if you're the director. You're going to take the full hit. So that means that... hold on, wait, wait, hold on for a second. With you being the director, then you should step in right now. Five days a week is what you should do. And if that is the case, really for a director, a director position should be five days anyway. They should be there every single day in order to oversee the whole operation of that Building Department. If you make it full time, we'll talk money and I'll do it. But you're not going to do that. **Matlock:** You're saying we won't do it? You're saying that we're not going to do it? **Marinucci:** You have no idea... **Matlock:** No, I'm just saying...all I'm asking you is just one question. **Marinucci:** I will do it if we talk money. **Matlock:** I'm just saying that would kind of help out your team. You guys are working as a team. That would help out your team is all I am saying. **Warren:** Okay, he said that if we would talk money. That he would consider five. **Marinucci:** I know what's going on. I'll tell you, you know, you're at the point where (inaudible) was. That's where you guys are at. **Matlock:** And then I want to ask this, too. I hear you say there's software. Is there a class that they can go to or is there like a training class for two days for that something? **Marinucci:** There's no training class on that with this particular software is itself proprietary. So, the issues that associated with that, there's no classes. **Matlock:** Okay, because I know I was talking to Ms. Hicks. And she stated something about, she put something into the system. That she can't really delete it if there's a mistake. **Marinucci:** Yes, correct. **Matlock:** So, if that is the case, there should be something like an administrator. **Marinucci:** I have no idea but, we can't do it, all right. So, what happens is you have to get into the the people running the software City Force. So, then you get an email out to them on your waiting. Because a lot of times we get Tom in to get it resolved and they get it resolved. But you're correct, if you have to put \$110.50 and that's

inputted really fast. And instead you put .05 cents instead of .50 cents. You can't balance it; you can't change it. It's a tough situation that we have with that. That's only one example, but yes.

Matlock: So, there's no administrator portion to that software? No one in the you have like an administrator access? **Marinucci:** Tom has it, we can get in, but we can't make changes. It's proprietary, they won't allow any one of us to make the changes. **Matlock:** But they will allow Tom to make changes? **Marinucci:** Tom is always in conjunction with them. And I think together they make the changes, is what I believe. But I know Tom can't do the changes on his own. Yeah, but that's part of the minor issue. But then that happens to us, Brian can tell you this. A lot of times you know the receipts that are all categorized? (inaudible). I'm just wondering right now, we got to get that 3% and 1%, because that's what we pay them on a monthly bill. That's what we're having a little difficulty with. But I'm going to talk to the state today to get it worked out. **Scruggs:** What is the name of the software? **Marinucci:** City Force. **Scruggs:** So, I'm just brainstorming because a lot of times when I have trouble with a software program. Or I'm just not sure how to do something, I go do a Google search or I go and do a YouTube search. And sometimes you can find people who will create a video. That will show you step by step how to get through a specific problem. So, if I don't know what the issue currently is with one of the staff. But let's just say they can't figure out how to upload this file into City Force. Whatever it is, you can literally go to YouTube or Google and typing in City force how do I. And I bet you might, I'm not saying you can. But you might be able to find a video that goes specific to whatever that concern is. And I've been able to kind of save myself on a couple of different things when I wasn't able to find help anywhere else. **Marinucci:** And I'm very familiar with that process. Like, you know, Microsoft and Google, you know, one of the things. **Scruggs:** So, I would try it with City Force you never know. **Marinucci:** Alright, (inaudible). **Warren:** Any other questions? Okay, may we hear from our Police Chief?

Police Chief, Garratt **Garratt:** Thank you, Mr. President, I just briefly want to go over... I mentioned to you guys last meeting. That we had the state Auditors in the Police Department. We did get the results back. We passed with flying colors, so that was good. What they were checking on is, this is OLEG, which is Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway. And they check for security and quality assurance. To make sure that there's no leaks of problems or anything. Like the usage of our computer system and or the security. Only issue we have is security of the building. Which was only because our server room gets overheated without the air conditioning and that kind of stuff. But that wasn't dinged against us. Because that's what we have to deal with at this point in time. But other than that, everything passed very, very well. And that's from really good record keeping and doing the right thing. The other thing is we've been interviewing for the last week and a half now. Candidates for the three positions that we have vacant. So, we're in the process about halfway through with three of them. So as you know, we do a pretty extensive way when we do our hiring. We have our detectives do the initial interviews. If they get through that, we'll take them down to training center. We'll also see how they interact with some of the different scenarios and de-escalation processes. And then they report writing on it. After they finish that, if they move on to the next phase. That's riding with two different shifts and the officers and shifts have an opportunity to speak with them. And get to know them because they're going to have a direct impact on working with them. So, it's important that you have that buy in. And then the next phase of it will be the interview with the captain and myself. Following would be the psychological and the polygraph, along with the

background checks. Our detectives do all of the background investigation. Finally, after the physicals and other things. Then they're offered a position. So right now, we're at, with all three candidates that applied. We're at the interview finished up with the Captain and myself. And now they're on to the next phase. So, so far, they are doing really well. So, we're looking really promising. But I will keep you apprised of what's going on and hopefully we'll get a few. **Davis:** Your legislation tonight for your cars. **Garratt:** Yes. **Davis:** We wanted to ask you a couple of questions. One was asking about the hybrid. Because it had a hybrid or the eco boost was the two options. **Garratt:** Correct. **Davis:** Why did you choose a hybrid or you don't get to choose that? Is that from the state regulations or what? **Garratt:** No, we get to choose it. The hybrid is a little bit cheaper for one. And second of all, the issues we have with wear and tear of police cars is idle time. You see the Police outside the road either running traffic or something of that nature. Idling is a big part of the police cars. So now, what's nice is they go from using gas to electric when they are idle. So that's a huge saving, it's what we're thinking is going to be huge saving on fuel. Other Police Departments that have gone to that. Have noticed a significant drop in fuel usage because of that in police cars. So, that was probably the main reason. Again, the price of that and a little more eco friendly on that. We're not equipped to go with the full electric vehicles. That's just not possible at this time. There are some departments that have it, but it's the jury's still out, so to speak with it. Because we're not exactly sure or have all the answers. Pluses and negative options, and again, we're not ready. This building won't even accommodate charging unit. So at this point and time it's not even an option. So that, plus we know that we're being eco friendly. If you will, but still doing the job properly. Hopefully it will help out with the wear and tear. If you look down at the bottom that quote. We do the extended warranty also up to 100,000 miles.

