

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
WORK SESSION  
August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
6:30 p.m.  
AMENDED AGENDA**



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

*Legislation: Fiscal Officers Certificate Present*

2024-WS-43	<b>AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CEP RENEWABLES OH, LLC FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE AS A SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT WITH ATTENDANT RECREATIONAL USES</b>
2024-WS-45	<b>AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CREtelligent AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>
2025-WS-16	<b>A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THEIR POSITION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>
2025-WS-28	<b>AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REBATE PROGRAM FOR RECREATION FACILITY MEMBERSHIP FEES ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05</b>
2025-WS-39	<b>A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF GINA PIERAGOSTINE FOR THE POSITION OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/PERMIT TECHNICIAN AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THAT POSITION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>
2025-WS-40	<b>A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF PATRICIA A. ANKHENATON FOR THE POSITION OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/PERMIT TECHNICIAN AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THAT POSITION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>
2025-WS-41	<b>AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR H2OHIO CHLORIDE REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE OAKWOOD SALT STORAGE SHED REPAIR PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>
2025-WS-42	<b>AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MONTROSE FORD, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE PATROL VEHICLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>
2025-WS-43	<b>AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING A PROPOSED AMENDED CHARTER FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>
2025-WS-44	<b>AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR A POTENTIAL GRANT FOR THE FUNDING OF CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>

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|----------------------------|---------|
| Municipal Complex          | Hardin  |
| Disaster Recovery Plan     | Hardin  |
| Human Resources            | Hardin  |
| Five Year Plan             | Hardin  |
| Recreation Budget & Events | Nikolic |
| Group photo discussion     | Hardin  |
5. Matters Deemed Appropriate
  6. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING  
August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
7:00 p.m.  
AMENDED AGENDA**

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

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

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- 4. Minutes**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes**  
**July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes**

**5. Clerk Correspondence**

**6. Departmental Reports**

MAYOR-GARY GOTTSCHALK	FIRE-DAVE TAPP
LAW-JAMES CLIMER/ SAM O’LEARY	BUILDING-ROLAND WALKER
FINANCE-BRIAN THOMPSON	0 HOUSING INSPECTOR
SERVICE-TOM HABA	POLICE-MARK GARRATT
ENGINEER-MATT JONES	RECREATION-KAREN GAITHER (INTERIM)

**7. Ward Reports**

**8. Committee Reports**

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

**10. Legislation**

<b>2025-35(AMENDED)</b>	<b>A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THEIR POSITION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>
Introduced 6-10-25	
By the Mayor	
1 <sup>st</sup> read 6-10-25	
2 <sup>nd</sup> read 6-24-25	
3 <sup>rd</sup> read 7-8-25	
Tabled 7-8-25	

**2025-37(AMENDED)**

Introduced 6-10-25

By the Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-10-25

2<sup>nd</sup> read 6-24-25

3<sup>rd</sup> read 7-8-25

Tabled 7-8-25

**A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO SELL VILLAGE LAND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CUAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AS PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 795-08-028 and 795-08-029**

**2025-38(AMENDED)**

Introduced 6-10-25

By the Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-10-25

2<sup>nd</sup> read 6-24-25

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Tabled 7-8-25

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**2025-39(AMENDED)**

Introduced 6-10-25

By the Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-10-25

2<sup>nd</sup> read 6-24-25

3<sup>rd</sup> read 7-8-25

Tabled 7-8-25

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J WALL HOMES, LLC, C/O JOHANNAH WALLACE, INDIVIDUALLY TO SELL VILLAGE LAND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CUAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AS PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 795-08-028 AND 795-08-029**

**2025-40(AMENDED)**

Introduced 6-10-25

By the Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-10-25

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3<sup>rd</sup> read 7-8-25

Tabled 7-8-25

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**2025-41(AMENDED)**

Introduced 6-10-25

By the Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-10-25

2<sup>nd</sup> read 6-24-25

3<sup>rd</sup> read 7-8-25

Tabled 7-8-25

**A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO SELL VILLAGE LAND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CUAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AS PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 795-09-043**

**2025-42(AMENDED)**

Introduced 6-10-25

By the Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-10-25

2<sup>nd</sup> read 6-24-25

3<sup>rd</sup> read 7-8-25

Tabled 7-8-25

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**2025-48**

Introduced 6-17-25

By the Mayor

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-17-25

2<sup>nd</sup> read 6-20-25

3<sup>rd</sup> read 8-26-25

**A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF HEATHER PURGAR AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THAT POSITION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**2025-48A(AMENDED)**

Introduced 8-26-25

By the Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 8-26-25

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-48A SETTING FORTH CERTAIN POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAY RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**11. Adjournment**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-WS-43

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibit 1

### **DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

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

#### **RECITALS**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**VILLAGE:**

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, AN OHIO  
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to legal form:

\_\_\_\_\_

Law Director/Assistant Law Director

**CEP:**

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

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

By: Gary R. Cicero  
Managing Member

Date: September 4, 2024

• **ANDREW L. SPARKS AND ASSOCIATES, INC.** •  
• *Landscape Architecture* •  
30303 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH 44092  
CELL 216-469-5252 PHONE 440-833-0163 FAX 440-943-9593

