

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2025-5-13**

ATTENDANCE

Erica Nikolic, President	Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor
Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem	Tom Haba, Service Director
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	James Climer, Law Director
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Mark Garratt, Police Department
Candace Hill, Ward 5	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
	Dave Tapp, Fire Department
	Matt Jones, Village Engineer
	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
	Karen Gaither, Interim Recreation Director

ABSENT

Mary Davis, Ward 4	Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1
Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	
Sam O'Leary, Assistant Law Director	
* Arrived after roll call	

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

Motion to adopt the April 9th, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes made by Hardin seconded by Warren

YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Hardin, Matlock, Hill

PASSED

Motion to adopt the April 9th, 2024 Environmental Meeting Minutes made by Matlock seconded by Hardin

YES VOTE: Nikolic, Hardin, Matlock

ABSTAINED: Warren, Hill

PASSED

Nikolic: Moving on to agenda item number five, clerk corresponded. **Joseph:** Um, at some point this week I will be sending out a flyer in regard to community cleanup for May 31st at 9 a.m. to 12p.m. Once that flyer goes out, if you'd like to be a part of that cleanup. Please feel free to reach out to me to be one of the volunteers. And I'll give you more information in regard to that, that is all that I have. **Nikolic:** Okay, thank you, Council Clerk Joseph. Moving on to agenda item six, departmental reports. Could we start with our Mayor. I ask that all department heads keep their reports to five minutes. **Gottschalk:** I will not be five. **Nikolic:** You will be close to five, you may continue.

Department Report

Mayor, Gottschalk| Gottschalk: First on the street, it's good to see Matt Jones here. Congratulations to all of Chagrin Valley, and Matt for doing a fabulous job of getting a Broadway reconstructed at no cost; a big grant, great job. On the project on Oak leaf, as you know, there's no southbound traffic for eight weeks. Two weeks have gone by, and because of that we aren't able to do any, because of all the discombobulations of traffic as it is now. We're doing the screening at Mount Zion at Interstate B, with the homeowners on North Lane. That will begin as soon as that project is over. And that will be in about four to six weeks. They'll see what's going to be done. They can choose exactly how much (inaudible), and so North Lane will be satisfied. I'm Oak Leaf further down, between Waste Management and Alexander. The road is very bad there. In fact, the owner of the CEO of the biggest company in Oakwood blew two of his tires out on that stretch. As you can see, we have, although the Engineer put it as part of the Arbutus project. Because the same engineer or same construction person was doing it. It'd take up \$50,000 to \$75,000 of work. And without it, you won't be able to make it through the winter. And imagine all the traffic you have there from Interstate McBee, Waste Management, to one of your logistics, which is always (inaudible), to Ohio CAT, to Agmet metal. There's just way too much going on that has to be done. Now, for whatever reason, the County did not get our TIF agreement. The TIF will pay for that in time, but we won't have it right now. So the TIF will pay for the 50 to 75 percent in time, but not right away. With that, we're going to get to our...

Hardin: You used the term screening. What's being screened? **Nikolic:** Councilperson Hardin, I think he's referring to the barrier between Interstate McBee and the residents on North Lane.

Gottschalk: Yeah, that barrier. **Nikolic:** So, he said that the barrier, the screening that will go up there. He said after the work on Oak Leaf is finished. Is that the screening you're referring to Mayor? **Gottschalk:** Yes. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Warren:** So, what you're basically proposing to Council or mentioning to us is that you need an additional \$75,000. **Gottschalk:** \$50,000 to \$75,000 for now, but it will be paid back when we get our TIF from the County. **Warren:** So, are you going to present that to Council, or how is that going to be done? **Jones:** It's part of 2025-WS-29, which I will discuss. **Warren:** Okay, good. **Gottschalk:** Alright, we have two ads that went in the paper. One for the two part-time receptionists in the Building Department. In case one is sick or whatever, then the other one can take place. That's why we ran a few part-times at \$19 an hour. And then we're also putting an ad for a certified residential Building Inspector, and I underscore certified. And we need that very badly because it's late Spring and Summer coming on. And it's time to get into these houses, dealing with grass, with debris, with painting, whatever else. That'll be in the paper on Monday or Wednesday. And I should have somebody to put before you to hire so you can get going on looking at homes. Which ties in nicely with World Changers, I just got a call from them. What they do is... It could be painting; it used to be roofing. But they've had some incidents with their own insurer, there's now no roofing for them. Because they've been in Oakwood two years ago, three years ago, and four years ago. And there's no charge to the resident. And they'll do anything from windows, to painting, to even handicapped equipped... You know, sit on the stairs, having a handicap, and quick entrance into the house. All that for free, and what you're going to do is call Heather. Give me one address in your area that you think this might be interested in. It's no charge to the resident. There's also, they can do some work inside, like flooring and paneling. But mostly outside, and again, windows particularly as well. And again, no cost, which is very, very exciting. And they will be here from, let's see, from... July the 5th through the 22nd in the region. So, what you're going to

do is call Heather. Give her the name of a house, I'm going to have contract Davey Hobson for just one day to check all eight houses out. One for each ward, and I'll pick the two or three that we're going get the world changers through. **Nikolic:** You got a couple more minutes, Mayor. **Matlock:** Can I say something, I think that the residents are coming in basically to hear the Mayor and what he has in fold for Oakwood. Can we exclude that five-minute phrase from him. And let him go ahead and continue and give us the information that we need, to see how Oakwood is growing. **Nikolic:** Sure, but we need to keep it, you know... **Matlock:** We can keep it on other things, but the Mayor, what he's reporting on is something that Oakwood residents wants to hear from our Mayor. **Nikolic:** I agree, but at the same time, this is a Council meeting. Mayors have their state of the union reports and the state of village reports. **Warren:** But that's only once a year. **Matlock:** Regardless of that fact, just let him go ahead and talk it out. **Nikolic:** Okay, I've heard you, and Mayor, let's try and keep it... **Gottschalk:** Now we're talking about streets to be improved in your ward. Two Council people have already submitted. Well, before that on Tryon Road, which will begin very shortly. There will be resurfacing from Jean Drive to Broadway. Also, the all-purpose trail will go from Lamson Road to Jean Drive. But now, as I said, we've got a couple submissions now from some Council people regarding home improvements on these residential streets and their work. And the first was in Ward 2 on Milburn from Council of Ward 2, Mrs. Eloise Hardin. And I used the terminology basketball, and it's a layup, although it needs Council approval. She wants to have Milburn Drive resurfaced. And it ranks high in the listing that was presented to us by our Chagrin Valley Engineering, in terms of the streets to be improved on. So, I use the term, it's a layup. Council does need to approve this. But I have all the confidence in the world (inaudible) the budget when they come back after their summer break. **Warren:** I think that the street that Councilperson Hardin had always been talking about wasn't Millburn, it was Somerville. **Gottschalk:** All of those are privy with Councils approval. All I'm telling you is you did submit initially, and it ranks very, very high. The additions, though, I'm directing our Engineer to come up with a price and give it to our Finance Director. And it can be on the budget when you come back after your summer break. So, that will be just like what you did, remember, with Mistletoe Ave. You needed to have work done, and you presented it yourself. Because it led to Rome Baptist Church, and it had to be done it was a residential street. **Warren:** That was Arbutus. **Gottschalk:** Arbutus, excuse me. But anyway, all right, so in addition to Milburn, in Ward 3. We're looking at extending, because of safety rather than the street. Extending the all-purpose trail from Jean Drive to Glenshire, and that'll be that. So, right now we're waiting for the other five of you. To come up with a street in your ward that can be improved on. We used this as a directory again, and that's why, as I say, these streets were named right near the top in terms of needing some improvement. I had a meeting with the (inaudible)group, they own the Quality Inn. And on Thursday, at Erlago in Oakwood, which is my home, and they've never been there. And they're going to propose building a new extended stay hotel in Oakwood behind the Hampton. It will be about \$9 million. An extended stay is where people come in, many time businesspeople. who are dealing with their own businesses, they're here for a week or two weeks. In addition, I'm going to have them give a major discount in case they have a catastrophe like a flood, or a fire, or a tornado. Residents can go to the extended stay hotel at a very, very low discount price. So, we're working on that. So, that was very, really good. And so then lastly, we're talking about the camp program. We will have the handout next Tuesday; it will be going out to our residents. On June 16th, 2025, to August 1st, 2025, it includes some of the activities including the point ziplining in Geneva, horseback riding, Bear Creek, find your water and six times their swimming, adrenaline monkey,