Davis: I was going to ask if there is extra warranties. **Garratt:** Yeah, we do, it's \$2,500. But I mean, one repair... there's never repairs less than \$2,500. So, we always go down to 100,000 miles. It just doesn't make any sense. And we've gone back to the Fords, we've had a lot of problems with the Tahoe's. **Davis:** Yeah, that's what we were going to ask you. Because you had a lot of problems with that. Now, it doesn't have to be, the interceptor or whatever it's called. Does that have to be the state gives you only one kind of car? Or you can choose different cars? **Garratt:** No, you have choice of different cars. But the state bid that will reflect on each one. Like if you look at some of the quotes, you see there's no carpet and all that. That's what the state requires. It's the basic version with the enhancement of the suspension, the motor, and stuff like that for the Police package. But the manufacturers said this is a Police package, this is a Police package, this is a Police package. But we can go with other vendors, too. Well, we've had the issue with the Chevy's. We went to the Chevy's because we couldn't get any of the Fords at the time. If you remember back when we needed cars at the time. But we had to replace an engine at 15,000 miles on one of the Chevy's. And another Chevy Tahoe at 25,000 miles. Now, fortunately, both on the warranty, but they were down for a month. And that's you know that's not good. And we've had multiple other problems but those two were the biggest ones. So we were jumping back into that. **Davis:** Is the interceptor like the same size as a Tahoe? **Garratt:** It's identical to the ones that aren't Tahoe's that we have back there. Okay. We have a bunch of Ford Explorers that are back there. It's the same size, we only have 2 to 3 Tahoe's left. Every year we rotate two cars except for the last two years. Remember we couldn't get cars. Then, we had a bank where we could get three of them. And so in two years, we have three cars instead of four cars because that's what was available. This is going to be for next year. So, approving this will let us order or stay on the list. But these cars I don't anticipate coming in until next year, February, March. **Davis:** So, we have to have the money by next year? **Garratt:** On delivery.

Davis: Okay. **Garratt:** So, it won't be until 2025. **Davis:** Okay, thank you very much. **Warren:** now, I want to ask, doesn't those cars, because I'm not really familiar. Don't they recharge themselves the longer you drive too? **Garratt:** Yes, so if they're idle for a while. And if you get even close to where there's low battery. They warn you with a plenty of time. Kind of like when you're almost out of gas. So, yes, they do charge as soon as you start driving the car charges the batteries on their own. So, you don't need to plug them in. **Warren:** Right, any other questions? Okay. May we hear from our Recreation Director/Commissioner?

Rec Director/Commissioner, Perez | **Perez:** Thank you, so our big event Friday at LaMafa. Ms. Paggie bought four tickets so hopefully I can get the rest of the Council members to buy tickets also for this Friday night. I am going to cancel the Halloween event because we only had five people to sign up to trick or treat at the zoo. So, we're going to cancel that event. Bingo went very well. We had our first Bingo game last week, last Thursday went very well. I had 20 people to attend. It was given by (inaudible) and they would be coming back here every two weeks. So, next week they will be bi weekly. They are going to do lunch next week. Our water class is going very well, water arobeics. I have about 15 people in the class at this present moment. You asked me the capacity, it holds 25. So we're doing very well with that. The rest of the month I will be working on Thanksgiving and the Amish Country. That's very, very large right now. I think there was over 125 people who signed up for it last year. So, Brian and I are trying to figure out what the numbers were last year and how it was coded. They went several places. (inaudible) has been canceled, but you will be going the day after Thanksgiving. So, I will be shopping for all the cold cuts and Turkeys and all of that. If anyone want to help me from Council really, my (inaudible). And Mrs. Davis, you asked for a date, I wanted to remind you of that. I left you a message, it was some kind of shower at the community center. **Davis:** Yes. **Perez:** It's (inaudible). **Davis:** Yeah, that's what she said, first I booked it. And then I think somebody else booked on top of mine. **Perez:** Yeah. Yeah, at this point (inaudible). **Davis:** Yeah, Okay. **Perez:** You know, we have no idea how to do that part of the services at this present time. So, at this point, that's all I really have. Oh, I need to ask you, the Trunk or Treat. We were talking about having the Trunk or Treat. And I wanted to ask if Council was going to be working with the Police Department with the Trunk or Treat? Because it's too late to do something really, really large. And if you are, I like to know so I can go out and buy candy for everybody. **Davis:** Our Councilperson representative told us that it was canceled. That we're not doing that. **Perez:** Yeah, we're not going to do it. But I didn't know if you guys were going to join the Police Department. **Davis:** Well, they're not going to do it either. **Garratt:** We join them. **Perez:** So, do I need to get candy? **Matlock:** No, we're not going to be doing it. **Perez:** Mrs. Scruggs and I have a meeting on Friday to discuss additional events for the year. **Davis:** What are the exercise classes? How many are Oakwood residents? Do we know? You said 15 came or something... **Perez:** It should be 15 Oakwood. **Matlock:** So, you don't know? **Perez:** I have a list with everybody and their address, so it should be Oakwood Village. I don't think there's anyone out there that's not Oakwood Village. **Warren:** Any other questions? **Hardin:** I'm still getting positive feedback, they're enjoying it. **Perez:** She's doing very well, she said that it's really helping her a lot. Because she had knee surgery or back surgery. She had something going on but she's doing very well. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Warren:** Okay, thank you. Tommy, you got your hand up? **Haba:** Yes. **Warren:** Service Director.

Service Director, Haba | **Haba:** Thank you Mr. President, couple things, we painted the Pavilion at the community park last week. It came out nice, I was going to ask you about the Trunk or Treat. That's off for sure? Because we winterize it this time of year. I was going to hold off until after that. The bathrooms are usable but we'll winterize it within days or so. So when we do that, we close it down for the year. Other than that, we will start leafing probably Monday, could be Friday. But I guess for Monday, we'll probably start picking up leaves. As you saw, people have it out and there's not a whole lot out there. If we go out Fridays, it will take most of day to get half of a load. So, we'll probably just wait until Monday to save on time and energy. Senior snowplowing due to the shortage problem. We're going to try to do it ourselves. Unless I have somebody's available for a weekend or Saturday and one night. So, they can sign up, I don't have a date yet. If somebody has a flier going out in the near future, let me know. It's always better to send out a flier. But we will get those out within two weeks, probably. They will be out where people will know where to sign up. And that's all I have, I'll take any questions. **Davis:** I just wanted to ask, you said that you winterized the park? So, nobody rents it after you're doing that? **Haba:** No, we drain all the water, all the drainage is... I put antifreeze in all the lines, all the toilets and stuff. **Davis:** So, our Village hall knows they can rent it out after? **Haba:** Yeah. **Hardin:** I'd like to thank you publicly for the repairs that's going on on the corner of Lynbrook and Forbes. It's been at least two years in the making. You do know that the counties out there now, right? **Haba:** Yeah. **Hardin:** Did they tell you what the problem was? **Haba:** No, I did not hear on that. **Hardin:** An engineering marvel, someone when they were putting in the sewer. Someone came along and it was time to put them to the poles in. So they dug a hole and they ran into the sewer. Oh my, so they dug a hole in the sewer pipe and put the poles through the sewer. **Haba:** Well, that's the same thing with the gentleman at 7209 Lynbrook. The gentleman, Mr. Manesh has that problem. **Hardin:** That's it. **Haba:** Yeah, we knew that was a problem. **Hardin:** Yeah. **Haba:** Oh yeah, we are well aware. That was the AT&T we believe that sunk that pole. So, we're having the County do the work. But, you know, that comes out in a fund that we give. But that money should be reimbursed by AT&T. We're also trying to get them, I talked to the Engineer a couple times. But we're going to let them fix his driveway. And recoup that money also from AT&T. **Hardin:** He's very happy it's been years. **Haba:** Yeah, he was very patient with it. And, you know, we talked about it. And we were down there about three years ago with Ted. They came down and (inaudible) the County, after we talked to them. To see what the problem was. And we revisited it just, you know, five months ago. They had a change of leadership there. He got stuck in the back somewhere and they came upon it. So, they knew what the problem was immediately. But they never thought, yeah, we after they took the (inaudible). They had new leadership and foreman's or whatever and they never got back. **Hardin:** I just wanted to say thank you. Everyone's very, very happy. **Haba:** Yeah. **Hardin:** Because he did lose a portion of his drive. **Haba:** Yeah. **Hardin:** So, thank you. **Warren:** Any other questions? Okay, maybe we'll hear from our Finance Director.

