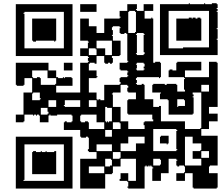


**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
WORK SESSION
April 8th, 2025
6:45 p.m.
AGENDA**



1. Call Meeting to order
2. Discussion by Mayor and Department Heads of matters to be brought to the attention of Council if present.
3. Questions of Mayor and Department Heads concerning Legislation or potential Legislation to be considered a future Council meetings.
4. Discussion of items of draft Legislation or potential Legislation to be considered at future Council meetings.

Legislation: Fiscal Officers Certificate Present

2024-WS-43 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CEP RENEWABLES OH, LLC FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE AS A SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT WITH ATTENDANT RECREATIONAL USES

2024-WS-45 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRCT WITH CREtelligent AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Municipal Complex	Hardin
Disaster Recovery Plan	Hardin
Human Resources	Hardin
Five Year Plan	Hardin
Requisition Approval Process	Nikolic
Recreation Budget & Events	Nikolic
Residents' open burning discussion	Nikolic

5. Matters Deemed Appropriate
6. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING
April 8th, 2025
7:00 p.m.
AGENDA**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**

Council President	Erica L. Nikolic	Mayor	Gary Gottschalk
President Pro Tempore	Johnnie A. Warren	Law	James Climer/ Sam O'Leary
Ward 1 Councilperson	Taunya Scruggs	Finance	Brian L. Thompson
Ward 2 Councilperson	Eloise Hardin	Service	Tom Haba
Ward 3 Councilperson	Paggie Matlock	Fire	Dave Tapp
Ward 4 Councilperson	Mary Davis	Police	Mark Garratt
Ward 5 Councilperson	Candace S. Hill	Building	N/A
		Engineer	Matt Jones
		Recreation	N/A

- 4. Minutes**
May 14th, 2024, Work Session Minutes
May 14th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes

- 5. Clerk Correspondence**
- 6. Departmental Reports**

MAYOR-GARY GOTTSCHALK	FIRE-DAVE TAPP
LAW-JAMES CLIMER/ SAM O'LEARY	BUILDING-N/A
FINANCE-BRIAN THOMPSON	0 HOUSING INSPECTOR N/A
SERVICE-TOM HABA	POLICE-MARK GARRATT
ENGINEER-MATT JONES	RECREATION-N/A

- 7. Ward Reports**
- 8. Committee Reports**
- 9. Floor open for comments from Village Residents** on meeting agenda and comments in general *Village residents. Please state your name, address, and the subject you wish to discuss for the record. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes. Thank you! Please sign in to speak.*
- 10. Legislation**

2025-02	AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REAFFIRMING THE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST
Introduced 1-28-25	DISCHARGING, IGNITING OR EXPLODING FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
By Councilwoman Hardin	AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 1519 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE
1 st read 1-28-25	NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF H.B. 172.
2 nd read 2-11-25	
3 rd read 2-25-25	
Tabled 2-25-25	

2025-17

Introduced 3-7-25

By the Mayor and
Council as a whole

1st read 3-7-25

2nd read 3-25-25

3rd read 4-8-25

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING UPDATED FEES FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE
BUILDING DEPARTMENT, AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1305.07,
REPEALING EXISTING CODIFIED ORDINANCES 1305.08 THROUGH 1305.19 AND 1305.21 AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Adjournment

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-WS-43

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CEP RENEWABLES OH, LLC FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE AS A SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT WITH ATTENDANT RECREATIONAL USES

WHEREAS, the Village of Oakwood and CEP Renewables OH, LLC ("CEP") deem it advantageous to each of them to enter into a Development Agreement for the redevelopment of certain property generally known as the former Silver Oak Landfill and more fully described as Permanent Parcel Nos. 795-41-005, 795-42-001 and 795-43-001 for purposes of a solar energy project with attendant recreational uses; and,

WHEREAS, Oakwood and CEP have agreed in principle to the terms of said Agreement as set forth in the document attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and marked Exhibit 1.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a Development Agreement with CEP substantially in the form attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit 1.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the
Mayor _____

Approved: _____

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2024 - was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2024.

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024 - was duly posted on the ____ day of _____, 2024, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers in the locations and manner provided in the Village Charter.

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: _____

Exhibit 1

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

THIS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is executed as of this ____ day of _____, 2024 ("Effective Date") by and between the Village of Oakwood, an Ohio municipal corporation and political subdivision ("Village"), and CEP Renewables OH, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company with an address of 331 Newman Springs Road, Building 1, 4th Floor, Red Bank, NJ 07701, or any of its assignees ("CEP"). Village and CEP are referred to individually each as a "Party" and, collectively, as the "Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, CEP has executed an agreement to acquire the property known as approximately 46.54 acres of vacant land in Oakwood Village, Ohio, whose Cuyahoga County tax parcel numbers are 795-41-005, 795-42-001 and 795-43-001 (hereinafter the "Property"), from the Cuyahoga Land Band ("Land Bank") pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement with an effective date of _____, 2024 ("Purchase Contract"); and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the sale of the Property, the Land Bank may seek evidence that the local community in which the Property is situated has reviewed and approves of the development plan that CEP put forth as part of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, one or more environmental covenants, including but not limited to the environmental covenant recorded as AFN 201507220442 in the Cuyahoga County Records ("Environmental Covenants"), place restrictions on the use of the Property for commercial or industrial purposes; and

WHEREAS, as evidence that the community has reviewed and approves CEP's development plan for an approximately 7 MW-dc, 5.5 MW-ac solar power generation facility at the Property, including, without limitation, the right to construct a ballasted solar photovoltaic system, together with all appurtenant facilities, including but not limited to cables, conduits, transformers, concrete pads, poles, wiring, meters and electric lines and equipment, and to convert the solar energy into electrical energy and to collect, store, sell and transmit the electrical energy so converted, together with any and all necessary and permitted activities related thereto (collectively, the "Solar Energy Project"), and as evidence that the community approves of the use of the Property for Solar Energy Project purposes, CEP and Village have executed this Development Agreement wherein CEP shall set forth and represent to Village the development representations which CEP made to the Land Bank.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the Purchase Contract, and other good and valuable consideration received by CEP, CEP hereby agrees as follows:

1. No Preemption. Unless otherwise provided for specifically herein, this Agreement shall not be deemed to waive, preempt or make unnecessary any applicable municipal or governmental process, including but not limited to zoning, variances, brownfield and economic incentives, assessments or fees and that the CEP and/or any Property user will be required to submit and partic-

ipate in any appropriate process as provided in Village's ordinances, rules and/or regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Village agrees to use its best efforts, subject to Council approval and limitations on the use of public funds to support ballot measures as well as other legal restrictions, to support and advocate for any necessary land use, zoning and regulatory approvals as are necessary for CEP to construct and operate the Solar Energy Project on the Property.

2. Zoning and Land Use. The development activities at the Property shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable portions of Village's zoning ordinances, as may necessarily be amended or varied from in order for CEP to construct and operate the Solar Energy Project. Village agrees, subject to Council approval and limitations on the use of public funds to support ballot measures as well as other legal restrictions, to assist CEP in the amendment of any zoning ordinances, or CEP's pursuit of variances therefrom, necessary for CEP to construct and operate the Solar Energy Project. Village agrees to assist CEP in the amendment of Environmental Covenants necessary for CEP to construct and operate the Solar Energy Project.

3. Intended Use. CEP intends to use commercially reasonable efforts to design, install, maintain and operate the Solar Energy Project. CEP also agrees to coordinate with the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District and Village to plant flora and construct and maintain a trail, with educational kiosks, connecting the parking lot off Solon Road with the Solon Club Apartments and extending to connect to the trail off Hawthorne Parkway consistent with the conceptual renderings and descriptions attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A". The actual location and design of the trail will be finalized prior to closing.

4. Capital Expenditure. CEP has budgeted approximately \$12 million to \$14 million for capital improvements to design, procure, and construct the Solar Energy Project.

5. Jobs. The project expects to result in part time employment of a maximum of 80 temporary construction jobs. Additionally, the long term operations and maintenance of the facility will result in annual contracting of approximately three part-time individuals for regularly scheduled activities.

6. Term. Except to all matters that relate to zoning approvals, which terms shall remain in effect for applicable periods required by law, this Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force or effect five (5) years from the Effective Date if, despite the best efforts of the parties, necessary approvals and permits for the Solar Energy Project described hereinabove are not granted. Once all approvals have been secured for the Solar Energy Project, including but not limited to interconnection approval, CEP anticipates a construction period of approximately six to 12 months.

7. Effect of Invalidity. If any declaration is held to be invalid by any Court, the invalidity of such provision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions hereof.

8. Stipulation of Consideration. The parties to this Agreement hereby acknowledge and stipulate to the mutual promises contained herein as good and sufficient consideration for this Agreement.

9. Force Majeure. CEP shall not be liable for loss, damage, destruction or delay, nor be deemed to be in default for failure to comply with this Agreement when prevented from compliance or fulfillment of any obligation by causes beyond its reasonable control including but not limited to acts of war (declared or undeclared), acts of God, fire, strike, labor difficulties, acts or omissions of any governmental authority, compliance with government regulations, insurrection or riot, embargo, delay or shortages in transportation or inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, or manufacturing facilities from usual sources or from defects or delays in the performance of its suppliers or subcontractors due to any of the foregoing enumerated causes. In the event of delay due to any such cause, the date of performance will be extended by a period equal to the delay plus a reasonable time to resume performance.

10. Assignment by CEP. CEP may freely assign this Agreement to an affiliate or subsidiary of CEP of equal or greater financial, technical and other ability as CEP to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

11. As capacity is free and available for new subscribers, CEP agrees to provide or arrange for electricity discounts of 10% to 15% to CEP subscribers who are residents and/or commercial customers located in the Village as permitted by state and local laws and regulations at the time the Solar Energy Project becomes operational and/or as permitted by subsequent amendments to said laws and regulations.