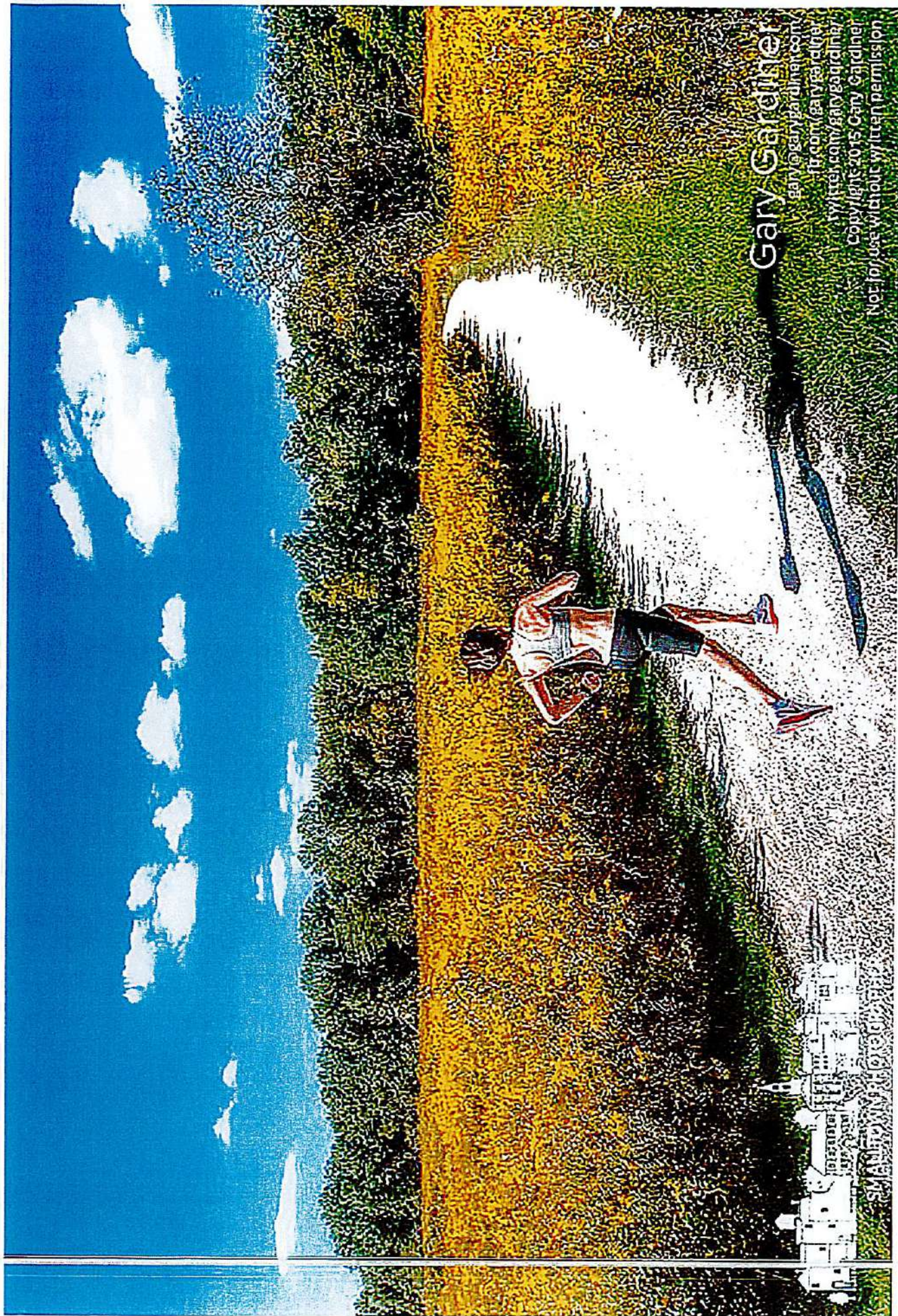
Landscaped Recreation Trail for site of Seneca Engineering 26 Acre Solar Energy Project



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

Exhibit "A"





Gary Gardiner

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-WS-45

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILPERSON NIKOLIC

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT A



2717 S. Arlington St., Suite C  
Akron, OH 44312  
[E.f.hamilton@cretelligent.com](mailto:E.f.hamilton@cretelligent.com)

January 8, 2024

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

Via email: [hren@cvelimited.com](mailto:hren@cvelimited.com)

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

Dear Ed:

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

### INTRODUCTION

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

### SCOPE OF WORK

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

### INTERVIEWS

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

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



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

#### **DESKTOP RESEARCH**

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

#### **SAMPLING**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING**

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

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

### **ESTIMATED COST <sup>1</sup>**

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

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

This budget includes the following assumptions:

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

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

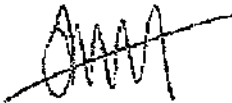
#### **SCHEDULE**

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

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

Regards,

**CRETELLIGENT**



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

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

**Authorization to Proceed:**

Please sign below and include appropriate contact information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Client or Authorized Client Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**Billing Contact Information:**

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Proposal  
Preliminary Assessment  
Environmental Conditions  
Wright Ave, Oakwood Village

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Climer, Law Director

**CREtelligent  
General Conditions**

**1.0 BILLING**

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

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

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

**2.0 WARRANTY AND LIABILITY**

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

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

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

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

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

**3.0 GOVERNING LAW:**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-WS-16**

**INTRODUCED BY MAYOR**

**A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE AND  
SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THEIR POSITION AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, no individual shall become employed or be compensated in the Village of Oakwood without a pay ordinance; and,

**WHEREAS**, a pay ordinance shall have attached an exhibit for a job description of the employment position for which they shall be compensated that describes the following: the title of the position, employee name, the scheduled work days and hours of the position, who the position reports to, location of the position, pay scale range for the position, special requirements of the position, required roles and responsibilities to be fulfilled, and qualifications for the position as well as, any cross-training for coverage of other positions for the specific employee being hired.