Finance Director, Thompson | **Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to say the Finance Department submitted the closing of July's financials today. Reflective of the close we started the year at \$330,000 in the general fund. The unexpended balance we closed with by the end of July was \$505,000. After a conversation with that \$403,000. Cash in all funds, we began the year at approximately \$1,037,000. We ended at the end of July with \$1,256,000, after encumbrances on the books we have \$1,084,000. But that's complete, you can take a look at our reporting there. And we'll be forging into August, hopefully we quickly close August. To get

those are submitted to Council as well. On the work session, there's that annual tax budget. It's a document we do every year that we have to submit to the County. What I like to do is always try to give you a narrative on what the purpose of the tax budget. And it is pretty much in the three steps or three explanations here in the F.Y.I. The tax budget is prepared by the municipality it allows the Auditor of the County to set property tax rates. If you remember year to year, we have to accept those tax rates resolution. So, that's what it sets for. It allows the municipality to participate in local government funding. And last but not least, it sets a Certificate of Estimated Resources. In the Estimated Resources report it can be changed by will. So, it's a lot of flexibility to go back to change the report and submit it back to the County. So, I can answer questions on that. And we're also working on with the recent Councilmatic action. We're entering a lot of new payroll information; we're getting that done. And I know the last budget was 75%. So, hopefully we can meet, or I'm prepared now to round out the year with my projection for 2024. And hopefully we can get into some discussion on that at some point. Maybe a finance committee meeting and at this point, I can answer any questions if you like. **Hardin:** Two questions, when will you have those numbers so we will set the finance meeting? So, that we can appropriate those final funds after we get... **Thompson:** Considering we did that payroll matter. That gives me a chance to really set where it's going to be. And of course, up to this point Council has given me the directive 25, 50, 75. So, I think at this point we need to round out together. I'll put a template together and those numbers should be in for the year. We can have that discussion. **Hardin:** So when will we get that? **Thompson:** I'm working on it, considering I have one staff now. But I'm roll up my sleeves. I'm going to be processing the payroll until we get a candidate in in the office. Just safely say, I would say for me to round out that number for 2024. Which is the end of this year, maybe about three weeks. And I've been in discussion with your safety forces. More so with the Police Chief. We're going to be meeting the next couple of days to kind of review this budget together. So, we can go ahead and set a date for at least the Police Chief to discuss his 2025 budget. **Hardin:** Okay, so now you said... let me slow it down so I catch up. So, we can look forward to getting information from you in three weeks. That's going to put us in November? **Thompson:** Well, we have to round out and get the whole year's budget now. It will take us to the end of the year. **Hill:** That's what she's asking you. **Thompson:** So, yeah, three weeks. **Hill:** So, we approved the budget through September 30th. We're now down to almost the end of October. **Thompson:** Yes. **Hill:** Are you going to have sufficient funds in all of these line items to operate into November? **Thompson:** No, I won't be able to operate all the way through. **Hill:** We don't want to operate in the red. So... **Thompson:** Right, so we need to meet to pass additional appropriations. **Hardin:** Yes. **Hill:** So, we're going to need? **Thompson:** Yeah, my conversation was more like, you know, we need that pre-meeting to move on the 75%. But also, I'm working on rounding out the end of the year. So, top priority is to meet to move on from the 75%. **Hardin:** That was why I was slowing you down. Okay, got that part. Now, Councilperson Matlock has made a recommendation to... I'll use the term rebate. As it relates to property taxes, one more time. **Thompson:** I did provide her with the exact report from the County. I don't have in front of me. I think it was about, they projected what the new revenue would be. From our increase assessment on the properties here. **Hardin:** Yes. It's about \$57,000 and also you have to take into account. I think our collection rates is like in the high 90s, which would be the true number. But they gave me a preliminary projection that the new revenues collected for next year would be approximately \$50,000 to \$56,000. That was the projection just to estimate. **Hardin:** Okay, and you said you gave that to the Council lady already? **Thompson:** Yes. **Matlock:** He did send it over; I will forward it to you. Can you forward it to all of us. **Thompson:** I had all