12. Miscellaneous. This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts (or with counterpart signature pages) which, taken together, shall constitute a fully executed Agreement and shall be considered a single document. For purposes of this Agreement, a pdf or electronic copy shall be deemed to be an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals and/or have caused their corporate seal to be affixed hereto the day and year first above written.

VILLAGE:

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, AN OHIO
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

By: _____

Its: _____

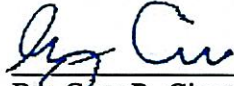
Date: _____

Approved as to legal form:

Law Director/Assistant Law Director

CEP:

CEP RENEWABLES OH, LLC, A NEW
JERSEY LIMITED LIABILITY COM-
PANY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Cicero", is written over a horizontal line.

By: Gary R. Cicero
Managing Member

Date: September 4, 2024

• **ANDREW L. SPARKS AND ASSOCIATES, INC.** •

• *Landscape Architecture* •

30303 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH 44092

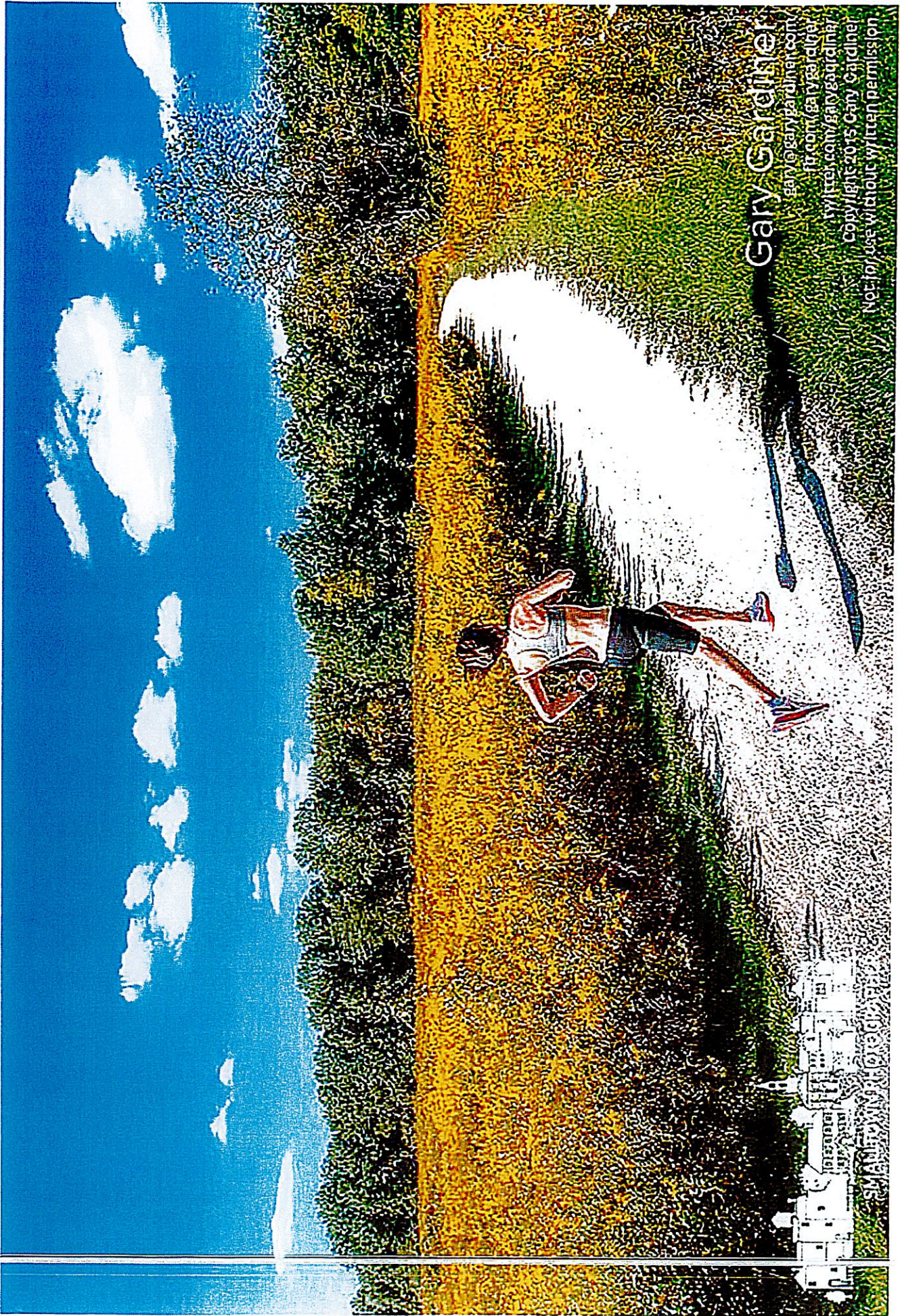
CELL 216-469-5252 PHONE 440-833-0163 FAX 440-943-9593

Landscaped Recreation Trail for site of Seneca Engineering 26 Acre Solar Energy Project



This "park-like" trail will have a groundcover canvas of varying shades, textures, and heights of green and blueish native grasses. This will be the background for an array of durable and ornamental native prairie and meadow re-seeding annuals and perennials, shrubs, small trees and evergreens planted along the trail. As the path winds along the watershed on the north, then over and down the mounding hills, and along the wooded area adjacent to Richmond Rd., vibrant and pastel annual and perennial flower colors and shapes will appear seasonally in large drifts and intense colonies with wisps of small flowering and berrying trees and shrubs in groupings, and be punctuated by a few larger evergreens and trees (far enough east and north to not interfere with the sun angle) to accomplish an invigorating and educational display for the hiker, runner, wanderer, and sight-seer. Beginning and ending at Solon Road and Richmond Road it will be a fine diversion from the views of the solar panels beyond, and an eye-catcher for even those traveling the roadways. There will be environmental benefits far beyond that present on the site now, for those residents and employees who make the effort; and for the birds and insects and our four-footed friends. Naturally provision will be made for their breakfast, lunch, and dinner as well, which should be tolerated. Perhaps a bridge at one spot for crossing at a Solon Club trail tributary. And rock outcroppings made from material raised on site. Exact points of beginning and ending have not been determined yet, but could result in a 2,500 foot to 3,000 foot trail.

Exhibit "A"



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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-WS-45

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILPERSON NIKOLIC

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
INTO A CONTRACT WITH CREtelligent AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Village Oakwood has received reports of various illnesses suffered by residents in the vicinity of Wright Avenue in the Village; and,

WHEREAS, Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and the health and well-being of its residents, visitors and persons working within the Village to investigate potential environmental sources of said illnesses to determine what if any further steps should be taken;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with CREtelligent substantially in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being the urgent need to determine potential environmental sources of reported illnesses in the vicinity of Wright Avenue in the Village, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Erica Nikolic, President of Council

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the
Mayor _____

Approved: _____

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2024 - was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2024.

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024 - was duly posted on the ____ day of _____, 2024, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: _____

EXHIBIT A



2717 S. Arlington St., Suite C
Akron, OH 44312
E.f.hamilton@cretelligent.com

January 8, 2024

Ed Hren
Engineer
Village of Oakwood
24800 Broadway Ave
Oakwood Village, Ohio 44146

Via email: hren@cvelimited.com

Re: Proposal
Preliminary Assessment
Environmental Conditions
Wright Ave, Oakwood Village

Dear Ed:

CREtelligent (CREt) is pleased to present this proposal for a preliminary assessment of environmental conditions along Wright Ave.

INTRODUCTION

During a recent meeting at your office, we heard concerns from Council President-elect Erica Nikolic regarding possible contamination of soil along Wright Ave associated with nearby industries. This proposal has been prepared to begin gathering data that might be able to help better understand that concerns raised.

SCOPE OF WORK

We have developed a scope of work that includes the following specific services:

INTERVIEWS

We are proposing to interview residents along Wright Ave and other nearby streets to better understand their concerns. During these interviews we will gather basic demographic data (age, gender, etc.). We will ask residents questions about where they have lived and worked now and historically. We will also attempt to gather information about other habits that might affect exposure to environmental contaminants. We will also ask residents to describe any concerns they have related to local environmental conditions. We will also ask residents if they have any health concerns. Response to any and all interview questions will be voluntary.

A questionnaire will be developed and used so that consistent and uniform information is collected. Residents will be requested to complete this, or another, questionnaire prior to the interview. It is likely that we will walk the neighborhood, particular properties of residents who have agreed to interviews prior to in person interviews. That reconnaissance will help guide the interview process.

Interviews will be conducted a location convenient for residents. We would propose a location at the Village Hall or even your office. Audio and/or video recording of the interviews might be conducted.

DESKTOP RESEARCH

After the interviews are completed and results reviewed and compiled, we will continue our research to understand possible sources of environmental contamination in the area. We will use an outside data contractor to compile a list of properties/businesses within a to be determined radius of the affected area. These data will include a list of businesses that have activity that has been reported to state, federal and local environmental authorities. The search area will be developed using an understanding of prevailing winds. We will also perform a visual reconnaissance from public roadways in the area to assess completeness of the data provided by the data vendor.

SAMPLING

CREtelligent is proposing to collect representative soil samples from the neighborhood to begin to develop an understanding of existing conditions. Soil samples will be collected from the near surface and from a depth of approximately 12 inches at each location. The study area will initially focus on properties east and west of Wright Ave between Forbes Road and North Lane. The study area may be adjusted based on the results of interviews and research described above.