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

**SECTION 1.** Council hereby authorizes the employment of Tom Liotta as Finance Clerk.

**SECTION 2.** Tom Liotta shall be responsible for the duties set forth in the job description attached as Exhibit A.

**SECTION 3.** Tom Liotta, as Finance Clerk, shall work Full-Time at (40) hours per week and be compensated at a rate of eighteen and 00/100 Dollars (\$18.00) per hour.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being the same that relates to the daily operation of a municipal department and the ability of the village to provide uninterrupted services to the citizens of the Village given, therefore, provided it receives the two-thirds vote of all members of Council elected thereto. Said ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_



### Job Description – Exhibit A

Position Title: Finance Clerk

Employee Name: Tom Liotta

Scheduled Work Hours/Days: Full time, 40 hours per week

Reports To: Finance Director

Location: Village Hall

Pay Scale: \$18 per hour

- Assist Finance Director with ongoing projects
- Communicate with vendors, customers and colleagues
- Greet visitors and accept deliveries
- Answer incoming calls direct to appropriate designation
- Assisting other administrative staff with overflow work
- Research old files and information request
- Collect monies from residents for: Field trips, Summer Camp, Snowplow Permits, Various Event Classes, Etc.
- Organize projects such as gathering information by letter or email
- Photocopy and scan documents as needed
- Open and sort mail
- Organize and print calendars for events
- Schedule appointments for Oakwood Bus Riders

*Village of Oakwood is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran or disability status. Reasonable accommodations for disabilities will be made.*

*Employment with Village of Oakwood is at-will. This means your employment is for an indefinite period of time and it is subject to termination by the employee or Village of Oakwood, with or without cause, with or without notice, and at any time. Nothing in this policy or any other policy of Village of Oakwood shall be interpreted to be in conflict with or to eliminate or modify in any way, the at-will employment status of Village of Oakwood employees.*



**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-WS-28**

INTRODUCED BY

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REBATE  
PROGRAM FOR RECREATION FACILITY MEMBERSHIP  
FEES ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood has been continuously seeking ways to increase the recreational opportunities for its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood does not presently operate an indoor recreation facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakwood Village residents are required to pay membership fees should they wish to use indoor recreation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Oakwood deems it advisable to provide a rebate of membership fees for the use of indoor recreation fees to its residents upon submission of proof, satisfactory to the Oakwood Director of Finance, that they have paid the applicable membership fee; and

**WHEREAS**, all Oakwood Village residents seeking to obtain this rebate shall adhere to all rules and procedures as promulgated by the Oakwood Director of Finance:

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

**SECTION 1.** The Village of Oakwood hereby establishes a program providing Oakwood Village residents who have joined and paid the fees to be members of any indoor recreation facility located within Cuyahoga or Summit County rebates of membership fees actually incurred up to the equivalent membership fees set forth in Schedule A, attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof by reference.

**SECTION 2.** The rebate as provided in Section 1 hereof shall be paid to the eligible Oakwood Village resident within thirty (30) days of the submission of proof of the applicant's residency in Oakwood by way of a current driver's license, Ohio identification card, current utility bills or other proof satisfactory to the Oakwood Director of Finance as well as proof that they have paid the applicable membership fee for the use of the qualifying recreation facility.

**SECTION 3.** Council hereby appropriates sufficient funds to effectuate the provisions contained in Section 1 hereof. The Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue vouchers in the amounts and for the purposes as expressed in Section 1 hereof, said amounts to be charged to the General Fund.

**SECTION 4.** Ordinance 2011-05 be and hereby is repealed.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the

immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the same relates to the daily operation of a municipal department and the immediate necessity to expand recreational activities for the residents of Oakwood, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

#### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SCHEDULE A**

### **MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES**

**Family:** Husband and wife with up to 2 children or head of household with up to 3 children, (*Children who are age 6 to 18 and still in High School*) and children under the age of 6 are FREE with adult member.

Yearly Membership	\$350
Six (6) months	\$210
Extra fee per member over 4	\$20

#### **Single**

Yearly Membership	\$275
Six (6) months	\$150

**Senior/Disabled: Senior age 60 and over. Disabled eligibility must have proof of permanent disability**

Yearly Membership	\$115
Six (6) months	\$80

**Student: Children age 10 to 18 (and in High School) years of age**

Yearly Membership	\$125
Six (6) months	\$85

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-WS-39**

**INTRODUCED BY MAYOR**

**A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF  
GINA PIERAGOSTINE FOR THE POSITION OF BUILDING  
DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/PERMIT TECHNICIAN AND  
SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR  
THAT POSITION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, no individual shall become employed or be compensated in the Village of Oakwood without a pay ordinance; and,

**WHEREAS**, a pay ordinance shall have attached an exhibit for a job description of the employment position for which they shall be compensated that describes the following: the title of the position, employee name, the scheduled work days and hours of the position, who the position reports to, location of the position, pay scale range for the position, special requirements of the position, required roles and responsibilities to be fulfilled, and qualifications for the position as well as, any cross-training for coverage of other positions for the specific employee being hired.

