

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
2024-5-14**

**ATTENDANCE**

Erica Nikolic, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem	Tom Haba, Service Director
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	Dave Tapp, Fire Department
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
Mary Davis, Ward 4	Matt Jones, Village Engineer
Candace Williams, Ward 5	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
	Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor
	Mark Garratt, Police Department

**ABSENT**

Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
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James Climer, Law Director

*\* Arrived after roll call*

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Meeting opened at 7:09pm by Nikolic

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call taken

**Nikolic:** Okay, moving on to agenda item minutes for February 13th, 2024. Council meeting minutes. Any objection to leaving these table? February 13th, 2024 Work Session meeting minutes tabled. Any objection to leaving those table? Moving on, February 27th, 2024, Environmental Committee meetings tabled. Any objection to leaving that tabled? Moving on, February 27th, 2024 Finance Meeting minutes tabled. Any objection to leaving those tabled? Thank you, agenda item number five, the clerk correspondence. **Joseph:** None at this time.

**Nikolic:** Okay, one thing I'm not sure. I was contacted by the Bedford District, communications director. And she wanted to inquire about the best way to communicate about upcoming updates with the building and what's happening there. What would you view as the best way to communicate with the district in the upcoming updates? Should she be contacting you and moving forward with what? What do you think would be the best way to communicate with Council as well moving forward? What do you feel? The communication is coming through Tanya and then coming to us. Being put out of constant contact. Have you spoken to anyone at the district about communications, about this? **Joseph:** Yeah, so she reached out to me, and I, advised her she could send that email to me, and I can get it out to, you know, council and everyone else. And if there's any updates and if Council wanted to get it on the website. Then we can potentially put it there. However, they do have a website dedicated to, you know, updating that information. So, I suggested that she can give us the link that we can have on our website. That way people can just go straight to the website and get all that information as well. But I never got any follow up on that. **Nikolic:** Okay, she contacted me, I just wanted to bring that up so we can just continue communicating with her. So, we find a concrete way that we're going to be able to receive the updates and communicate them to the residents. **Warren:** Madam chair, I would suggest that we try to do it through our own link. And then it will give the opportunity for the residents to read our newsletters and our information without having to go to another third

party for that update. It'll be easier for them and encourage them to read our correspondence, just a suggestion. **Nikolic:** Sure, I think it could be, you know, it's not mutually exclusive. We can do it there. We could do it here as many places as possible to get the information out. So, I agree it should be included in our newsletters as well. But a link to the information to the source.

**Warren:** Not just newsletters, but our link to the Village website. **Nikolic:** Okay, point noted, moving on to agenda item number six, departmental reports. May we hear from Mayor Gottschalk, please.

### *Department Report*

**Mayor, Gottschalk:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm first going to turn it over before I speak to the Police Chief. Who will make a special introduction. **Garratt:** Thank you Mayor, thank you, Madam President. I want to talk about our newest member of the Police Department. She comes to us from Cleveland PD. She spent six years there in a fifth district combat area.

Before that, she was a degree in criminal justice and a minor in sociology from Kent State. She started with us officially yesterday; her name is Ta-Lor Payne. One of the things about Ta-Lor when we did the interviews with her. There's some stuff that she did at Cleveland PD in some years she worked. She told stories where they go to the parks and the kids would run because they're afraid of Police. And with time, experience and talking with kids, she did stuff with her partner that they funded themselves out of pocket to start with. They brought Easter eggs and Easter bunny, she's very community orientated. And that's one of the things that really drew was to her. And she has some great stories on things she's done to help out Cleveland. She was willing to move over here and we're very excited to have her. You're going to see a lot of her.

**Nikolic:** Mayor, do you want to continue with your report? **Gottschalk:** Hope you're having a very enriching day today. We first had a ribbon cutting ceremony at Interstate McBee. Which is one of our newest companies here. And, again, they've been in Cleveland since 1947. And one of the world's premier manufacturers of a wide variety of revolutionary fuel components. That dramatically reduces the exhaust particulates and sufficiently improves fuel economy for rail power generation, mining, marine, heavy truck, and military applications. And there were 150 dignitaries there from, anywhere from, the U.S., Singapore, to the Philippines, to China, and to Italy. And they represented the distributors or the people that buy the products around the world. And we gave a key to the city, to the new, Board Chair which was Ann Buescher, who is the mother of the CEO. She's 92 years old and she's the new board chair. She's already attended one of our concerts in '92, but it was quite an event. And unfortunately, with the Chief being there, they were even giving out not only hors-d'oeuvres, but also Champagne. So, I had a mountain dew, but it was quite an event. As well as some big bankers from Cleveland. It was very exciting, and we're very, very pleased. It could have went to Houston or Miami, but he chooses Oakwood Village. Secondly, it's nice to report that, University Hospital. Who had had their ambulance service tie in with First Place with Community Care Ambulance. There were just so many problems that they wanted to break away. But they wanted to stay in Oakwood, and we will get them a suite. And Premiere is going to rip the suite up on the inside to be able to make room for two large ambulances. And this will be on First Place. Additionally, on First Place a lot is happening. As you know, a firm from France will be there by the end of May. And they're in collaboration technology, worldwide leaders. Their base in the United States could have been anywhere and they chose Oakwood Village. Additionally, over in that area, you have Chagrin Valley Engineering and Swift Filter both expanding and staying in Oakwood. As well as familiar

