

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2024-4-9**

ATTENDANCE

Erica Nikolic, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem	Tom Haba, Service Director
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	Mark Garratt, Police Department
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Dave Tapp, Fire Department
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	James Climer, Law Director
Mary Davis, Ward 4	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
Candace Williams, Ward 5	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director*

ABSENT

Matt Jones, Village Engineer	Sam O’Leary, Assistant Law Director
Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official

** Arrived after roll call*

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

Motion to table the Council Meeting Minutes of February 13th, 2024, made by Davis seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

Nikolic: Agenda item number five, do we have any correspondence from the clerk? **Joseph:** I just put some letters from the Legal Aid Society for the members that they sent it to. And then you have a package. **Nikolic:** Alright, thank you, agenda item number six. May we have our departmental reports? And we begin with Mayor Gottschalk.

Department Report

Mayor, Gottschalk| **Gottschalk:** Thank you, Madam Chair, first and good news for ward one, two, and three. Forbes Road will begin construction within two weeks. It will start on the west side of the 271 bridge. And be concrete just past First Place, and there'll be asphalt from there to the east of Richmond Road. There will be people on the street to keep the traffic moving so we don't have to close. Number two, the French company that's in calibration worldwide will be entering the building before the end of May. What a blessing for Oakwood to have a high technology company that is located around the world. And is using Oakwood as it's first base in the United States. Thirdly, you'll receive a detailed job description for Ms. Perez as the director, as well as a fitness instructor. That's for the yoga with a twist, and it will now be on Wednesdays and Fridays, for one hour at 11:00am; and that's every week. She's hoping to have as many as 70 or 80 there within the next month and month and a half. And that's again at Mount Zion's dream center gym. Additionally she'll be doing, starting in June, an aqua fit class at the quality inn swimming pool. That'll be every Monday, for 45 minutes. What's great about that is, Quality Inn

lets us use the rooms for people to change. Which is very, very good, and that will start June 1st, 2024, at 11:00am. She'll also start a class for for using bikes. That will be at the Community Center after the senior lunch. That will begin every Wednesday, for about 30 minutes.

Additionally, if not Friday, you'll have it on Monday to review for your next finance meeting. Then lastly, we've been presented with an agreement with Mt. Zion. For the 4 to 5 weeks where we're using the facility as an educational camp program and the details of that. So, you'll have that as well, when you get the detailed job description for Carlean. So, that concludes my report.

Nikolic: You'll have your time to report, you have your rec report. Let me just ask if all directors could stay until the end of the meeting. Because sometimes the residents may have questions or we may have some other things that we need to discuss. So, unless there's something very pressing. We ask that all directors stay until the end of the meeting. Thank you, Mayor, may we hear from the Law Director?

Law Director, Climer | **Climer:** Thank you, Madam President, there are several items of legislation around the way that has been drafted. I just haven't had a chance to review them. Among other things, a tightening up of our dog or animal at large ordinance as previously discussed at meetings. And I would request an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting. I have to discuss a couple of issues, but I'm happy to answer questions. **Nikolic:** Any questions or comments for the Law Director? Hearing none, may we hear from our Finance Director?

Finance Director, Thompson | **Thompson:** Thank you, Madam Chair, I don't have any additional report at this time. **Nikolic:** Any questions or comments for our Finance Director? **Williams:** I'm sorry, I was supposed to make an announcement. We requested that the Finance Director collect all credit cards from all directors. So, if you all could give those credit cards to him as soon as possible. Police Chief and acting Fire Chief, we would like to have a conversation with you about your gas cards. So, that we can create a process that doesn't impinge your need to use them. But also helps us track those expenses much better than we have in the past. **Nikolic:** Any further discussion for our Finance Director? Hearing none, may we hear from our Service Director, Mr. Haba.

Service Director, Haba | **Haba:** **Haba:** Thank you, Madam Chair, just one thing. Today was first day that we could get a hold of any hot patch. Which holds a lot better than the cold patch we've used all winter. So, we hot patched half of Broadway, from Alexander to Sheppard Road and back, Pettibone. (inaudible). Tried to fill the big holes as much as we could. And the weather looks good enough tomorrow to do the other half of Broadway, plus a little more. Depending on how much we get to, and you'll see that holds a lot better. And again, within a couple of weeks the streets should be better. The ones that keep breaking down. That's all I have, I can take any questions. **Nikolic:** I had to follow up about the litter list? We were trying to compile the top streets. Because we've had several residents come in talking about it. **Haba:** Yeah, and that would be no problem. But, like I mentioned a couple months ago at the meeting. It's really not feasible for us to say we're going to be here this day, this day, this day. It'll be as is basis, but any streets that are priority. We will get Lincolnville before the end of the week. That's something we do like on a rainy day. Where we can't patch the roads, or cut the grass, or do the flower beds. **Nikolic:** Okay, and I guess the idea is just that we have a list. So if someone inquires we have a date of last service. **Haba:** Yeah, we do that, we keep track of that and we do report it. Right

now what we do every day, I tell you how to categorize it. Sometimes we do, sometimes we don't put exact dates. But we'll keep track of the dates when we're down those streets. **Nikolic:** Okay, and then the ward Council can also fill in streets that they've had complaints about. **Haba:** Yeah, that's the way it's been for decades with that They just tell us and we'll handle that. **Nikolic:** Perfect, any other comments or questions for the Service Director? **Scruggs:** I just want you to know that you missed the most important meeting of your career, the last time you went out of town. Every single person that stood up and sang your praises. I was over here texting him, letting him know like you missed it. **Haba:** They probably thought I was dead because I don't miss meetings. (everyone laughed). **Scruggs:** I mean it was account, after account, after account, just talking about your character and talking about who you are. And I wanted you to hear it in person. I know my text message was real quick, but... **Haba:** I also appreciate that and I thank you very much, I appreciate that. I've always thought I've been good to Oakwood, and I thought Oakwood has been good to me. **Scruggs:** Yes sir, thank you. **Nikolic:** Yes Service Director, very much appreciated. Hearing no other comments or questions, moving on, may we hear from our Fire Chief?

Fire Chief, Tapp | **Tapp:** Thank you, Madam President, yesterday we had the eclipse go through. We had extra staff on and we had no calls related to the eclipse, which is good. We were fully staffed for it, but it was definitely something to see. Traffic wasn't as bad as we thought it would be through here. I'm sure the Police Chief can tell you a little bit more about that. But nothing really to report on fire's side. So, be happy to answer any questions. **Williams:** I do have a question, so, in trying to establish some processes around using the credit cards for gas. How often do you all fill up and what's the process right now? Do you have any recommendations? You don't have to have to answer now. You could send them to us as a follow up if you need more time. **Tapp:** We do truck check every morning. And if it's anything below three quarters or four, because of random fire. We have to make sure we have a full tank of gas. Any time any of our vehicles is three quarters or less, we go fill them up. And that goes for the chase car and Fire Chief's car. But usually it's just around three quarter. So, they fill up a couple times a week usually. Those cards are left in our office room and I have a fuel card. We only have two fuel cards, which is used throughout the day. **Williams:** So, you have two fuel cards. One you have, and one is left in the office? **Tapp:** Two Sam's Club fuel cards and one from Friendship. **Williams:** Ok, thank you. **Tapp:** Yeah, we keep receipts and I turn them in monthly. **Davis:** Do you pick Friendship compared to Sam's? **Tapp:** Depends on the time of day and who ever is open. We try to go to Sam's more because it's cheaper. But if they are closed for our weekend hours. Sometimes we need fuel later in the day, we'll go to Friendship. **Davis:** Okay. **Nikolic:** Any other comment or questions for a Fire Chief. Hearing none, can we hear from our Police Chief.

Police Chief, Garratt | **Garratt:** Thank you Madam President, adding to what the Fire Chief said, the eclipse was uneventful. We were planning for the worst and we hoped for the best and it was. We literally had no calls it was great. I noticed the fireworks going off and stuff like that. In regards to the credit cards, every police car has a credit card. They fill up at the end of the shift. All of them are Friendship, we have two Sunoco as backups. In case their down, has problems, holidays . You know, we run 24/7, 365, so Sam's Club didn't work for us as much. Because there's all times a night day, fill up on holidays, and everything else. **Davis:** When they use them, they just hand in the receipt once a month? Or do they hand in the receipts for each car?