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

**SECTION 1.** Council hereby authorizes the employment of Gina Pieragostine as Secretary/Permit Technician within the Building Department.

**SECTION 2.** Gina Pieragostine shall be responsible for the duties set forth in the job description attached as Exhibit A.

**SECTION 3.** Gina Pieragostine, shall work part-time approximately twenty (20) hours per week and be compensated at a rate of nineteen Dollars (\$19.00) per hour.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being the same that relates to the daily operation of a municipal department and the ability of the village to provide uninterrupted services to the citizens of the Village given, therefore, provided it receives the two-thirds vote of all members of Council elected thereto. Said ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD**

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**BUILDING SECRETARY/PERMIT TECHNICIAN -(2 Positions Available)**

**Start Time - 8:00AM – 12:00PM**

**Starting Salary - \$19.00 Hr**

**Start Time- 12:00N – 4:00PM**

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- **General Secretarial Duties**
- **Takes Messages for Building and Housing Inspectors, Planning/Zoning Commissions**
- **Answer Incoming telephone calls, properly route calls and take messages.**
- **Schedule appointments for building inspectors**
- **Typing correspondence and other materials as needed and directed**
- **Filing**
- **Assist with registering builders and contractors**
- **Assist with permit process**
- **Perform other duties as assigned or directed**

**Reports To:**

- **Chief Building Official**
- **Housing Inspector in CBO's absence**

**Supervises:**

**N/A**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-WS-40**

**INTRODUCED BY MAYOR**

**A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF PATRICIA  
A. ANKHENATON FOR THE POSITION OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
SECRETARY/PERMIT TECHNICIAN AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES  
AND COMPENSATION FOR THAT POSITION AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, no individual shall become employed or be compensated in the Village of Oakwood without a pay ordinance; and,

**WHEREAS**, a pay ordinance shall have attached an exhibit for a job description of the employment position for which they shall be compensated that describes the following: the title of the position, employee name, the scheduled work days and hours of the position, who the position reports to, location of the position, pay scale range for the position, special requirements of the position, required roles and responsibilities to be fulfilled, and qualifications for the position as well as, any cross-training for coverage of other positions for the specific employee being hired.

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

**SECTION 1.** Council hereby authorizes the employment of Patricia A. Ankhenaton as Secretary/Permit Technician within the Building Department.

**SECTION 2.** Patricia A. Ankhenaton shall be responsible for the duties set forth in the job description attached as Exhibit A.

**SECTION 3.** Patricia A. Ankhenaton shall work part-time approximately twenty (20) hours per week and be compensated at a rate of nineteen Dollars (\$19.00) per hour.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being the same that relates to the daily operation of a municipal department and the ability of the village to provide uninterrupted services to the citizens of the Village given, therefore, provided it receives the two-thirds vote of all members of Council elected thereto. Said ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_



**EXHIBIT A**

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD**

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**BUILDING SECRETARY/PERMIT TECHNICIAN -(2 Positions Available)**

**Start Time - 8:00AM – 12:00PM      Starting Salary - \$19.00 Hr**

**Start Time- 12:00N – 4:00PM**

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- **General Secretarial Duties**
- **Takes Messages for Building and Housing Inspectors, Planning/Zoning Commissions**
- **Answer Incoming telephone calls, properly route calls and take messages.**
- **Schedule appointments for building inspectors**
- **Typing correspondence and other materials as needed and directed**
- **Filing**
- **Assist with registering builders and contractors**
- **Assist with permit process**
- **Perform other duties as assigned or directed**

**Reports To:**

- **Chief Building Official**
- **Housing Inspector in CBO's absence**

**Supervises:**

**N/A**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-WS-41**

**INTRODUCED BY MAYOR GARY V. GOTTSCHALK**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR H2OHIO CHLORIDE REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE OAKWOOD SALT STORAGE SHED REPAIR PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS** the State of Ohio through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, administers financial assistance to help Ohio's waters stay safe from salt contamination through the State of Ohio H2OHIO Chloride Reduction Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Service Director had made application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for funds to make repairs to the existing salt storage shed at the Service Department yard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Service Director have been informed by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency that the Village of Oakwood has been awarded funds in the amount of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) for such activities.

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

**Section 1:** The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Grant Agreement and file any other documents with the Environmental Protection Agency as required for the disbursement of H2OHIO Chloride Reduction Grant Program funds in the total amount of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) for the repairs to the existing salt storage shed at the Service Department yard in the Village of Oakwood. The Service Director is hereby authorized to proceed with the repairs to the existing salt storage shed.

**Section 2:** The Village of Oakwood does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the H2OHIO Chloride Reduction Grant Program.