with (inaudible) molecular, which is also called SOFIE. Which makes 20% of the, ingredients for Pet scans, around the United States. So, all that's happening in that little area over there so it's getting quite exciting. DCOMM over here, they will be putting up an eight-foot-high wooden fence, board on board, surrounding their entire back area. Which will also screen the two homes on Macedonia Road. That will be before the end of July. Lastly, Angelo Petitti, what a community partner Angelo Petitti is. First of all, if you're familiar with the mound on Macedonia Road. He provided about 300 of plant material, trees, and evergreens for free. He just added because, again, we can't do anything there. He had one of his agents, for herbicide. You have to have a special license to be putting that down and killing the weeds around the trees. So that's going on, additionally, it was brought up, the question of putting up petunias. We'll be putting it around the Oakwood Village sign near Oakwood Village Wendy's. The entire set up, at Hawthorne Valley Shopping Center, all the way down to Family Dollar, all the way down to Thermo Fisher Way. And the other side from our community center to Oakwood Commons where you have the water feature at Hampton Inn and McDonald's. But these are the setbacks, not on anybody's property, Tryon Road, so that's quite exciting. As well as flowers for the roundabout at Richmond and Pettibone, Forbes and Richmond, Hawthorne and Richmond, and Meadows and Cambridge. I'm sure Mrs. Scruggs here, ward one, appreciates all those trees you have in the meadow. Many were again from Angelo Petitti or someone else. And it was glorious going through there in the early spring and seeing the colors. So, that covers that. **Warren:** Mayor, I just wanted to add that, Angelo Petitti last year in October. Won the Italian American Businessman of the year award for the Greater Cleveland area. **Gottschalk:** Very good, in addition to that, the last few years. He has also provided \$10,000 in donations to pay the people to do the water. The part-time people in Tommy's crew. So, he's quite a community partner. We are so appreciative of having him here. There was some question about bulbs versus annuals. Bulbs of course are great, but they only have a life of like a month. And then they die and are gone for the rest of the year. Until next year when it comes back up again. So, there's not a lot of color there versus the petunias which really burst on the scene. In this coming year, we're only going to have to pay \$20,000 for all the petunias throughout Oakwood Village. So, that concludes my report. **Nikolic:** Any questions for the Mayor? Mayor, just a follow up, I know there were residents from North Lane. Is there a status update about the wall that should go up behind the residents on North Lane? **Gottschalk:** Yes, what's going to happen is this. Picture the building as you now have it, not North Lane. If you're further west, the mitigation for the streams and back. That building will be using the area coming from the street to the backyards of North Lane people. That'll be done at the end of August. And it will look just as the front yard, so that'll be satisfactory. Then we'll be doing the planning from an earlier part of North Lane to Oak Leaf. So, we're finishing it up now, but it'll be done by early, by early fall. And as I say, the back will be just like the front. And then, for the homes that are affected, there will be screening. **Nikolic:** Okay, is there an estimated start date for that past August? **Gottschalk:** I would certainly say before the end of September. **Nikolic:** May we hear from our Assistant Law Director this evening?

*Prosecutor/Asst. Law Director, Cirincione* | **Cirincione:** Thank you, hello everyone. I'm in for Jim Climer who's out of town tonight and asked if I could fill in for him. So, that is why I'm in attendance tonight. I would just speak generally because we've got a couple of court cases that are pending. That I really can't get into too much detail. But we do have at least a couple of, significant court cases that involve prosecution in regard to building code violations. And we're working to get those property owners to resolve the problems we face. If they don't, if they're not

cooperating with us. Or they fail or refuse to get these problems resolved. Then we'll look to the court for action. And ask the court to order the property owners to bring their properties into compliance. I know it seems like a very slow process, and I suppose it is. But from the port's point of view, there's a couple of things to slow down the resolution of these cases. If you have cooperation from the owners of the property. You need to get them into court right away and try to resolve the issues with them. What happens, though, is we do have absentee owners who are hard to find, and hard to notify. And because these are criminal charges, we must be very careful about the notice that we provide to them. And we must serve them, which has posed a problem. So, we are working to, get his property before the court, and I'll report back. When we do get some action, we have a couple. One case which is set for a hearing in June, Macedonia Road property and trying to get those violations cleared and cleaned up. The second one, we just requested and were granted a search warrant for that house that's been abandoned for at least the last year. And at least from the outside it looks like it's deteriorating pretty badly. So, we did get a warrant, so the Building Department and the Police Department will be executing that warrant sometime later this week. So, that we can discover what's going on inside the house. And whether what looks like a pretty bad leakage problem from the exterior. How badly is that affecting the interior of the premises. Which is unfortunate because the house, if it's not damaged, is located in a nice area. It probably be, and I don't know what the (inaudible) or the owner is doing. But probably could sell that house for a couple hundred thousand dollars. And so, we're working on trying to bring that person into compliance, the owner. And in order to do that, we have to execute a search warrant to see what the condition is. So, we'll do moving forward on it. And so, we'll have more to report through Jim, and through myself. So, we're hopeful that, as I said, this is not a quick process, but we are working on it. My thanks to the Police Department, we have one property. The Police Departments sent Officers out to University Heights, where this individual has a residence. And they just they never show up at the door, we can't serve them. And then the last time that we attempted was about a week and a half ago. We discovered that they had moved out of that house. So, (inaudible) houses, Oakwood, and another in University Heights. So, we're in the process of tracking them down. That's all I have right now. **Nikolic:** Okay, and to clarify, you are the prosecutor on these cases? **Cirincione:** Yes. **Nikolic:** Okay, just for clarification purposes, he is the prosecutor on this case. That's new for me, I was just making sure because we never had these reports before. So, I appreciate the in-depth report. **Cirincione:** Since I am here, I figured I should, because I do know that is a big issue. **Nikolic:** Right, so that's why you have those types of details. **Cirincione:** Yes, to keep the neighborhoods up to, I mean, it's unfortunate. Because they're located in two locations where the residents who live in that neighborhood. Take good care of their properties. There's some beautiful houses and beautiful landscaping. It's marred by the fact that someone has just abandoned the house and it's deteriorating. So, we'll keep Council posted. **Nikolic:** Thank you, any further questions for our Assistant Law Director? **Gottschalk:** One last, Madam Chair, the Rec Director Carlean Perez had acute bronchitis and slept for two nights. Doctor has advised she stay home tonight to get some sleep. **Nikolic:** Hearing no more questions for our Assistant Law Director, may we hear from Finance Director Thompson?