Garratt: Each card is coded, you have to enter in a code. So, we know which Officer is using it. So then we can go back and get a printout from Friendship if there's any discrepancies on it. But it's for fuel only, you can't purchase anything else with it. **Davis:** Okay. **Williams:** If we switch to just one provider, would that interrupt you? **Garratt:** Yes. **Williams:** Like whoever was open all 24 hours of the day? **Garratt:** Yeah, because they're never always open 24 hours a day.

Williams: None of them, is there a reason you don't use Circle K? **Garratt:** A long time ago, but this was over a year ago. I don't care where we go, really, but none of them are ever 24/7. Circle K was closing early, that's why we stopped years ago; I think they closed at ten. **Nikolic:** Is Circle K open 24 hours? **Davis:** We're talking about the one in Bedford, the one on the border.

Nikolic: Chief, I had one question about the Lexipol subscription. I noticed we had that before, when we were at the conference. The Lexipol approached us about a grant system. And I noticed that it was also a subscription that the Police used. Can you tell us a little bit about the service for Lexipol and why is it needed above and beyond what you may get for your insurance benefits?

Garratt: Absolutely, insurance benefits, Lexipol is separate. Lexipol is our policy and procedures, operating procedures, operating policies that is updated when the laws changed. They have 30 some attorneys on staff at all times. Any time in the state of Ohio laws change, our policy and procedures are automatically updated. So we're working off current ones in case there's a liability down the road where we do get sued. We have up to date policies at all times. And it's a task to update because we used to use a big book we had a long time ago and you go back to it. But if you didn't update that on a monthly, yearly thing. It would be expired and you'll find yourself in liability issues. But since we've done that, it's really streamlined. If officers have questions on a procedure, or if it's the middle of the night and you're getting a violation or some kind of question. They could pull up policy and procedures, and look that up and have it currently available to help them make the decision on what to do on certain cases. I mean, that's how specific that is, the legal ramifications of doing this or that. **Nikolic:** Okay, I guess when I when I looked it up, it looked like it was like mental health services for first time responders. So, that's why I wanted to clarification of how we were using it. Because even we can use Lexipol to search for grants. So I didn't know how the force was using it. But we just wanted clarification, because Lexipo has so many different services. So, thank you for that. **Matlock:** Do we have any places in Oakwood where tractor trailers are being stored for use? **Garratt:** Once in a while, I get them from Sam's Club. Do you mean, like, privately or just from outside coming in?

Matlock: You know, I'm not too sure if it's privately or outside coming in. But they are now starting to store tractor trailers down by the deli on the corner, Broadway. **Garratt:** In the gravel? **Matlock:** Yes. **Garratt:** (inaudible) and if whoever owns that, they're not in violation of any laws that we have. Unless the owner of the property doesn't want them there. **Matlock:** Okay. And they post a sign that says no truck parking or something of that nature. We can help them with that. But if trucks are coming in there, because Broadway is obviously a truck route that leads to Ravenna Rd. So, the trucks aren't a violation for us, but if there's any issues of parking. Their owners can contact us and we can assistance and get them out of there. **Matlock:** Okay. **Hardin:** Even overnight parking, we don't have any control over overnight? **Garratt:** On Private property? **Hardin:** Right. **Garratt:** When the Hawthorne Shopping Center had the previous owners. We had a working relationship with them. By law, we had to have a working relationship with them to keep the trucks out of front of the parking lot. And we could do that because you see all the signs posted. They are allowed to go around and park around the back but not the front. That's the only thing, and we definitely don't want to park overnight in the

shopping center. **Nikolic:** Any other questions or comments? Hearing none, thank you Chief. May we hear from our Recreation Director, Carlean Perez.

Rec Director/Commissioner, Perez| Perez: The Helicopter was not able to do the Easter egg drop, so I brought back the check for \$1,250. Plus i brought \$250 back from the \$1,000 egg drop. I do have something to say to Council. Yesterday, I received a phone call from one of my vendors. I explained to the vendor, Brian and I did, about a purchase for the event. This vendor told me, once I told her how much the bill should be. She told me that a Council member told her to up charge the bill. So if you don't respect me, please be respect the authority of my job. This person would have billed me for 20 extra people. So when I asked her which Councilmember told her that. She said, "I'm not going to throw her under the bus." So therefore, again, I say, you don't have to respect me as a person. Please respect my authority as the Recreation Director.

Gottschalk: Carlean, read the wonderful letters from Columbus regarding your class Yoga with a twist. **Perez:** The Mayor asked me to read this to you. **Gottschalk:** She has many but this is from somebody (inaudible). **Perez:** Yesterday, there was a lady that came in to visit the class from out of town. She was visiting an Oakwood resident, so she came to visit the class from out of town. She said, and I got about nine letters yesterday. She said, "Yesterday I was visitng a friend who invited me to Carlean's stretch class. It turned out to be a tough double chair stretch class. I belong to McConnell Heart Health Center always voted best in Columbus. Their instructors, exercise, and physical therapist are always great. So, I know quallity when I see it and Carlean is quality. She welcomed and introduced me to class, and then proceeded to lead an exceptional class. Over 20 women were there and the sense of community was amazing. What a wonderful way to start my day." **Nikolic:** Are you a resident top of Oakwood Village? **Perez:** No I am not. **Nikolic:** Okay. **Davis:** Are they signing in, the people who come? **Perez:** They alway sign in, I alway have a sign in sheet. Because I just attach it to my invoices. **Davis:** Okay, because we've never seen this sign in sheet. So is it possible to send at least a copy to us? **Perez:** I do one every single (inaudible). So, you're going to get about 15 or 20 sign in sheets, you want that? **Davis:** Yes, at least one set of them for the Council to look at. **Perez:** I can give you March. **Davis:** Thank you, I appreciate it. **Perez:** I have a contract, I was told that I needed a contract. Jim has a copy, he's completing it. So, I'll have that for you next week. **Williams:** Contract for what? **Perez:** I was told I needed a contract before I can get paid. **Gottschalk:** For a detailed description as both a Rec Director and a Fitness Instructor. **Williams:** Who told her she needed a separate contract as a Fitness Instructor? **Gottschalk:** I was told Council wanted to have a detailed job description of what she does. This is a detailed job description of a Rec Director and also as a Fitness Instructor. **Warren:** That's not a contract, that's just a job description. **Williams:** Maybe maybe something was misconstrued. But what we discussed was that, while our Rec Director is working normal business hours. She should not be paid separately as a Fitness Instructor, that was our conversation. **Gottschalk:** Okay, you don't have a director anywhere that's also doing exercise classes at the same time. **Williams:** I'm sorry was that our conversation? **Gottschalk:** I'm just saying you cannot find a city with a Rec Director that's also in charge and performing the exercise classes. **Williams:** Our conversation was that we cannot pay her as a fitness director. While she is also working for the Village during office hours. **Gottschalk:** That's in addition to, as a Rec Director, what she is doing. **Perez:** Also, you will see this in a note on the contract. But I also want to say that I started in March, nine years ago. I was told that I had minimal hours to work. But because I wanted to do the best that I could be, I put in all those hours plus more. I was also given the position as the Assistant Director at the

Community Center. So, I work three jobs here without asking for anything. I did not ask for anything until now. And as you can see, I'm very upset tonight. But anyways I'm will let that go, let go and let God. That's what I am going to do. But I work three jobs here, I work very hard and I work every single day, every day. My phone never stops ringing, so, that's all I have to say.