U.S. Skates, Fun & stuff. What a legacy a parent is going to give their youngster in taking this camp, and hanging out with us for the seven weeks, or to the grandkids. Again, this is all set, and you'll see it on Tuesday, we'll start doing it on Wednesday. And as you can see, the costs are very minimal compared to what they were even last year. We're talking in terms of wage of contract out of the Counselors. We're giving them \$5,000 a piece, there's six of those; we need to hire two more. So, two of the people that advertised for Rec Director, we'll ask them to be Counselors. We have education instructors, which we don't have this year, or class instructors. And we also don't have, any of which we didn't put in. As an example, the robotics, they needed robots, they needed (inaudible), and beautification of their face. All these different things we didn't have. So, the only things are the summer activities. And I mentioned what we mentioned, and all that for \$25,000. And then there's the transportation to busses, \$11,000, and then the... The only education we're going to do is boy talk, and girl talk, and this is quite something. Girl talk has always been exciting for the young ladies. We're talking about 8th, 9th, to 11th graders. What it does is it relates to dealing with the media on your cell phone, how to deal with your parents, relate to a boyfriend, and relate to our Lord, and all that's part of girl talk. The girls will love it... **Matlock:** I hear what you say about girl talk. What does the boy talk include? **Gottschalk:** Similar to the girls, but not as... **Matlock:** No, give me some definitions, I want to hear. **Gottschalk:** To be honest with you, I never thought the boy talk was much simpler, and to be more of (inaudible). **Matlock:** Thank you, it should be more. I just want to know because when you start talking about girls talk. What are the boys getting? **Gottschalk:** See, the girl talk has been going on. This was done even in a public school, so it's not like it's new. Boy talk was relatively new. Because I think the thing, rather than it was most important there, is just respect for your others. **Matlock:** Is that it? **Gottschalk:** But notice the cost again, and so this is quite something to leave as a legacy for, that concludes my report. **Nikolic:** Thank you, Mayor, all good information. **Matlock:** How many counselors are we talking about having? **Gottschalk:** We have six, and we have three. **Matlock:** Have you thought about maybe college students coming home from school or whatever? **Gottschalk:** Well, we have to be sure that they're very good with the kids to begin with. That's one of the problems, dependable and whatever else. I think the probably first use the people that will apply for the Rec Director. Because they're getting \$18.50 an hour and that's going to be for 13 days. One is July the 4th, and the other is the teens day. So, they're working 33 days and 8 hours a day. **Matlock:** Okay, so what we're saying is college students cannot apply? Can college students apply? **Gottschalk:** Yeah. **Warren:** Those that are interested in being counselors, who do they interview with? **Gottschalk:** That will be me and also be with our interim Rec Director, too. But this is all on board, and it's exciting. And it's only for seven weeks, and you know, if you want to make some changes next year, you can. Let's get this baby rolling, I think that's what our residents want to see, too, with their kids. **Matlock:** When are we going to put the marketing out? Marketing needs to go out now. **Gottschalk:** You're going to see the flyer on Tuesday, and the fly will be going out on Wednesday. **Nikolic:** Anything else? Thank you, may we hear from our Law Director?

Law Director, Climer| Climer: Thank you Madam President. We have quite a number of items on the work session agenda this evening. I am going to request a short executive session to discuss the compensation of a public official. We also have on the work session agenda six items relating to the sale of property to wall homes. I distributed the request of exhibits to Council this week and had intended to ask for an amendment to attach that exhibit. My understanding is Council would prefer to have it actually attached to the ordinance as an amendment to the

ordinance. We will have that ready for next week. And I would also request considering advancing 2025-WS-26 to the regular agenda, which deals with fee schedules for the Building Department so that we can read that one time. And that item 2025-17 be removed from the table and defeated. Which deals with the same subject, and the reason that we have an entirely new ordinance. As Mr. Cheatham and I work through the fee schedule. Some additional repeals of existing ordinances needed to be added and it was easier just to start that ordinance over. And that said, I'm available to answer questions. **Hill:** Is there an urgency to move this? **Climer:** We would like to get it passed by the next meeting of the latest. The reason being the new software system incorporates the fees. And it's very, very difficult to go load those fees in and then go back and change them. And so we'd like to them established. So, that SafeBuilt can get their computer system up and running. **Hill:** Is it possible we could call it special for that as opposed to moving it without us discussing it? **Hardin:** It looks like 2025-17 is already on the agenda. **Hill:** It's tabled, but they made changes. **Nikolic:** What you said is that, what's tabled will be removed, right? **Climer:** Correct. **Nikolic:** And what's in work session would be moved to the agenda for first read. **Climer:** Correct. **Nikolic:** We don't have enough to suspend, so Councilperson Hill, what's your question? **Hill:** So, you're not even moving it then. **Climer:** I think we can move 2025-WS-26 to the regular agenda and read it, get that process started. **Hardin:** And then if we want, we can call for a special meeting. **Climer:** Correct. **Hill:** I just would rather wait until we call a special, but that's fine. **Nikolic:** I wanted to ask the about the RFP process about the demolition of the properties. I had spoke with, um, the Mr. Cheatham about it, and I thought that he was going to be the one drafting it. But then he said it would be you and finance. So could you clarify? **Climer:** Yes, there was an inquiry made about how we get the RFPs rolling for demolitions. I spoke to Mr. Cheatham as to whether that is something that SafeBuilt handles for its other clients and is equipped to do here. He said it is not, that said, during the past, we've traditionally bid that out through the Service Department, Mr. Haba. I've spoken to him about it, and I think I would recommend that that's the route we take. **Warren:** One of the things is that I wanted to get the addresses. Because I mentioned to you and the Engineer, that I have an organization that is looking at some of the houses to save in Oakwood Village rather than Demo. **Climer:** I believe I sent those to you, but I'll be happy to send them again. **Warren:** Okay, would you please, because there's some specific houses that they had taken a look at. And they may be interested in renovating them in addition to building two new ones. They want to look and they were the ones to propose to renovate. And that's why I got three addresses. I think it was from Tom, who did I get the addresses from? I got 3 addresses, maybe from the Engineer's office. But there's 3 addresses, one of them in ward two. And they're interested in looking at saving that house, and I think it's one in ward 5. But they're going to confirm once they get a chance to find out how they could get inside. To take a look at the inside to see, because they do gut rehabs too. **Climer:** Um, I know Ross has the Building Department files on those three, I'll send it to you. **Warren:** Oh yeah, Ross sent them to me, I think he did. **Climer:** Yeah, and he has the Building Department files on them, photos have been taken. At least one of them we have some real questions about whether it's salvageable. But certainly that company knows better than we do. So, if you want to give me a call, we're happy to set up a meeting with you, me, and Ross and we can get you through it, alright. **Nikolic:** So, with that program, because the the homes that say for example in war five Someone owns that home. So, would the program work with the owners of the home to renovate it... **Warren:** No, these are houses that are being proposed to be demoed. And the only way they can be demo, is if the Village has possession of the property. They just can't demo and they're owned by someone else.