**Section 3.** The Council of the Village of Oakwood hereby authorizes and directs the Finance Director to amend the appropriations as required for the expenditures outlined within this Ordinance:

**Section 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in open meetings of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including the Village's Charter and Codified Ordinances and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance is hereby determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village and for the further reason that the grant agreement must be signed before September 1, 2025.

It shall therefore become effective upon its passage by the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members of Council and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall become effective at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Climer, Law Director

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

I, Tanya Joseph, as Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of **Ordinance No. 2025-XX**, adopted by the Council of said Municipality on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-WS-42**

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MONTROSE FORD, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE PATROL VEHICLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Oakwood deems it advantageous to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Montrose Ford, Inc. for the purchase of two police patrol vehicles for the Village of Oakwood's use; and,

**WHEREAS**, Oakwood and Montrose Ford, Inc. have agreed in principle to the terms of said Agreement as set forth in the document attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and marked Exhibit "A".

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

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Montrose Ford, Inc. for two police patrol vehicles, a copy of which is attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit "A".

**SECTION 2.** Council authorizes the expenditure of an amount not to exceed Ninety-nine thousand eighty and 00/100 Dollars (\$99,080.00) to effectuate the provisions contained in Section 1 hereof. The Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue payment for the purposes expressed in Section 1 hereof.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that two police patrol vehicles are required equipment for the Police Department to continue to provide for the safety of the citizens of Oakwood and it is necessary for the Village to place an order with Montrose Ford, Inc. at the earliest possible time to expedite delivery of the vehicles to the extent possible, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### POSTING CERTIFICATE

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract # RS1023078

(PAGE 1 of 2)

**2026 INTERCEPTOR (3.3L V-6)**

Item # 1-1

Order No:

OAKWOOD PD

FIN# QH160

K8A 4DR AWD POLICE  
.119" WHEELBASEPLEASE SELECT  
YOUR CAR COLOR  
ON PAGE 29 CLTH BKTS/VNL R  
W EBONY500A EQUIP GRP  
.AM/FM STEREO W/SYNC  
425 50 STATE EMISS  
55F KEYLESS - 4 FOB (now STD equip)  
PLUS ALL ITEMS IN GREEN ON PAGE 2The items to the left are how the car  
was quoted and that is this price below.  
Any additional options added will  
increase this price.

STATE CONTRACT VEHICLE Subtotal \$ 44,000.00

FORD FACTORY VSO (Vehicle Special Order) LIGHTING (used for all other color combinations other than RED/BLUE)


CHOOSING ANY ITEMS BELOW WILL INCREASE THE ABOVE SUBTOTAL

				TYPE YES OR NO
#1-2	TEMP TAGS	DEALER	\$ 15.00	INCLUDED
#1-3	ADDITIONAL SET OF KEYS (comes with 4 already)	DEALER	\$ 20.00	
#1-4	WHEEL COVER (grey hubcaps)	65L	\$ 70.00	
#1-5	3.3L V6 HYBRID	99W/44B	\$ 2,000.00	YES
#1-6	3.0L EcoBoost	99C/44U	\$ 3,600.00	
#1-7	INSIDE REAR DOOR LOCKS INOP	68G	\$ 80.00	YES
#1-8	INSIDE REAR DOOR HANDLES INOP	INC IN 68G	\$ -	INCLUDED
#1-9	HIDDEN DOOR PLUNGER/REAR INOP	52P	\$ 160.00	
#1-10	HEATED MIRRORS	STANDARD	\$ -	INCLUDED
#1-11	CARPET	16C	\$ 150.00	
#1-12	RED/WHT DOME IN CARGO	STANDARD	\$ -	INCLUDED
#1-13	PER. ANTI-THEFT WITH REMOTE START	DEALER	\$ 600.00	
#1-14	KEYLESS ENTRY (4 FOBs) W/O KEYPAD (DEDUCT)	STANDARD	\$ -	INCLUDED
#1-15	REAR CONSOLE PLATE FOR WIRE CHASE	85R	\$ 44.00	
#1-16	GRIL LED LGHTS/SIREN/SPKR PRE-WIRE	STANDARD	\$ -	INCLUDED
#1-17	HITCH	STANDARD	\$ -	INCLUDED
#1-18	SYNC	STANDARD	\$ -	INCLUDED
#1-19	REAR LIGHT BLUE/BLUE (RED/BLUE IS STD)	66C & VSO	\$ 560.00	
#1-20	BACKUP CAMERA	STANDARD	\$ -	INCLUDED
#1-21	STREET APPEARANCE (FIRE, DO OR UNMARKED)	65U, 64E, FW (RMV 51R)	\$ 367.00	
**NOTE** Street Appearance package includes Carpet Floor, full non-police style center console with armrest and cupholders, cloth rear seat, painted aluminum wheel (64E) and no spotlight.				
	ROAD READY UPFIT (LESS RADIO, RADAR & SCAN)	DEALER	\$ 16,000.00	
	5YR 100K \$0 DED PREMIUM CARE EXT WARRANTY	DEALER	\$ 2,700.00	
	5YR 150K \$0 DED PREMIUM CARE EXT WARRANTY	DEALER	\$ 4,300.00	
**NOTE** Extended Warranties are through Ford and are also available in many configurations. This Extended Warranties I use are the Premium Care (1,000+ Covered Components)				
#1-22	PER MILE DELIVERY CHARGE PER MILE	0	\$ -	
#1-23	MINIMUM DELIVERY CHARGE	DEALER	\$ 150.00	YES