members on there. **Matlock:** All the members should be on that one. **Hardin:** Okay, so we'll know what to ask. **Thompson:** Yeah. **Hardin:** Okay, all right. **Warren:** First of all, more importantly, for now. When would you be prepared to have a meeting so that we can keep the Village open. **Thompson:** Friday next week? **Davis:** But I think we need, I mean, we need the reports. So, all the reports so we know how much money is actually in there. (inaudible) the end of September, but this is only till July 31st. **Thompson:** We going to forge it tomorrow for August. So, I think both months combined, like two weeks. **Warren:** Well, let's say that our next Council meeting would you be prepared? And would you still have money for the next two weeks? **Thompson:** Let me go back and evaluate my reports. In the next two weeks I can have at least that August report. **Hill:** Yeah, but in addition to having the reports. Will you have enough funds in all your line items? **Thompson:** I'll go back and assess my report. **Warren:** That's what my question was. **Thompson:** I'll go back and access my report. **Warren:** And then you again, you should let us know immediately. Because we have to get together, all of us, to pass it. And if we don't get enough people to just do it by suspension. Then it's three meetings and that drags out even longer. **Hill:** What you can provide us in the meantime is an up to date bank statement. **Thompson:** Okay. **Hill:** So, we know how much funds are in the actually account. **Thompson:** Okay, no problem. **Davis:** I was just looking at the back page of your statement of cash positions for only up to July 31st of course. But I wanted to know why did we only get \$2,358 from Pettiti, which is making lots of lots of money. Compared to our Family Dollar giving us \$41,000. **Thompson:** Yeah, you keep in mind, these funds are based on the TIF language that we did the incentive deal for those companies. So, it's kind of it starts out on the projection of what improvements they do on the property. So, that's why these numbers are variable and they're set by accounting. So, we don't actually set this once we submit the TIF application. That's why you get the various numbers for the income from those two funds. **Davis:** So, do you know why Pettiti is so low? I mean, did we set it that low? **Thompson:** This won't be the total income for the year. It's going to increase next year. It's that low right now because it's just like based on the first collections from the property taxes. It's definitely going to go up and you always have to go back to the original agreement of the TIF. To get a holistic view of the amount of the TIF. And we can bring that back before Council to show you that. **Davis:** Okay, I don't remember Pettiti's, usually our TIF'S last anywhere from 5 to 10 years. Pettiti's has been there forever. So, that's why I wondered why they were low. **Thompson:** TIF came into play a little later. Pettiti's has been here of course for years. But it's the timing of the TIF when it was put in place. **Davis:** I would like to know what we gave to Pettiti's, if you can. That's a very, very low amount for all the money that they make. **Thompson:** Yeah, it's not based on their income. **Davis:** I understand, there's only a handful of employees and they have more than the Family Dollar. And Family Dollar is giving us \$41,000. **Thompson:** If it's on record in the legislation, I will get it to you. **Davis:** Okay, I appreciate that. And also one more comment, the fraud, remember all employees in the Village had to go take a fraud class online. **Thompson:** We turn all of ours in. **Davis:** All our employees have that? Are you responsible for collecting? **Thompson:** We turn them all into the Clerk. **Davis:** Are all our employees are covered? (inaudible). **Davis:** Okay, thank you. **Warren:** Do we have anybody from the Engineering Office? I don't see Matt, no, okay. **Matlock:** Tommy, do you know when, or do you have any idea when they're going to start that project on Tryon Road? **Haba:** No, they had a pre-conception meeting... we had a board control meeting on it a few days ago. So, I don't know when it's suppose to start. **Matlock:** Okay, I just want to know when. I know they were supposed to go from Richmond to Jean. **Hardin:** Tommy, I talked to the resident that's concerned about the entrances and the trash. We talked about the

light that's down. You and the Police Chief we're going to deal with that. The utility pole or whatever that's down. **Haba:** I think you're talking about the big sign that's down? **Hardin:** No, it's a light fixture, remember, as you go on to 271 at Forbes and the freeway. **Haba:** We called the state on that, and they didn't come out. I think we... **Garratt:** Which light fixture you're talking about? **Hardin:** It's the actual light, it's laying on the ground. It's been there for about a year. **Haba:** It's on the freeway, though? **Garratt:** It's on the northbound exit ramp? **Hardin:** It's just as you get on the freeway, it's been a long time. **Garratt:** I'll ask the Engineers if it's actually in Bedford. On our side of Forbes Road from the middle line over it's Bedford. Up until you get to Lexington Parkway which is first place. But either way, I'll let the Engineer, it's a crazy line over there. **Hardin:** And I was asked, I'm going to, if you don't mind. Write a letter to ODOT as it relates to the maintenance of that getting on the freeway. It's always filthy there coming down the down the ramp, papers everywhere. **Garratt:** Northbound? **Hardin:** Yes. **Haba:** We did calls about that side last week. And they said they would take care of it. But they knew about it before, they must have forgot about that. Big green sign on the small triangle by Fair Oaks and Forbes. **Hardin:** Yes, and I'm sorry one more. When you're coming in to Oakwood just before you go up on the ramp to get off at Forbes. There has been several accidents and the guardrail is all screwed up there. (inaudible) will take care of that. **Hardin:** Somebody need to let them know. If it's Bedford who's taking care of it? **Garratt:** ODOT. **Hardin:** Are we going to notify ODOT? **Garratt:** Bedford needs to notify ODOT. **Hardin:** Could we notify Bedford to notify ODOT? **Garratt:** No, we can notify the Engineers and they can notify their engineers. **Hardin:** Okay. **Garratt:** They generally come around every Spring, because (inaudible). But they generally come around and does their inspections and fixes the guardrails in the Spring. **Hardin:** Okay, well, in the meantime, could we make sure... come winter they are going to tear it up again, is that your point? **Garratt:** That's the point. **Hardin:** All right. **Garratt:** But unless it is a hazard or not doing his job as a guard rail. **Hardin:** Okay, but it is important because that's that split in the road. **Garratt:** Right. **Hardin:** Okay, all right, somebody notify somebody going east, west, north or south that we need those two things taken care of please. All right. **Haba:** (inaudible), when they were looking at the line. They messed up some of the grasses and we fixed (inaudible) in peoples driveways. But I call them last week and they said they're aware. And they're just waiting until it's dry out. And (inaudible). **Hardin:** Well, the reason it's coming to light is because for so it's very nice. So, we're trying to keep it nice, thank you both. **Warren:** Okay, can we hear from our Law Director.

Assistant Law Director, O'Leary | **O'Leary:** We do not have a report for this meeting. I'm going to wait for Director Climer to come back and share any updates. **Warren:** And that concludes, unless Mr. Cirincione has anything? **Cirincione:** Nothing at this time. **Davis:** I was told the Grey Brothers were brought to court. Their court day was today, is it not? **Cirincione:** It was. **Davis:** It was today, okay. **Cirincione:** It was set for trial in December. **Davis:** Okay, thank you. **Cirincione:** And I mean, we are working with Grey Brothers to try to get some kind of resolution acceptable to the Village. But at the moment, it's set for trial. And so we didn't want to delay it getting set for trial. So, at least we have a trial date. So, we're goign to try to get this resolved one way or another. **Davis:** Okay, thank you.

Ward Report

Councilwoman Hill: No report at this time.

Councilwoman Davis: No report at this time.

Councilwoman Matlock: No report at this time.

Councilwoman Hardin: No report at this time.

Councilperson Scruggs: No report at this time.

Committee Report

Fine Arts Committee

Councilwoman Scruggs: We are preparing to end the 2024 year. And we are excited about a lot of the activities that are being planned. And we need some help, some bodies. To kind of make sure that the activities that are going forth. Reach all of our demographics, but also that we can have some fun. So, if you have a little bit of time that you can donate. Please make sure that you see Ms. Carlean, our Recreational Commissioner. And we want to make sure that we get you on the list. So, that we can let you know the areas and the activities that are going on. Something that might be of interest to you. And we also want to get your ideas as we begin to plan for 2025. We want to make sure that we are not waiting until the last minute to kind of plan things. And that the community knows what's going on well ahead at the top of the year. So, if you have any ideas, things that you are interested in doing. Please share those ideas with Ms. Carlean or myself. Or any of your ward Council members, and they will make sure that we get that information. But we're going to try to make sure that we get that on the docket to be approved this year for 2025. So, that concludes our report.