You got to go through a combination process in order to get the authorization to demo. And in that process, Habitat for Humanity is the organization. That's interested in maybe saving some of the houses. I've been working with them for over 15 years, over the years. And so, I've met with them already once. And then that's when it was like new construction. But then when they asked me about demo. I got the three addresses and gave them to them and they sent somebody out to look at them. And they want to be able to, whenever we get to position to where they can gain access to the inside to see if it's feasible. And if not, I'm working on trying to get some assistance from the County for the cost of the demolition. **Hill:** For the demolition, what line item is that money's sitting in? **Thompson:** I set it up in the Building Department for \$80,000 per your request under demolition. **Hill:** We started a new line item already? **Thompson:** Yeah. **Hill:** Okay. **Nikolic:** That's \$80,000 for three houses? **Matlock:** It's four. **Hardin:** It was at \$20,000 per house? **Thompson:** Yes. **Nikolic:** Anything else for our Law Director? May we hear from our Finance Director?

Finance Director, Thompson: Thank you, Madam Chair, there's a couple things to mention. Before you tonight you have 2025-WS-30, which addresses our Note. We're looking to have that advanced tonight for Council's review and approval. I have Matt Stu here, our municipal advisor, if there's any additional questions that need to be answered. That's the one for a \$1.3 million note. And I did last week submit the working exhibit for the 2025 projected budget. I think that will conclude what I had to talk about, thank you. **Hardin:** The projected budget, what figures did you use? **Thompson:** A lot of departments turned in their budgets. And per our discussion if they did not put a budget in place. I kind of based it on previous years where they ended up for the year. The general fund was about \$5.4 million dollars; total fund was \$16.6 million dollars. I projected all funds at the end of the year at approximately a million two for the general fund balance at the end of 2025. If you recall, we started this year with \$678,000. In February's close, I had \$1,080,000 million dollars and we just put all the budgets together. It kind of includes some components, like I increased the service contracts that we have with Walton Hills and Glenwillow on the EMS service that we provide. I put in the \$80,000 for construction houses. I put it in at \$60 dollars to fix this roof here. And also, a very important component was on the property list that Matt had coming from engineering, and I had those in there as well. So, those are some of the top key components in the budget. **Hill:** For 2025-WS-29, these streets that are listed, do you have all of them in the budget already? **Jones:** 2025-WS-29 is Arbutus, and the emergency repairs on Oak Leaf. **Thompson:** Yes, I put them in. **Hill:** And that additional \$50,000 to \$75,000 the Mayor mentioned that he would ask us for? Is that in the budget? **Thompson:** Yes, and he had an additional \$10,000 mainly from Broadway. **Hill:** So, that \$1,200,000 will be in the general fund. But you have to do transfers in for these amounts to cover it on that correct? **Thompson:** They are worked in. **Hill:** So, do you have an approximation of what that \$1,200,000 will become after you transfer into all those specials? **Thompson:** The \$1.2 million takes into account the transfers to complete those projects. **Hill:** So, you've accounted for all of these amounts, transfers in, and we'll be ending the year with one million? **Thompson:** 1.2 Million. **Hill:** In GRF? **Thompson:** Yes. **Hill:** Where are you at on our reports? Which months have we closed? **Thompson:** We closed out February, we're working on March and April, simultaneously. And when we closed out of February, we started with \$670,000, we ended with \$1,080,000. So, we're working on the March and the April at this point. **Hill:** So, we're in the middle of a May, so we are behind. Council has not seen any numbers to be able to make financial decisions. But what you can get every month with the click of a button is

that bank statement. Because the bank is going to close out their accounts every single month. So, at the end of that month, you should be able to, if you can't even close the month. We should know how much money we have in the bank so we can make decisions. **Thompson:** Yeah, no problem. **Hill:** So, if you could get those up to date for us today, or Tuesday, so that we can make some financial decisions, that would be great. **Hardin:** This question is to the Mayor and to Brian. Based on what I just understood you to say. You have made provisions for Oak Leaf, Arbutus? **Thompson:** Yes. **Hardin:** And where is it and what's the other 7550 that we heard about tonight? **Jones:** For Oak Leaf. **Hardin:** That does not include any other residential streets, correct? **Jones:** Correct, that's just Arbutus and Oak Leaf. **Hardin:** Okay, I think that's real important, Mayor, because once we get the report tonight. I'm guessing, or hoping we're not going, to not do any other residential streets until next year. Other than the one you promised already. So I'm waiting for his report. And then I'm going to ask when will the residential streets that you decide to work on. What will be done this year other than Arbutus and Oak Leaf? That's my question after we get the report from the Engineer. **Gottschalk:** The answer is, again, I told you that Milburn is a layup. So, that's clearly late Spring next year. **Hardin:** Has that been priced out already? **Jones:** I'll discuss it when I come up. **Gottschalk:** I've directed the Engineer to give the price to her. Finance Director will then put it in the budget for next Spring. And it be in the budget in the fall. **Hardin:** Okay, and Councilperson Warren was absolutely correct. And Mayor, this is for the record, this letter is from the residents on Somerville. And if you want me to wait until the Engineer speaks, I will wait until he speaks. Because that street has been waiting for three years. **Gottschalk:** Again, Council is the one that approves the legislation for the expenditure. Somerville, doesn't rank very high relative to some of these other streets, but that's Council's decision. **Hardin:** Okay, we'll circle back after the engineer. Thank you. **Nikolic:** I had one question relating to, so within our discussions we have been talking about you know five-year plan. And beautification had come up. I intend to resubmit to Council the Nature Works grant for our parks and playgrounds. I spoke with the Engineer, and he said that this is a reimbursement grant. So, what I was trying to understand with him for the reimbursement grant. He said that money has to be set aside before it's reimbursed. He said the grant would be about \$7,500. How does that work? Because I know oftentimes with the road projects there's a negative balance with the reimbursements projects. But how does it work with reimbursement? **Thompson:** It works like the rest; we'll make the expenditure for the project. And with it being reimbursable, I'll work that reimbursable revenue on the revenue side. So, if we have to have a short-term period where I do make the expenditures. I give them the cancel check to the Matt, that's going through that process. He'll submit it to whatever organization that re-imburses it, and then it'll wash itself between the funds. What I'll do, I'll make that expenditure. What we'll have to do is raise the appropriation so I can make the expenditure. When we get the reimbursement back, it'll balance out. **Nikolic:** Okay, I intend to submit the application again to Council this year for to grant for our parks and playgrounds to be addressed and renovated in Ward 5. Is there anything else for our Finance Director? Hearing none, may we hear from our Service Director?

Service Director, Haba| Haba: Thank you, Madam President, I just have one thing. The custodian we had here for the last couple of years retired early in the year. We've been cleaning buildings since then, and looking for a new one. I'd like to go hour, they've turned out better for us over the years. But a person came in and, they work for one company. They're branching on their own, they already have some contracts. And I did some checking on them, they are highly recommended by both two neighboring cities, Pepper Pike and Walton Hills. So, we have a

contract in principle with the young lady. Once I get the information to Mr. Climer, he can make a contract out. The only difference is it'll be three days a week, instead of five days a week. I checked with the other cities, and they say that's fine. You know, I mean, I'm sure some people are going to complain. But it's three days a week, it's actually going to be cheaper than paying someone hourly right now. It's like \$1,400 a month, but I'll have that in front of you once I get a contract made out. I told the young lady that June 1st I'm looking for a start date. That's all I have. **Warren:** That's like \$16,000. **Haba:** Roughly, and we were paying the custodian that was here \$18 before the raises this year. **Matlock:** One question is, the custodian who retired normally cleans the Community Center, will they be... **Haba:** They're going to be doing that's part of it. **Matlock:** Are they going to be able to handle it three days a week? **Haba:** Yeah, I mean, if something pops up, just like it's always been for a million years. Service Department will go and pitch in if something happens. But they'll be three days, and I'm sure it'll be staggered days. And I think it'll work out. It's less money than they're making at Walton Hills, when she said she would do it. The contract will stay, I haven't talked to Mr. Climer about it yet, but the contract will take work. We've done it before with businesses. Either party can cancel a contract at any time. So, if they're not doing a good job after six months, we can just go back, re-advertise, and find somebody to honor the company. **Hardin:** So, we did advertise? **Haba:** Yes. **Hardin:** Okay, thank you. **Nikolic:** Anything else for our Service Director? Maybe hear from our Fire Chief?