Gottschalk: And by the way, we never had a Rec Director until we had Carlean. **Scruggs:** Just for clarification on at least what Council was asking. And my understanding being working in a position where there were multiple jobs that were required. We had, just as an example, classroom teachers that work from whatever time was just, say, nine until four that their salaries contracted time. They also wanted to tutor and we were able to get stipends to tutor. But the tutoring had to happen outside of the 9 to 4 times. The teacher could not tutor during the school day. Because that's the salary time that they're supposed to be doing the salary work. They could still be the tutor, but it would just have to be outside of the salary contracted hours. From the understanding that I received about what your hours and what you worked. You worked part time in one spot and then there was part time another spot. So there is potential for you to be able to do both. But it's never been listed out what time it was happening. So, it was kind of all jumbled up. So, we're in the process of just trying to make sure that the the budget is clean. That we can do the right thing with the money. So, that it doesn't appear that we're we're paying double work, if that makes sense. So not trying to take away from from your position and what you do. Because from what I heard, you do a great job. And, you know, we are very pleased and proud to have you. But we just need to make sure as as it relates to the budget, that it's clear, so that it makes sense. **Perez:** That makes a lot of sense. Being a Rec Director as he said, there is no set. I mean, there may be a job description and I have about 50 on here of what I do every single day. But, we brought, wellness to Oakwood, it was never a design type. It was just fit it in when you can. And then go do whatever else you have to do. And that's what I did, just trying to do the best that I could do. Anybody in this place, even people that have never even seen me today see what I do. I'm always busy, I spend half of my Sunday morning, didn't even go to church on Sunday because my phone's ringing. He had to come to work because we had a kids party that really tore up the place, so he had to come to work. The phone never stops that I pay for, and I never asked for reimbursement for that either. **Davis:** Do you have set hours of when you're Rec Director here? Do you do a 9am to 4pm? 9am to 1pm? **Perez:** 9:30am to 3:30pm is what I normally do. **Davis:** Monday through Friday? **Perez:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday. But that doesn't say that Tuesday, Thursday, I'm also doing a call log for you guys. **Williams:** Well, I think I hear your frustration. We're not in the day to day operations. What we are responsible for, as Councilwoman Scruggs said. Making sure that what is leaving in terms of money matches what you are telling us because you spend the dollars. And when we see the payments, and the payment line report, and we also see your salary. We have to ask questions like, well, what time this is happening. So we can get some clarity, and there has not been clarity. We don't have that clarity unless it's provided by you as a Rec Director and your boss. So, we have to ask questions and they may be uncomfortable. We are under a special forensic audit. Until we can get very clear about our expenses. We're going to have to ask some tough questions, it's not personal. **Perez:** He's trying to take all of that and make it one salary. **Nikolic:** It was my understanding, I'm new, that your salary was increased to a piece for the other classes that you were taking. So, I guess that was the surprise when they saw you had an increased part time salary of \$55,000. But you were also receiving \$1,500 a month for classes, so that was the confusion. We didn't understand that your salary had been increased. And then at the same time, it was the additional moneys for the classes. So that was the confusion, so as of now, everything is under scrutiny. We

were we were reviewing that as well. Before I speak, did anyone else have anything? **Davis:** Mrs. Tufts, is she teaching now or not? **Perez:** She works at the community center. **Davis:** So, is she teaching, though? She doesn't teach any classes? **Perez:** She just works at the community center. She also goes in to take pictures, she also does that also when you finish at the community center. She's in there at 6:00am in the morning, taking pictures. Then she goes in at night, and take pictures. And that's how I know who messes up the place. **Davis:** She's under your recreation budget, wouldn't that be under the community center? Instead of joining under recreation budget? **Thompson:** We can change it but she's been under that budget, under recreation. **Nikolic:** There's another gentleman that works there. Eugene, he's totally volunteer, but she's an employee. Why not an independent contractor? Why is one totally volunteer and she's an employee? **Perez:** Eugene took over once Cynthia got ill. So, he just helped out when she became ill and we just kept him there. We tried to put him on salary, but we found out that he has some disabilities. And this is the reason why we just kept him on. **Nikolic:** No, I'm just comparing to be fair, because I see him there as much as she's there. So I don't understand the difference as to why she couldn't be an independent contractor. You know, as opposed to an employee. Because if she only there that day? **Perez:** No, she actually comes in, like I said, she comes in on the weekends. She takes pictures after each event at the center. She's usually on these trips that we are on. But she only turns in like 20 hours every two weeks. **Warren:** She don't have to be independent contractor, it don't even make sense. **Nikolic:** Okay, does she have a job description? Because it sounds like she does a lot of things as well. **Perez:** No, but I can make her one. **Nikolic:** Okay. **Perez:** Some of this stuff just fell into play. Okay, the last thing, and the Law Director can assist with this. But in my read of the Charter, all directors, excepting for law and finance, have to be residents of the Village. So, what transpired between your hiring. What was the approval process? So, was there an ordinance or something that that permitted your employment? **Perez:** I never lived in Oakwood. **Nikolic:** Okay, but, this now is a Charter question. Because our Charter is our law. So, as a new person, I read everything. So, that's what I read, the Charter says that directors other than finance and legal should be residents. And so I don't know if they missed that part when you were hired. But as per our Charter, Rec Directors, any directors besides law and finance. **Perez:** Do I just give my resignation in now? **Climmer:** The Ohio Supreme Court limited the ability to do that some time back. Quite honestly, I have to dust that decision off. **Nikolic:** Okay. **Williams:** So, that should have been recommended as a Charter change to our last Charter then, possibly? **Warren:** It can for this next upcoming Charter. **Perez:** Madam Chair, I'm (inaudible), do I give my resignation tonight is that what you're saying? **Williams:** Here's one thing for certain we can say. You can not provide fitness instruction classes and receive a check separately during whatever your scheduled work hours are. We can say that for certain. So, you all are about to create a job description. Make sure there's no conflict there. Because if there is, we will not be issuing payment if those two things coincide. **Nikolic:** Any other comments? **Hardin:** I don't like confrontation. **Perez:** Neither do I. **Hardin:** And so for that, I say, I am so sorry that all of this is playing out this way. This is unnecessary, and I say to the Administration. As we work through these issues, Mayor, help us. **Gottschalk:** I think again, the details that she's going to submit, along with Mt. Zion. I think will be very satisfactory and we can move on. **Hardin:** Mayor, we're in an uphill battle here. And we don't want to have an Administration that is feeding the dragon. We need this whole community to work together to deal with major issues here. And so this did not have to happen. It didn't have to happen this way. So, I say to you, we're going to keep trying to straighten things out. I think, you know enough of us here. That if we had a problem and it was personal. It would have been

handled with you personally. This was dealing with finances, which affects everybody sitting here. So, please accept any part of this that was taken erroneously. And the fact that we're going to get some job description that clarifies the whole thing. That's the answer, period, without getting you all upset, so thank you. **Perez:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** Any further comments? Again, Ms. Perez, with all this been said, we appreciate the work that you've done and what you continue to do. So, please don't let that go without recognition. But as we review the laws and start to dig a little deeper. Some things will come to light that may not have been brought up before. So, we just ask for your patience and your understanding. Because we may have to have these uncomfortable conversations. Today they may be about you and tomorrow they may be about someone else. But you should not take them personally. We're just reading everything and addressing the issues and the questions as they come. So, please don't take them personally. We do appreciate the work that you do. **Perez:** (inaudible) that it had to come out in open forum like this, this is very embarrassing. **Warren:** This wasn't directed towards you anyway. Just to let you know Madam Chair, the bottom line is that every director works for the Mayor. And if there is any failures in the leadership of the department. We actually address them typically to the Mayor. The issue is we have to talk to you, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, the Service Director, to find out exactly what you guys are doing and how it's impacting you. Because we have never gotten to the integral part of each operation, which is being done now. And so after this is all done and everything is set, we could be in a role like we have been in the previous years. But it takes a time and everything is happening like it should be now. Getting a hold of our finances and to propose corrections if corrections are needed. And to make suggestions because we are responsible to the residents for the finances. I tell people I'm not a Council person, I serve as Council. I'm not Council Pro-tem, I'm Johnny Warren, who serves as Council Pro-tem. And this service is directly to the resident. So, we're not here to do anything but to make sure that we're fulfilling our responsibility. **Perez:** You were talking about the credit cards. I order lunch every Wednesday, I pay for those lunches with the credit cards. If that credit card is not in my possession I can't pay for anything. So, I don't know what you guys want to do about that. **Williams:** So, I just want to clarify, the questions that we're asking. We are not Administration, we don't deal with day to day operations. But we do hold the purse strings for every dollar that is put in this Village, it is our responsibility. So, as that relates to your positions and what you do and how you spend. That's why we're asking the questions. With the lunch purchases, we have to figure out some new processes. Because while we're in the special forensic audit, we do not intend for every person that had a credit card to continue to have credit cards. That is not a personal thing, we know you need it weekly. We're going to have to put some processes in place, plan ahead. I don't know if possibly you can go on there, put your order in your cart. Call the Finance Director Thompson and say this is what you need to pay for. I'm not sure what that looks like. We'll have to talk more about what you're purchasing, when. But we cannot allow our credit cards to exist with everyone anymore. We just can't, not in this moment. **Nikolic:** Any other comments or questions for our Rec Director? Hearing none. Moving on to agenda item number seven ward reports.