*Finance Director, Thomspom* | **Thompson:** Thank you, Madam Chairman, at this time I don't have any additional report. **Nikolic:** Any questions or comments for our Finance Director? Hearing none, may we move on to our Service Director.

*Service Director, Haba* | **Haba:** Thank you, Madam President, (inaudible) the culvert behind the houses, Cambridge they were at the last meeting, Mr. Re'al. I did get a price from the escalator. The prices are very reasonable and cheaper than I thought. (inaudible), so, it's up to finance to let me know what you want to do with that. There's still a lot to get back there. We'll get permission from an owner or two there to go over to the property. In order to get to it without going through residents property. But it's not on any residents property. Secondly, I think she also mentioned, Rome Baptist Church was looking for a handicap parking sign, Sunday only. And we got the price for that, \$65. Throw a post in, probably would cost about \$30. So, \$95, or so, because that would be on our property. But they use it for parking there at the park and for their church on Sundays. And other than that,... **Davis:** This property that we're putting in a handicap parking. Is it the church parking lot or is it our parking lot? It's our lot, it's a real integration there. I believe we own the parking lot there, so it would be like on our property. But they use that parking for church. **Davis:** Okay, have we been updating that parking lot all these years? **Haba:** It's really nothing to do there. (inaudible) or anything like that. **Davis:** Okay, I'm not familiar with it. **Haba:** Yeah, it's asphalt that we have been putting money into it. **Davis:** Thank you. **Haba:** And lastly, the weeds on the vacant lots are growing. I called yesterday, in fact, there's a lot of houses now that are vacant, so, their grass is growing. We started yesterday morning cutting the lots. And, you know, barring any breakdowns, we should catch up in a few weeks. Right about the time we got to start over again. That's all I have, any questions? **Nikolic:** Thank you, hearing none, may we hear from our Fire Chief?

*Fire Chief, Tapp* | **Tapp:** Thank you, Madam President, Fire Department, I'm sure the Police Department can attest to this. Our call volume has been going through the roof recently. I attended a Fire Chiefs (inaudible) at Ahuja last Friday. Out of all the squads in Cuyahoga County, Oakwood was the fourth busiest squad for the first four months of the year. Next is Beachwood, Solon, Bedford, and you're fourth on the list of squads bringing patients to Ahuja. So, that says a lot for us, being an all-part-time department to be able to handle that call volume. Last week we had two days, one was 15 calls, and one was 13 calls. The ambulance was in the station all day. We were able to answer those calls without calling mutual aid. So, it says a lot to the Fire Department. Here to answer any questions. **Davis:** We do Glenwillow too or not? **Tapp:** We do. **Davis:** And Walton Hills, correct? **Tapp:** Correct. **Davis:** Okay, thank you, can you say what, or there was no rhyme or reason? We don't know what... **Tapp:** No rhyme or reason, just a lot of calls. **Davis:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** Any other questions or comments? Hearing non, moving on to our Police Chief.

*Police Chief, Garratt* | **Garratt:** Thank you madam president, just to make it aware. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaim May 15th as National Police Officers Memorial Day. And the week that includes the 15th, which is this week. Obviously, it was off to a horrible start, when a Euclid Officer was ambushed, shot and killed this past weekend. And, so this whole week is National Police Week. And if you have the blue lights and you want to put them out. That's what those mean, if you drive by and see blue lights it's a memorial for Police. The other thing I want to bring up was. Next week, Oakwood Police Department is hosting a class taught by the FBI. It's media and public relations class for law enforcement. Officers from Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, North Carolina, Ohio will be in attendance at the five day class. It's kind of a big deal, it's just police cannot do this without the support of the community they are sworn to protect. And the image of agency as professional, ethical organizations (inaudible) I've been saying this for

years. That's why we try to bridge the gap. We have officers attending this class, and it's nice that they agree to have us host it. So, that'll be next week. **Matlock:** I heard your department used to provide, like, blue lights. I had a couple of residents ask me, did you have those blue lights that they normally provide for them to light up their area? **Garratt:** We used to do that and honestly we don't do it anymore. Maybe next year, we can get a little supply going here, thank you. **Nikolic:** Any other comments or questions? Hearing none, may we hear from our Building Director?

*Building Official, Marinucci* | **Marinucci:** Thank you, Council president, it is my pleasure to be here. And at the last meeting of Council requested that the Building Department get together with the Engineering Department associated with Garden Road. And we did, but from my perspective, I see no issue associated with water infiltration. That has to do with the responsibility of Oakwood Village. I met with the Engineer and this issue with water infiltration or water flow is 99.9% Engineering, it is 0.0 1% Building. But I can tell you from this perspective, from my personal expertise of being an expert in this particular field all over the state of Ohio. I see no issue associated with the Village. But you can take it further with him. And in the course of this investigation, I met with people on Golden Oaks. And the contractor says, what's going on? (inaudible) in that particular area, to make sure that they comply with all the ordinances of Oakwood Village. I met with them in my office, then talk to them one on one. Poured Foundations, purchased three lots, which is right below Garden Road. They're going to consolidate it and they're going to put a building on it. And when they do that, they're going to have to submit drawings and a survey. That package goes to Matt Jones. And he'll tell you what what's required, the drainage is required from that. And just for a note for Council, a couple years ago. A property owner expanded a property parking lot on his property. And as a result of that, he had to put in a drainage system. That drainage system went to Engineering. It was approved by Ed Hren, it was approved by our office, and he'll talk about it. But according to me, that drainage system is draining that whole area. But he'll discuss that in detail. And, you know, Oakwood Village is not different than any other community. If you take a compass and you put one length of the compass on Oakwood Village. And you'll pick the radius five miles, ten miles, 50 miles. And you put a circle and right around it, you're going to find out this. When it rains hard (inaudible). The basements back up with sewage, that happens in East Lake, that happens in (inaudible), it happens in my properties, Macedonia, Solon, it happens all over the place. And why? These systems through the whole Ohio was built many years ago. All the development comes in, they all have to be updated. And when I have to personally make phone calls to the jurisdictions. Hey, my basements are flooded, they say, deal with it yourself. So I do not have a path to make it all work. I wish I could, it's a function of cash. I wish I could make it work, but from a representative of Oakwood Village. I see no tie whatsoever between the Village and the issue of water flow throughout the Village. I don't have anything else. **Davis:** you said three lots are going to be consolidated or are they already consolidated? **Marinucci:** I was told that it's like, either completed or on the verge of being completed. **Davis:** They haven't come to planning? **Marinucci:** It will be. **Davis:** Okay, so they are not there yet. What was the name of the company? **Marinucci:** Poured Foundations, just a little note, they have 50 employees. And they put in three foundations a day. And (inaudible) told me about the parent company out of the Delaware. Puts 300 Basements in a week. So, I'll give you the difference of, and he's worried that the market's going to dry out. But, he has a long time before the market dries up in business. And I've been seeing it everywhere. And he's located right now in Golden Oaks. But he has outgrown