Fire Chief, Tapp: Thank you, Madam President, I emailed all of Council this morning. If you get a chance to look at that. You'll know the last five years, Walton Hills run volumes 100% increase. It's going to be something for us to look out at. Contract is up in 2027 with Walton Hills. So, if that trend continues, we're going to have to look into Walton Hills for more money once we negotiate that contract. And it's all listed in that report for you guys. So, I'm here for your questions. **Hardin:** At that rate can we wait until 2027? Is there any clause that we can renegotiate or is there any area that allows us to... **Tapp:** Brian raised the rates this year already. We do it by a percentage every year for contract. And we were set in that contract until 2027. And the cost could go back down, but the way the rates going right now. It's just been a double increase from Walton Hills. I mean it could change, those calls. That's just the trend, so we will start negotiating a contract probably next year for all of those. But it's just something to keep in mind. **Hardin:** Is your ambulance billing fund growing? **Tapp:** It's actually was off last year. And it's probably going to stay at least the same if not (inaudible) this year. **Nikolic:** I looked at the report and I saw you have EMS excluding MVA. What does MVA stand for? **Tapp:** A motor vehicle accident. **Nikolic:** We had 52 in Oakwood, is that typical, or is that up from something else? **Tapp:** That's just the nature of the call. It could be a motor vehicle accident. We get called out for people that have a chest pain on the road in a car. But we still call it a motor vehicles because we have to take so many vehicles there to protect the street. So it really just depends on the nature. **Nikolic:** Okay, so we have 52 excluding motor vehicle accidents. **Tapp:** Yeah, that's your normal basis. **Nikolic:** Okay, what's the typical problem with those EMS calls in Oakwood? **Tapp:** Mainly, most of them will get a lot of chest pain calls, some nursing home calls. A lot of it is just little things, people falling down and you go pick them up. **Nikolic:** Okay, thank you, anything else for Chief Tapp? Can we hear from our Police Chief?

Police Chief, Garratt: Thank you, Madam President. I just want to make it clear that we're doing the teen driving rodeo again this year. What that does is we work with the Fire

Department, the rainbow babies' children hospital, and riches towing. It's some really great skills that new drivers get to learn. They learn specific things like road safety, including vehicle maintenance, impaired and distracted driving, navigating around semi-trucks, what to do if they're in an accident. A lot of kids don't, new drivers don't know that. And I don't just mean kids. Key safety procedures, how to jump start a car, how to change the tire on a car. A lot of people, a lot of adults don't know how to do that. So, this is a really good training for new drivers. It's going to be two hours long. It's on June 14th, from 10:30a.m., to 12:30p.m. There's flyers on the back cabinets. It's \$15, but then you get a \$25 gas card. So, that works out pretty good. So we do this every year, it just seems like it's growing and they're offering more things. And I just thought that's definitely some things that aren't taught as much anymore. There'll also be a Sydney car there. One Sydney car is it gives these new drivers a chance to get into a vehicle in a safe, controlled environment and see what it is to be impaired and how the thing reacts. It's pretty interesting. So again, it's going to be, June 14th, from 10:30a.m., to 12:30p.m., at the Levin's parking lot. We'll do it down there. You'll see all of us down there and it's a pretty good event. So, I wanted to make you guys aware of that and try to get as many people as we can. I had some updates on the road construction, but I prefer that Matt go over that, and that's all I have.

Matlock: I know this is not to you, but I didn't get an answer from it earlier. All those vehicles out in our parking lot. Is that parking not being rented to those individuals with those big motor homes? **Gottschalk:** Rather than having them on a residential drive and making it look pretty bad. We let them take them over here. **Matlock:** Some of those vehicles out there can't be working. I mean, I took a drive through there. You have tires flat, some of those vehicles been there for a while. You know, when people buy those motor homes. They basically should know that there's an ordinance on those motorhomes that they can't park them at their yard. Unless they have the room there to park them there. They also know that there are facilities where they can rent in order to park those motor homes, it's just like a boat. They should be able to take them there. If you want them to be here, then you should be able to charge them a small fee, because they would be doing it anyway. **Gottschalk:** They won't be here, but hopefully that much longer with the Police station going over there. **Matlock:** Right, because that parking lot is a mess out there, it looks like Sanford and Son. And I know our employees need to part our vehicles for the Fire Department need to park, our Police vehicles need to park; there's no room back there.

Gottschalk: I hear you. **Nikolic:** Anything else for our Police Chief? May we hear from Mr. Cheatham with SafeBuilt?

SafeBuilt(Building), Cheatham| Cheatham: We're continuing to try to get things up and running with the software. And as Mr. Climer mentioned, we need the fee schedule to be part of that. We're working on the code enforcement, trying to target the really bad areas. I've also we've been dealing with Ross, and also Mr. Climer, on some demos. And how we want to go about putting those orders on legally, so that they have some teeth in. That's basically it, we're issuing permits every day, we're getting more and more counter traffic, and getting quite a little bit of activity more than I expected, so. **Nikolic:** Any questions or comments for Mr. Cheatham? **Hill:** Hi, I know you created the original building permit fees for us and sent them over to us. And I know there were some changes. Were you part of those changes and what's your take on the changes that were made? Because I see the numbers, but I don't... **Cheatham:** So, Mr. Climer contacted me as he mentioned. In other parts of the ordinance, there were fees that were not part of the normal Building Department fees. But yet they're related, directly or indirectly, and we discuss cleaning it up and putting it all together. By repealing some of the old sections and

incorporating them in the new fee schedule. **Hill:** Okay, thank you. **Nikolic:** Anything else with the Building Department? Can we hear from our engineer, Matt Jones.

Engineer, Jones| Jones: Yes, good evening, so I'll start with just a brief update on the construction projects. Start with Broadway, that project is actually ahead of schedule. They are looking to finish up the current stage of work by the first week of June. Provided that the weather holds up. And at that point then, they will be switching to the other section. Which is the section in front of City Hall here, between Tryon and Pettibone. Once that section goes live, the one-way direction will be running away from the freeway. So, it'll be running from Tryon towards Petty bone. Traffic in the other direction will be detoured using Alexander and Fair Oaks. Also connected to that, Twinsburg is the lead agent on the project to reconstruct the Four Corners intersection, as we call it. Which is Broadway, Ravenna, Sheppard, and Richmond, where the four communities come together. That project is looking to begin towards the end of June. So, it'll start shortly after the adjacent section of Broadway finishes up, Then at that point, Twinsburg will be starting their work at that intersection. And then lastly, the Oakleaf project is also ahead of schedule. Although they have been shut down today and likely tomorrow due to the rain. But we're actually hoping the Mayor had mentioned that there would be another five or six weeks. We're hoping it will be less than that before they can reopen that southbound section. Because actually most of the concrete repairs are done. So, we're hoping within maybe two to three weeks they can get that open back up. So, we'll see how that goes, again, it's largely if the weather permit at this point. So, looking at the items that were on work session. I have two things that I'm hoping it can be advanced one of them is 2025-WS- 25, which is just to adopt the news, the updated zoning map. I know several members of Council have been asking for that to get updated. So, if you could at least get that out for a first reading tonight, I'd appreciate that. And then we've had discussions about 2025-WS-29, which is to authorize me to begin a Locally funded road program for this year. Which again will be Arbutus and the emergency repairs that we discussed on Oakleaf. Which is the section just south of the part that is being reconstructed as part of the current project. So, that would be from basically Waste Management. But actually, Oak Leaf Oval, south to Alexander Road. That project will consist of doing basically asphalt joint slab repairs. It won't be a full resurfacing, it's basically just enough work to get the road passable and drivable and safe. Until we can come in and getting some of the bad section repaired so that we can get the road safe. And then lastly, you should all have received the updated Roadway PCR Pavement Condition Rating chart. And as the Mayor has noted, he's looking for everyone to give feedback on streets within their wards. And again, this is an informational item, the chart that you see. You'll notice that it's ranked worst to best, essentially. You know, you can kind of get a sense of where certain streets in your ward or in other wards fall in relation to others. Ultimately, it's up to Council how much money they want to set aside and how many streets they want do at one time. But at least you have some hard data that you can use. This year Arbutus will go forward, it's already budgeted. We're recommending that you go forward with Milburn as well. As you can see, it ranks pretty high on that list. Most of the streets that rank higher than it has very little traffic or industrial areas. So, we feel that's a good target for a budget for 2026 or even later this year. But again, certainly don't need to have feedback today. But you have the data, and you know we can start thinking about it for when we talk about budgeting later this year. With that I'm ready for any questions. **Hardin:** Two things, I just would like to say thank you to the citizens of Milburn. It proves when citizens take action, that's when action occurs. So again, I commend you continue being involved. That being said, I