Scruggs: So, directors, we would like to get our house in order. So, that we can kind of know all of the staff members that are in and working in the Village. And so to help our Finance Director, Mr. Thompson, create an organizational chart. We would like for the each director to just create your organizational chart of the staff members that are currently working with you. And then you can submit that organizational chart to Ms. Joseph and Mr. Thompson through email. You have

until a whole week to kind of turn that in. So, once they have that organizational chart from your actual department. We can see the staff that work with you in your department. Then Mr. Thompson is going to take those, put them together and create a full organizational chart so that we can actually have one for the entire Village. I don't have a date, I believe it's April 16th, is that a Tuesday Ms. Joseph? **Joseph:** Yes. **Scruggs:** 7 days, is that enough time to kind of turn that in directors? **Nikolic:** Just to chime in, some of the directors have provided that, Police and Fire. So, if you have already provided it, then we have it. If you have not provided that, we are looking for that. But for those who have provided it, thank you very much.

Ward Report

Councilwoman Scruggs: No report at this time.

Councilwoman Hardin: No report at this time.

Councilwoman Matlock: No report at this time.

Councilwoman Davis: We're still working on a report for Gray Brothers. And Mr. Marinucci is not here tonight to answer our questions for ward four. Mr. Climer can you give us any more update about Gray Brothers? I was told that they were cited and they're going to court. **Climer:** Yes, those have been issued. We're trying to get service on them. They have a statutory agent we're trying to get service on. We may end up having the Police Department simply serve the summons at the business. **Davis:** Okay, and second, the thing we had on Macedonia Road. Which I'm so grateful to see our beautiful Police Department in ward four. I've seen so many times Police cars going through. And now I heard that our motorcycles are now going out too. So, we are truly blessed. I know for ward four, I see you guys all the time and I wanted to thank you. And please pass it on to your officers is appreciative and that's all a report I have for ward four.

Councilperson Williams: I just have two follow up questions. One, the residents on North Lane are still inquiring about whatever's going to happen behind them. To shade them or kind of block the new industry that's come in, so that's one. **Gottschalk:** I spoke with the chairman and his father was giving his last rights before he called. He went to go see his dad, his dad is 89 years old. Anyway, they will complete everything that's being done by the end of July. Everything will be cleaned up and at that time, we'll then address and there'll be no more trucks going through there after that. We'll address what we're going to do after the end of July and we'll inform the residents on North Lane. **Williams:** Is that Interstate or Waste Management? **Gottschalk:** Interstate. **Williams:** And then the other question was, we had a deal going on for Suwanee before. Can you send me an update on what happened with the deal, or where we'll be at, or where we left off? The residents would like to know how they can get their street paved and upgraded. So, I think that will help to start the process. **Climer:** We're still going over it because the sense of Council was that they didn't want to pursue that. I never knew that it went to Council. **Climer:** Yeah, we had a discussion about it. **Williams:** Was I not present? **Climer:** I believe the sense was that Council wasn't interested in pursuing it. We're talking about the gentleman that wanted to develop 5 or 6 lots? **Williams:** I never was a part of that conversation. **Climer:** Honestly, I don't know Candace, if you we're here or not. **Williams:** It's for ward five

and so the residents in ward five are asking me about it. So, if you could give me an update on where we are with that and why it stopped. **Climmer:** Sure, I'll be happy to send you a copy, there was a general description of what was going on. But I'll get that to you. **Matlock:** We had a meeting up here at the city hall with Max Miller. He is our Congressperson for our district. What we did was address the concerns that we had, what we needed. Because we know he's sitting on \$17.9 million for infrastructure. But what we're trying to do is get something out to him. And maybe perhaps help us with our streets. Also, the walkways that we have in the community. We'll see if we can get some extra money for that. It was me and Mrs. Hardin, he did tell us to contact his office and we're going to write up some grants. He even gave us the person who can help us write the grants up. So, we can get some infrastructure money here in our little Village. To help with some of these expenses that we have on doing our roads and doing our sidewalks. But we're going to go with the ones they've been asking for first. But they also know that I have to asked them to continue our walk through Tryon Road, because it is a safety hazard. But that's just one thing that I wanted to bring to your attention. And he will come back, he did state that he will come back. He will have a meeting with the residents here in Oakwood to address your concerns with him also. **Hardin:** This is to the Law Director, Law Director going forward, I will deal only with you as it relates to the vacant house on Somerville. **Climmer:** That's fine. **Hardin:** Okay, and I'd like something in writing, where we are. Because the last time they weren't so far, they couldn't even serve them yet. **Climmer:** We're still trying to give service, the person lives in University Heights. The Police has tried several times attempting to get a response. We're looking into alternate means of serving at this point. But there have been ongoing efforts to get them served. They just haven't been able to locate the person. **Hardin:** Okay. **Warren:** Don't they have places or organizations, businesses that does servicing for you? **Climmer:** They do, and we actually were looking at that today. **Warren:** We need that because it seems like we can't catch up. These people are like bloodhounds, they know that they get paid to serve. So, maybe we ought to consider the pricing and see about getting service. Because we always have to be chasing this person and this person who lives in Cleveland Heights. This person lives in Timbuktu and whatever. But those bloodhounds, you let them out on them; they'll get served. **Climmer:** We have a couple of firms that our firm uses. I gave them to Ross, We need to make sure it complies with the criminal rules of procedure. **Warren:** Well, why would they be in business if they don't? **Climmer:** Well, they serve all kinds of civil subpoenas and stuff like that, and I'm not sure if (inaudible). If we find a way to make that work we will. **Warren:** Okay, let us know if you find out. **Gottschalk:** Ms. Williams, again regarding Interstate McBee. They're currently mitigating the wetlands in the back of the building. And that's the reason for all this work, again, will be done by the end of July. And that backyard will look as good as the front yard when they are done with it. And as I say, trucks in the future, any trucks, would be going on the Waste Management side of the building. **Willaims:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** That's conclude our board reports. Moving on to agenda item number eight, please state the committee that you that you chair and also keep your comments to three minutes.

Committee Report

Fine Arts Committee

Councilwoman Scruggs: We haven't met just yet, but we will start meeting once we get everything set with the budget.

Health Care Committee

Councilwoman Hardin: Madam Chair, I chair the Human Resource Committee. And as I stated this evening, this committee is going to work with two department heads and the administration. To try to get the organizational chart in place and after that we want job descriptions, Mr. Mayor. In other words, we're going to fine tune some of the processes as best we can, thank you.

Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Matlock: No report at this time, piggy backing off of the Environmental Committee.

Environmental Committee

Councilwoman Nikolic: Thank you, I'm the chair of the Environmental Committee. And this year, on April 27th, we're looking at having our first Earth Day. Right out in the parking lot by Levin Furniture. There'll be electric vehicles out there. There'll be a beekeeper there that will talk about how bees to pollinate your garden. There'll be a representative, hopefully there to talk about solar panels, we want to do a co-op. So, there'll be some different vendors. We're exploring other people that can come. We want to model communities like Hudson who have been doing this for many, many years. Just so we can start educating our residents on how they can become more involved in sustainability and a climate action plan for the village. So that will be April 27th, tentatively in the parking lot of Levin Furniture. Where you typically find the concerts, there'll be more information to come.