the building, there's no room for what he's doing. **Davis:** So where is he now? **Marinucci:** Oh, right across from those 3-D blocks. It's on the other side of the street, and just right before you guys get to it. So, he's probably 150- 200 yards away. **Davis:** Across the street? **Marinucci:** And then coupled with that because there were some statements made about people doing work without permits. I haven't been able to find any of that. But I did have a meeting with the owner, right next to it. I forget the name, but when they come in and out of their driveway. They had been tracking mud and they'll be putting in and all that. And I got the name of a street cleaner that was given to me by Tommy. (inaudible). But anyways, we got that issue to clean the streets, we want to keep that. **Davis:** You talked about a home down on Garden Road going westbound, it's a foreclosed home. You said you thought there was a limited owner, this was months ago. And then you have no idea who the owner was. Well, they've been doing, somebody's been doing work at that house all the time. Do you know if they got permits? **Marinucci:** I don't have any idea; I don't know what property you're talking about. But we will check it out. **Davis:** There's no address because there's no mailbox, still. Because it was supposed to be a mailbox cited like a year ago. And they still have no mailbox, so I have no idea. **Warren:** Can I suggest you maybe give him the address of the houses on both sides to him. Then he'll be able to find it. **Marinucci:** Right now, we're going to be shorthanded for two weeks at the Building Department. We are already shorthanded one person. Alright, but Aaron is going to Europe for the next two weeks. So, we're going to be here for two weeks, but we'll get on that. And then one other thing, I have a pet peeve with the software. Well, the software company that we use has been bought out by another software company. The software company that bought them out. We had before, and they're not that pleased. So right now, I'm meeting with other Building Officials in other jurisdictions. What is the best software that we can get to make this thing work properly. So, that's in the works. **Nikolic:** Okay, any other questions? May we hear from our Engineer, please.

Engineer, **Jones| Jones:** Thanks, Madam President, so I'll be brief. Quick update on the Forbes Road project that is on schedule right now. They're just about ready to move into the next phase of the concrete work. You can see in the eastbound lanes on Forbes. They just have to finish up a little bit of work in front of Chagrin Valley's driveway there. So, once that finishes up we'll be on the next phase. The Force Main Project farther down the road is actually delayed a little bit. It's due primarily to utility conflict, but it'll still be on schedule and still be able to be coordinated with the reconstruction project. And then, one other thing I want to update everyone on is, the Garden Road sanitary, laterals reconstruction project or basement project. We have to rebid that; we received one bid for it when it was advertised. And the bidder didn't follow the directions correctly. So unfortunately, we had to go through the bid process again. We have had discussions with that bidder and others. We do feel that he qualifies, they just have to go for the right process. So, hopefully that will be taken care of and we're able to move forward with that project. Other than that, I'm open for any questions. **Nikolic:** The Garden Road project, just briefly, what are you fixing? **Jones:** Sanitary laterals. **Nikolic:** Okay. **Matlock:** Dan, in your building office there's a young lady there who scans actual documents into your system. She's been doing that for how long? About one year? **Marinucci:** A little bit more than that. **Matlock:** Do you know exactly how far she is? **Marinucci:** (inaudible). Could she have helped, do you think, high school kids. A couple of very well advanced in scanning, to assist her with something like that? **Marinucci:** For the summer that would be great. And what I can do is, that would help us out immensely. We have miles of drawings that I'd love to get all digitized. And I was waiting on her. But, if we can get a high school individual work through the summer, that will be nice. It

doesn't have to be every day, but whatever. **Matlock:** It's just a suggestion, but I was just thinking. How far was she along on that scanning. If she could use some assistance, such as a high school person, maybe three days a week or two hours. **Marinucci:** That would help us out immensely in that particular path. **Matlock:** If we decide to do this, how long or how much? Is there somebody there to supervise her and make sure that there's enough work out there for them to have it completed? **Marinucci:** Yeah, we have to work, and I'll have her work with Ania and Lillie. The work is there, that's excellent, I would love it personally. That scanning is working really nice, Thank you. **Nikolic:** thank you, moving on to agenda item number seven, Ward report.

### *Ward Report*

**Councilperson Scruggs:** Ward one, we do have a newsletter going out this week, and, that is the only report at this time.