asked Tommy to look, I don't see Raynham on here either. That's number one, Tommy, did you take those pictures of those three addresses. **Haba:** Yeah, we mailed them to Matt just a few days ago, late last week. **Jones:** I did receive those late last weeks, yes. **Hardin:** Okay, and Matt, the reason I'm, rather than wait until it gets on the list, I'm not an engineer. So this is with, just from a lay person, it's the curb. **Haba:** They're all basically (inaudible). Can we get a price on that? Because the longer we let this happen, it's eventually going to affect the street itself. It's already affecting their curbs. **Jones:** Yeah, and that is something we can look at. Just so you know, catch basin repairs. That is potentially something we may be able to get outside funding for. I'd have to check into this, because I'm a little bit newer to working with Cuyahoga County on what they'll fund with storm water. But I believe community cost share dollars can be used to repair catch basins. Don't quote me on that, but I'm going to check in to it and see. I know that in other communities that I work with outside of Cuyahoga County. I've been able to use stormwater money to repair catch basins. So, we'll look into that. **Haba:** We just had one two weeks ago collapse on Glenshire. We're trying to order one, there's no numbers on that. We're in the process of ordering one. Because it's gone, we'll that one ourselves. We have done it in the past, up in the meadows and stuff, but you know, if you get a grant, yeah we can look at it. **Jones:** Yeah, we can look into it. And again, you know, there's typically there's something where we can work with it. In other communities that I've worked with. I've always worked with the Service Department, and we'll decide, like, certain basins are, you, know, pretty easy to fix. And maybe the Service Department can do those themselves. Others get a little bit more complicated and it's better to contract them out. So, we can take a look and, you know, come up with a plan of attack on it. So yeah, it's definitely something that's on our radar. **Hardin:** Okay, let's talk about Somerville. Mayor, I only have six more months in this chair. And you promised that we would have Somerville done, but now you're saying it's up to Council to allocate the money. That's where you are with that? Because, Tommy, in front of the Graves home. That has been a problem for years. That's ridiculous there, something has to be done. So, put that on the for catch basin work. **Haba:** I don't think we were up there a couple of years when I told Ms. Graves... You talking about the water that sits there? **Hardin:** Yes. **Haba:** With the flooding that happened last Friday, that did flood. **Hardin:** Yes. **Haba:** It went down, but what she has in her yard, and I told her at that time. We were there for a day trying to figure out what's going on, cleaning the pipes, and we get to her driveway. And she's got either a four- or six-inch culvert pipe under her driveway. And I told her that, and I said that's why she has water sitting there. Because you know, it's just way, way, too small. And they put that in when they put the driveway in. It's newer concrete, I told her we could put a bigger pipe in, but we'll cut her drive. And we're not going to replace her apron. **Hardin:** Well, she didn't call me and complain, but I saw it. **Haba:** But that's why she has the water sitting in her yard sometimes. And that water, last Friday, covered the whole street. Which it did in quite a few areas around town and receded. **Hardin:** Okay. **Warren:** While we're doing Broadway from Tryon... I just want to let you know that I don't catch the bus much in my life. But I caught the bus, and it was a torrential storm, rainstorm. Remember when we had the hail and everything coming? And I literally had to stand on the bench of that bus stop. Because the water had come from the street into the bus stop. And then even to the yard behind there, and there's a little tiny house on the corner there of Tryon and Broadway. That little house, there brown hose. There's a big puddle there, but that's theirs. But for the water to come off the street, even though I know it was torrential. But to come off the street into the to where you got to stand on the bench. Could you just look at the elevation of the catch basin or the situation in that immediate area? **Jones:** That would be part of the

construction. I can't speak for that... **Warren:** But they do not knowing it, is good for you to at least know it. So, that they can make an address, as far as... You guys are doing the topo and all of that anyway. **Jone:** Yeah, I can point that out. **Haba:** It might be past the new destruction that's already been done with the last phase, you know, four years ago. **Jones:** Oh, where exactly? **Haba:** Close to Tryon. **Warren:** Right on the corner of Tryon and Broadway, is the bus that (inaudible). **Haba:** But there were places you got to catch basins, which may help alleviate some of that. You know, they're going up to, you know, that veterans place, you know, where the new asphalt stops. So, they're doing all the catch basin, so that may alleviate some part of the problem down there. **Jones:** This is probably a situation where you had a rainstorm that exceeded the capacity of the system. **Hardin?** Back to Somerville, Mayor, can you direct/request the Engineer to give us a price on what it would take. Which we should have it on file since we've been promising it. Do you, do you have any figures on Somerville? **Jones:** I don't have any updated current ones. No, I would have to run a new estimate based on how, you know, costs are coming in currently. **Hardin:** Can we get that done, Mr. Mayor? **Gottschalk:** Yeah. **Hardin:** Okay, can we have it within a week or so? **Jones:** Probably not by the special, but by the next one, probably. **Hardin:** Okay, the next regular schedule meeting, okay, all right, thank you. **Hill:** I'm going to circle back to some requests we made on February 11th that we still haven't received. It's just a second but thank you for this PCR. We talked about that in February as well. And we're waiting on that so we can make some budget decisions to address the streets. I see the streets and I see PCR points. What does that mean? I don't see a legend here. What's the key here? **Jones:** PCR is a formula that is used by the Ohio Department of Transportation. And basically, it is a complicated formula that takes a look at a number of different types of distress on streets. And it takes into account rideability, deterioration, a number of other things, and I apologize, but I don't know them right off the top of my head. But basically, just so you know, understand what the process is. Chagrin Valley staff drove every street in the Village, and they have sort of like a score chart. And they marked what's one through five, does it meet this, one through five does it need this, works the best. And you make all these notes, depending on, you know, and it's different things, depending on the type of street, whether it's asphalt or concrete, or asphalt over concrete, you know, it's a different criteria for all of them. And the PCR ranking then basically averages those values out for a segment of streets. You'll notice on the list there's some streets that appear twice, like for example, Suwanee. There are actually two different entries for Suwanee. The section from the closure at the east end of Lamson Road. Then the other section, which is the part off Kentucky. The part off of Kentucky is in much better condition than the part of Lamson. So, we split those into two segments. So, you'll see that occasionally on the street. Varies in condition from one end to the other because of maybe if one portion was done earlier or something like that. So again, long, and short of it, it's a formula that was I don't know if ODOT came up with it. But it's the formula that ODOT uses and that's the standard that we typically use to rate residential streets. And give sort of apples-to-apples comparison to one street for another. **Hill:** Okay, so that was my next question. So, when you see a street multiple times. It's not that you would do it separately. You're just saying this piece looks different, it's rated differently than another piece of that street. **Jones:** That's correct. **Hill:** So, my next question is, I'm looking at this and I see the PCR points. Can you tell us because we need to make budget decisions. So, I see these first 10 streets or first 15 streets. How long does it take you to assess the street and get us an estimate? So, that we can determine how many of these streets we could or couldn't do, and also plan for future years? **Jones:** Yeah that's a little bit more challenging. Because you know every street's just because the PCR is low doesn't necessarily