Economic Development/Grants Committee

Warren: We haven't had a meeting, but we're dealing with community and economic development every day. We have finance meetings, which is part of the economic development. Once we get our situation established as far as identifying the departments, identifying the personnel and identifying what our expenses are and what our anticipated revenues are. We can look forward more so into that. But for the resident, most of the economic development and community development are developers coming to the Village and wanting to use land. And probably right now we only got three major areas to develop. One is one is on Macedonia, the other one is where Chagrin Valley Engineering is, and the other two is Tarbini, across from the community center land, he owns that in. He owns a parcel of land in Golden Oaks. So, we got three major areas and we have developers that's working on it. We're trying to get headway with Krogers, that's one. Chagrin Valley Engineering is making a proposal for the other. And for the third one, that's Tarbini's we're working on. They have other issues like the wetlands situation that we're trying to find a way to economically mitigate. Because the last time we reviewed it with them. But it's all of their money out of their pocket. But at the last time they said it is hard for them to do anything because the mitigation was over \$1 million. You have got to spend \$1 million just to mitigate it. So, I suggested to our Engineer to them that, maybe they ought to look

at the land on that big hill over there adjacent to the property that's owned by the metropolitan parks. Because, if you can get them to let you use that land to put your wetlands in. It's never been intended to be built on. But right now, I guess the Mayor will eventually give us a report on where we are with Kroger's. **Gottschalk:** I hope to, within three weeks, to be able to propose for you to pass. It will allow every homeowner in Oakwood Village to get a 10% discount on their electricity bills every year in your house. As long as they're still at that house, it won't cost them a penny. So, I'll have that for Council in the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Safety-Service Committee

Davis: Hi, I'm Mary Davis, and I'm in charge or the chairperson of the Safety and Service Department search committee. I just constantly do accolades to our beautiful service and our safety departments. And if you have any problems besides talking to your Councilperson, let me know. Please give me a call, my cards are out there. At any time, call the Clerk and she can get ahold of me, okay, thank you.

Tax Incentive Review Council Committee & Finance Committee

Williams: I am the Finance Committee chair, right now our last big undertaking was we had to submit a budget to the County. Which is the permanent budget for the Village that was due by March 31st, actually March 29th due to the holiday. We submitted a 50% budget for Oakwood Village that will take us through June 30th of 2024. And make sure we have our operating expenses and anything else that needs to be paid. After that, Council will amend the budget so that we can take our budget to December 31st. We are under a special forensic audit investigation. So, we want to be very, very sure that we are looking into all our finances and making sure that the money we spend is an appropriate and authorized use. And that Council is aware of what those uses are. We have a number of monthly finance reports that we review. We meet for finance on the fourth Tuesday of most months at 6 p.m. However, for the month of April, we are meeting every Monday at 5:30 p.m. Except for yesterday, we didn't meet because of the eclipse. And today and the fourth Tuesday of this month, in particular in April, we're going to meet at 5 p.m., before the Council meeting. So you are welcome to join our finance meetings as well. We've been reviewing the number of contracts, contractors and 1099's we had in the Village for 2023. To get a handle on who were paying what for, what services are provided to the Village. I think that is about it for now. So, just a lot of making sure we look at every single line item going forward. Just while we're under this investigation, that will conclude my report.

Hardin: Police Chief, when we started the Mayor announced that Forbes is going to be resurfaced starting in two weeks. How are you going to handle the traffic pattern coming? We really don't want them cutting through Lynbrook, Somerville, Glenshire. **Garratt:** The pre-construction meeting was April 3rd. Myself, Tommy Haba, and the Fire Chief, we all attended the meeting also down at the County. It's going to be two way traffic at all times with flaggers. So that we don't have one direction like we did 25 years ago when we had to do it. Because inevitably people come up the wrong way. The contractor did want to change that to make it a one way permanently while they work. But we asked them not to because they been on the job with two lanes all times. That way when they're not there on the weekends. It's very frustrating

when they have lanes closed and they're not working, as we all know. So, they will have flaggers monitoring two way traffic at all times without diverting into residential areas. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Gottschalk:** Thank you Chief. **Nikolic:** So that concludes our committee reports. And of course, we'd also like feedback from you. We'd also like your feedback as well. The ward and committee reports are new. So, if there's anything that you'd like to add or let us know. It's just to give you more information about how to better serve you. So moving on, agenda item number nine, floor is open for Village resident Comments.

Open Floor Comments

Tonya Dixon, (unknown)|Dixon: Not to take anything away from anyone. But all my life I was in government and I never, in jobs the employer would give the employee the job description if they want that job. I've never known that, I'm writing my job description and you okay it. So, we talked about this maybe four weeks ago about job descriptions for everyone. I was told that they're going to be job descriptions because no one had them. Would it be posted to the public? **Nikolic:** It is public information and Councilwoman Hardin is our personnel committee chair. And we, after today discussing it, that's something we're waiting on before we can actually get into other discussions in the finance committee. So those are the things that we're waiting on from our HR chair/ Finance Director and also the directors. So, we're working together to get it to you. But once it is available, it will be public information if you'd like to see it as well. **Dixon:** Yeah, thank you.

Karen Howse, (unknown)| Howse: I was here at the last Council and there was a couple things that concerned me. I had the ability and the blessings to be able to work for this community back in 1996. I served here at the pleasure of the Mayor for 12 years. But, before I left, there were some outstanding things that concerned me before I left. And I made it known publicly. And I want to be careful how I say this because it's a sensitive subject, but it is sensitive to me. And the reason why is because I attended a church here, Mt. Zion. I'm no longer a member there, but I attended Mt. Zion for a long time. They left Booker and built this beautiful church on Broadway. But what came with that church was paving and curving to make it easy access to get back into their area, their new church. The Village Council approved a special assessment. That special assessment was put on that parcel and Mt. Zion was responsible for paying that assessment. That assessment average per year, about \$33,000 a year. Before I left, I had expressed a concern because when that bill came to Mt. Zion, they had issues about paying. So, here we are today, I found that Council passed legislation at the time and let me finish my sentence. Passed legislation, what they thought that the Village would be able to use the art facility occasionally. You know, for rain or if some issues came up when the Mayor had concerts and then it expanded to other things. The first contract we entered into with Mt. Zion was \$22,500 a year to use their facility. It's almost like insurance, so if it rains, you'll have access to their facility. And for whatever other things that Mt. Zion agreed to. So, \$22,500 a year equals \$112,500 that we paid to Mt. Zion over a five year period. Then a new contract came in place for another five years for the exact amount of the special assessment, which was \$33,108. The reason why I'm bringing this up publicly is because when I before I left. The Mayor and I had a healthy disagreement about the responsibility that was put on to Mt. Zion. So five years, we renewed a contract presented to Council that equaled the exact amount of the special assessment. That they were supposed to pay, so in essence, if I use Mt. Zion five times out a year. I'm still going to pay them \$35,500, doesn't matter, or \$33,480. We're still going to pay them that. Whether it's four times a