**Councilwoman Matlock:** Ward three, a newsletter was sent out today and it covered some issues that we have had inside not only our ward, but in other wards. For instance, it also entails grass cutting. We have found out just by investigating. You know, how Oakwood has a lot of waterways going through your back yard, used to. Okay, we're finding out a lot of landscapers are taking those grass clippings, and they're covering those waterways up, which they shouldn't be. And this is what's causing a lot of properties to flood. Because the water won't have anywhere to go. We were trying to seek some type of grant, some type of help, to help the community or help individuals to clear some of those waterways out in our city. It's something that we're working on, because we know there's a lot of individuals who have property and it is backing up. It's getting pretty bad, but that's what we have found out. On that newsletter, also, it talked about the Charter review. We do have a charter review that will be coming up. It's normally one week after the election day. So, each Council person will be assigning someone to work on this Charter Review Committee. But you, the residents are welcome to come in. And any questions or suggestions that you will have about our Charter. Just update yourself on the Charter, it is on the website. You can't pull it up on the website and go over the Charter and what's basically there. I'll let them talk about the rest because we basically got everything together about the dog ordinance. We listened to the residents about the dogs being inside of the community, not on a leash. There is an ordinance for that, we want you to read that. Because they can be cited or get a ticket for that. Also, the pooper scooper, tell your residents to get a pooper scooper. I know some residents don't use it. And when you go out to use your mailbox, whatever you're stepping in poop because of the fact of that. But yes, they do have to pick up their poop or their dogs poop when they are walking their animals. That would be it for right now.

**Nikolic:** I'd like to use this opportunity to invite all residents. I'm at- large, not a ward report, but this is for everyone in the community. I'd love to use this opportunity to invite you to a presentation that, Council is sponsoring on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the Oakwood Village Community Center. To discuss rehabilitating designing new playgrounds. There'll be a designer there to suggest some designs. We'd love to hear your feedback about what you would love to hear, which you'd love to see on the playgrounds. What you would love for your children and or grandchildren to be playing on. So, Council would love to invite you out Thursday evening, 7



p.m. to see designs and we can get your feedback at that time about what you'd like to see. Of course, parks are a huge contribution to property values and things of that nature and the health and well-being of our youth. So, please consider coming out whether you have children or not. We'd love to see you and have your input, Thursday, 7 p.m. at the community.

**Councilwoman Davis:** Ward four, you should have had either received your newsletter on Saturday or the other half received it today. So, there's a lot of valuable information in there. Not just my little blip, but there is a lot of good information in there that could be used. I appreciate it, that's all I have to say, thank you guys.

**Councilwoman Williams:** Ward five report should be coming in the next few weeks, so look out for it. Thank you, that's all I have.

**Nikolic:** Agenda item number eight, committee reports.

#### *Committee Report*

##### ***Fine Arts Committee***

**Councilwoman Scruggs:** Fine Arts Committee has not met just yet, but we will be meeting next week.

##### ***Utilities***

**Councilwoman Matlock:** And I'm over the utilities committee. There are some things we haven't met, but I have been looking at information for utilities. We did hear about First energy and the reduction of your rates. So, that will be coming to you. Also, separate things that I've seen and read up on. Utility assistance for individuals who cannot afford to/or have a situation with their bills right now as them being expensive or too high. Various places where you can go to assist you with your utilities. Not only that but also housing assistance. I know we don't have apartments here, but they do have assistance for individuals who do have housing. You may have or know someone who is living in an apartment and can't afford their rent. Or maybe just a little behind on their rent right now. There is a system for that, but there's also assistance for your mortgage. So, if you come behind on your mortgage, there is information or money out there that would help you with your mortgage. I hope all of you take advantage of either looking at our newsletters. Because of the fact we do have if you are having a problem with food. We do have food banks that are around in our areas, please use them. Mount Zion is a very good base for them, and I think they have theirs on every I'm going to say second, is it second? Sunday, theirs is on the Sunday. If you don't or if you can't get to a food bank. Please call one of us or just leave your message on the web page. I'll be more than happy to go and pick you up something and bring it to you. I don't want no one to be out there and be without food. So, that is just some things that we're working on. I believe in checking out programs for Teachers, Firemen, Police individuals with mortgages. They will rate your mortgage at a certain percentage if you live inside of your areas. And you stay there for like a couple of years or whatever. But those are just some things that we're looking at. But please keep in mind that it was just a short newsletter that we gave you, just this week. But we're going to expand on that and give you other things inside of a newsletter that will help you or will assist you with living in Oakwood.

### ***Environmental Committee***

**Councilwoman Nikolic:** Thank you, we'll continue with the committee reports. If we could keep our comments to three minutes and restricted to committee information, thank you. I'm the chair of the environmental committee. I'd like to thank all residents who came out to support the Earth Day event. The Arbor Day tree planting was a huge success. I think everyone learned a great deal. I'd like to send a special thanks to Service, Fire, and the Police for all of your support over the weekend. You showed up in more ways than one. Grilling, moving, hauling, and securing, so many things you all did to support the event. So, we appreciate you for that and again will happen next year. We love to see more of you come out and learn about our theme next year. So greatly appreciate it, thank you for all who came out.

### ***Economic Development/Grants Committee***

**Warren:** I chair this community Economic Development committee. We haven't had a meeting yet. But it's been a meeting indirectly because our wonderful chair of our finance committee, Ms. Williams. Has been working on the Villages stability and the income. So, that we can know exactly where we are financially. And then at that point, we can be able to make plans for the most part, to draw businesses into the community. Because we already know that 65 to 68% of our revenue comes from the employer's payroll tax, it doesn't come from us. So, when residents say, I pay my taxes. If you're working in a different community other than Oakwood, that's where you're paying your taxes. 68% of your property taxes go to the schools, Oakwood only gets 8%. So, we have to do our due diligence to get businesses in Oakwood Village that has larger payrolls. Currently, we're strung out a little bit because the Kroger's has never moved forward yet. They had a merger and right now I was in my last conversation with the Mayor. He's going to be making some moves, more decisively to say either build or sell the land so that someone else could build. Currently the (inaudible) site, part of their site has issues as far as the environmental issues. And part of it is water. So, I suggested that maybe we can use the state parks as a way to do the abatement of the water issues that they have. And have that relocated to the state parks where nobody bothers it. And it wouldn't be an impact on the developer economically. And so right now we're just waiting to see where we are financially. But most of our money do come from the businesses that move into Oakwood. And that's why we try to attract the businesses that take up the least amount of space. Because we're only 4.4mi<sup>2</sup>, but with the largest payrolls. And it's been successful, as you see, that the Mayor has been talking about businesses moving over at the First Place right now. Oakwood is on a high demand and we're in a very, very, very good location too. And we do have a very, very good reputation as a community support businesses.