mean... Like say for example, like Blackburn and First Place are two very different types of roads, right? They have similar PCR ratings, but... Fixing those two roads will cost a dramatically different amount of money. Blackburn is narrower, it has a shallower base. Whereas First Place is a concrete road that's going to require concrete repairs. A length of First Place and the length of Blackburn, First Place is going to cost twice as much.. You're going to have variations like that all the way through the list. I would first need some direction from the Administration and Council about where would you like us to focus and we can kind of narrow it down some. If you told me that you wanted us to do an estimate for the lowest 15 streets, yeah we'll do that. **Hill:** And that takes you about how long? Just give me a tops number. **Jones:** Each street is a couple hours of work. If you're going to have me do 15 streets, I'd probably have to put someone on my staff on it for a week to a week and a half. **Hill:** Okay, and so then I wanted to circle back to... I see in 2025-WS-29 there's some combining of different road projects. What we had asked for was an estimate on Arbutus, which I can't pull out. **Jones:** Yeah, so I lumped it together as \$165,000 total is what we're estimating it at. And that's inclusive of engineering and all expenses that would be needed to do the project. There are contingency items in there as well. Approximately \$50,000 to \$70,000 of that, so as the Mayor noted that's the number that we're looking at. Arbutus is about \$100,000, maybe slightly less. **Hill:** Okay, thank you, we talked about cities such as Brooklyn and Brunswick. That have actual plans in place where they set money aside for roads so that they can repair their roads ongoing and have a plan for it. And you said you shared some legislation or their plans that you could get access to. Are you still able to provide that to us? **Jones:** Yeah, I mean, Brunswick's I'm familiar with because I've actually put it together, essentially, for them over the years. You know, it's... It's really kind of, and I think I mentioned this before. It really kind of varies year to year based on how much money the municipality wants to set aside, you know. And a lot of it has to do with, you know, other needs that they have, what their financial projections are. And it's really just an internal decision, you know, about how much you want to set aside for the effort. **Hill:** So, Brunswick doesn't sound like they have a specific plan. Brooklyn, I know, has legislation in place where they set aside a specific percentage based on their revenue and just what they've agreed upon. **Jones:** Right, so Brunswick kind of varies year to year. Brunswick does have a road levy, so that amount of money is automatically set aside every year. But it only covers a small fraction of their needs. Their road levy generates approximately \$800,000 a year, but this is for a city of 35,000 people with a lot of deferred maintenance on the roadways, every bit of deferred maintenance as Oakwood has. So, they're playing catch-up out there as well. So, they vary based on just how, basically they put pretty much every available dollar they have... They put towards roads, after filling all their other, you know, true needs that they have in other departments. Most of their discretionary money they put in towards roads. **Hill:** Okay, the other request was for you to share an estimate for the rest of Tryon Road's walk path. Which you said you could do based on somewhat of the cost before. **Jones:** Yes, and I don't have that yet but I will soon. For sure we need to, because I know there's interest in trying to get at least the section from Jean to Glenshire done soon. So, that part for sure I'm going to take a look at. And I want to take closer look at the conditions out there and find a way to do that in the most economical way. The section from Glenshire to Richmond we've talked about, that's going to be very expensive because there's a lot of work. **Hill:** Okay, so we talked about that at the beginning of February. When do you think you can have that so we can kind of include that in our budget conversations? **Jones:** Definitely plan on having the first part done by the next meeting. The rest of it is going to be, it could potentially take a little longer. But certainly in time for you to have discussions about it.

Whatever your budget discussions start happening. I'll be sure you have that information. **Hill:** Well, we need to start addressing now in this budget cycle. **Jones:** Yeah, certainly that first part, I'll get you that. **Hill:** My last thing is Ward 1 has some questions about, and this is for you and the Finance Director, but I know it kind of receives your time. There was supposedly some money from when their development began. That was set aside for streets to be done. There were some questions around if that money was already used, when it was used, what line item it was in, was there any money left over? Because their streets are starting to deteriorate and they did not want them to get to the level of some of our other streets. And then you were going to get us an estimate on their surface treatments for some of those Ward 1 streets. **Jones:** Yeah, I'm going to have that as well as part of the upcoming budget discussions. Because that's something that I am going to make a recommendation that you take a look at doing some preventative work on some of your asphalt roads. Certainly, the streets in the Meadows would be candidates for that. As far as if any money is set aside for it from the development period, I don't have an answer to that. And I'm not sure that I'd be able to answer that. **Hill:** Finance Director do you recall? **Thompson:** I can't recall, I could look into it. **Hardin:** I can remember when we did the budget, Madam Chair. It might have been by ordinance, and you helped me with this Brian. And maybe you remember, Johnny, every year we had the Engineer make this list. And we always had money set aside at one point in time and this was done annually, automatically because we had the funds. So, I encourage the process to create a line item using a percentage of the budget every year. So, that we don't get back in this. And so, the fact that you're pursuing it Madam Chair is excellent. So, don't let up on that, it will save us having these issues again. And finally, the lighting on Tryon Rd., I don't know if it's the Service Department or Engineering. We're going to light up those streets. We're going to have a walkway there. I would think you're going to need additional lighting. Because it kind of encourages people to walk. Am I right or wrong? Do you think there should be a survey done to verify that it's proper lighting on that road? **Jones:** I mean that's really, that's kind of up to the Village as to whether they want to receive something like that. I mean, having a separate pedestrian facility doesn't automatically trigger the need for lighting. The idea is people are probably walking on the street now, they'll be safer walking on a path under current lighting conditions. **Hardin:** Okay, all right, it was just a thought. I'm not proud of it, but I have driven down that street and I almost hit someone twice, it was bad. So, now that we're having the walkway, maybe that'll solve the problem. **Jones:** I would agree. **Hardin:** Thank you, sir. **Matlock:** I really appreciate you looking at this walkway going up to Glenshire. When we go to Glenshire, I'm just noticing, I am grateful already. But just going up the Glenshire, but there's just a little small piece that takes it right there to Oak Hill. Since we are not going down the other way, just to finish this off. Just in case we do decide that we want to go down Richmond one day, then that portion would be finished. **Jones:** I know where you're going with this. We can take a look, we can add, do sort of an add alternate price to see like how much extra. **Matlock:** Okay, that that's what I was asking. **Jones:** Honestly, I haven't looked closely at the condition. I know it's a short section, but I haven't looked closely at the conditions there. So I don't know if there's anything visibly in the way. **Matlock:** I don't think so. **Jones:** There probably isn't, but until I look at it, I don't want to say for sure. **Matlock:** Most of our problems are going to go from Oak Hill on down to Richmond Road. That's where our issues will start being challenged. Sizemore: There's a creek. **Matlock:** There's a creek, but that creek don't really come through that way. I'm not for sure, but you know, you said you're going to look at it, thank you. **Nikolic:** Thank you, Matt, if there's no other questions for our Engineer. May we hear from our Interim Recreation Director?