STANDARD PU WHEEL



WH (65L)



PN (64E)

\*\*NOTE\*\* Painted Wheel (64E) available Street Appearance pkg

OAKWOOD PD  
Attn: SGT VAN NESSDerek Powers  
Fleet/Gvmt. Sales Mgr.  
Cell # is (419) 606-5659  
dpowers@gomontrose.com

TOTAL OF UNIT W/ ADDED ADDL. BID ITEMS FROM ABOVE	\$ 46,230.00
TOTAL FOR UPFIT PROVIDED VIA MONTROSE FORD NOT LISTED ABOVE (IF REQUESTED)	\$ -
TOTAL FOR EXT WARRANTY NOT LISTED ABOVE (3YR 100K \$0 DED ESP)	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL FOR CUSTOMER ADDED OPTIONS BELOW	\$ 810.00
TOTAL FOR CUSTOMER ADDED FORD FACTORY VSO LIGHTING OPTIONS	\$ -
TOTAL VALUE OF TRADE (IF YOU HAVE ONE)	\$ -
TOTAL FOR SINGLE UNIT QUOTED / ORDERED	\$ 49,540.00
2 unit/s requested	\$ 99,080.00

QUOTED 7/17/2025  
ORDERED

ACCEPTED BY:

Date:



**These items below can be added to the build - Select what you need, or ask Salesman if you have questions**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TYPE YES OR NO
153	License Plate Bracket - Front	\$ -	YES
51T	Spot Lamp - LED Bulb, Driver Only (Whelen)	\$ 420.00	YES
59B	Keyed Alike - 1284x	\$ 50.00	YES
63B	Side Marker LED - Sideview Mirrors (req. 60A)	\$ 340.00	YES
17A	Aux Air Conditioning (STD IN 2025)	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
19K	H8 AGM Battery (STD IN 2025)	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
19V	Rear Camera On-Demand (STD IN 2025)	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
43D	Dark Car Feature (STD IN 2025)	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
47A	Police Engine Idle Feature (STD IN 2025)	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
55B	BLIS - Blind Spot Monitor w/ x Traffic Alt (STD IN 2025)	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
68B	Police Perimeter Alert (STD IN 2025)	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
76P	Pre-Collision Assist w/ Ped. Detection (STD IN 2025)	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
76R	Reverse Sensing System (STD IN 2025)	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
86T	Tail Lamp / Police Housing Only (STD IIN 2025)	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
87P	Power Passenger Seat (STD IN 2025'S)	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
61B	OBD - II Split Connector (N/A IN 2025'S)	N/A	N/A
85S	Rear Center Seat Delete (N/A IN 2025'S)	N/A	N/A
87R	Rear View Camera (mirror display) (N/A IN 2025'S)	N/A	N/A
593	PER. ANTI-THEFT	N/A	N/A
AVAILABLE COLORS			
UM	AGATE BLACK	\$ -	2

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-WS-43**

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING A PROPOSED AMENDED CHARTER FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood Charter Commission, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Section 12.02 of the Oakwood Village Charter, has considered proposed amendments and repeal of multiple sections of the said Charter as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakwood Charter Review Commission has recommended said revisions to the Charter by motion passed by the Charter Review Commission as reflected in its minutes of May 7, 2025, and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 12.01 of the Village Charter and the Ohio Constitution, the Village Council has determined to authorize and direct the submission to the electors of the Village the proposed amendments to the Village Charter set forth in the foregoing Exhibit "A" at the next regular election or at a special election on a date designated by Council after consideration by Council of the proposed Charter Amendment(s);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Ordained by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1:** There shall be submitted to the electors of the Village of Oakwood, Ohio, on the date of the regular election to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, the question of whether the Amended Charter as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A" should be adopted.

**Section 2:** The ballot of said election shall at the top thereof be entitled:

"Proposed Charter Amendment a majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage" and the question to be submitted on said ballot shall be in words as follows:

"Shall the proposed Amended Charter of the Village of Oakwood as reported by the Council of the Village Oakwood be adopted?"

YES - For Passage

NO - Against Passage"

**Section 3:** The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County and cause notice



of the foregoing proposed Charter amendment to be given in accordance with general law.

**Section 4:** To pay the cost of publishing said notice, there be and is hereby appropriated from the General Fund such sums of money as may be required.