This proposal includes costs for collection of two samples from each of 15 locations. Samples will be collected using properly decontaminated tools into laboratory supplied and prepared containers appropriate to the proposed analytical program. Samples will be maintained in an iced cooler under strict chain of custody until delivered to the analytical laboratory.

It is anticipated that samples will be submitted to Summit Environmental in Cuyahoga Falls Ohio. At this time, we are proposing to request samples be analyzed for the following metals via EPA Method 6010D:

- Selenium
- Vanadium
- Arsenic
- Tin
- Barium
- Lead
- Hexavalent Chromium
- Trivalent Chromium
- Copper

This list is subject to change based on the results of our research and interviews. The parameters listed above are, however, typically what one might expect to be discharged to air from the types of industries in the area.

Sampling locations will be restored by placing soil back into the excavation/hole. Topsoil and grass seed will be spread over each location. We are not proposing any ongoing maintenance or watering of samples areas.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

At the conclusion of the work described above we will prepare a report. The report will include a summary of work completed and detailed review of the results. The report will not name any resident specifically but will refer to interviewees in a generic sense. The report will include photographs, figures and other exhibits as appropriate.

We will also include recommendations. As discussed during our meeting, should our results suggest that there is some widespread impact we would recommend that the results be provided to the County Board of Health and/or the Ohio EPA.

ESTIMATED COST 1

CREt has prepared the following budget for this project, based on the scope of work described herein:

Task	Estimated CREt Cost	Estimated Expenses	Estimated Laboratory Cost	Total Estimated Task Cost
Interviews	\$6,000			\$6,000
Desktop Research	\$1,000	\$500		\$1,500
Soil sampling	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$7,000	\$10,000
Reporting and project management	\$5,000			\$5,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST				\$22,500.00

This budget includes the following assumptions:

- Interviews will be conducted at a location to be provided by the Village. Two full days have been budgeted for interviews.
- Soil sample locations will be marked in the field. We expect the Village Engineer will provide us a drawing for our report documenting sample locations.
- If, after completing interviews, modifications to the list of laboratory analytes seems appropriate we will prepare a modified scope of work and advise any budgetary impacts prior to proceeding.

All work will be completed in accordance with the attached terms and conditions.


SCHEDULE

We are prepared to begin scheduling interviews immediately upon receipt of authorization to proceed. We will also commence the desktop research task immediately upon receipt of authorization to proceed. Soil sampling will be scheduled once the interviews and research are completed. Soil sampling will require snow and frost-free conditions. The soil sampling will take approximately one week to complete. Once the soil samples are collected, laboratory analysis will require approximately one week. Altogether, it is anticipated that this project will take 6 to 8 weeks to complete, contingent upon weather and other conditions beyond our control.

CREtelligent appreciates the opportunity to propose on this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments.

Regards,

CREtelligent



Fraser K. Hamilton, Sr PG EP
Director, Environmental Consulting

1. The cost to the client shall not exceed the estimated cost without the client's prior written consent.

Authorization to Proceed:

Please sign below and include appropriate contact information.

(Client or Authorized Client Representative) Date

Printed Name Title

Billing Contact Information:

Contact Name _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Fax Number _____

Email Address _____

Proposal
Preliminary Assessment
Environmental Conditions
Wright Ave, Oakwood Village

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

James A. Climer, Law Director

**CREtelligent
General Conditions**

1.0 BILLING

1.1 Invoices will be issued with the report, unless the work extends for more than 1 month, in which case invoices will be issued every four weeks. All invoices will be payable upon receipt, unless otherwise agreed.

1.2 Interest of 1 and 1/2% per month (but not exceeding the maximum rate allowable by law) will be payable on any amounts not paid within 15 days. Payments will be applied first to accrued interest and then to the unpaid principal amount of invoices. Any attorney's fees or other costs incurred in collecting any delinquent amount shall be paid by the Client.

1.3 In the event that the Client requests termination or suspension of the work prior to completion of a report, CREtelligent, (the "Company") reserves the right to charge the Client for work completed and charges incurred by the Company as of the date of termination, including a charge to complete such analyses and records as are necessary to place its files in order and, where considered by it necessary to protect its professional reputation, to complete a report on the work performed to date. The Company reserves the right to impose a termination charge to cover the cost thereof in an amount not to exceed 30% of all charges incurred up to the date of termination.

2.0 WARRANTY AND LIABILITY

2.1 Company will provide services in accordance with the specifications prescribed by its Clients, in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions. The Company hereby disclaims any warranties or representations, either expressed or implied, other than as expressly stated in the Company's proposals, contracts or reports.

2.2 The Company, its employees, subcontractors and agents shall not be liable for indirect or consequential damages, including without limitation loss of use, loss of value and loss of profits.

2.3 In addition to the limitations provided in 2.1 and 2.2, and notwithstanding any other provision herein, the liability of the Company, its employees, subcontractors and agents shall be limited to injury or loss to the extent caused by the negligence of the Company, its subcontractors and/or agents hereunder; and the liability of the Company for injury or loss arising from professional errors shall not exceed the lesser of (a) the total amount billed by the Company for the services rendered to Client, or (b) \$10,000. In no event shall the Company, its subcontractors or agents be liable for injuries or losses pertaining to environmental impairment, pollution, radiation, nuclear reaction or radioactive substances or conditions.

2.4 The Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its employees, subcontractors and agents against and from any claim, liability, attorneys' fees or other defense costs incurred because of (i) injury or loss caused by the acts and omissions of the Client, its employees, agents, contractors or subcontractors, and (ii) any third party claim arising from the performance of services hereunder by the Company, its agents or subcontractors with respect to claims that do not arise solely from the negligence or willful misconduct of the Company, its agents or subcontractors.

2.5 In the event that the Client asserts a claim against the Company that causes the Company to incur defense costs, and a court of law or arbitration panel rules in favor of the Company, the Client shall reimburse the Company for all costs, including attorney's fees, incurred by the Company in defending itself against such claim.

3.0 GOVERNING LAW:

These terms and conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California (without regard to its conflicts of law's provisions). The parties hereto hereby agree that venue of any action under these T&Cs shall be exclusively in Sacramento County, California, and that these terms and conditions are performable in part in Sacramento County, California.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL WOMAN HARDIN

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REAFFIRMING THE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST DISCHARGING, IGNITING OR EXPLODING FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 1519 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF H.B.172.

WHEREAS, the Governor, on November 8, 2021, signed House Bill 172, amending Ohio Revised Code 3743.45, effective July 1, 2022, allowing any person authorized to possess consumer grade fireworks to discharge, ignite or explode fireworks on their property or, if permitted, on another person's property on certain designated days of the year; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 172 also provides that, pursuant to home rule authority, a municipality may choose to restrict the days and times that a person may discharge, ignite, or explode consumer grade fireworks or may impose a complete ban on the use of consumer grade fireworks, and

WHEREAS, the Oakwood Police Department strongly recommends that the Council of the Village of Oakwood opt out of H.B. 172 and reaffirm the existing ban on discharging, igniting or exploding fireworks set forth in Chapter 1519 of the Codified Ordinances while making allowances for the celebration of our country's declaration of its independence; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that the uncontrolled discharge of fireworks poses a significant danger to the public and may cause serious injuries as well as significant property damage and disturbance of the public peace, especially in densely populated residential and business areas; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that continuing the prohibitions against discharging, igniting or exploding fireworks presently set forth in Chapter 1519 of the Codified Ordinances with limited exceptions for the celebration of our country's declaration of its independence to occur on the Fourth of July will best protect the public's right to the quiet enjoyment of their respective premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the Village of Oakwood expressly opts out of the provisions set forth in H.B. 172, and reaffirms the prohibitions against discharging, igniting or exploding fireworks as set forth in Chapter 1519 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Oakwood with an exception for the Fourth of July as provided hereinafter.

SECTION 2. That Oakwood Codified Ordinance 1518.05, which presently reads as follows:

- **1519.05 - Application.**

This chapter does not prohibit or apply to the following:

- (a) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use in emergency situations, of pyrotechnic signaling devices and distress signals for marine, aviation, or highway use;
- (b) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage, or use of fuses, torpedoes, or other signals necessary for the safe operation of railroads;
- (c) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage, or use of blank cartridges in

connection with theaters or shows, or in connection with athletics as signals or for ceremonial purposes;

(d) The manufacture for, the transportation, storage, possession or use by, or sale to the Armed Forces of the United States and the militia of this state of pyrotechnic devices;

(e) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper or plastic caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive material are used, provided that they are constructed so that a hand cannot come into contact with a cap when it is in place for explosion, or apply to the manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of those caps;

(f) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of novelties and trick noisemakers, auto burglar alarms or model rockets and model rocket motors designed, sold, and used for the purpose of propelling recoverable aero models;

(g) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of wire sparklers.

(h) The conduct of radio-controlled special effect exhibitions that use an explosive black powder charge of not more than one-quarter pound per charge, and that are not connected in any manner to propellant charges, provided that the exhibition complies with all of following:

(1) No explosive aerial display is conducted in the exhibition;

(2) The exhibition is separated from spectators by not less than 200 feet;

(3) The person conducting the exhibition complies with regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the United States Department of the Treasury and the United States Department of Transportation with respect to the storage and transport of the explosive black powder used in the exhibition. (ORC 3743.80)

be and hereby is amended to add the following subsection (i):

- (i) The possession of 1.4G consumer grade fireworks as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 3743.01 during the period from June 15 through July 4 and the discharge, igniting or exploding of same on private property with the authorization of the property owner between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. on July 4 provided said possession and use otherwise complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 3743.45, regulations adopted pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3743.45, other provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and the Oakwood Village Codified Ordinances.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of

the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the provisions of H.B. 172 took effect on July 1, 2022 and, since that time, the Village has experienced an unacceptable increase in the usage of fireworks that has made it necessary to limit the possession and use of said fireworks so as to preserve the protections afforded the citizens of Oakwood by C.O. Ch. 1519, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds($\frac{1}{2}$) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Erica Nikolic, Council President

Presented to the
Mayor _____

Approved: _____

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-02 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2025.