Rec Director(interim), Gaither| Gaither: Thank you, Mr. President. At this point, we're looking on completing the calendar to bring some exciting events to everyone in Oakwood. Currently, we continue to have the senior luncheon every Wednesday. Exercise classes have begun on May 4, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, morning from 10:30a.m., to 11:30 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30p.m., to 7:30p.m. We have limited exercise equipment that we want to make available for the residents to access. We have an elliptical, total gym, weights, and stepper. And we want make that accessible to the residents. As the Mayor had already mentioned, we are in the process of finalizing the events for the summer program. And announcing registration for the Oakwood children and the children of the grandparents in Oakwood. Recreation is putting together a Wild Wild West event, which will include prizes for the best dress and bull riding. We will release the information on that as soon as the Mayor has the opportunity to approve that with the details. We will be signing up our seniors up for the Senior Farm Market Nutrition Market Program that is available through the AG Ohio Gov in Cuyahoga County. We also would like to be able to transport our seniors to some of the locations that are participating in there. And we're also trying to get some of participants to come here and bring their produce to the Community Center if at all possible. I'm working to partner with the Cuyahoga County Library to provide computer lab classes. I've been getting calls in about that. So, we want to be able to get the instructors to come to our facility. So, I would need some help with the IT to come in and look at the computers that we do have already in the room. And set it up so when they come out they can see that we're waiting for them and not them waiting for us. Representatives from Case Western Reserve will be meeting with our seniors to discuss how to cope with Alzheimer's disease and possible treatments available for that. So, if you can give me the time to attribute myself to the position. I'll be able to answer questions at a later date, and that concludes my report. **Matlock:** Ms. Gaither, Case Western Reserve when they come out, Department of Aging. Is there something that you can do to set up a class for individuals dealing with parents or older members that have Alzheimer's or dementia. Just see if they have some type of courses because now we are in the midst of raising our parents who may come up with that disease. And some people just need to know how to pull it. **Gaither:** I'll speak with the representative. **Nikolic:** Anything else? Ms. Gaither, I was curious about the room you intended to use for the computer classes. Because there was, for the summer, a reading program. And I talked to Tommy about the rooms in there that we could use for the reading program. So, which room were you attending? Because the one that was a senior lounge, we were going to convert for the reading programs. Which room did you have? **Gaither:** That's the one I thought to use. It was used prior for a computer class. I thought we'd use it again. **Nikolic:** Mm-hmm, okay, well we can, let's discuss because we had you know, we had already planned to... **Haba:** I thought both of you could, I thought. But we could all just talk about it, but I thought both parties could use it. **Nikolic:** Okay, well it would be a totally different setup, so we could discuss it. **Matlock:** Have that room been discussed with Council? For a reading room for kids? **Nikolic:** Well, I spoke with the Service Department, the Mayor, and they said it wasn't being used for anything, so... **Matlock:** We'll talk about it later. **Nikolic:** There were no computer classes going on, and there was a discussion of two different rooms. One that Tommy mentioned could not be emptied out, and then that room. Anything else for Ms. Gaither? Moving on to agenda, item number seven, Ward reports.

Ward Report

Councilwoman Matlock: No report at this time.

Councilwoman Hardin: No report at this time.

Councilwoman Hill: No report at this time.

Committee Report

Health Care Committee

Councilwoman Hardin: No report.

Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Matlock: No report.

Environmental Committee:

Councilwoman Nikolic: Environmental, just like to report out for Earth Day. On Earth Day, we had over 80 residents come out and get trees. They came out, they signed up. A big, big, thank you to Councilperson Matlock. She manned that line like nobody's business. And we got all of the signatures and the types of trees that the people received. So, we'll try and follow up with them as the trees grow. First Energy is on task to give us a hundred more trees next year. So, be mindful that that's going to happen next year as well. The electric car show was great. The dealers that participated are very excited to come back in the fall and do a ride and drive with even more vehicles, so look out for that. Also, a new resident in the community sent an email saying that she was a new resident and she was so excited by the Earth Day. She even- suggested a new activity, a biking event during that period or just within the community. A bike Oakwood where we like a family ride. I sent over some information to the Chief and Captain where we can maybe find a route. Where we could do the ride and in addition to that, a bike drive. I've been contacted about a lot of bikes that we can recycle and fix. So, getting all of the bikes that have not been used and getting them fixed and getting them out to the community. If not in this community, other communities, but doing a bike ride, that would be on the books for next year. So that concludes the environmental report.

Economic Development/Grants Committee

Councilman Warren: No report.

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

Councilwoman Hill: Finance committee we should be sending out a notice very soon for you all to have the dates for the next Finance Committee meeting.

Nikolic: Thank you Council, moving on to agenda item number nine.

Open Floor Comments

Sharon Macklin, 7473 Oak Hill| Macklin: First of all, I want to apologize to Council about the third. It was cold and raining, I didn't bring my hot dog truck out as people call it. But it's not a hot dog truck, it's a soulful truck. And I just want to apologize and let you know if you need me, you know my truck's available. I usually don't stand people up, but when you get so old. So, when you, after you get 35, it's colder than rain and you don't realize it. And second of all, I need you and your guys to keep an eye on 7290 at the Moore's. Because I don't know what happened there, she's not there anymore. He's there, but his nephews or grandkids or whatever are coming in there and they have two rottweilers and two big pit bulls. And what they're doing is, they're bringing them near, and they had a thing in the backyard that they put up with they are mating them. That is right at the park, if somebody's at the park and one of those dogs to get out what's going to happen? But they're bringing those dogs in there and you're leaving them for a couple of days at a time, but they're not there. So, if the dogs get loose, then what? So, if you guys could keep an eye on that for us, we really would appreciate it, that's all I have.

Vazia Williams, 7535 Hickory Road| Williams: The subject I wanted to discuss today is actually prayer. I know this is a place of church and state is separated, but it's something I wanted to bring up. I do have this box here. I'm offering it to anyone, just if you need prayer. Our nation, our country, we're going through a lot. Everyone is going through personal things. And so I have a little pieces of paper in this box I'm offering it to anyone here. There's also a number that I have that anyone can text if you're going through something. Or if anyone in your family is, I'd be more than willing to pray for you. I don't know if it's an option to put it in the community newsletter letter for the number. But that is what I wanted to bring up. I will bring this box with me to the Council meetings. If I'm able to, I can set it up at the back, and anyone can come to it and write or text for a prayer. And so that's what I want to offer my community, thank you.

Nikolic: Law Director, do you see any issue with the box being here, or do we need to place it anywhere specific, or is it fine if it's here? **Climer:** Um, no, there's no problem.

Nicole Good, Ward 5| Good: I wanted to say a thank you to Mr. Haba. Every time we talk, he is right here on the spot. We have a hole starting to develop in the street. I looked out the window, I didn't think we hung up off the phone. And the men were there, so I'll take that. In addition to, at the end of North Lane, we have a growing tire mound that's being dumped there. So, we were wondering if we could get a security or surveillance to see who is dumping the tires. So, that our neighbors are not acting like vigilantes. And trying to stop and get in the middle of some mess they may not be involved in. **Haba:** I talked to the Police Chief, and I did email the Illuminating Company, it's on their property. They have a new representative for this area. And I emailed them late last week, but haven't heard back, I'm sure I will, or I'll email them again. **Good:** Madam President, Earth Day was a success everybody had a good time; the drum circle was great. Ms. Gaither, thank you for your efforts. AMP, the Field House, for clarification, we were offered free days, but we don't have it in writing. And when we went to the day for the open house, we were given just some days out of the air. So before I go and push and get on the calendar. I wanted to make sure that this wasn't a friendly, just something to Kumbaya the situation, or was this actually in writing that we actually get these days? **Gottschalk:** We're going to have a free day once a week on the day that is going to be chosen. **Good:** So, what the owner told us was, he gave us Sundays in May. He said he does not have dates after May, but

they're all Sunday between the hours of 10 a.m., and noon. That is a time that has a conflict with the demographic of the youth. So I wanted to know, is it in writing, do we have say?

Gottschalk: What day it's going to be chosen? That will be a free day every week until things change. But you're always going to have a free once a week on Sunday. It isn't going to change every week or every two weeks.

Mr. Good: So, the day is going to rotate, the day's going to change?

Gottschalk: I would expect, as they're handling their own company affairs, they'll change, not in the summertime. So, I'll be looking for something within the next couple of weeks.

Hill: To answer your question directly, no, it was not in writing when we proceeded with the contract. **Hardin:** So, what are they supposed to do, keep going until they find out? Since it's coming through the Administration. Can you give us get the neighbors that firm date?

Gottschalk: Yeah, within two weeks we'll have something. **Hardin:** Okay, they'll have a firm date, it won't rotate, and it'll be more than two hours, not a church time.

Gottschalk: I don't know what the arranging was, how many hours, but... **Hardin:** Well, they can't offer them something that they can deliver.