year, five times a year, still going to pay them that. I don't know about you, but if I was renting someone. The first thing I'm going to ask is, how much do I have to pay you per hour to use your facility? That's the one thing, so in essence, we paid Mt. Zion, over a ten year period, \$278,040 for insurance, so to speak. If something would happen where I would need your facility. Then we have expand it to say that now we're going to teach classes there and we're going to do this. And this is nothing against the Recreation Director because the Recreation Director, I was here when she was here. I think the issue is not you. It is to ensure your safety in that when you are reporting things like if you are working here a set of hours. When the previous Law Director was here, he made it clear. I used to do martial arts, and I taught a kickboxing class. I was teaching a kickboxing class after hours, and there's written language about that. That you cannot co-mingle, you cannot work independently and get a regular check. It's a fact, it's nothing against you, it's for your own sake. **Perez:** (inaudible) **Howse:** There's written language about that, okay. There's been language about that. So, we have a community center and then again, I'm finding we're now looking for another way to pay Mt. Zion. I have nothing against Mt. Zion, but what I do have a issue with is that \$33,108. And in that contract, that number includes not just the special assessment. But it also included the sewer maintenance that is assessed on all taxpayers. I pay that in all my property taxes. That is what that total encompasses. \$33,108 encompasses \$1,297, which is sewer maintenance. Has nothing to do with Mt. Zion. And why this came to my attention is, at the last Council meeting. Councilperson Williams asked the question, why did we pay \$1,297.50? The Mayor recited he said, "he would get back to her." So my question to Council, why are we allowed \$1,297 a year? Why are we paying Mt. Zion's sewer maintenance, when I'm paying my own sewer maintenance? Why would we enter into a contract, and maybe again, like you said, it was how it was presented to you. I don't know, but why on earth would we be paying \$33,108 to a church. A beautiful facility, to use their facility just in case, or now we're implementing these fitness classes. I'm asking Council, don't give them another dime. I think they owe you guys \$1,297 over the course of a couple of years. I think that needs to be paid back to us. I want to know why is it why was that included? It said assessment, we don't put that sewer maintenance assessment on there. I know how that sewer maintenance is used. It's every residents bill, I wish you guys would pay mine. How is that right? I have an issue with that, look at the contract. Now, miraculously, Mt. Zion doesn't have an assessment anymore, their assessment is gone. Like I said, five years prior to that, there were \$22,500 shy of \$10,000 short away from what the total assessment was, I'll take it. But I would rather say, tell me how much to use your facility per hour, and that is what I will pay you. Or if their prices aren't right, I'm going to look for somewhere else. There's other churches in here, the old Mt. Zion. Now he's saying that 70 to 80 people may be coming. The capacity over there is 100 something plus. I feel like we shouldn't give Mt. Zion another dime. They've gained quite a bit at our expense, and I'm furious at the fact that it's gone on this long. And I think it should be brought to your attention and all the residents. There's no way we should be paying anybody's assessment. **Nikolic:** Thank you, I'd like to request on behalf of Council. Law Director Climer, could you revisit those contracts and look at the language. And ensure whether or not there was any agreement to continue paying Mt. Zion or not continue paying him. Please speak with the Finance Director to hash out the language of what's been spent. And the next steps in terms of agreements. Because we have before us an agreement with Mt. Zion I believe that the Mayor wants to present. So, before we assess that contract, we really need to understand where we are based on those former contracts and what the language states. Because I read one and I thought it said after that contract. We would not need to pay for any more facilities once that contract was complete. So,

if my understanding of that contract is accurate. Then we should no longer have building usage fees from Mt. Zion in our budget. So, if you could clarify all of that and get with the Finance Director, once that's complete. And just make sure that all of that is taken care of and then report back to Council. Does anyone else have something to add about this? **Howse:** I just wanted to add this one thing. I'm sorry, I forgot to say. That special assessment for sewer maintenance we obtained as of today, \$9,079.50. As of the last five years. I don't know what's been applied from the \$22,000 we paid before that back in 2017 or whatever. But Brian, the Finance Director, made it clear. When the question was asked, he did answer honestly. "How did you come to pay that bill?" He said, Mt. Zion brought their tax bill to him for them to pay. **Williams:** Ms. Howse, I can respond, when I did see the \$1,297.50, it did bring up some other legislation and the previous contracts. So, what we requested is one, if there are to be any future payments, that there be a contract. But two, we have not authorized any additional funds to be paid to Mt. Zion for any reason. So if there are classes scheduled there, unless they're doing it for free. Council has given no authority to make any future payments to Mt. Zion at this point. Not until we can review all of their, what we've requested is all of their history of expenses that have been paid since 2008 to present. So, we can get a total understanding of how much money we paid to them each year. We are aware of the \$1,287.50 cent payment in February. We also found another one that was made in December of 2023 that we just saw today. **Howse:** And don't forget the \$10,000 meditation garden built on private property (inaudible) Mt. Zion. **Williams:** So, we have a number of things to look through. But there is no more authority to pay them. **Howse:** Thank you. **Gottschalk:** I will give a response to much of Ms. Howse's misunderstandings of this whole project. Including how she conveniently forgets that when Mt. Zion was over on Booker, where Rome is now. We never used that facility for any recreation either. We went to The Word Church in Warrensville Heights. Even before Warrensville Heights used at church. Additionally, we're not using the school this year for a summer camp program. We are using Mt. Zion; they have 6 large learning center rooms over there. They can hold about 20 people. They have video units with infrared or internet access, they have the kitchen, the gym... **Dixon:** The other churches don't have room for the summer kids? I heard that they were declining, as far as kids doing summer activities or whatever a few weeks back. **Gottschalk:** We've been using it, the point is we can save money. Rather than being at that to the Bedford High School. And having busses going back and forth between, whether it's using for any sort of the events over in Mt. Zion. Or even using the kitchen over there for our maintenance and cooking for the ladies. Everything can be done under one roof. You're not having 80 or 90 kids walking through the high school. On the north wing they went for one class in different rooms. And then having to go to the other side of the building where the gym is, going upstairs for an hour. It's very hard on counselors... **Dixon:** I understand what you're saying. But just to make sense, and I know let's \$33,000 and we only use that church a couple of times. **Gottschalk:** That's completely wrong. **Dixon:** I mean, we only go there 2 or 3 times a year. **Gottschalk:** That was misrepresented, this isn't the time... **Dixon:** Well, give me the numbers and more information. I need to understand, I have been here 20 years, and I work hard for my money. You know me, I work hard. And to hear numbers like that get thrown around, is crazy. But let me get back to this. **Williams:** The numbers are factual. **Dixon:** Okay, the numbers are factual, okay. Well, that's why I want to get a printout. **Gottschalk:** Remember, by the way, as well, it was interesting that Oakwood benefited from that road as much as anybody else did. Because it goes to our community park. Until then, we had to use the residential street to get to the community Park. **Howse:** There's nothing wrong with that either. **Gottschalk:** Please, who was going to be using a residential street. **Howse:** Mayor, before Mt.

Zion I used that back road, it was not a problem. **Gottschalk:** But it was really a it was very fair to the residents of Oak Hill. Sizemore: Our kids played ball over there. **Gottschalk:** Now it's much different now. Sizemore: Yeah, but we have parks right there where the kids can go and play ball. And you can be right down the road right there (inaudible). (multiple voices, inaudible). **Gottschalk:** (inaudible) had to go all the way around to get in there as well. Sizemore: I don't remember going all the way right now. **Dixon:** I guess the person I have a question for is not here. It would be the Building Director. I wanted to know if he ever got his computer problem fixed? Because the last time I was here, I heard from his mouth. That he had an issues with his computer for a year and he didn't get it fixed. He had somebody else he was asking questions about, I couldn't get the name because he was mumbling. I want to know, did he get his computer fix? And also, did he get those numbers? Like how many people are renting in Oakwood, how many people left out of Oakwood, how many people ever came in to Oakwood, new homebuyers. I asked for those numbers, he didn't have those numbers. So, I was wondering if you can contact this Daniel person to get numbers. Because he, I had an issue, and it's been going on for two years. Now the house is sold, the lady is gone. The problem is still there, I issued information and paperwork. I have it at home, nothing has been done. But for me to hear as a resident that he had a glitch in his system. From what I understand from Council, from what I heard. We pay a program or whatever program we have. We pay it to ensure that you can call in and say, hey come fix my computer; I need help. He had not done that for a whole year. So my question to him tonight, he's not here. And the other question is, I understand that when we have these meetings. Do everyone have to show up? Or is it a priority, or how does that go? Is he sick tonight or what's going on? **Gottschalk:** He had oral surgery, he's fully swollen and he won't be at work tomorrow either. **Dixon:** Alright, well, he don't work but three days a week. Is he part time? **Gottschalk:** Yeah. **Dixon:** Do we need a full time person? Because... **Gottschalk:** You can't get a full time person in that job anymore. You don't have a full time Building Inspectors hardly anywhere other than in the cities. Even in Bedford Heights, they don't have a full time anymore, or Maple Heights. **Warren:** Well, I don't know about that. But one thing that I can... **Dixon:** If he's not full-time, he should have enough time on his hands to get the numbers together. **Gottschalk:** I'm hearing you, he'll be able to respond to you in your email. **Dixon:** Okay, because if he's only part time, he should have plenty of time to get everything else together. The other thing I had, again we were talking a couple weeks ago about the money for entertainment. If I'm wrong, please somebody correct me. Was it \$200,000 or \$150,000 that we do a year? The budget for entertainment, was it \$200,000? **Thompson:** It was for the full department budget. **Dixon:** What was it? **Williams:** That's probably around the whole recreation budget, entertainment is included in that. **Dixon:** What was the whole recreation? What does that include for the whole year fiscally? Just real quick, like what could it be? **Perez:** Camping... **Dixon:** Does the residents get anything? **Perez:** Special event is like what? **Perez:** Summer concerts, murder mystery, lunch and dinners, all that kind of stuff. they are okay. When we get the fliers, some of them we have to pay for. Just a little but \$20 or \$15, or whatever. The residents still pay for those, you still collect a small fee. **Perez:** Yes, right. **Gottschalk:** Not at Mt. Zion, that's for Severance Center, going to the the Ochestra, or the Amish Country, or La Malfa, Pickle Bill in Geneva. **Perez:** It may cost you \$20, but it cost us \$50. **Dixon:** Okay, well right, and then for the dance club event. Are we using our Service Department to put it up and tear it down? Does that come out of the Service Department or that comes out the \$200K? **Nikolic:** Are you referring to the concerts? **Dixon:** Yeah. **Gottschalk:** All I get from Council is \$15,000 a year. **Dixon:** Well, where did the \$200,000 come from? (unknown, multiple people