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2025-02 was duly posted on the ____ day of _____, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING UPDATED FEES FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1305.07, REPEALING EXISTING CODIFIED ORDINANCES 1305.08 THROUGH 1305.19 AND 1305.21 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Oakwood provides for the payment of fees by applicants for certain services provided by the Building Department as specified in Codified Ordinance Sections 1305.08 through 1305.19 and 1305.21; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned fees were last updated at various times between 1974 and 2008; and,

WHEREAS, costs incurred for the proper operation of the Building Department have increased considerably since the last update of the foregoing fees; and,

WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary to update the fees charged by the Building Department in order to provide for its good order and operation and to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Oakwood Codified Ordinance Section 1305.07, which presently reads as follows:

1305.07 - Fee collection.

Fees shall be charged for the examination of plans, permits to proceed and for the inspection of all types of construction, installation demolition, removal or alteration work performed on all types of property within the Municipality in accordance with the following sections and not specifically provided for otherwise in other chapters or sections of the Codified Ordinances. Such fees shall be charged by the Building and Zoning Inspector and delivered to the Director of Finance in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Director of Finance.

shall be amended to read as follows:

1305.07 - Fee collection.

Fees not specifically provided for otherwise in other chapters or sections of the Codified Ordinances shall be charged for the examination of plans, permits to proceed and for the inspection of all types of construction, installation demolition, removal or alteration work performed on all types of property within the Municipality in accordance with schedules approved by Council and maintained on file by the Chief Building Official. Such fees shall be charged by the Chief Building Official and delivered to the Director of Finance in

accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, the Village and procedures adopted by the Director of Finance.

SECTION 2. Council hereby adopts the schedules set forth in Exhibits A and B attached hereto and incorporated herein and directs that the fees specified therein be charged by the Building Department for its activities as set forth in said schedules.

SECTION 3. Codified Ordinance Sections 1305.08, 1305.09, 1305.10, 1305.11, 1305.12, 1305.13, 1305.14, 1305.15, 1305.16, 1305.17, 1305.18, 1305.19 and 1305.21 be and hereby are repealed and the Codifier is hereby instructed to implement that repeal in the Codified Ordinances of the Municipality.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that updated fees to be charged for the activities of the Building Department are necessary to provide for its good order and efficient operation for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Oakwood, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Erica Nikolic, President of Council

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the
Mayor _____

Approved: _____

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-17 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2025-17 was duly posted on the _____ day of _____, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village.

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: _____

EXHIBIT A**Oakwood Village, Ohio Residential Fees**

<u>RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS</u>	<u>BASE FEE</u>	<u>SQUARE FOOT FEE</u>	
NEW CONSTRUCTION	250.00		_____
		_____ X .10 =	_____
FOUNDATION ONLY	200.00		_____
DEMOLITION HOUSE	200.00		_____
INTERIOR DEMOLITION	75.00		_____
DEMOLITION ACCESSORY STRUCTURE	100.00		_____
ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS	200.00		_____
		_____ X .10 =	_____
OCCUPANCY & USE NEW DWELLING	150.00		_____
OCCUPANCY FOR ADDITION >750 SQ. FT.	75.00		_____
WATER SERVICE, SANITARY & STORM CONNECTIONS, LATERALS (Includes repairs)	100.00 X _____ =		_____
EACH EXTERIOR STORM WATER BASIN	50.00 X _____ =		_____
		1% BBS FEE	_____
		<u>TOTAL</u>	_____
<u>RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL PERMITS</u>	<u>BASE FEE</u>	<u>SQUARE FOOT FEE</u>	
NEW CONSTRUCTION	150.00		_____
		_____ X .07 =	_____
ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS	100.00		_____
		_____ X .07 =	_____
TEMPORARY SERVICE	75.00		_____
NEW or REPLACEMENT SERVICE	100.00		_____
ELECTRIC PANELS, SUB-PANELS	75.00 X _____ =		_____
GENERATOR	200.00		_____
Solar System	150.00		_____
		1% BBS FEE	_____
		<u>TOTAL</u>	_____
<u>RESIDENTIAL PLUMBING PERMITS</u>	<u>BASE FEE</u>	<u>SQUARE FOOT FEE</u>	
NEW CONSTRUCTION & ADDITIONS	150.00		_____
		_____ X .05 =	_____
REMODELING & ALTERATIONS	100.00		_____
		_____ X .05 =	_____
EACH FIXTURE	25.00 X _____ =		_____
EACH HOT WATER HEATER	75.00 X _____ =		_____
WATER SERVICE, SANITARY & STORM CONNECTIONS, LATERALS (Includes repairs)	100.00 X _____ =		_____
GAS LINE	50.00		_____
		1% BBS FEE	_____
		<u>TOTAL</u>	_____

<u>RESIDENTIAL HVAC PERMITS</u>	<u>BASE FEE</u>	<u>SQUARE FOOT FEE</u>	
NEW CONSTRUCTION	150.00		_____
		_____ X .05 =	_____
ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS	100.00		_____
		_____ X .05 =	_____
EACH HEATING UNIT OR AC UNIT	100.00 X	_____ =	_____
SOLAR OR GEOTHERMAL	150.00		_____

1% BBS FEE

TOTAL

RESIDENTIAL DEPOSITS & SERVICE FEES

DEMOLITION OF DWELLING DEPOSITS	500.00	_____
ENGINEERING DEPOSIT	800.00	_____
PARK FEE	500.00	_____
RIGHT OF WAY DEPOSIT	2000.00	_____
OTHER OPENINGS (ADJACENT TO STREET/SIDEWALKS)	250.00	_____
SIDEWALK EXCAVATION	225.00	_____

TOTAL

NEW DWELLING RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEW FEES

STRUCTURAL	100.00	_____
ELECTRICAL	50.00	_____
HVAC	50.00	_____
PLUMBING	50.00	_____
FIRE SUPPRESSION	50.00	_____

1% BBS FEE

TOTAL

ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS, DECKS, GARAGES, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES PLAN REVIEW FEES

STRUCTURAL	50.00	_____
ELECTRICAL	35.00	_____
HVAC	35.00	_____
PLUMBING	35.00	_____
FIRE SUPPRESSION	35.00	_____

1% BBS FEE

TOTAL

<u>RESIDENTIAL MISC. FEES & PERMITS</u>	<u>BASE FEE</u>	<u>SQUARE FOOT FEE</u>	
ROOFING OR SIDING	100.00		_____
WINDOW OR DOOR REPLACEMENT	50.00		_____
GARAGES OR ACCESSORY BLDG.	150.00		_____
	X _____	.09 =	_____
GARAGE FLOOR	35.00		_____
SWIMMING POOL, HOT TUB, FOUNTAIN	100.00		_____
DRIVEWAY	75.00		_____
APRON	50.00		_____
SIDEWALK/PATIO	35.00 X _____	=	_____
GRADING OF EXISTING LOT	75.00		_____

EACH FIREPLACE	50.00 X _____ #	_____
SECURITY SYSTEM	60.00	_____
FENCE	50.00	_____
RETAINING WALL	75.00	_____
ELEVATOR	150.00	_____
....EACH FLOOR SERVED	30.00 X _____ =	_____
WATERPROOFING	125.00	_____

LAWN SPRINKLER	50.00	_____
REINSPECTION FEE (WHEN APPLICABLE)	75.00	_____
WORK STARTED WITHOUT PERMITS (DOUBLE PERMIT FEE)		_____
Temporary Structures	125.00	
Tents	75.00	
MISC. FEE TBD BY CBO FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE		_____

CURB CUTTING

- (a) *New work.* A fee of \$10.00 per lineal foot of curb to be cut, lowered or removed, with a minimum fee of \$100.00 _____
- (b) *Widening previous cuts.* A fee of \$10.00 per lineal foot of curb to be cut, lowered or removed, with a minimum fee of \$75.00. _____

GRADE SETTING FEES

- (a) ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING \$1,000 _____
- (b) BUILDINGS OTHER THAN ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS \$1,500 PER 1,000 SQUARE FEET
OR PORTION THEREOF _____

SUB-TOTAL _____

1% BBS FEE _____

TOTAL _____

EXHIBIT B

Oakwood Village, Ohio Commercial Fees

ADDRESS OF PROJECT: _____

COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS	BASE FEE	VALUATION FEE	
NEW CONSTRUCTION	450.00		_____
		_____ X .02 =	_____
ADDITIONS	250.00		_____
		_____ X .02 =	_____
ALTERATIONS	175.00		_____
		_____ X .02 =	_____
DEMOLITION BUILDING	250.00		_____
INTERIOR DEMOLITION	100.00		_____
OCCUPANCY & USE	150.00		_____
EACH EXTERIOR STORM WATER BASIN	50.00 X _____ =		_____
		SUB-TOTAL	_____
		3% BBS FEE	_____
		TOTAL	_____

COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL PERMITS	BASE FEE	SQUARE FOOT FEE	
NEW CONSTRUCTION	250.00		_____
		_____ X .10 =	_____
ADDITIONS	175.00		_____
		_____ X .10 =	_____
ALTERATIONS	125.00		_____
		_____ X .10 =	_____
EACH TRANSFORMERS, HEATERS	50.00 X _____ =		_____
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	75.00		_____
TEMPORARY SERVICE	100.00		_____
NEW or REPLACEMENT SERVICE	100.00		_____
ELECTRIC PANELS, SUB-PANELS	75.00 X _____ =		_____
SECURITY SYSTEM	100.00		_____
COMMUNICATION TOWER	400.00		_____
Solar System	250.00		_____
		SUB-TOTAL	_____
		3% BBS FEE	_____
		TOTAL	_____

