

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
2025-2-13**

**ATTENDANCE**

Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem  
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1  
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2  
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3  
Mary Davis, Ward 4  
Candace Hill, Ward 5

**ABSENT**

Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	James Climer, Law Director
Matt Jones, Village Engineer	Sam O'Leary, Assistant Law Director
Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
Carlean Perez – Recreation Director	Tom Haba, Service Director
Dave Tapp, Fire Department	Mark Garratt, Police Department
Erica Nikolic, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor

*\* Arrived after roll call*

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

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 Hardin

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Enter executive Session at 7:15p.m.

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

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Exited executive Session at 7:51p.m.

**Legislation**

2024-137(Amended)  
Introduced 12-28-24  
Council as a whole  
1<sup>st</sup> read 12-28-24  
2<sup>nd</sup> read 12-30-24  
3<sup>rd</sup> read 1-14-25  
Tabled 1-14-25

**AN ORDINANCE TO PREPARE FOR TRANSITIONS IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT OCCURRING AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025 AND REQUESTING THE MAYOR PROVIDE ADEQUATE NOTICE TO ALL BUILDING DEPARTMENT POSITIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to remove legislation 2024-137 from the table made by Davis seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**Davis:** It says in section one, beginning March 1st. Council shall not authorize any appropriation for Building Department wages and related employee wage expenses. So, is that for Ms. Hicks, is she staying until March 1st or anybody? **Warren:** Well, what we did was we passed a temporary, basing it on 2023. So, it's got to be in there. **Hill:** We never passed a permanent appropriation for 2025. We kept the budget. We kept money in there for them through the first quarter because the Mayor hadn't yet made a plan. **Davis:** Okay, so then it stopped, the Building Department operations stopped as of January 1st, 2025 this said. So, everybody would be gone, correct or not? **Hill:** They were supposed to be. But remember that didn't happen because he didn't transition them out. **Davis:** Okay. **Hill:** So, that's why we just put March there. Because we know we put money there because we weren't quite sure what he had done. **Davis:** Okay, in section three, Council hereby authorizes appropriation for Building Department employees to receive no more than two weeks' severance pay at the rate currently authorized. Section three, so they're given two weeks' severance pay. So, we don't know, we have to make sure that it was followed through. **Hill:** It has to be done by the last pay period of February 2025. So, if it still doesn't pass... **Davis:** Okay, does that mean all employees, and if anybody's still working. They get to be paid until March 1st if we pass this? **Hill:** Supposedly we're hearing that the Building Official and the Secretary are still on payroll. That's who's been confirmed. **Warren:** Basically, the legislation is allowing for payment for the Building Department. Now, if they are there or if they're not, or if they are fired or not. Then you pay them because they are there. Or you don't pay them because they're not there. But we need to get this move forward. **Davis:** I know but I just want to make sure. **Hill:** If they're not on payroll, they can't receive severance if they've already left. **Davis:** I assume that we still don't know if one is left then. **Hill:** We don't. **Hardin:** I guess either way, if there's anybody there, they would be paid through March. **Warren:** They could be. **Hardin:** They could be March 1st, okay thank you.

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-137 made by Davis seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**2025-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF CURTIS TIGGETT**

Introduced 2-11-25

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 2-11-25

2nd read 2-13-25

Motion to suspend legislation 2025-13 made by Matlock seconded by Hardin

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2025-13 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

2025-14  
Introduced 2-11-25  
By Mayor and  
Council as a whole  
1<sup>st</sup> read 2-11-25  
2<sup>nd</sup> read 2-13-25

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, ESTABLISHING  
COMPENSATION THEREFORE, AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to suspend legislation 2025-14 made by Davis seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**Hardin:** Question, section four, Council hereby appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to effectuate the provisions. So, does this spell out how much each one gets? Where is that? It gives the names of the people. **Davis:** It is considered a commission, correct? The commissioners are always given \$50 per meeting. **Warren:** Right. **Davis:** Except for the chairperson, it's \$55. **Hardin:** Okay, does it spell that out somewhere in this paper? **Davis:** No, just to establish the Charter Review Commission. **Hardin:** Okay, but where does it refer back to the amount? I think it should, just a point of order. We allocated the \$15,000... **Warren:** Maybe we ought to pass it now and then amend it if we have to. But we need to pass it because they are... **Hill:** They already started but doesn't the Charter say. **Davis:** \$50, and then the chairperson would be \$55. **Hardin:** I understand that but I'm saying does refer to that here, that actually states it. **Warren:** It says pursuant to the article seven, section 12.02 of the Charter of the Village of Oakwood, the Charter Review Commission is hereby established, an appointment. It just doesn't have the specific cost. But I guess you go back to that. **Hardin:** As long as the costs are in that section. We did our job; we gave fifteen grand. I guess that's what we're saying. Our job is to give them the money. Unless it says somewhere specifically in the article... **Hill:** The commission members will be compensated on the same basis and at the same rate of compensation, in effect at the time of their appointment as the members of all other boards and commissions. **Davis:** So, Village boards and commissions are paid \$50 and then \$55 for chairperson.

Motion to adopt legislation 2025-14 made by Davis seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

2025-15  
Introduced 2-11-25  
By Mayor  
1<sup>st</sup> read 2-11-25  
2<sup>nd</sup> read 2-13-25

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF  
THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD TO ALLOW FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE  
ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

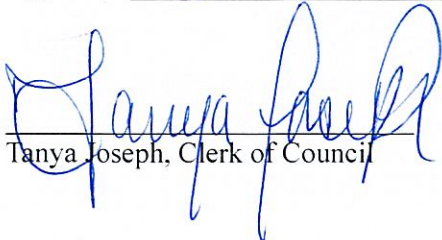
Motion to adjourn made by Scruggs seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Approved 3.7.25

  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council