**Section 5:** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Oakwood for the reason that it is necessary meet the deadline to submit the proposed revisions to the Board of Elections for placement upon the ballot for the regular election to be held on November 4, 2025 and, therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-WS-44**

**INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
MAYOR TO APPLY TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMISSION FOR A POTENTIAL GRANT FOR THE  
FUNDING OF CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2K of the Ohio Constitution, the State of Ohio is authorized to issue bonds and other obligations of the State for the purpose of financing public infrastructure capital improvements of political subdivisions as designated by law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 164.06 of the Ohio Revised Code, the District One Public Works Integrating Committee has been created to accept, evaluate and recommend applications for state financing of capital infrastructure improvement projects of political subdivisions in Cuyahoga County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 164.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Public Works Commission has been created to accept and approve applications for state financing of capital infrastructure improvement projects of political subdivisions in Cuyahoga County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood has conducted a capital inventory and needs assessment and has determined that it is necessary to submit an application for financial assistance for certain capital infrastructure improvement projects:

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

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to make application to the District One Public Works Integrating Committee and the Ohio Public Works Commission for financial assistance for the following capital infrastructure improvement projects:

1. Broadway – Oak Leaf Intersection Improvements

**SECTION 2.** The Mayor be and he is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance and further upon the recommendations of the Village Engineer, and approved as to form by the Village Law Director, in accordance with all authority granted to and limitations upon the Village Director of Finance.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the same relates to the daily operation of a municipal department and because of impending due dates for said applications, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya A. Joesph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2025 - was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

### POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2025 - was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and will remain posted as provided in the Charter and Ordinances of the Village.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-35**

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR

**A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE AND  
SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THEIR POSITION AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, no individual shall become employed or be compensated in the Village of Oakwood without a pay ordinance; and,

**WHEREAS**, a pay ordinance shall have attached an exhibit for a job description of the employment position for which they shall be compensated that describes the following: the title of the position, employee name, the scheduled work days and hours of the position, who the position reports to, location of the position, pay scale range for the position, special requirements of the position, required roles and responsibilities to be fulfilled, and qualifications for the position as well as, any cross-training for coverage of other positions for the specific employee being hired.

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

**SECTION 1.** Council hereby authorizes the employment of Quendolyn Jones as Accounts Payable.

**SECTION 2.** Quendolyn Jones shall be responsible for the duties set forth in the job description attached as Exhibit A.

**SECTION 3.** Quendolyn Jones, as Accounts Payable, shall work Part-Time and be compensated at \$33.65 per hour.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being the same that relates to the daily operation of a municipal department and the ability of the village to provide uninterrupted services to the citizens of the Village given, therefore, provided it receives the two-thirds vote of all members of Council elected thereto. Said ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-35 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2025-35 was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_



### Job Description – Exhibit A

Position Title: Accounts Payable

Employee Name: Quendolyn Jones

Scheduled Work Hours/Days: Part-Time, 20-25 hours per week

Reports To: Finance Director

Location: Village Hall

Pay Scale: \$35,000 per year

- Record all transactions for Accounts Payable into the financial software system
- Maintain vendor files and ensures a W-9 form is on file
- Ensures completeness and accuracy of data on accounts; and code documents according to the O.R.C procurement policies
- Post purchase orders and verify appropriate accounts to be charged
- Review invoices and statements to ensure that all information is accurate and complete and code to appropriate account
- Verifies posted figures for mathematical accuracy and proper coding
- Generates checks against authorized purchase orders
- Prepare reports and summaries for supervisors and managers
- Creates and maintains Excel workbooks for various projects as needed
- Code and prepare Credit Card Statements for Accounts Receivable
- Maintain uniform allowances for all applicable departments
- Process daily deposit, or as needed
- Assist with audit information retrieval as needed
- Maintain Petty Cash
- Answers phones as needed

*Village of Oakwood is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran or disability status. Reasonable accommodations for disabilities will be made.*

*Employment with Village of Oakwood is at-will. This means your employment is for an indefinite period of time and it is subject to termination by the employee or Village of Oakwood, with or without cause, with or without notice, and at any time. Nothing in this policy or any other policy of Village of Oakwood shall be interpreted to be in conflict with or to eliminate or modify in any way, the at-will employment status of Village of Oakwood employees.*

**AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-37**

INTROUDCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO SELL VILLAGE LAND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CUAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AS PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 795-08-028 and 795-08-029**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood, and J Wall Homes, LLC, c/o Johannah Wallace, individually (hereinafter referred to as "Purchaser") have reached an agreement in principle, as set forth in Exhibit "1" attached hereto and incorporated herein, for the sale of said Property to Purchaser; and

**WHEREAS**, Charter Sec. 10.02 (C) requires that, prior to passage, any Ordinance providing for the sale of public land be submitted to the Planning Commission for report and recommendation;

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

**SECTION 1.** Proposed amended Ordinance No. 2025-39, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit "A", which provides for the sale to Purchaser of Village land designated on the records of the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as Permanent Parcel No. 795- 08-028 and 795-08-029 (a diagram of said property being attached as Exhibit 2 to said Proposed Ordinance) be and hereby is referred to the Planning Commission pursuant to Charter Sec. 10.02 (C) for report and recommendation.

**SECTION 2.** The Clerk of Council be and is hereby authorized and directed to refer the attached proposed amended Resolution No. 2025-37 to the planning Commission for report and recommendation pursuant to Charter Sec. 10.02 (C) and the Codified Ordinances of the Village.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing amended Resolution No. 2025-37 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that amended Resolution No. 2025-37 was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDENDUM

This Addendum shall be attached to, shall become a part of and shall supersede any conflicting provisions contained in a certain contract executed by Johanna Wallace on behalf of himself and J Wall Homes, LLC (hereinafter "Purchasers") on or about April 16, 2025 by which Purchasers have agreed to purchase from the Village of Oakwood, Ohio (hereinafter "Seller") certain real property designated by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as Permanent Parcel No. 795-08-028 consisting of approximately .155 acres and Permanent Parcel No. 795-08-029 consisting of approximately .138 acres (hereinafter the "Property").