COMMERCIAL PLUMBING PERMITS	BASE FEE	SQUARE FOOT FEE	
NEW CONSTRUCTION	250.00		_____
		_____ X .10 =	_____
ADDITIONS	175.00		_____
		_____ X .10 =	_____
ALTERATIONS	125.00		_____
		_____ X .10 =	_____
EACH FIXTURE	25.00 X _____ =		_____
EACH HOT WATER HEATER	50.00 X _____ =		_____
WATER SERVICE, SANITARY AND STORM CONNECTIONS,			_____
LATERALS (INCLUDES REPAIRS)	125.00 X _____ =		_____
GAS LINE	75.00		_____
		SUB-TOTAL	_____

TOTAL

SQUARE FOOT FEE

3% BBS FEE _____

TOTAL

DEMOLITION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING DEPOSIT	1000.00	
ENGINEERING DEPOSIT (NEW STRUCTURE)	2000.00	
SITE WORK ONLY	1000.00	
PARK FEE	500.00	
RIGHT OF WAY	2000.00	
OTHER OPENINGS (ADJACENT TO STREET/SIDEWALK)	500.00	
SIDEWALK EXCAVATION	225.00	
SEWER SERVICE LINE DEPOSIT	500.00	

TOTAL

SQUARE FOOT FEE

3% BBS FEE

TOTAL

COMMERCIAL MISC. FEES & PERMITS	BASE FEE	SQUARE FOOT FEE	
GRADING	125.00		_____
PARKING LOTS, PER 5000 SQ. FT. OR PORTION THEREOF	125.00 X _____ =		_____
DRIVEWAY/APRON	100.00 X _____ =		_____
SIDEWALKS/PATIOS	50.00 X _____ =		_____
SWIMMING POOL	350.00 X _____ =		_____
HOT TUB	150.00 X _____ =		_____
WATER FEATURE	100.00 X _____ =		_____
FENCE	100.00		_____
ELEVATORS	250.00		_____
....EACH FLOOR SERVED	30.00 X _____ =		_____
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	150.00		_____
....EACH DEVICE	2.00 X _____ =		_____
FIRE SUPPRESSION	150.00		_____
....EACH HEAD	2.00 X _____ =		_____
HOOD & HOOD SUPPRESSION	175.00		_____
EACH FIREPLACE	75.00 X _____ =		_____
SIGN <24 SQ. FT.	75.00		_____
SIGN BETWEEN 24 & 48 SQ. FT.	100.00		_____
SIGNS >48 SQ. FT.	150.00		_____
FIRE INSPECTION	150.00		_____
SPECIAL EVENTS	150.00		_____
RE-INSPECTION FEES	100.00		_____
WORK STARTED WITHOUT PERMITS (DOUBLE PERMIT FEE)			_____
Temporary Structures	125.00		_____
Tents	75.00		_____
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OR PORTION THEREOF			
SUB-TOTAL			_____
3% BBS FEE			_____
TOTAL			_____

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
WORK SESSION MINUTES
2024-5-14**

ATTENDANCE

Erica Nikolic, President	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
Johnnie Warren, President Pro-Tem*	Matt Jones, Village Engineer
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	
Mary Davis, Ward 4	
Candace Williams, Ward 5	

ABSENT

Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
James Climer, Law Director	Tom Haba, Service Director
Dave Tapp, Fire Department	Mark Garratt, Police Department
Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official	

** Arrived after roll call*

Meeting opened at 6:05pm by Nikolic

Nikolic: Okay, thank you all for coming. I'd like to open the meeting. Finance Director, you have a representative here to discuss legislation 2024-WS-14. **Thompson:** Yes, thank you, Madam Chairman. I have Matt Stuczynski here to come up and talk about our Note process that we have here in Village of Oakwood.

Stuczynski: Let me just introduce myself, I haven't been to a Council meeting in quite some time. So good to see a bunch of new faces. My name is Matt Stuczynski, I serve as a municipal advisor to the Village of Oakwood, I am a registered municipal advisor. Which means I have a fiduciary responsibility to the residents, this Council, and to the Administration to protect your interest. I don't work for a broker dealer, I work for myself, that's MAS Financial Advisory Service. Before Council, on tonight's work session is legislation to renew or to issue a new series of bond anticipation notes. Designed to fund and is the renewal of notes coming due on June 13th of 2024. Last year, the Village issued a one-year anticipation note, and those notes are coming due June 30th, 2024. Last year the Village issued a little over a million and a half dollars' worth of notes. Now, these notes funded projects, all previously approved by the Council. There's no new project that's been considered. And the Village hasn't really had any new projects for a couple of years now. They had a few smaller projects that were added years ago. But everything that's being considered in this legislation has already been approved by previous Council members. And all we're doing is paying down this outstanding short-term note. This is a one-year note, fixed rate. So, we're going to assign an interest rate to this by selling it to a third-party investor. Now that requires Council approval, that requires going to the market with a sale of a one-year instrument. We don't go to banks and get bank loans. And it's important to point out that everything this Council does, and my job and (inaudible). Is done within the context of what's allowable by the Ohio Revised Code, the state tax law, and the federal tax law. It's not like

rules and regulations. So, bottom of this page notes our common financing strategy. The goal, you typically have a financing strategy that contemplates these bond anticipation notes. It's to roll it over, pay it down, roll it over, pay it down, and because the million five is not a very large issue. We've been successful with issuing these notes and paying them down. And that allows you as a Council to have some flexibility. And how much you choose to pay down each year. And we're going to enjoy that in the next couple of years. As some of your debt is rolling on and you'll be able to accelerate further some of the pay down of these notes. Keep in mind, in the state of Ohio, you can roll notes for up to 20 years. That doesn't mean you can postpone principal payment. You can only roll notes for five years without having to pay down any principal. And starting year six, you have to start paying down the principal of every outstanding note that you have. Okay, that's been outstanding for over five years and the village has been doing so, continues to do so. We'll be able to accelerate that starting in 2025, as you have some debt that is rolled off in 2024. So that's great news when we think about this debt issuance. There's a number of people involved in the working group. Myself, I help with providing guidance to the Village and to the Council as to the plan. There's also the role of bond counsel who prepares the legislation and issues a tax-exempt opinion. Which benefits the investor community when they decide that they want to buy this note. And typically, we're selling these notes to a relatively small pool of investors. It's not a robust market in these notes. If you get north of five, six, seven million dollars, fortunately, that's not our case. Some of the larger funds will buy these, like Federated, and J.P. Morgan. Names you've all heard Fidelity, Vanguard, and Templeton, they will buy larger notes. When we get down to this million size, under two million dollars. The pool becomes smaller of those folks who buy these notes. What we have been successful at as a Village is applying to the Treasurer State's Ohio Market Access Program. Which serves as a credit enhancement to the Village. It provides investors the comfort of knowing that Standard and Poor's rates the States program. And we are an applicant and a recipient of the state's credit enhancement. So, it helps us improve our sale of our notes to the investor community. It actually achieves the lowest interest rate you can achieve by issuing these notes. By virtue of the fact that we are receiving the state's credit enhancement through the Ohio Market Access Program, also referred to as OMAP. The Village was actually one of the first recipients of this program credit enhancement. And was noted, while likely, as a feel of the year, and it's been a number of years. But it's a very successful program in the state of Ohio. That helps us achieve a lower interest rate on the sale of these notes. As an example, it's not and I'm not talking about the difference between a 4% and a 3%. It's a difference of maybe 10 to 15 basis points. It's the difference between maybe a 4% or 4.5% and a 3.85%. So, we applied for that program, and we have been approved again this year. But what we're starting to bump up against is the maturity of these notes coming due. And there's a process, that is part of the calendar that Director Thompson circulated. We started to work backwards from that maturity date, which is June 13th. We have to settle these notes basically about two weeks in advance of that maturity. Because there's a lot of documents that have to be prepared. As far as certificates and documents show we are complying with taxes, rules, and regulations. That generally takes about two weeks to prepare. So, we are approaching the end of May, well over the middle of May. But we start focusing on your Council dates and when this legislation needs to be approved. In order to move forward with the sale of these bond anticipation notes in a reasonable timeline. It's never good if we're in a fire drill to do this. So, we're trying to impress upon Council, their role in terms of looking at this legislation, considering this legislation, moving forward with this legislation. To roll this and to issue a new series of notes to pay off the old notes. Now, what are the consequences if you don't? If we