Health Care Committee

Councilwoman Hardin: I'm the chair of the Human Resource and the answer is nothing to report, thank you.

Utilities

Councilwoman Matlock: There's nothing to report, but we are setting up a meeting with the concerned veterans of Northeast Ohio. And if any of you are veterans, please come out and support them on November 23rd, it will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the community center. And basically what the Veterans of Northeast Ohio, basically their mission statement is they are concerned Veterans of Northeast Ohio, Inc. They were established to provide a system. In which veterans can use to communicate, network, and explore methods of reaching out to fellow veterans in their in each community. Who are not aware of services and benefits afforded to all veterans. As well as to provide avenues for getting their benefits due to them and their families. In Cuyahoga County and surrounding counties in the state of Ohio. I thought this was kind of good for the veterans to have this information. There's a lot of programs that are now set in place that a lot of veterans do not know that they qualify for. This would be such as housing, it would also be as far a disabilities. A lot of individuals with veterans don't understand the disability ratings. How many times or how they can apply for disability. Some think is just one disability. No. If you have several disabilities, this is something that they can apply for. You have individuals on this board from the DAV, the commissioners, all of them will be in attendance

here. So, if you have any questions regarding any programs or any anything that you need, services, benefits that you would need. Please feel free to come here if you are struggling trying to get to 100%. Please come because they do have individuals that will be there that will help you get there. If you know of any other veterans who are having issues rather young or old. Please come or have them come to this event. Which again, is going to be held November 23rd, 10:38 a.m. at the local community center. Not only is it for veterans, widows, or spouses of veterans. Because a lot of them have benefits, but they don't know that they have benefits. They don't know these benefits exist for them. So, I thought this is something that would be good. I came up with it after my dad went, and property taxes... you know how they assessed them, and the property taxes went up. We found out since he is a 100% veteran. That they assisted with those property taxes. They don't have to pay them because he's hundred percent VET. So, it's something that you really need to look into. There are a lot of different programs out there now that they change all the time with veterans. And they don't tell veterans about these programs. The government don't tell them, so it's just to assist them, okay.

Economic Development/Grants Committee

Warren: I chaired a community Economic Development Committee, and we don't have a record at this moment. What we're waiting on is to find out where we are financially. The thing we are doing is maybe bringing in other businesses. There's a business wanting to start in Oakwood Village over its first place. And so we're going to have a meeting to discuss that. But it's no money out of our pocket. They're just asking us for some financial assistance through the government. That doesn't come from us, but we allow it to happen. Which is a TIF, Tax Increment Financing. So, hopefully by the next Council meeting. We will be able to act on that business moving in to first place with the request that they have for the assistance that can be offered.

Safety-Service Committee

Davis: I'm Chairperson of Safety and Services. And if you have any problems or anything that you are concerns with please let me know. But otherwise we have no meeting at this time, nothing to report.

Tax Incentive Review Council Committee & Finance Committee

Williams: I chair the Tax Incentive Committee. Once the Economic Development Committee meets, then we will meet. We have not met yet at all. And then I chair the Finance Committee. I don't have any additional report yet. We have our Finance Director here and as soon as we get those reports. We will reconvene and submit another budget.

Warren: Thank you, and now that we have all our reports. I will open up the floor for public comment. Please state your name and address, sign it. There's a paper up there on the table, please sign in and let us know so we can identify you.

Open Floor Comments

Ben Sizemore, 2509 Garden Road, Sizemore: Oakwood is always hollering about money. Which most of the businesses in this country do mostly. And I don't know if it's ever come to

your mind. You've got and a lot of guys, even on my street that belongs to the trades. Which I also belong to a trade, and my two neighbors are also. They have these big meetings and Las Vegas, stuff like that all over the country. And I did not know if y'all ever thought about sending... like umm I'll just use, sorry John. But these are like guys that's like John, Jimmy, or even the both. To go there and sell the Village. I mean, you don't hear nothing about Oakwood Village. You hear about how they like putting it down a little bit. And it kind of rose me a little bit. Because I grew up around here and went all through the school systems here. And it's a great place to raise kids. And a lot of places you don't find a community togetherness like we have on our street. Our street is just phenomenal. You know, we've got good neighbors. Just keep an eye out for each other and stuff like that. But I just wanted y'all to maybe kick that can around a little bit and see what you thought. Because I noticed when they sent me, the city didn't. But when I used to be a labor man. They sent me into Vegas and I was there with my boss at the time. And I met a lot of companies, which they were looking for places to go start in the surrounding states, and Eastern states like Ohio. And Ohio, is one of the greatest states around. It's here, you've got the best labor pool there is in Cleveland. At one time, I tried to push for getting that program started on Golden Oaks or one other street there. To get carpenter trades to come in and start working with these kids a little bit. And change in their attitudes, because I've tried to change it at the high school. You can't change it at the high school because the kids, their other friends see them and they go into a different mold, you know. But if you go out to like a welder school, electrician school, stuff like that, and just rotate it every once in a while. It's just like with Ford Ford put all that money into Bedford High School. At one time they had some of the biggest machines, they can build a car in Bedford at one point. And yet, it has gone to hell in a handbasket. It's kind of sad, but what it is, all around this area here it's a great area. It just needs to be picked up and everybody dust themselves off a little bit. **Warren:** Makes a lot of sense, even when I was in high school. We had the machine shops, we had carpentry shops, we had trade shops. And then thanks to you baby boomers, everybody wanted to be a college graduate. Everybody want to wear a shirt and a tie. And all of a sudden the trays were abandoned for... And right now, I'm indirectly involved with the construction. The construction business is so in need of tradesmen and workers. That the unions don't even bother nonunion jobs in downtown Cleveland. As a matter of fact, they got to let nonunion contractors work. Because they they can't produce the workers. They begging for people to go into their trade schools and and they just can't get the people. After the pandemic, it sort of changed the work ethic of some people, you know. And everybody wants to work from home. Nobody want to work with their hands or not as many I could say. **Sizemore:** We handled most of the motion picture business in Ohio of the local (inaudible). We do a lot of shoots of centers around surrounding areas. And they don't have... they have to bring them in from other states Michigan and Wisconsin. The surrounding union states are bringing them to get these guys to work. Because these kids today, all these kids today can sit around and take a computer a part. You know tell you all about it. But you get up to bend a nail or finish off some concrete, they have no idea. They really need it bad and that's something I think y'all need to really look into. It there and you've got a good pool of people. And you know, you see how it is (inaudible). They got all that land and it's totally empty. They just put all the buildings up and then now they're on a wish list. Seeing how many people think they get to occupy that. And we've got that piece of ground there next to the freeway. But there's a lot that can be done. And I just think you need to dust yourself off a little bit and think a little bit about that, I appreciate it.