responded): That's the whole budget. **Dixon:** That's a whole budget for a summer camp, for all the events that goes on. **Perez:** Summer camp we usually charge the kids, \$250 for eight weeks of camp. (inaudible) I think that's about \$10/ kid, \$10/day. If you go to Cedar Point its go it's \$50 a year. So, all of that (inaudible), we are \$10 a day, it cost \$37/day to do the event. So, this is where all this money is coming going. **Dixon:** Okay, but I'd appreciate if you could provide that for me. Thank you, you do a wonderful job, you do. **Nikolic:** And just to follow up on that. We have requested for finance to provide us with a breakdown, an itemized financial report of every event. So, when we do see an event like let's take the egg drop, for example. We can see \$1,500 for the helicopter, \$2 for brown paper bags, \$70 for Malley's chocolates. Like an itemized list so we can look and see next year. We don't need this, we're not going to do that. But we need an itemized list for every event. So, Council can start to see also the attendance. I was there at the egg drop last week, so that way I get to see the event. We get to see what the itemized cost is. And we can work together to have a dialog about what's most beneficial for the residents. **Dixon:** Sounds really good. **Williams:** Can you provide your email address to the Council Clerk, please. So, we can send you that budget.

Laurie Hoover, (address unknown) | **Hoover:** My name is Lori Hoover, my husband and I own a property on Macedonia Rd. I guess my question is directed at the Mayor. I have stopped by the Village hall for two years, nine times. I've talked to Dee, I've never been able to catch you. You keep telling me you're going to take care of it. Ever since Hummer moved out and DCOMM moved in. They tore down all of the trees and the shrubs that were adjacent to my property of Macedonia Rd. They left it a mess, there's concrete all over it. They extended their parking lot almost to my property. They left all their debris there, nothing's been done. The woman from DCOMM who was at the meeting said, "no problem, we'll take care of it and it will be done." Well in June, it'll be two and a half years, and then I'm still waiting. And I don't think it's fair. I don't know who I need to talk to. I did talk to Mary about it because she's my Councilperson. But, I need to get something done. **Davis:** I emailed also to Mr. Marinucci all about it and a copy to you. **Gottschalk:** Is this for your backyard flooding? **Hoover:** No, it's not flooded, it just looks terrible. Now my the backyard is up to their concrete and all their trucks and. And I had trees and bushes there. They told me at this meeting, we will take care of that. They've had six seasons to a point. They haven't even put up a mound of dirt. They haven't put up a couple trees, nothing. All that debris back there, there is a buckets back there with concrete in it. And I'm upset, I'm very upset about this. Because my tenant has a child and they play. And I don't think it's right that they need to deal with this. Plus, they deal with all their trucks, they see all the trucks. Because they added a humongous amount of concrete back there. So, I'd like something done, and talking about the Building Inspector. I have a real problem, I've gone to the Building Department three times. All three times, the minute I walk in, he walks out the back door with his dog. Because he doesn't want to talk to me. So what do I do? I'm asking Council, and by the way, Madam Chair, I really appreciate you because you really take control of the meeting. Which, I'm sorry to say, years past wasn't done. So you're very, very good. So, how do I get something done. I've even sent pictures I've given Dee pictures to give to you of all of it before and after. And it's going to be two years. **Gottschalk:** Well, DCOMM didn't get here until about a year and a half to two years ago. **Hoover:** Right, and I was here at that, and they promised me. **Gottschalk:** It was an issue because the backyard at that time was zoned residential. So we had to rezone it so... **Hoover:** I don't care about them, I care about my property. I don't care about DCOMM, I want my property shielded from DCOMM, like it was before. And it is not that way

anymore. So, what do I do? How do I get something done? **Gottschalk:** As it is, I gave them two major signs i needed to have done a developmental projects here in Oakwood. I put a hold on that, he will be there at DCOMM within the next two weeks. **Hoover:** I'm going to hold you to it. **Gottschalk:** Yeah. **Hoover:** Because I will be back there, because I'm upset about this, thank you. **Nikolic:** Okay, Mayor are you referring to a landscaping company? **Gottschalk:** No, this is just to do some screening on the back of her property. To DCOMM's property where they're parking their vehicles now, but there's no screening. **Nikolic:** Is this something Tiff dollars could take care of? Is there a Tiff for this? Is there Tiff dollars that could be used for beautification or tree planting for that area? **Gottschalk:** It's hard on the back yards of people. **Warren:** You can't use private property. And the thing is, that's the responsibility of DCOMM, not Oakwood Village. **Hoover:** Yeah, and she told me, the woman that was in charge at DCOMM. Was at the meeting, and I neglected to bring her card. She swore to me it would be done that fall. **Warren:** This a lady from DCOMM? **Hoover:** Yes. **Warren:** Okay, so Mayor, are you saying that is going to be done? **Gottschalk:** Yeah. **Warren:** DCOMM is going to do it? **Gottschalk:** In about three weeks, yeah. **Hoover:** Now it's three. **Gottschalk:** You can't be doing it in the middle of the rain. It's going to rain in the next few days. **Hoover:** Yeah, it's the best time. **Gottschalk:** It will be screened... **Hoover:** I want it cleaned up first. **Gottschalk:** Of course, it'll be screened and cleaned up before the end of the month. **Hoover:** Okay, I'll be back here if not. **Nikolic:** Councilwoman Davis, and Councilperson Warren, we actually did a visit to one of our local companies. And this may be one that we could follow up with and do an in-person meeting. Just so we can get to know what's going on. So, we better understand the production of what's going on there. So, we did a visit with Federal Metal, which is in my backyard, and I had similar issues. So we went there, we had a meeting with them and they explained their processes. So, maybe this is another opportunity to have a meeting with the company. So, they know that we're watching as well and that we want to make something happen as soon as possible. And I'd be happy to meet anyone out there at any given time. Mary Just my number, I'd be happy to. **Warren:** Just let you know that actually Federal Metals came to our Council meeting and gave the residents a presentation. Then we met with them, but they gave the residents a presentation of what they do and things of that nature. And so, maybe DCOMM may be considered to do that, if they don't get. **Davis:** Mayor, I think Mr. Marinucci did say that now it's in the hands of Chagrin Valley Engineering, I don't know why. **Gottschalk:** There's an issue again, with what's going to be rezoned and what isn't. DCOMM themselves said before the end of the month, it will be taken care of. **Hoover:** (inaudible) I just don't want to see all those trucks, because we didn't have to see them before. **Davis:** And we don't want the bill going to the Village of Oakwood either. We want them paying for it.

Dixon: Speaking about her problem, I have a problem. Same thing, took them almost two years now, I submitted all my paperwork. What happened is the guy that lived behind me. He built a shed and it wasn't very secure. Wind came and blew it all away, it's like just gone. But now there's a platform, and underneath the platform you get all kind of varmints, the rabbits, mice or whatever. And I submitted paperwork I believe twice to the Building Department. Now the home is sold, now it is empty. It was sold at the end of this year. So my question is, I wish the Building Department guy was here. So, I can confront him, and ask him to go and press the new owners now. to lift that trash out, it's a platform. I mean, the platform all the animals get under there and breeding. I seen it with my own eyes field mice, rabbits. it's a huge platform. And it's been there for a while and I submitted paperwork and nothing has been done. Nothing has been done. So,

relay that to the Building Department guy, thank you. **Warren:** Just for the record, maybe we ought to send or the Law Director may contact the Building Inspector to see. Is there an ordinance about an abandoned property? You know, if you got something that's falling apart. And we don't have to be on somebody else's property. We don't have to worry about it because she would let us take pictures if we need them. But she already have them... **Dixon:** (inaudible) While he was out there taking pictures. He called and said, hey, is it okay for me to go in your backyard? and I said sure, I looked at my camera, and he was out there taking pictures. I said good he's there, Oakwood has pictures of it awesome. **Nikolic:** Thank you, I think the Mayor, or your ward Councilperson will be in contact with you about any follow-up. **Dixon:** Thank you.