### ***Safety Service Committee***

**Davis:** I am the chairperson of the Safety and Service Committee. We have not met, we talked. And as you heard reports from our beautiful Chiefs, Police and Fire, and also our Service Director. They're working so hard to keep our Village safe and healthy and in the right direction. So, we have not had anything more than thanking them and I appreciate them for all of their hard work.

***Tax Incentive Review Council Committee &  
Finance Committee***

**Williams:** I am the chair of the Tax Incentive Committee. We have not met as of yet. I am also the chair of the Finance Committee, we meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m. You are more than welcome to attend. They are open public meetings. And right now we are under our regular state audit, a special forensic audit investigation and a fraud investigation. So, we have a lot to work through, and you are welcome to attend meetings and have input and know what's going on. We will be amending the budget for the Village very soon before June 30th. And I think that's all of our major things for right now.

**Nikolic:** Thank you, moving on to agenda item number nine. The floor is now open for comment.

***Open Floor Comments***

**John Latsko, 24752 Garden Road| Latsko:** The last council meeting and this council meeting. There's been mentioned the planning commission. I am a member of the Planning Commission. When someone comes before the planning Commission. They have prints, what kind of shrubbery, trees, everything that they're going to do. And we get a letter from Engineering. We approve from those prints and the letter from engineering, but there's no follow through. Who follows that up? How do we know that they're doing what we approved? **Davis:** Can we ask our Building Inspector, our building CBO? **Marinucci:** I don't know why planning wants to know that, personally. **Latsko:** Well because they're asking for foundations. But it's got to go to planning. We approved, and he approved about water and everything else. But who goes out there and makes sure. What happens is the documents go to planning. Then you have to do your magic. You're going to agree, not agree, or partially agree. Then if there's an issue associated with needing variances it goes from planning to zoning board of appeals. Then I think it's the next day or the next week to go to that group of individuals. Then that is either approved or denied, then that comes to me for the building code violation. I'm already done with my role at the point you're done with yours. Because if they want to give me the drawings, I work on them. And so, once that gets approved, then they start the construction. And when they do the construction, then we have inspections. It's a dual kind of inspection. You have the building code inspections. Then you may have the County doing inspections when you're tying the storm drain in. So, you have all of that going on at the same time. And then there's a final decision on the final. When everything is done, everything meets all and finally to finalize it. **Latsko:** I agree, but.. **Marinucci:** So, now you never have to go back to planning. **Latsko:** No, but in past couple of Council meetings. It's been mentioned when there was a problem with something. That it goes to planning, we don't know how it goes in. (inaudible) Why is it still planning's obligation to make sure. **Marinucci:** It's not your role. **Nikolic:** Mr. Latsko, the Assistant Law Director has a point of clarification. **Cirincione:** This is a question when you referred to the three parcels being combined. You refer to name, and that's planned foundations. **Marinucci:** Poured Foundations. **Cirincione:** Is that the name of the company? **Marinucci:** Yes. **Cirincione:** Okay, so Poured Foundations has not appeared before the Planning Commission yet. **Latsko:** Yes, they have. **Cirincione:** They've been there for approval? **Marinucci:** Help me out, what's the status? **Jones:** Well, I think what's going on is, they have plans to do more work. I think that maybe where the

confusion is. So, you already approved what their current state is. **Latsko:** Yes. **Jones:** My understanding is that they're planning on doing more work than you were mentioning. Before they. Before they are able to do anything additional. They're going to have to come up to you with more plans. We haven't seen that yet. **Marinucci:** They're changing the building; they are putting the second story on it. So, I think it's a multi-phase thing **Latsko:** Okay. **Cirincione:** And John I think that the Engineer's office, as far as some of these drainage issues. And that's why there are drainage plans in the water. Runoff plans that are presented to them. **Latsko:** Correct. **Cirincione:** So yeah, I think they would follow up on that to make sure that those plans were filed. The County is going to get copies. **Jones:** So, yeah, the storm water and the sanitary has to go through the County. You know, we review the plan to make sure everything meets code. And make sure there's no adverse effect on neighboring properties and things like that. That all happens during the review process. During the actual construction process, the Building Department is involved with inspections. We'll also do inspections for stormwater pollution management. So, you know, it's an ongoing process. **Latsko:** Okay, thank you. **Warren:** When planning has a set of plans that you approved, I'm just asking the sequence. Then their approvals are forwarded to the Building Department. Is there any type of signature or a stamp that the planning... Because this is hypothetically what could happen. If you don't have a plan that was approved by planning that goes directly to the Building Department. You approved my plan, but I can give you a different plan. Even though it may be similar. **Latsko:** We approve what we get. **Warren:** I know, but is there a stamp or something? **Davis:** Signature from the Chairperson, he has to sign the plans. **Warren:** So, he signs the plans himself? And then you get a copy of the signed plans? **Davis:** Yes. **Jones:** Well, I can just say, we have that as sort of our template. And then we review the more detailed engineering plans to come in. We make sure that they conform with Planning Commission. Review. That's on the site side of things. **Warren:** Yeah, but I'm just talking about on the site and building site. The building site is the one that I'm more concerned about or just curious about. After planning, accepts and say that this building is fine and everything. Any notes or anything that you may take exception to or anything, are also noted on those plans? **Latsko:** Yes. **Warren:** Okay, with the exception with contingency. But then the question I have then with those contingencies. Does that developer have to produce another set of plans that reflect all of those? **Marinucci:** Let me get you down the right part on this. The plans that they approve are not approving the construction. **Warren:** I understand that they approve the design and all the other signs. **Marinucci:** The mylar, Broadstreet signs it off. **Warren:** That's all I wanted to know. **Marinucci:** That's what ends up going to the Council. **Warren:** Okay, thank you.