Laurie Hoover, 7379 Macedonia Rd. | **Hoover:** I just want to know what's going on with DCOMM? **Cirincione:** We've been in the process of, I spoke with the Mayor, too. We took a couple of trips out for the past couple of weeks to look at those properties. Last week we were told that they were going to move to spools. And that happened on one side of Macedonia Road. But didn't happen close to your property. I specifically went to see whether those spools were going to be removed. **Hoover:** I wasn't able to stop by there on my way here. But are the spools and tension wires on the other lot still there? They were yesterday. **Matlock:** Yeah, they were there today. **Cirincione:** I was there yesterday... **Marinucci:** But I have researched, there's nothing in our codes that deals with high tension lines. So, that's not in the Oakwood Village ordinances. well, I mean, they might be in the Ohio Revised code. I think the major questions is (inaudible) and storage. **Hoover:** It's on residential property. **Cirincione:** It was zoned residential when they first came to the Village. They were told that there should not be any activity on those residential lots. That was approved specifically for them to push their operations towards Broadway, which was the zone business. So, we're in the process of trying to figure out what remedy there is. Whether it's a civil remedy or whether it's a criminal remedy. And they ask that the Building Department give us the minutes from that meeting in 2023 or earlier 2000's. You were at the meeting, as I recall you listening to the people that presented. **Hoover:** Right. **Cirincione:** What they said they were going to do. **Hoover:** Right. **Cirincione:** So, right now, we're looking at what our legal options are. Is it a criminal case? It may or may not be. Is it a civil case? More likely and... **Warren:** Can't we pursue it in a civil case and then if we see that there's some criminal element there. That we can also go into the criminal case? **Cirincione:** Well, I think what we need to do is... and this is just my theory and I have to talk to Jim. Jim and, you know, Sam, to review this, to see. We may have to seek injunctive relief in that Common Pleas court of Cuyahoga County. **Warren:** And the problem I have is that we've been talking about this for years, and now you're in residential properties. And so the first thing that we would do is to cite them. Have they been cited yet? **Cirincione:** No, they have not. **Warren:** Why wouldn't they be cited already? **Cirincione:** Well, that's all one parcel since it's been consolidated. **Warren:** Well I'm talking about having the stuff on the residential property, you're not supposed to do that. **Cirincione:** And we've ordered them... **Warren:** And so why haven't we cited them for having that on residential property? **Cirincione:** Not sure, we need to take a look at the minutes and decide whether civil action or criminal action is the best way to go here. I mean, I (inaudible). **Warren:** Well, the thing is that we just want to stuff moved. And the thing is that they're in noncompliance with the codes in the ordinances of the Village. So the question becomes, again, why aren't there cited? We could cite somebody's for not having a license tag on their car in their own driveway. But we can't cite someone for illegally storing commercial property on a residential lot. Because I had a big argument with the Mayor. This is what this is coming from. **Cirincione:** Okay, we're trying to decide whether or not we're going to go to civil or criminal. We will address it... **Warren:** How long would it be before we make that decision? Do you have any idea? **Cirincione:** In next couple weeks. **Warren:** Okay, Council Clerk, do you have the minutes? **Davis:** That's Planning Commission, I think you're looking for the planning Commission minutes or whatever. **Cirincione:** Planning Commission minutes, so yeah, I mean, we will report back to you. When Jim gets back, we'll talk it over with Sam. And it's, we want to be careful. Because we have a corporation that's got some money. I want to make sure that we and they're based in Texas. **Warren:** But the corporation that got some money. Doesn't matter if they're in violation of something just to give them a... **Cirincione:** And I understand that, I say that only because... **Warren:** I'm just saying citing isn't even court.

Cirincione: Citing is court, we're going to go to court. I'm not going to recommend we cite somebody. If we're not ready to go to court and win the case. We have to make sure we've got the evidence, the testimony, and the law behind us, okay. **Warren:** So, the evidence is there's spools on residential lot, so we got that. **Cirincione:** Well, I'm telling you that there's a remedy, I'm not quite sure which one it is. **Warren:** No, I'm just saying, you said you have to have evidence. So, the evidence is they have spools on residential lots. **Cirincione:** They currently have... **Warren:** So, that's evidence, right. So the other two items that you've got to work out. **Cirincione:** Right. **Warren:** I'm just hoping that the Mayor isn't dragging this out. **Cirincione:** Well, the Mayor doesn't tell me... **Warren:** Well, I understand that, but he and I had a huge conversation. **Cirincione:** And I know you've dealt with me and my firm for years. **Warren:** I understand. **Cirincione:** You know we don't play games when it comes to the law. **Warren:** Right. **Cirincione:** We're not playing games with this. **Warren:** Okay. **Cirincione:** I want to make sure we win. I don't want to put this Village in any kind of jeopardy for a claim that we somehow did something incorrectly. That's why I want to see the minutes and decide which way we're going. **Warren:** Okay, well, we'll know in a couple of weeks that process. **Cirincione:** Yes. **Warren:** Okay. **O'Leary:** For my part, I just have to say I'm obviously getting up to speed on this issue. But based on the conversations with our Prosecutor and Law Director Climer. If the appetite and strategic desire is to go for civil litigation. And if that's what makes the most sense for the Village, you know, certainly I'll have to if that's, you know, the preference. **Warren:** I agree. **O'Leary:** And I'll be able to contribute to those efforts. **Cirincione:** And so, you know, one reason that I said the possibility sue. Some times the civil action has an advantage over the criminal. Because we can go in immediately for injunctive relief and say this a violation, Judge. We want an order ordering them to immediately remove these. Criminally, you're run into more procedures. **Warren:** And that's not even necessary. All we want is to stuff moved. **Cirincione:** Well, they're refusing to move them. So, I have to look at the appropriate remedy. **Warren:** Okay. **Cirincione:** We'll work together, too. Obviously, Sam can take a look at what the best course of action is. And when Jim gets back. **Warren:** It was alleged that they may be moving out. **Cirincione:** Well, you know, it's it's like everything else. **Warren:** But in that response, I said well, tell them to move the spools on their property. Then when they are ready to move, move. That wasn't to you. I'm just telling you, that was a different conversation. **Cirincione:** I don't disagree with that approach. **Warren:** I know you don't. **Cirincione:** You're either going to agree to follow the ordinances and comply. And if you fail to do that, you want to leave and take your business elsewhere, see you. I mean, because first of all, everybody makes promises about what they're going to do. Then they get what they want and stuff leaves off. So, I mean, I understand it. And I understand the frustration of Council. **Warren:** Well, it's an inconvenience of our residents, too, you know. **Cirincione:** That's why we drive past it and see if they have done what they said they were going to do. They haven't done it. **Warren:** Okay. **Cirincione:** And so, you know, we'll have an answer for that. And unfortunately, right now, it points towards probably litigation. Because we've tried to get in contact with their principals and they're not moving. **Warren:** Possibly could you make or maybe we can make a suggestion that every 2 or 3 days someone go out there. Maybe the building department sends their guys to take pictures. Then we can document that it hasn't been moved, just to take pictures of the site. **Marinucci:** Certainly I would have (inaudible). I think they're going to move on, okay. But that's (inaudible) until it gets resolved, but that's down the road. But they did take portions of the spools and they moved them. I was at the site the day after the last meeting. The very next day, I went out with the Engineers. We didn't know exactly where the cut off line between a general business and