missed the window, for whatever reason. That means, on June 13th, 2024, this Village has to come up with \$1,000,550 plus interest in cash to pay off this note. If it does not, it's an automatic default. And the state of Ohio comes in and takes over your Village, in this case automatic fiscal emergency. I'm not trying to (inaudible), I'm just trying to show that this is an important piece to your due diligence. In terms of making sure we clearly communicate what needs to be done. And the importance of what needs to be done. But I'm not here to tell you have to do it. I'm just saying you have options. Because that's coming up with \$1,000,600 and change to pay off the note. Absent that, if you don't have those monies on June 13th and we don't have the sale in place. We default on our debt; the State comes in immediately. So, I'm not trying to scare you, it's not my role here. I'm just trying to put in place the pieces of the puzzle that have to be executed in time. To have a reasonable sale of notes. I said a lot, it's a complicated process. Let me see if Council has any questions because this is important. **Nikolic:** What I'd like to do if you could, this timeline, if you could briefly just go through quickly. So, you begin with the premarketing of the note and that's where you're marketing to the investors, correct? **Stuczynski:** Correct. **Nikolic:** And then you go out and you're getting the rating which is the interest rate. Is that... **Stuczynski:** The rating is the Standard and Poor's, SP-1+, that's assigned by Standard and Poor's. **Nikolic:** Okay. **Stuczynski:** Which the underwriting firm needs to have in place in order to communicate the rating they are going to see. The investors know they have the confidence of the state's program behind this to repay this note. **Nikolic:** Okay, and if you can just continue down the steps in the timeline. **Williams:** I just have one quick question about the amount. This says \$1,495,000, you're saying \$1,000,600. **Stuczynski:** The million six is the amount that's coming due on June 13th, you paid down \$160,000 in principle from last year's note to this year's note. So, what's due on June 13th, is last year's note. Which issued \$1,000,550, and interest on that note, that comes due on June 13th. What we have to do, as I mentioned, we have to pay it down. The state of Ohio requires us to pay this down. So, that's part of the legislation you have of \$1,495,000. The Village will pay this down with existing resources, and then it goes back to the schedule. **Williams:** Thank you. **Stuczynski:** As we think about the schedule, we received this SP-1+, we're looking at that being in hand May 22nd, 2024. Now we can't guarantee that, we don't controls Standard and Poor's. But we're hoping that we have it by then. Which allows the underwriter, which is Raymond James. To have a couple of days to market these notes to the investor community with the rating in hand. Because we can't proceed, no one will proceed with this. If we don't have Council's approval first and foremost. And then the rating in place to go out and market this. Because no one wants egg on their face. That we're trying to sell a note that hasn't been approved by Council. Or hasn't been approved by the Standard and Poor's. We don't go down this path until we have Council's approval. So, the pre-pricing is the day before we're going to sell the note. We have a call with the Finance Director. Sometimes the Mayor's on the line, and we discuss with the underwriter, Raymond James. What type of feedback they've received from the premarketing to the investor community. And what their expectations are for the sale on the day of May 23rd. Now that can slip a couple of days again doesn't mean it's delayed. We may have to slip to possibly the following week. We're okay, we've got a little bit of cushion into the schedule. So, if Standard and Poor's is delayed for whatever reason, it's not going to harm us. We built a little room into the schedule to allow for that. Or if for whatever reason, Council doesn't have a quorum, and we need to call for a special meeting. We want to make sure we provide some room for that as well. Which we hope is not the case, but we always want to make sure we allow for that. We have had that happen, so we try to build a little wiggle room into the equation. On the date of May 23rd, or let's say it's a day or two after that. We will

establish by way of a sale to a third party the interest rate. which will be locked in for a year. When that interest rate is established. Then, all the documents that follow will be prepared over the course of the next 10 to 14 days. Getting signatures from the Clerk of Council, Finance Director, the Law Director, and Mayor. All those documents have to be prepared to be signed, sent back to bond Council, and put in place for the underwriter to know they're in good shape. To proceed with a wire transfer of \$1,495,000, to the Village. We want to make sure the Village has that money in hand the day before the notes come due. So, when it receives \$1,495,000, the following day it's going to pay off \$1,000,550 plus interest. Which means that \$1,000,495, plus cash that the Village has set aside to pay the outstanding notes that's going to be due on that day. Does that help with the schedule? **Nikolic:** Yes. **Stuczynski:** So, then we try to time this. So, we work with regularly scheduled Council meetings. We don't require you to come back for special Council meetings. But we are now running out of time with regularly scheduled meetings. Which, I don't know if your protocol allows you to move things out of work session today into the regular agenda. But if it doesn't, then we're likely going to ask the Village Council to consider a special Council meeting. **Nikolic:** Okay, do any other Council member have questions? **Williams:** Can you talk about the Standard and Poor's rating? **Stuczynski:** Sure, so Standard and Poor's cooperates the Village, keep that in mind. But the state of Ohio, Ohio Market Access Program, the OMAP program. It has a separate rating just for short-term notes. Which is the highest rating achievable that is assigned to a note of this nature. So, we are getting the highest rating. It's like to think of it as the perfect credit score. Because we're getting the state's credit enhancement as a backstop. The state is basically saying through their program. If the Village can't find a buyer of this note and there's no renewal, the state must accept it. They'll have to accept the payment. It's still a default on our part, but they own it. So, they're basically enhancing the note program, or the notes, by way of this SP-1+ rating. Which is the highest short-term rating through Standard and Poor's. And we applied for that, and we pay a fee for that. But it gives us, and we do the math on that. Does the math of paying \$2,000 for the rating fee. Outweigh the cost it will incur if we don't have it by way of a higher interest rate. So, it's simple cost benefit analysis. And it has worked in the Village advantage over and over and over again. **Davis:** You mentioned that year six you must be paid off completely. So, when will be... **Stuczynski:** It doesn't have to be paid down completely. It has to start to be paid down. You could hold off if you issued a \$100,000 note. It could roll for \$100,000 for the first five years. But in year six you have to start paying it down. Because it would look like a (inaudible) issue. **Davis:** Okay. **Stuczynski:** So, keep in mind, this note issue is made up of 6 or 7 different projects. That has been put into effect, put in, implemented over the course of a number of years. Each one of those has a separate schedule. So, we have to keep track of just what we're describing. Each one of those separate components, are they being paid down, and are they being paid down in a reasonable amount. So that \$160,000 paydown is being applied to a number of different projects. To make sure we're paying down each and every one of those components. **Davis:** And why is it beneficial to group all these different years all to one instead of separately. **Stuczynski:** Cost. **Davis:** Okay. **Stuczynski:** It's like a mix up of coming back to Council. It combines them all into one so we're taking advantage of the economies of scale. Of issuing one note of multiple various components and projects. But everybody in the state does this. To the extent they can, they combined them into one various purpose note. So, we're only going incurring the cost one time, once a year. As opposed to having, you know, a separate note issued for a \$60,000 piece of equipment. That would be prohibited, I would highly recommend against doing that. And as I mentioned, you would be doing this in front of Village Council, six or seven

times for different projects. **Davis:** You mentioned something else, that it would be harder. Because we're getting down to less amount to get investors because of... **Stuczynski:** Yeah, so here's what happens. Investors like Federated and Fidelity when they have an analyst. And they're applying the time of their analyst. And they're looking at notes all over the country. They will use that analyst to try to maximize that analyst time. So, they're looking for notes that have five, six, ten million dollars' worth of critical depth. Because that analyst is being dedicated to a project that's going to return life to Fidelity. At a point in time, investing a million and a half was poor use of that analyst time. As opposed to them spending time looking at a \$10 million note issued in the state of New York. Because they're buying all the ledger and every day, all over the country. These type of notes are being issued. So, someone like Fidelity, they are not going to spend the time to look at it. Something like Federate, not going to spend the time to look at it. So, we have to have a smaller set universe of buyers. That will look at a million and a half because it fits their manifest, and their investment portfolio. And there are those who do it, but it's a small universe. **Davis:** If for some reason we needed to have another spending of a large amount. Do we put that bond, if it's a bond thing to the same group and add it on? **Stuczynski:** You can do that. **Davis:** Okay, but there would be a different pay down time because you said six years. Say that new one, say 2024, not that we would ever know. But anyways, I'm just thinking. If we did 2024, then that amount of money. Would it not start to be paid down until six years? **Stuczynski:** After six years. **Davis:** Okay. **Stuczynski:** We watch every one of these individually. To make sure that we are applying the pay down reasonably to each and every one of these components. That is requiring a pay down, we make sure there's a portion be allocated to it. But that's true for every new project, we would be looking to add it at this time. And if for whatever reason it didn't occur in this timeline. We would look to sync it up in a future year. So, let's say later this year, Council said we wanted to borrow for a piece of rolling stock or something like that. You can do it, but we would be looking to then sync it up with the maturity to match up with this. So, we don't have multiple note issues over the course of the year. Including cost for each one of those. Because there's costs associated with each role, and we want to try to minimize it. **Davis:** You had in here about refuse containers. So, I know that had to be paid already, but it just stays the same the whole... **Stuczynski:** It will remain in there until it's paid off. **Davis:** Until everything is paid off. **Stuczynski:** Not everything of that component is paid off, then it goes away. **Davis:** Thank you. **Warren:** So, rolling additional projects as we go along. Will enhance the marketability of the notes going forward? **Stuczynski:** So, I'm conflicted when I answer the question. Because it's my job to get you to pay everything off. **Warren:** Right. **Stuczynski:** So, I'm not here to say issue some, but you're exactly right. A larger issue does make this more marketable to an investor. Who's going to allocate time to do the research because they do. Even though we have the SP-1+ rating, these folks all now are heavily compliant. And by way of the FTC, they do their own internal research. So, they will dedicate an analyst to separately do their own credit analysis. And therefore, they'll only look to do that when they have the critical mass of size of the note issue. That warrants the attention of analysts. So, it doesn't improve it, but I'm not here to suggest borrowing more. To the extent you could pay for cash. I'm always a cash person, pay cash if you can. Especially for short use (inaudible), like rolling stocks, small street improvements. When we know that's been more or less the program here. Try to pay down for short useful like projects and not bonding out dates. If we wanted to bond something out, it would be something that had a long useful life. Like a big building improvement or major road reconstruction. That has a useful life of 15 to 20 years, or something of that nature. The notes are generally used to keep the flexibility to pay this down as rapidly as possible. **Nikolic:** Finance

Director Thompson, we spoke last night about the \$160,000. So for us, where does that fall in this timeline? The \$160,000 that we'll be using to pay down the note once it's rolled over. Is that on June 12th? **Stuczynski:** So, what happens is on June 12th, you'll receive \$1,495,000 from the investor. The afternoon of June 12th, you'll set up a wire transfer. That will be set aside to go take that \$1,495,000 and wire transfer that along with the \$160,000 plus the interest due on that note. And that will be wire transferred to the paying agent U.S. Bank. Who is then going to pay the investor who currently owns it. And they'll be paid off on June 13th. So, the village needs to have that cash available on June 12th. To make sure that it can be wired out that afternoon.