**Ben J. Sizemore, 2509 Garden Road, | Sizemore:** Mines is, it's a little nagging. But here's pictures to prove what I've been talking about the water in my neighbor's backyard. Here's picture, this thing gets very, very high on our road. It gets up closer and closer to my area also. And in the back of that road, it's a block up and it's not flowing. And what it's doing is just like seeping out like a little drain in your house. It's not letting it all out of there. What it needs to be, is opened up all the way through. Or some pipe put in there. Because you're getting some Hickory, Garden Road, into that area there. And then we've got another area that goes couple houses down, got water that leaks down through there. They've got pipe all the way through that. If we can see about getting some pipe down here. That would help out a lot, to keep the guy from losing his property. **Nikolic:** Council, a few moments to review the pictures. So, Service Director, would that be your department for the piping? **Warren:** No. **Haba:** Years ago,

(inaudible) I don't know if piping would make it any better, I don't believe. (inaudible) from garden road all the way to Golden Oaks. **Sizemore:** (inaudible). **Haba:** I'm not sure (inaudible). **Davis:** Now, Mr. Marinucci, it's this property that's behind him, is that that new (inaudible)? **Marinucci:** I have no idea but, this is not the Village's issue. **Davis:** I just want to know if that company is behind him. **Marinucci:** Oh, you're talking about Poured Foundations? **Davis:** That's what I'm talk about. **Marinucci:** It may not go that far. **Jones:** I don't think it does. I don't think they're directly adjacent.

**Karen Howse, (unknown)| Howse:** I just wanted to say appreciation for the Police Department. For the last three, within two months, they caught those 18 wheelers coming out of Forbes Road. This morning a truck was coming down, and I'm not going to say where the Police car was. But as they were heading towards Richmond, they caught them, that's the third time. So, it's nice to see that and just keep up the good work. I do have a quick question, I notice that you guys, it's on work session. Could you explain 2024-WS-18? **Garratt:** I think it just establishes that we work during that Covid time. **Williams:** It's not, it's related to the CARES Act, Finance Director can you clarify? **Thompson:** The CARES Act, when, they came in, they looked at expenditures we had for the CARES Act. **Williams:** Who is they? **Thompson:** The state, the state came in and they pulled certain expenses. And some expenses, and they deemed it was eligible for the funding to be spent. So, they said that this is happening in different communities. But they advised us that if you put in legislation form that you have, Police and Fire Department that has payroll in excess of \$100,000. The expenses that were spent, they would do an expense swap. Then that would satisfy the expenditures that was spent with the CARES Act. **Howse:** So, that's a correction? Because it's referring to 2020 and 2021. **Thompson:** Yeah, those were the time periods for the CARES Act. **Howse:** Okay, thank you.

**Brenda Dixon, (unknown)| Dixon:** Mines will be really brief also, I received my newsletter. it was very informative and a very nice report. And I did receive information from the Building Department. I think it was like 395 permits, and I went through some of them and have questions later. But also, can I get, cause I haven't received it yet. All the entertainment information I requested for the last 2 or 3 years. I just want to see where that... **Thompson:** Yeah, we're working on it. I did put some information; we got quite a bit of a workload. Well, with some of the audits going on and helping the Mayor with his projects. But I did get to email you today. You may have not seen it. Just explaining that I didn't forget about you. Next week or sooner, I'll have that information for you. **Dixon:** I really appreciate it. **Thompson:** No problem. **Dixon:** Thank you.

**Laurie Hoover, 7379 Macedonia Rd.| Hoover:** Mayor I appreciate the update on DCOMM, and I appreciate them putting up an eight-foot fence. But as you will see on these pictures, are they going to be cleaning up their mess? Alright, I'm going to hold you to it. They cut down on my trees, there's rocks, there's buckets, all types of things there. And right now, that's a safety hazard, because my tenant has children. **Gottschalk:** It's all going to be screened, so you're not going to see any of that anymore. This screen here, there's a property line. They cut down all my trees in front of it, are they going to clean all of this up? **Gottschalk:** For the one time, yeah. **Hoover:** Okay, alright, thank you.

**Sylvia Johnson, Bedford Library| Johnson:** I'm a librarian at the Bedford branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, and we're at 72 Columbus Road. Want to let you know that, tomorrow we are having food distribution. It's 1:30pm to 3:30om, and it is the third Wednesday of every month. And I will leave fliers for that. We have our new program guides which discuss our summer programs. The summer reading program will start June 1st. The library has hired two social workers at this time. And you can call and make an appointment with them. And we still have digital navigators, and they will meet with you one on one to help you with your technology problems. If you have a new phone or tablet or you're having a problem with. They will help you with that and all of this is free. Then, our larger branches, Warrensville Heights, Maple Heights, and Garfield have food give away. And because all of this is produced, done by or provided by the Cleveland Food Bank, it isn't community specific. Whoever needs to pick up produce, they can. **Davis:** Thank you very much.