residential. But when we laid it out and found it, the majority of that back end of the site is residential. And so, they really didn't (inaudible) because they did move portions from one point to another point. But where they moved it is also in violation. So, this is going to be resolved one way or the other. But down the road, if you want that property to be functional. You're going to have to get the zoning change but that's down the road. **Hoover:** I have two more question, I am not sure if it is for the Building Department or the Police Chief. What ordinance do you have for signs? Does it have to be 30ft off the center line? **Marinucci:** I don't know the answer (inaudible) signs are covered and our ordinances. **O'Leary:** I'm sorry, I think there are some some noises going on in the back on a couple of different fronts. I apologize, you're asking about sign ordinances pertaining to? **Hoover:** Any signs. **O'Leary:** Any any type of signs. **Hoover:** For sale signs, I know political signs there's really no... it trumps any city if I'm not mistaken. **O'Leary:** So, I'll just start to handle this one. And if folks want to chime in, by all means. But but so in general, signs are regulated by type. And so there are, you know, as you mentioned, political signs and things like that. There are also, of course, billboards and very large commercial signs. So, what I'm saying is within that chapter of ordinances. Or those those several chapters of ordinances. There are regulations pertaining to all manner and kinds of signs. Recently, fairly recently, within the last five years or so. The Supreme Court of the United States has weighed in on this topic. And frankly, restricted the ability to some extent of local municipalities to regulate signs in ways that they had previously been able to do. So basically, the Supreme Court reiterated or reinforced the notion that sign regulations really do have to be content neutral. So, what that means is, you can pass laws about the size of the sign, about placement of the sign, about how long a sign can be placed, you know, in in a yard or something like that. But when municipalities, previously a lot of municipalities had codes. That consider types of signs like it's a real estate sign, it's a political sign, it's a, you know, school sports sign or whatever, right. And what the court was saying was, if you have to read the sign to enforce the rule. The rule is probably unconstitutional. So, we have code on the books that speaks to signs. **Hoover:** What is that? **O'Leary:** Well, I guess what I'm saying is, it totally depends. So, like, what's the situation that you're looking at? **Hoover:** There a (inaudible) in the roundabout between Glenwillow and Oakwood. There is a political sign in the Village right away on the north west corner. **Haba:** I haven't seen it, but usually... **Hoover:** It's like close to the sidewalk... **Haba:** Usually of it's on public property like that, you know, we would take it down. Sometimes I'll leave it at this point of the election for a couple of weeks. But yeah, we usually go around and if we see someone... a lot of time looking for workers or stuff like that. They put it on other people's property or on a roundabout. So, we'll take it down if we see it. **Hoover:** So, you don't have an ordinance that it has to be like 30ft off the center line? **Marinucci:** I think our ordinances are online. **Haba:** I'm not sure what our ordinance says. But if it's not on your property, you have no right to put it down. But usually for political signs we let it go for a couple of weeks before. **Hoover:** Okay, and then my other question is, what's going on with the farmer's market? **Marinucci:** I have no clue. **Hoover:** Nothing? No one? Because all his equipment is still there and so I was wondering, okay.

Dan Cagwin, 7520 Macedonia Rd., Cagwin: I was in there almost a year ago. Somebody got up there and was talking and talking, talking. And my back started hurting and I left. But I have a suggestion and I have a question. And that regard is solicitations at the homes. Last fall, I got a knock on the door and I opened the garage. I have a no solicitation sign up near the road. So, I

left between my garage door where I'm standing and the door to the house. I got a big no solicitation. This young man is holding and I had to laugh when Eloise Hardin mentioned AT&T. Because this young man has AT&T shirt on and he has a hand held computer. He starts rambling about improvements of fiber optics. And I said, do you not see the sign? No soliciting. And he says, I'm not so soliciting. I said, you're lying to me. I said, you're not standing here telling me about all the improvements of AT&T without trying... So, I told him, get off, get out of here. Now, the first question, could I have had him prosecuted for trespassing? **Garratt:** Can I interject? **Cagwin:** Sure. **Garratt:** You absolutely can, you can call us and what we'll do is we'll come down. It's not necessarily for trespassing, it would be for illegally soliciting. And that's going on your property, we do that several times. We get it several times throughout the year we'll get people that do this. And it takes us sometimes a day to catch up to them because they disappear. If someone do tell them to get off the property, they'll switch to the next street. We will cite them though. **Cagwin:** About a month ago and a man comes to the house and my wife answers. And I forget now what he was soliciting for. He was from Beachwood and he gave her the card. So, I came up here for the week or something, I think it was Officer Pereira. I talked to him and he was really nice. And he asked me if he could have the card. He said he'll make a call and put a scare into him. But my suggestion is, that it's time to make an ordinance for illegal solicitation altogether. The way I understand it now, they have to get a permit. See the man that lives on the left to me. I'm old as dirt, but I still got most of my faculties, although some people don't agree. But he came over the next day because he wanted to know what I told him. This young man they asked him for his phone bill. He asked him for his license. If you sit and watch the evening media. You'll see time and time again the older people especially, who don't have all their faculties. Will give them this stuff along with the ones that comes and present themselves as something. And force there way in, all the way up to murder. So, I think it's time that Oakwood makes an ordinance. No soliciting whatsoever and should be posted and I'm sure the prosecution's (inaudible). That's basically what I wanted to offer. **Garratt:** Well, do this, don't answer the door, call us. You know our response time is usually less than two minutes, please call us. That's why we are here, we're here for you. We're here to get those people off. **Cagwin:** I would like to express how grateful I am for the Police and the Fire. In fact, I told my wife the other day. I think when they get a 911 call for ambulance. They just start the out towards my house. (everyone laughs).