Marie Dillingham (*Unknown address*)| **Dillingham:** First I am a little nervous, normally I go to interviews, and I talk to a person one on one and stuff, so bear with me. I planned on having sheets and everything. But I moved and had big events this weekend. So, if you would like, I'd like to get you the service proposal that I'm going to speak to you shortly. I can email or just bring it back in tomorrow. So, everybody could have a copy. So, they can see everything, all the details. I'm just going to go over it really quickly. My name is Marie Dillingham and I'm the part owner and operator at No Static Radio. And sole owner and operator of DcySive Media. And I would like to provide a proposal for my services. So, the purpose of this proposal is to offer the services for the community of Oakwood Village in hopes to build a stronger, more connected community. And provide services to keep the community informed and possibly entertained. Especially for our citizens who are not able to get around as often as they would like, or due to work or family. So just to give you guys a little bit of insight. I have over 20 years of experience in journalism, tons of equipment, and I have all this detailed in here. My experience and everything, of course the people that I worked for like Peter Luger's Steakhouse in New York, traveling on the daily show. I come from the news world of Channel 19 and Channel 3. I'm an Emmy winner and a Golden Globe winner as well for the work that I've done. And basically, I want to insert my work into this community. Like these community meetings, just in case people aren't able to make it. They're always able to see and attend from no matter where they're at. So, that's basically it, I have a couple of things including pricing and everything. So, if you guys have any questions, all my information is here. It's a lot more detailed inside and I think that's it. **Nikolic:** Just briefly, what are the top three services you would be providing the Village? **Dillingham:** Videography. **Nikolic:** So, like livestreaming? **Dillingham:** Absolutely. **Williams:** Let me help you out here. So, I didn't want to interrupt. So, her mom had previously lived in ward five. Had previously been here and talked about drag racing and some of the entertainment that they do. But I was in another conversation with them about that, some entertainment. And she shared that she did a lot of journalism with videographers. And I know that we've talked about livestreaming in our Council meetings for a little while now. But hadn't found a videographer or found any services. So, I did ask her to come present just so we can get the ball rolling, thank you. **Nikolic:** And I do believe, Councilwoman Scruggs, I think we were talking in our organizational meeting. I think you have a background in audio and some things. And you were going to work with us to figure out how to do it with YouTube. Maybe that would be a good connection for you two to discuss. Any other questions? Marie's mom: We're working with Ms. Carlean and the Mayor, and of course Councilperson Williams. We want to kind of upgrade the entertainment that you have for the festival. So, we will be reaching out to some people that you might have heard of. We want to work with this community. Like we appreciate, you know, the stability that's been provided for a lifetime here. We want to keep everything. **Nikolic:** Thank

you, we'll inspect the contract from either the Clerk or Councilwoman Williams so we can discuss it. We should be planning an organizational meeting to discuss certain things at some point. The floor is still open for comment. Hearing none, floor is closed. Moving on to agenda item number ten legislation.

Floor closed

Legislation

Climer: Proceeds to read legislation:

2023-55	AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF
Introduced 12-22-23	ROSS CIRINCIONE AND JOHN MONTELLO TO THE POSITION OF
By Mayor and	ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR/PROSECUTOR WITH THE VILLAGE OF
Council as a whole	OAKWOOD
1 st read 12-22-23	
2 nd read 1-9-24	
Tabled 1-23-24	

2024-03	AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
Introduced 1-23-24	INTO A CONTRACT WITH CHAGRIN VALLEY ENGINEERING LTD. AND
By Mayor and	SETTING FOR THE COMPENSATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VILLAGE
Council as a whole	ENGINEER AND HIS FIRM
1 st read 2-13-24	
2 nd read 2-27-24	
3 rd read 3-19-24	
Tabled 3-8-24	

Motion to remove 2024-03 from the table made by Hardin seconded by Warren

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-03 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

NO VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

MOTION PASSED

2024-13	AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REFUSE
Introduced 3-26-24	COLLECTION AND RECYCLE PROCESSING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WASTE
By Mayor and	MANAGEMENT OF OHIO, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Council as a whole	
1 st read 3-26-24	
2 nd read 4-9-24	

Nikolic: I had one comment to make about that. We had discussed about the tipping fees. I inquired about, I am new, so I wanted to see the contracts from the other municipalities. Which municipalities are dumping here, how much we are charging, maybe even do fee assessment. Or fee, I don't know the proper term of it. But just analyzing all of our fees, but starting there, for example, to see if, as Brian described, it's like this. The fees that we're bringing in and the money that we're getting from the municipalities it's about an even keel. So, we should potentially look at increasing the fees that we receive from the outside municipalities that are dumping here. So, I requested the contracts, and we'll see what's stated, the language that's there. **Haba:** I'm still waiting for the answer from the gentleman. **Nikolic:** Okay, so we're still waiting on that. That's on second read, so once we get that, we'll circulate to Council. We can have further discussion about it. Are there any other thoughts?

Hardin: Madam Chair, I'm about to do something I've never done. I'd like to go back to 2024-03, I have a question for Brian. When I asked the question, are we currently paying him. My understanding is we're paying him at the old rate, not with the 5%? **Thompson:** Not at the new rate, you're correct, the old rate. **Hardin:** Okay, I'm willing to pay him. We haven't given anyone 5%, so, Law Director. **Williams:** That's why we left it on the table. Because it included the increase. It wasn't just about the (inaudible). **Hardin:** Okay. **Williams:** That's why we were leaving tabled. Because when you read out increasing numbers. **Hardin:** I wouldn't go forward with the increase. **Joseph:** Once I say motion passed, your answer can't be recalled, you can only repeal it. **Davis:** Madam Chair, can we repeal? She said we can repeal it. **Climer:** If I'm not mistaken, it still passes. You had two votes against it, correct? **Williams:** No, you only had one, I was the only one that voted no. **Climer:** Okay. **Nikolic:** But the question is, once the motion is passed, can they go back and change their vote? **Climer:** No, (inaudible) but even if you did, it still passes. **Davis:** No, it won't, I would not do it either. **Hardin:** No, it won't pass. **Davis:** Because he said that it is under the same one, so I assumed, I didn't know. **Climer:** Honestly, I have not encountered this, but i am pretty sure that you can't withdraw your vote. You can repeal the ordinance. **Hardin:** Law Director, this is a first, and it's driving me insane, this whole situation. I want this ordinance repealed. **Climer:** Okay, so introduce an ordinance to repeal? **Hardin:** That is my stance. **Davis:** Motion to do that and I'll second that. Is that how you want to do it? **Nikolic:** You don't need a vote, you need legislation. **Williams:** We left it tabled because we were going to deal with the budget in totality. **Hardin:** Yes, then all of a sudden, it dawned on me. This is the 5%. I do not wish to pass just with the 5%. I'm going on record with that. And I apologize to my colleagues. **Nikolic:** Does anyone else have any comments? **Warren:** All we do is just get the legislation drawn up for the next meeting. **Hardin:** Thank you, I apologize, Brian there's no checks to be issued prior to the next meeting. Is that correct? **Thompson:** Yes. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Hardin:** And I apologize to the audience, this is wearing me down, I apologize.

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

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

MOTION PASSED

Entered Executive Session

Motion to adjourn executive session made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

Exited Executive Session

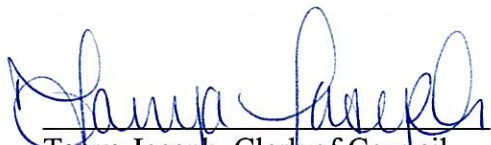
Motion to adjourn made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

Adjourned

Approved 5.13.2025


Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council


Erica Nikolic, President of Council