Mr. Jackson, Resident| Jackson: Now I'm going to get off this a little bit. We've been talking about a lot of good things, a lot of important things, and I'm happy about it. I talked to the Mayor, I didn't want to say anything, but I talked with the Mayor. The Mayor and I got to some agreement here. I talked to him quite a bit lately. And I like that because you know, he and I use to talk a lot. But looky here, a lot of y'all have some subject, this subject you might not like. I'm a very neat person, anybody ever been to my house? When I come through, I like beautification. I'm person who likes beautiful things. Beautification, I like that long to be beautiful. The Mayor has done an awesome job. You don't have to look down, you have. If you didn't, I'd be telling you, you didn't. I don't care, look here, when I come down, when I go through Broadway here, it used to be beautiful. It is still beautiful, but we have more dandelions in our flower bed. Did y'all notice that? Did anybody notice that. This is ridiculous, you live in a neighborhood, you know what happens when you live in a neighborhood that's not cared for. You know what happens? When you resale your house, and that goes down too. Everything that's not beautiful drives the profits down in house. Did y'all even know that? That's why you're hollering when you hear they are only giving two hundred something thousand bucks. That's all it's worth when everything else around it looks terrible. We need a beautiful flower bed; these flower bed got more dandelions in them than... Do anybody around here think them flowers?.. I'm ashamed of that! I am ashamed of it! I'm just ashamed of them! Get your butt up and do some work. I can't believe it. I'm sorry, I'm so animated about that. Y'all are laughing but it's important. I'd laugh and itch him. Ok, now another thing, I guarantee you Waste Management is happy. You know why? I go to other people's houses. All you see is a garbage can in the front, on the side, big old garbage can. That doesn't look good, it looks stupid. Got big old garbage in the side yard. Does anyone know anything about the garbage cans? **Gottschalk:** We're going to let the housing inspector take everything out. They're not going to be able to put him on the side of their yards. **Jackson:** I like it, Mayor, but I am serious, people. Get going with this, make the city look better. You talking about putting roads in. You know what? You putting the road down through dandelions. That's like Cleveland putting in new streets and the houses falling apart. Maybe I need to run for some office because I can get things DONE!

Nicole Good, Ward 5| Good: In light of the transitioning of our Recreation Department. We wanted to share some ideas. So, when we're looking at making our person permanent, we have

been heard. So, this is for the residents and Council, I'm going to fast forward through a lot for time purposes. And if you would like to reconvene and bring us back when it's not crunched for time, then I will do so. This is the image that I want you guys to keep in mind that this is the intersectionality of our community. We are five wards coming together with our activities, not just social, but social-emotional, for health, physical, mental, together. I did some digging into some numbers. When you look at the Village as a whole, we have about 15% who are between pre-KK and grade 12. Our working numbers, our working sector is about 47%, and then the rest are about 38% are our retired residents. We have 44% of our residents are white, and 47% are black, 52% are male and between the ages of 18 to 64, 48% are women. We want to make sure that our, and I'm going out of order here because of the time. When we put together our activities, going back to our youth right now. We want to give them opportunities for public speaking. That the activities are year-round. That there's community service and intergenerational connections. This is based on the national Association of College and Career. These are the things that the workforce readiness and first-year seminars are looking for. What I would like for us to do is to update our point of view of what recreation looks like. These numbers are not real. But I had to put numbers in to make the charts move. What I would like to suggest is that we start collecting metrics. So, that we have something to go back to our district to say, hey, our summer camp is of value. Because our numbers scores bumped up here, or our math scores bumped here. Or our proactive or preventative measures for conflict resolution went here. This can also include our community stakeholders, surveys. Again, these numbers are not real, but I want to make sure that when we are sitting down to come up with our programming. That we're including the men, the women, the retired, the working, our English as a second language, our religious group, things of that nature. Some workshops that we can have. We know that athletics moves the needle with our children. These are workshops that we can now right here and invite the community. We have a community that we live in the middle of here instead of us going there. This landing point is just a chart showing which number of our residents are leaving out of the city to go to other cities for activities. For example, we were one of them. We left and we went out for fencing, okay? Not a bad thing, but if that's something that we need to collect data on what we're looking for to stay home. Then these are things that we get to consider. Return on investment, again, not real numbers, but we want to make sure that we're looking at if the activities that we are putting out is the attendance reflecting actual members or residents of Oakwood and the summer enrichment. What are we looking to put in to make that we getting our matriculating or rising grades to the next grade to get where they need to be. Not enough! But the enrichment program during the summer, our out of school time programs, are very important. These are our current ratings in literacy and math here in our district. They are truly upwards, but they are still very low. So, we want to make sure that we capitalize on those times where we are out of school. That we have not just something to do, but something of value and something of depth. That students can take back into their grades, into their class, into their schools. This was an interesting poll, we know that there are, there are researches that are taking place in regards to crime going up. And we want to make sure that we are looking at, and this is just, this is three from students. But we want make sure we include that into our survey to make that these numbers stay here. **Nikolic:** Does the Council have any comments or questions for Mrs. Good? **Macklin:** There was a survey done on how many students out of each district is in the school system? Did you know there's only 75 Oakwood students left in Oakwood? **Good:** The number is also penetrated by homeschool as well. **Nikolic:** And private school. **Good:** And private schools, yes. **Macklin:** So, that means 75 students all together in Oakwood between

private school, home school, high school. **Gottschalk:** The numbers I have are, for 12th graders there's 17, we're talking 17 12th graders. There are 16 juniors, and 9 sophomores, and so that 17 is already graduating at the end of summer. So, the numbers are continuing to drop. And those are the official numbers from the school. **Hill:** Thank you for your time.

Floor closed

Legislation

Climer: Proceeds to read 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	AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING UPDATED FEES FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE
Introduced 3-7-25	BUILDING DEPARTMENT, AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1305.07,
By the Mayor and	REPEALING EXISTING CODIFIED ORDINANCES 1305.08 THROUGH 1305.19 AND 1305.21 AND
Council as a whole	DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
1 st read 3-7-25	
2 nd read 3-25-25	
3 rd read 4-8-25	
Tabled 4-8-25	

Motion to remove 2025-17 from the table made by Hardin seconded by Warren

YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Hardin, Matlock, Hill

MOTION PASSED

Motion to defeat 2025-17 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Hardin, Matlock, Hill

MOTION PASSED

2025-WS-25	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
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Motion to move 2025-WS-25 to the agenda made by Hardin seconded by Warren

YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Hardin, Matlock, Hill

MOTION PASSED

1st read to become 2025-27

2025-WS-26	AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REVISED FEE SCHEDULES FOR BUILDING
	DEPARTMENT PERMIT FEES AND PLAN REVIEWS AND DECLARING AN
	EMERGENCY

Motion to move 2025-WS-26 to the agenda made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Hardin, Matlock, Hill

MOTION PASSED

1st read to become 2025-28

2025-WS-29

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND PROCEED WITH ROAD REPAIRS ON VARIOUS STREETS LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Motion to move 2025-WS-29 to the agenda made by Hardin seconded by Warren

YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Hardin, Matlock, Hill

MOTION PASSED

1st read to become 2025-29

2025-WS-30

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,335,000 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 add 2025-WS-30 to the agenda made by Warren seconded by Matlock

YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Hardin, Matlock, Hill

MOTION PASSED

1st read to become 2025-30

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

YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Hardin, Matlock, Hill

MOTION PASSED

Enter executive Session at 9:16p.m.

Exited executive Session at 10:09p.m.

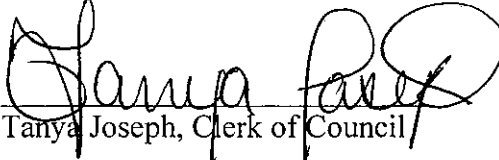
Motion to adjourn made by Hardin seconded by Hill

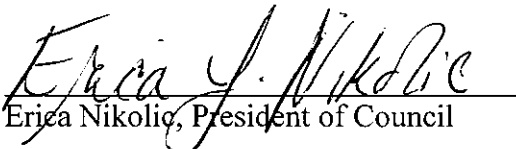
YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Hardin, Hill

MOTION PASSED

Adjourned at 10:09p.m.

Approved 6.10.25


Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council


Erica Nikolic, President of Council