Butler:: May I say something to you all? I belong to AARP, our baby boom generation is the largest generation in the history of American. And they said five years ago for us to get ready. Because by 2034 we would be the target of scammers and frauder's in the United States and out of the United States. (inaudible) because I have been, I have been. But one of the things I don't do. I don't open my front door. I don't even open the garage door unless I know who it is. And so sir, I would say you have to start taking precaution. They walk up and down our streets all the time. **Hardin:** I guess what I'm hearing. We currently do have a solicitation by permit. So, maybe it is time because we're in a whole different era now. **Garratt:** That's something you'd have to talk to legal about if you can allow that. **O'Leary:** Yeah, there are some issues as laudable as the goal is of preventing that kind of activity and it is a good one. There are some issues, unfortunately, with a law that would blanket prohibit people from walking up to your door basically. And so, you know, examples of that are, for one, you know, political speech. And I know this isn't exactly what that gentleman is talking about. But for better or for worse, the courts have decreed that people are still allowed to walk up to your door, knock on it, and if

you're willing, have a conversation with you about politics. **Warren:** What if you have to get your petition signed? **O'Leary:** Correct, and some of us have been in that position of trying to circulate petitions. Or, you know, gather signatures for an issue or a cause. Similarly, you know, philanthropic, you know, requests for donations to two different things are also kind of shielded from that. So, we can certainly potentially take a look at the existing anti solicitation ordinance language. See if there's anything that we can do to tighten it up. To make the process a little bit more onerous for the folks that have to get the permits. Or, you know, make sure that they're, you know, complying. And if they don't, the penalties are stiff enough to provide them a disincentive for not complying. We can absolutely look at those things. But unfortunately, you know, the reality is that. It is, you know, incumbent upon all of us to take certain precautions if we really don't want to have any of those kinds of interactions at all. You know, we need to take our own individual actions to prevent that. Whether it's the video doorbell cameras. Whether it's, you know, not answering or opening the door for folks that we don't know, you know, all of those things. But yeah, we can certainly take a look and see if there are things that we can do. But... **Cagwin:** Are you saying that if you have the no solicitation signs that they can still legally approach your door? **O'Leary:** Yes, so for certain things. So, not for commercial solicitation. **Cagwin:** Okay. **O'Leary:** Yeah, I was going to say if they're trying to sign you up for their church. If they're trying to sign you up for their political party. If they're trying to sign you up for, you know, a Red Cross blood donation drive, those kinds of things. Those would all fall out outside of that law. **Warren:** The initial thing probably is just door-to-door sales. That could be something that's palatable to say, door-to-door sales. **O'Leary:** Yeah. **Garratt:** I agree with Sam that the case law is not in support of totally banning people from accessing property. If it was a total prohibition, I think that's what (inaudible) the rule that came up you have to post it. You can let them know that it's a violation for them. But if the sign is up, I think the law is that you cannot try to prosecute someone for knocking on your door. **Cagwin:** In other words, are you talking about putting up posters saying no trespassing? **Garratt:** Well, generally we have... **Cagwin:** I mean, I think it goes on down the line before because I had a problem with a neighbor. I put up across the front no posters, no trespassing. (Chief Garratt gave residents at the meeting no trespassing stickers). **Cagwin:** This is insanity. **Garratt:** That's the one that we can enforce. **Cagwin:** I mean, that's insanity that you can prohibit. **Warren:** But the thing is intent, so if it... **Cagwin:** With what's going on in society today. **Warren:** Any other questions or comments? All right, we'll cross the floor for public comment.

Floor closed

Motion to enter executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of the public employers made by Davis seconded by Matlock

YES VOTE: Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

MOTION PASSED

Entered Executive Session at 8:35p.m.

Motion to adjourn executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of the public employers made by Hardin seconded by Davis

YES VOTE: Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
MOTION PASSED

Exited Executive Session at 9:22p.m.

Legislation

Climer: Proceeds to read legislation:

2024-107

Introduced by

Council as a

Whole

1st read 9-21-24

2nd read 9-24-24

3rd read 9-28-24

Vetoed by Mayor 9-30-24

**A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE
AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THEIR POSITION
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion for the **Reconsideration of Ordinance 2024-107 Pursuant to Charter Section 8.02(C)**
Following Mayoral Veto for legislation 2024-107 made by Hill seconded by Scruggs

YES VOTE: Hill, Davis, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock

NO VOTE: Warren

MOTION PASSED

Matlock: I would like to submit those numbers inside of that piece of legislation that we have with Dee. So, there's no discrepancy. **Davis:** So, they know exactly what it was. **Matlock:** Yeah, there's only a difference of \$8,733 from the Mayor's proposal. And what he said for \$47,058.33 versus what Council had propose was \$55,791.67. **Warren:** And it actually be less because we guessed at \$49,000. **Matlock:** We took approximately \$49,000. **Warren:** And so of course it would be less than that. **Matlock:** So, once Brian comes down to us. So, he knows that there is no discrepancy in the amount that he is to appropriate. It comes out to approximately \$8,733. **Warren:** Okay. **Scruggs:** \$8,703. **Matlock:** Thank you, correct. **Davis:** \$8,733. **Matlock:** I just want the record to read that.

2024-123

Introduced by

Council as a

Whole

1st read 9-21-24

2nd read 10-8-24

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING USE OF A TIME CLOCK FOR ALL
EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to suspend rules for legislation 2024-123 made by Davis seconded by Hill

YES VOTE: Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill, Warren, Scruggs

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-123 made by Davis seconded by Hill

YES VOTE: Davis, Hill, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock

MOTION PASSED

2024-125

Introduced by the
Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read 10-8/24

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF TWO POLICE VEHICLES
AND ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE
STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, STATE
PURCHASING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to suspend rules for legislation 2024-125(was 2024-WS-41) made by Davis seconded by Matlock

YES VOTE: Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill, Warren, Scruggs

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-125(was 2024-WS-41) made by Hardin seconded by Davis

YES VOTE: Davis, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock

NO VOTE: Hill

MOTION PASSED

2024-126

Introduced by the
Mayor
1st read 10-8/24

**A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE AND
SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THEIR POSITION AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to suspend rules for legislation 2024-126 (was 2024-WS-42) made by Davis seconded by Matlock

YES VOTE: Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill, Warren, Scruggs

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-126 (was 2024-WS-42) made by Matlock seconded by Hardin

NO VOTE: Davis, Hill, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock

MOTION DENIED/FAILED

Motion to adjourn made by Matlock seconded by Davis

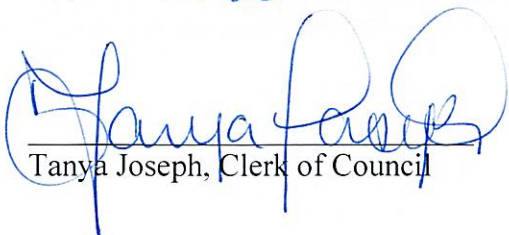
YES VOTE: Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill

MOTION PASSED

Adjourned at 9:33p.m.

Approved

1.28.25


Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council


Erica L. Nikolic, President of Council