Because we want to make sure it's there on the morning of June 13th to pay off the outstanding bill. **Nikolic:** That amount plus the interest. **Stuczynski:** Plus, the interest, correct. **Nikolic:**

Okay. **Williams:** A few questions in regard to debt. Is there a recommended reasonable amount that we should be paying down for the amount of debt that we have? **Stuczynski:** So, the \$160,000 is a reasonable amount. We look at, are we going to be able to pay off all these various components in the useful life that is assigned to them? And we model this out over the course of the remaining years. And so, we are looking at the \$160,000 and as I mentioned before, we have some debt rolling off. So, we'll be able to increase that \$160,000 into next year and the years after. To try to accommodate that schedule. So, we're going to increase the \$160,000 to perhaps \$260,000. Assuming Council is okay with the plan to try to retire this debt in the in the timeline that's allocated to these various components. But we have been reasonable with the dollar amount. But it's still nice to try to eliminate that. To the extent we can eliminate it, we are going to try. That of course involves us coming back to Council and asking for a larger pay down in 2025, 2026, and 2027. To try to reduce its debt off the Village. **Williams:** Okay. **Stuczynski:**

Does that answer your question? **Williams:** It does thank you, and so you say useful life. What we should be putting into the notes should be 15 years or more. **Stuczynski:** Or less, we use notes as a temporary financing for short useful life projects. You don't want to go get a 15-year bond for a street that's only going to last five years. **Williams:** Right. **Stuczynski:** So, we try to think about notes as a financing vehicle for short useful life projects. Rolling stock, equipment, things of that nature that have a relatively short life. We try to accelerate the pay down.

Williams: So, less than 15 years. **Stuczynski:** Less than ten is ideal. **Williams:** Okay.

Stuczynski: You know sometimes it's not uncommon for us to say we have a useful life of 15 years for a street project. Now, keep in mind, this is a statute that's designed to cover the entire state. A road would last longer in Cincinnati than Northeast Ohio, right? **Warren:** Right.

Stuczynski: So, we have to think, though, the statute says we can do it in 15 years. That may be true for Cincinnati, but it's not true here in Northeast Ohio. My thing is always not to issue bonds for street improvements. And not issue long term debt for street improvements that are not going to last that duration. And we're going to be repairing in year ten while we're still paying off the bond from the original construction. So, we try to be reasonable and logical about Northeast Ohio, equipment, and roads. In a perfect world, we wouldn't borrow anything for roads. We pay cash for it, and we move on. That's not always the case. And more often than not, in Northeast Ohio. Most communities will borrow or use cash for part of the road program. And sometimes they issue debt for part of their road program. So, it's not uncommon but we try to keep it shorter, so they can retire quickly. **Davis:** If we pay more in 2025, if we are able to pay more to pay it down. Do we have to pay the same amount extra like we did in 2025 for 2026?

Stuczynski: You do not, no there's no obligation. **Davis:** Okay. **Stuczynski:** You can have an excess payment in 2025 and go back to a more conservative pay down in 2026 and 2027. **Davis:** Okay. **Stuczynski:** So, you have some flexibility there. **Davis:** And neither problem nor benefits

of those, would affect the ratings of the city itself? **Stuczynski:** Well lower debt is generally perceived to be a credit positive. It's not going to affect the OMAP program. But there's a point at which we'll have to do the analysis to say, is the OMAP program even worth it. When we get to such a small note issue. Keep in mind we're paying \$2,000 to get this rating. There's a day where that may not make sense below for example, maybe \$1 million or an \$800,000 note issue. We may not use the OMAP program at that point and just go to the market without it. So, there's still things to consider as we progress with retiring this note. **Davis:** Thank you. **Williams:** I have two follow up questions. One, has our SMP rating been improving over time? Like does it work like a credit score where you want it to get stronger over time? **Stuczynski:** So, most Villages and most communities have a pretty stable rate. I mean, it doesn't go up or down and you don't want it to. Because it's based on 40 or 50 variables. It's not just based upon the debt amount outstanding or one particular fund balance number. It's 40 to 50 variables, some of which you don't control. For example, the size of the population, or the demographic profile by way of income, or the economic development, for example. So, they measure various components within the rating category. So, you typically don't see a lot of movement in the ratings generally. But the Village's rating is lower, in the lower category. And it's to a certain degree a function of its size and function of its fund balances. Its economic development has been good, so we have shown good progress there. But I don't want to take your task here. That's a long conversation that we can talk about at some other point. But I know that the Village has an investment grade rating. But the problem is that investors no longer rely on the underlying rating. They want the notes separately rated for a smaller note issue in a smaller community. Otherwise, you're going to be a bell for them. Which is why we use the OMAP program. But we have to measure that as I mentioned. But if we want to talk about rating generally that's a that's an hour-long discussion, I'm sorry to say. And I don't want to take us off task here, but it's a broad question and I'm happy to come back and chat about it. **Williams:** Can you come back please. **Stuczynski:** Delighted to, that's a big topic. **Williams:** Okay, is there a recommended amount of debt, a Village of our size or our fund balances should take on? **Stuczynski:** So, every community is different and again, this is a big conversation. A lot of it has to do with cities that have dedicated revenue streams, they can afford more debt. And so, if you had an income tax dedicated to recreation, or an income tax dedicated to capital. You can issue a lot more debt. The rating agencies slow measure that. But it gives everyone here confidence that there's a revenue stream to pay it back. No different than your personal life, right? If you have two incomes then you can afford more debt. Not that that is good, and you may want to put in savings, but similar dynamics apply here. We do watch metrics; that's one of the further metrics of a rating assignment. It's measuring debt against total population against the assessed valuation. As a percentage of your operating budget. They look at 4 or 5 different metrics of debt. And that, more recently became a higher waiting by way of the rating agencies. So again, that's a long conversation. I'm delighted to come back and chat about it in more detail. But it is a consideration, as part of the rating process. **Nikolic:** Okay, I know we may have a couple other things to discuss. Any other questions? **Stuczynski:** And you don't want to get me going. Because I'll do this for days. **Nikolic:** Yes, we'd love to have you back especially for the newer members. This is very new for us, and we would love to have you back. Maybe the Finance Director can set it up, please. **Stuczynski:** My only comment is, please consider approving the legislation. And avoid what could be a really ugly outcome, should you not do that. **Davis:** And you look through this legislation, is that how you... **Stuczynski:** So, I don't prepare the legislation, but I review every piece of legislation. And I've been doing this for forty years, so I pretty much know every word that's in that. So, if you have a question about it,

I'm here to answer now. Because I don't want that to be a reason that somebody doesn't go yes. My question is, can the legislation be considered tonight out of work session? **Nikolic:** My understanding is we can make a motion to move it to the agenda. **Warren:** Yes you can, it's just basically you couldn't before. Because the work session came after the regular meeting. But now this work session is before the regular meeting. So, you would be able to move it. **Stuczynski:** So, I'm not here to pressure you. It would help the process if Council were to consider this. If not, again we'd look to have Council come back at a special Council meeting before next Tuesday. To look to approve this legislation, thank you for considering it. **Nikolic:** Any further questions? **Stuczynski:** May I be excused? **Nikolic:** Please, thank you for your time.

Nikolic: Thank you for your time. Matt, would you like to discuss your legislation? **Jones:** Yes I have three items on the agenda tonight. First one is, 2024-WS-19, which is Regarding the CDSG, accepting funding and this is for the First Place improvements. Since the last meeting I attended here. We did receive word from the County that we did receive the funding. Which is \$150,000, from CDBG, and \$50,000 from CDSG. Which is what we were anticipating when we put the budget numbers together for this. So, this piece of legislation will enable the Village to officially accept those funds. And it would also authorize Chagrin Valley and myself to move forward with preparing specs for this project and advertising for that. **Williams:** We had requested that you presented like 7 or 8 projects. **Jones:** Yes. **Williams:** You were going to give us the amounts what we needed to pay. What grant and then the dates we would need to pay those. Did you ever give those to the Finance Director? **Jones:** I did, yes, and that information is all in there, I believe. I don't know if you have it here, but, on this particular project. This is one, that did have a little bit higher of, Village hit, basically. The total budget for this project is \$484,000. So, this \$200,000 will come off of that. So, you'd be paying \$284,000, and that would be this year expense. Because this is a project we're going to design, award, and hopefully construct all within the year 2024. **Davis:** So, you said this would be due by the end or before. **Jones:** Over time during this year, the big it's going to be second half of 2024. **Nikolic:** Isn't First Place completed? **Jones:** No, First Place, that's the one directly across from Chagrin Valley's Office off Forbes Road. **Nikolic:** Oh, I'm thinking Fair Oaks. **Jones:** Fair Oaks is completed; First Place is the Cul de sac. **Nikolic:** Gotcha, I was thinking Fair Oaks, okay. **Jones:** So, that's that item, anybody has any questions on that one, or should I move forward to the next item? **Davis:** That's the one that's going on right now? **Jones:** No, the project going on now is Forbes. **Davis:** Okay. **Nikolic:** So, if there are no other questions, I'd ask if we could move this to the agenda. It will still be on three reads when we get it to the agenda. But if we don't have any further questions now, we can move it to the agenda. And then if there's any further considerations next week. **Williams:** I'd like to see the schedule. **Nikolic:** Sure, you can see the schedule, but it will have three reads once it's on the agenda. This is just to get it out of work session. **Jones:** Yeah, I can certainly make sure that gets out to you. I'm pretty sure all the information has been sent out. But I could certainly put something together that shows the schedule for these projects that we're talking about. And, yeah, I can get that to you. I would ask if we could at least get the reading started. **Nikolic:** Right. **Williams:** Do you know if this has already been included in the budget? **Jones:** Yes. **Williams:** Okay, so are all the amounts that we have to pay this year already in the budget? **Jones:** I mean, they should be, that's what we talked about. I'm not presenting anything to you today that we didn't already discuss in the budgetary session. The next one is regarding

