

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
2025-1-9**

ATTENDANCE

Erica Nikolic, President*	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
Johnnie Warren, President Pro-Tem	
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	
Paggie Matlock, Ward	
Mary Davis, Ward 4	

ABSENT

Dave Tapp, Fire Department	James Climer, Law Director
Mark Garratt, Police Department	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
Matt Jones, Village Engineer	Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor
Tom Haba, Service Director	Candace Hill, Ward 5
Carlean Perez – Recreation Director	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor

*Arrived after roll call

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Warren
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call taken

Warren: We have called a meeting to order for pursuant to Section 7.08 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood. Notice is hereby given special meeting call by Council members Warren, Hardin, and Matlock held on January 9th, 2025. **Thompson:** The Mayor said a Police car will bring Erica in three minutes. **Warren:** Okay. **Hardin:** Mr. Chair, I'm sorry, have you finished reading? **Warren:** Yeah. **Hardin:** This is the first time, and I'm going on record that... Oh you haven't read it yet. But it says covering eligible officials. This is a first that we've actually had that written in, am I correct? **Thompson:** Yes, in that manner. **Hardin:** In that manner, I just want to go on record that little history. At one point we were part time, then we became full time, and then went back part time, and now full time. And at no point was it ever in writing of the benefits. So, this would be a first. Now, just for the record. So, we know that (inaudible). And the reason I'm saying is because there was a time when another set of council people attempted to get coverage. Do you remember that? And that was not acceptable. So, always remember that, and I'm talking a position, not the person. You have a main salary for our Mayor. The Mayor's compensated as safety director, so that's a second compensation. And now, I want this Council to realize that with the HSA, that's another type of compensation. So going forward, as we deal with that position and not the person. There's also as I recall, there is a clause that says that the Mayor, his salary must be a certain percentage over the Police Chief. Because at one point, the Police Chief was making more than the Mayor. **Warren:** As a matter of fact, everybody was making more than a Mayor. We had a people making \$40,000, the Mayor was making \$32,000. **Hardin:** Right, so we had to write that and get that together. So, for the record, this is the first time officially. If there is an ordinance related to compensating and when it says certain. And what I don't understand is in reading it, does it specify the Mayor in this? **Warren:** I don't think that it specifies the Mayor because of the fact that he's always been covered. I don't think that the

ordinance needs to specify the Mayor. **Hardin:** Yes, it does, it does because there is history where Council wanted to be compensated. So, we don't want to get off into all of that tonight. **Warren:** But the Mayor is a part of the Administration. There are two different things, there's an administrative body and a legislative body. The Mayor is... **Hardin:** Mr. President, with all due respect, I'm well aware. You know, I passed all the social studies courses. All I'm saying to you is this is law. And it does not say the Mayor. **Warren:** And none of them ever has and we got a Law Director that wrote it. **Hardin:** Mr. Chairman... **Warren:** So, what is your point? Are you saying we not passing it? I'm just asking... **Hardin:** I didn't say not to pass it, quite the opposite. **Warren:** Okay. **Hardin:** I'm saying for clarification for the Finance Director. You are not to pay Council, it does not specify the Mayor, okay. But for the record, that is the only person that I'm aware of, that would be entitled. Am I correct or not? **Thompson:** He is entitled, not the elected officials here, no. **Hardin:** Okay, and that's why when it says certain. I want the record to show that it is only the Mayor. Point well taken hopefully, okay. **Davis:** Why did he add officials? **Thompson:** I'm not sure. **Davis:** Okay. **Hardin:** And this is only for this year. So, this is something this Council should kind of be aware of going forward. Because this is the first time it was stated. So, it should be clarified who he's talking about. Because it does not say it in this legislation.

Warren proceeds to read Ordinance

2025-01 Introduced 1-7-25 By the Mayor and Council As a whole 1 st read 1-7-25 2 nd read 1-9-25	AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT COVERING ELIGIBLE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
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Motion to suspend rules for legislation 2025-01 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2025-01 made by Davis seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

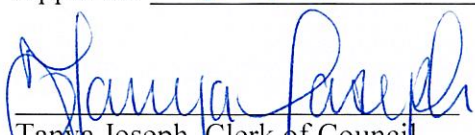
Motion to adjourn made by Nikolic seconded by Matlock

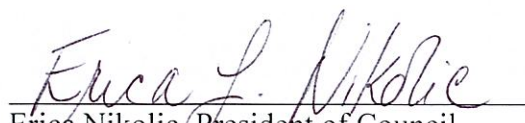
YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis

MOTION PASSED

Adjourned at 6:43p.m.

Approved 2.11.25


Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council


Erica Nikolic, President of Council