**Pat Malone, 22796 Darke Road| Malone:** Hi everybody, Mary, I wanted to thank you for your newsletter. Just one thing, is that just going to come out once, like, maybe four times a year? Because there's surrounding communities that do it more regularly. And let their people know more about what's going on. But thank you very much, and another thing. I'm old, my hearing isn't the best. And when you're speaking, I could hardly hear you ross. **Cirincione:** I apologize. **Malone:** You know, we're sitting here, and if we can't hear you, we don't know what you're saying. **Cirincione:** I'll try to. **Malone:** I mean, I'm not totally deaf, but, you know, it's getting there. We've got a few others, too. You need to speak up so that the audience can hear you. Okay, what's going on with I. Schuman? **Gottschalk:** They're still dealing with their own legal issues. There are two companies that would like to buy the site out. This is the grandson of the original owner. I don't think he has the (inaudible) to continue but we will see. **Malone:** And someone mentioned the Kroger property. **Gottschalk:** Yeah, I'm not putting much money on Kroger. **Malone:** Oh, no, I, I figured it's already gone. **Gottschalk:** There is again, Premier development who would love to buy that back. They have some very interesting and very good tenants. **Malone:** I know you've been saying that. They don't have to sell it till the end of the year. **Malone:** Ok, because I don't come to all the meetings. But that's the same thing I've been hearing. **Malone:** Now, it says let's build new playgrounds. That's all good and well, but who is going to finance this? Who is going to pay for this? **Nikolic:** The majority of the building is through grants and any type of contributions from local corporations. But largely we intend to seek grants. To finance the building of the playgrounds. A lot of municipalities were looking at models of other municipalities that have built similar playgrounds. **Malone:** I apologize, but I cannot go to the meeting on Thursday. I have a meeting at our church, so conflicting with that. I was just wondered who was doing the funding. When you speak on Thursday, what is that? Is it just ideas? **Nikolic:** There will be a designer there that will present options for design. And they really would like to hear feedback. So, that as a Council and as a community, we can hear ideas from you. What you'd like to see, your vision, for the playground. So, we can have some feedback. It's a conversation about what the community would like to see. So, it's really a feedback session for the community, for us to begin the discussion. **Malone:** Okay, well, thank you very much. **Nikolic:** Any further comments.

*The floor is now closed.*

**Nikolic:** Moving on to agenda item number ten, legislation. **Warren:** Chair, I would like to talk to, and, work session items 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 21, to the regular agenda.

*Legislation*

Motion to move 2024-WS-14, 2024-WS-15, 2024-WS-16, 2024-WS-19, 2024-WS-20, and 2024-WS-21 off of work session to the regular meeting agenda made by Warren seconded by Davis

**YES VOTE:** Davis, Warren, Williams, Matlock, Scruggs, Nikolic

**MOTION PASSED**

Cirincione proceeds to read:

**2023-55**

Introduced 12-22-23

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 12-22-23

2<sup>nd</sup> read 1-9-24

**Tabled 1-23-24**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF  
ROSS CIRINCIONE AND JOHN MONTELLO TO THE POSITION OF  
ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR/PROSECUTOR WITH THE VILLAGE OF  
OAKWOOD**

**2024-13**

Introduced 3-26-24

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 3-26-24

2<sup>nd</sup> read 4-9-24

**Tabled 4-23-24**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REFUSE  
COLLECTION AND RECYCLE PROCESSING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WASTE  
MANAGEMENT OF OHIO, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**2024-21**

Introduced 4-23-24

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 5-13-24

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF LAQUAN NARVELL EVANS**

Motion to suspend rules for legislation 2024-21 made by Warren seconded by Scruggs

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Matlock, Davis, Williams

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-21 made by Warren seconded by Davis

**YES VOTE:** Williams, Davis, Matlock, Scruggs, Nikolic, Warren

**MOTION PASSED**

2024-22

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,495,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF (i) IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE VILLAGE BY RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING, CONSTRUCTING STORM SEWERS AND RELATED FACILITIES AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, (ii) ACQUIRING, REMODELING, RENOVATING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A BUILDING TO HOUSE VILLAGE SERVICE DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS AND IMPROVING ITS SITE, (iii) REMODELING, RENOVATING, INSTALLING LIGHTING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE VILLAGE'S COMMUNITY CENTER, (iv) ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE FOR VILLAGE PURPOSES, (v) ACQUIRING SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR USE IN REFUSE COLLECTION AND (vi) RESURFACING FORBES ROAD FROM NORTHFIELD ROAD TO BROADWAY AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to suspend the rules for 2024-22 (previously 2024-WS-14) made by Scruggs seconded by Warren

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt 2024-22 (previously 2024-WS-14) made by Warren seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

2024-23

(previously 2024-WS-20)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EASEMENT DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC SIDEWALK FACILITIES OVER PRIVATE PROPERTIES ON BROADWAY AVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to suspend the rules for 2024-23 (previously 2024-WS-20) made by Warren seconded by Scruggs

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt 2024-23 (previously 2024-WS-20) made by Warren seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

2024- WS-15

(to become 2024-25)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OAKWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCE 111.01 (b) 140.07 TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILTY IN THE SCHEDULING AND RESCHEDULING OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2024- WS-16

(to become 2024-26)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AMENDMENTS TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF OAKWOOD GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, PART FIVE, SECTIONS 505.02 AND 505.03 CLARIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH ANIMALS ARE RUNNING AT LARGE IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE



2024- WS-19  
(to become 2024-27)

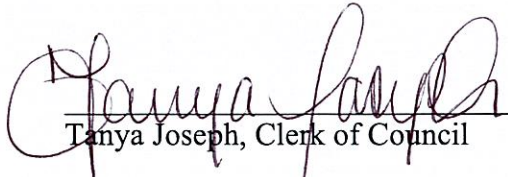
**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING AWARDS FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY UNDER THE 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM AND THE 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE FIRST PLACE PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

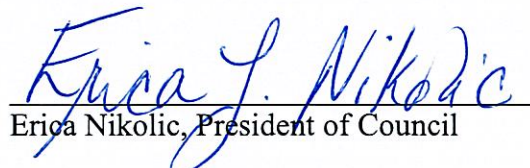
2024- WS-21  
(to become 2024-28)

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AWARD AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT AND DEPOSIT INTO THE LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND, FUNDING FROM THE DISTRICT 6 ARPA COMMUNITY GRANT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE OAK LEAF ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT – PHASE 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion to adjourn made by Warren seconded by Matlock  
YES VOTE: Warren, Nikolic, Scruggs, Matlock, Davis, Williams  
MOTION PASSED  
Adjourned at 8:38p.m.

Approved 4.8.2025

  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council