Broadway Avenue. And this is a pretty straightforward one. I just need authorization to execute easement documents for some sidewalk work on the Broadway Avenue project. This is the County project that's coming up next year. We are in the process of developing the plans with the County. And we actually need to acquire two easements, to do some work on what is actually the asphalt trail on the northeast side of Broadway. Right where it crosses Mount Zion Circle. So, the curb ramps at that location, both of them actually expand on to private property. So, we have to acquire easements to do that work. I don't anticipate any cost involved with this other than CVE cost of repairs and documents. This is pretty straightforward and that's just part of the design process. **Davis:** So, this is something new though, that's not one that you brought to us? **Jones:** Correct, this is new, but I don't anticipate any additional cost beyond what's already budgeted for that project. I would ask if this was to be moved forward. I think this one's listed as an emergency. If this could get moved forward with the rule of suspension, it'd be really helpful. If there's any way that this could be considered for passage today. I don't think there's any financial ramification so... **Warren:** Part of it would be that they're reviewing our application. And when they're reviewing our application for funding assistance. It would be better to have that in line or in place easements when they're reviewing. **Jones:** Right, and actually the funding is lined up on this one. But we're on a time frame with the County to get the plans. Because they have a very specific schedule for design and awarding projects. It's not as flexible as it is when I'm doing the project and advertising it myself. So, stay to stay on their time frame would really be helpful if we could move forward. **Williams:** When you say you don't think there's going to be any cost, that's just why I'm asking for a schedule. When you say you don't think, could there be a cost for something? **Jones:** The only reason there could be any cost involved with this. Is if for some reason we were unable to get the right of way pieces, donated to the Village. I don't anticipate there being any problem with either. one of them is owned by the Bedford City Schools, it's a vacant property. The other one is, (inaudible) Properties Limited, which is (inaudible). Again, it's just more about a sidewalk that's already there. I don't foresee any issues at all. I can't give you 100% because I don't know how that negotiation is going to go. But I don't anticipate the cost. **Warren:** The caution he's taking is that, sometimes when you request easements. The person that you request the easement may ask you to give them some money for the easement. **Jones:** It is their right to do so. But we don't anticipate that. **Nikolic:** Any other questions Council? Any objections to moving this to the agenda this evening? **Warren:** Madam chair, could we, before we closed the meeting. Just go down the list and see which ones we're going to move. Because there was one that you had mentioned earlier that we didn't vote to move. So, at the end of this work session, we can vote to say each one of them. **Nikolic:** Are you talking about this legislation? **Warren:** No, I'm talking about the preceding. Like it was the one that was 2024-WS-14. We didn't vote/ say that we were going to move it to the original. **Nikolic:** the Note, is there any objection to us moving the notes discussion that we had with the Finance Director to the agenda? Alright thank you, so we'll move those as well. So that's, 2024-WS-19 being moved to the agenda. 2024-WS-20 being moved to the agenda. Also 2024-WS-14 based on our discussions so far, Clerk Joseph. Is there anything further? **Jones:** Yes, I have 2024-WS-21 as well. Which is to move forward with the Oak Leaf project. And this was also discussed in the budget hearings previously. This is a project that we've already received \$390,000 in OPWC funds. And we've also received \$250,000 from ARPA Community Grant funding as well. Those

two amounts put together virtually cover the entire cost of this project. It comes up about \$10,000 short based on my estimates. Again, they're estimates, it could have been zero, it could be slightly more than \$10,000. But that's where we're at right now. Based on the estimates, it covers virtually the entire cost of the project. Again, looking for this to get moved ahead. So that we can begin plan prep, plans, and specs, and advertises for bids as well. This is a project that we definitely want to move forward with this year. So, we're under a little bit of a time constraint on this. **Warren:** Madam chair if there's no questions about it. I move that we move this to the regular agenda. **Nikolic:** Any objections? Okay, 2024-WS-21 moved to the general agenda. **Jones:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** Please, Matt, if you could get the schedules for Council. So, certainly when we are in the next meeting. We will have had them, and we could consider them as soon as possible. **Jones:** Sure, thanks. **Nikolic:** Thank you, okay, what I'd like to do now is. Some of these we've had them on the work session a while, and I think they're pretty straightforward. So, we can at least move into the main agenda for next week. 2024-WS-04 was amended, this is an emergency ordinance adopting an amendment to employee handbook for personnel of the Village of Oakwood, other than fire and non-auxiliary police. This is the time clock legislation. Any objections to moving this to the agenda? Moved to the agenda 2024... **Warren:** Are you saying for the 28th? **Nikolic:** Yes. **Warren:** Okay, because we're moving some to the agenda for tonight? **Nikolic:** Right, when we get to the agenda tonight. We'll make the motion for the one which is the Notes. And the other for the easements. **Warren:** Okay. **Williams:** That 2024-WS-04 is what we just discussed. **Nikolic:** Right, that's what I'm moving on to. **Williams:** So, we asked that it include Fire and non-auxiliary Police. Because they're not part of FOP, so that we have one handbook. So, why are we moving this if it's not in the order that we prefer to be addressed? **Nikolic:** I'm sorry, state your objection. **Williams:** I'm saying it's not the way we asked for it to be. What we asked was to have one handbook that included everyone that was not under FOP. This is not what this is. **Nikolic:** Okay, well, any other comments or questions about the legislation are not precluded. We can have those on first reading if there are any questions about the legislation. They can be discussed in the meeting. **Williams:** That actually shouldn't be the legislation it's incorrect? **Nikolic:** What's incorrect about it? **Williams:** We're asking everybody outside of the FOP contract to be under the same handbook. **Nikolic:** Well, the Fire Chief is here. Would you like to speak on including the fire in with the handbook? Do you have any input on that? **Tapp:** The language in the employee handbook right now will not apply to the Fire Department. I tried to make it work for us. There's some language in there that (inaudible). Part-time employees are more than 20 hours a week, which most of us do, that will not be paid out. So, what I did was pulled our old SOP'S. Which are our operating procedures for the Fire Department. But they are getting upgraded since 2010, so we're working on redoing those. But I think that will suffice for our employee handbook for fire. And it will cover every aspect of how we run, operate, manning, you know, mirror your employee handbook; but just for fire. So, it's our Standard Operating Procedures. A lot of language in the employee handbook we just can't adopt to because of the way our schedules work. We work too many hours; our holidays are different. So, to make that work we need to make changes. **Williams:** We should leave in work session and discuss that further. Because we asked for it to be under one handbook. **Nikolic:** Okay, we can continue with that in work session. Have you been in contact with Climer? **Tapp:** (inaudible) right now. **Nikolic:** okay, this one we

can we, continue on. Legislation 2024-WS-5, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to into a contract with CRE intelligence and declaring an emergency. Any objection to moving that to the agenda? **Williams:** What is this regarding? **Nikolic:** This is regarding the environmental testing on Wright and Free. **Williams:** I don't think we need to move that. **Warren:** I don't think that we should either. **Davis:** I don't that moved yet. **Nikolic:** Okay well, if Council, are there questions regarding this at the moment? **Davis:** The cost. **Warren:** Well, first of all, it's too much money to be doing. I think what we should be doing if we do anything at all. Is to test the immediate area that we had talked about in the beginning. Which was your backyard. **Nikolic:** (inaudible). **Warren:** Well, it was whatever land that was adjacent to that back that brought up this issue. We could get the minutes to verify. The thing is that we're not going to go with \$22,000. **Williams:** I think where we have question. If we want to have a work session after the Council meeting, I think we can. And we can clarify questions about this. It's 6:57pm, we have a lot of questions about that. And we did not even get back to discussing it. **Warren:** Right. **Nikolic:** Okay, with time permitting, we can go into that afterwards. Okay so, we're skipping 2024-WS-12. We've already discussed 2024-WS-14. Going down to 2024-WS-15 an ordinance amending Oakwood codified ordinance 111.01(b) 140.07 to provide greater flexibility in the scheduling, rescheduling of regular Council meetings and declaring emergency. I do believe that was the legislation that just stated that we would be able to change meeting day other than regular scheduled meetings. Any objections to moving this to the agenda? Okay, 2024-WS-15 can be moved to the agenda. 2024-WS- 16, An ordinance to provide amendments to the Codified Ordinance of Oakwood General Offense Code, part five, section 501.02 and 505.03, clarifying circumstances under which animals are running at large in violation of ordinances of the Village. Any objections to moving this to the Agenda Council? 2024-WS-16 moved to the agenda. 2024-WS-18 A resolution for the Village of Oakwood Police and Fire Department substantially dedicated to responding to the Covid 19 public health emergency. Any objection to moving this to the agenda? **Williams:** We were not moving that one when we discussed it yesterday in finance. That's the Cares Act... **Nikolic:** Okay, Cares Act, any further comment on legislation 2024-WS-18. Okay, and that concludes our legislation. Any further discussions? **Williams:** We need to strike 2024-WS-17, it can be removed. **Nikolic:** Any further comment or questions? **Warren:** We should let the Law Director know what we're doing with the ones that we moved.

Motion to adjourn made by Warren seconded by Matlock
YES VOTE: Warren, Nikolic, Scruggs, Matlock, Davis, Williams
MOTION PASSED
Adjourned at 7:08p.m.

Approved _____

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Erica Nikolic, President of Council

**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*

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 Chair0 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, Thompsom | **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 4.4mi², 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 3:30pm, 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. **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

1st read 12-22-23

2nd 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

1st read 3-26-24

2nd 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

1st 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 FLEXIBILITY 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 _____

Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Erica Nikolic, President of Council