As additional consideration to induce Seller to enter the foregoing contract, Purchasers agree that within three (3) months of closing and the issuance of all necessary permits, Purchasers shall commence and within one year of said date shall complete construction of a single-family dwelling of at least 1,900 square feet on the Property. In the event Purchasers fail to comply with this paragraph, the Property shall revert, to Seller without compensation to Purchasers.

**SELLER:**

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, OHIO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Climer  
Law Director, Village of Oakwood, Ohio

**PURCHASER:**

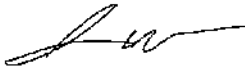
**J Wall Homes, LLC**

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Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_



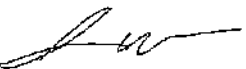
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**PURCHASER:**

8/21/2025

\_\_\_\_\_

Date



Johannah Wallace

**AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-38**

INTROUDCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO SELL VILLAGE LAND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CUAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AS PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 795-08-030 and 795-08-031.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood, and J Wall Homes, LLC, c/o Johannah Wallace, individually (hereinafter referred to as "Purchaser") have reached an agreement in principle, as set forth in Exhibit "1" attached hereto and incorporated herein, for the sale of said Property to Purchaser; and

**WHEREAS**, Charter Sec. 10.02 (C) requires that, prior to passage, any Ordinance providing for the sale of public land be submitted to the Planning Commission for report and recommendation;

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

**SECTION 1.** Proposed amended Ordinance No. 2025-40, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit "A", which provides for the sale to Purchaser of Village land designated on the records of the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as Permanent Parcel No. 795-08-030 and 795-08-031 (a diagram of said property being attached as Exhibit 2 to said Proposed Ordinance) be and hereby is referred to the Planning Commission pursuant to Charter Sec. 10.02 (C) for report and recommendation.

**SECTION 2.** The Clerk of Council be and is hereby authorized and directed to refer the attached proposed amended Resolution No. 2025-38 to the planning Commission for report and recommendation pursuant to Charter Sec. 10.02 (C) and the Codified Ordinances of the Village.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing amended Resolution No. 2025-38 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that amended Resolution No. 2025-38 was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDENDUM

This Addendum shall be attached to, shall become a part of and shall supersede any conflicting provisions contained in a certain contract executed by Johanna Wallace on behalf of himself and J Wall Homes, LLC (hereinafter "Purchasers") on or about April 16, 2025 by which Purchasers have agreed to purchase from the Village of Oakwood, Ohio (hereinafter "Seller") certain real property designated by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as Permanent Parcel No. 795-08-030 consisting of approximately .138 acres and Permanent Parcel No. 795-08-031 consisting of approximately .138 acres (hereinafter the "Property").

As additional consideration to induce Seller to enter the foregoing contract, Purchasers agree that within three (3) months of closing and the issuance of all necessary permits, Purchasers shall commence and within one year of said date shall complete construction of a single-family dwelling of at least 1,900 square feet on the Property. In the event Purchasers fail to comply with this paragraph, the Property shall revert, to Seller without compensation to Purchasers.

**SELLER:**

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, OHIO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Climer  
Law Director, Village of Oakwood, Ohio

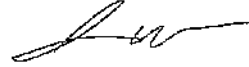
**PURCHASER:**

**J Wall Homes, LLC**

8/21/2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_

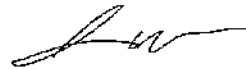


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**PURCHASER:**

8/21/2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



\_\_\_\_\_  
Johannah Wallace

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-39**

INTROUDCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J WALL HOMES, LLC, C/O JOHANNAH WALLACE, INDIVIDUALLY TO SELL VILLAGE LAND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CUAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AS PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 795-08-028 AND 795-08-029**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood owns certain real property designated on the records of the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as Permanent Parcel No. 795-08-028 and 795-08-029; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood deems it advantageous to sell Permanent Parcel No. 795-08-028 and 795-08-029 (hereinafter "the Property a diagram of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2) to J Wall Homes, LLC, c/o Johannah Wallace, individually (hereinafter "Purchaser") to be developed and maintained as a single-family residence property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood and Purchaser have reached an agreement in principle, as set forth in Exhibit "I" hereto and incorporated herein, for the sale of the Property to Purchaser;

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

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into the Purchase Agreement with Purchaser, a copy of which is attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit "I".

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



PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing amended Ordinance No. 2025-39 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that amended Ordinance No. 2025-39 was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT "1"

**PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

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3. **SELLER** shall furnish a Warranty Deed conveying to **PURCHASER**, or nominee, a marketable title to the Property, with dower rights, if any, released, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances whatsoever, except: (a) restrictions of record and any reservations and easements created in conjunction with such restrictions that do not materially adversely affect the use or value of the property; (b) zoning ordinances, if any; (c) taxes and assessments, both general and special, not yet due and payable, for the current half of the taxable year and thereafter. The foregoing Deed shall contain the following restrictions 1) the property shall not be used for any purposes other than a single family dwelling and 2) once consolidated, the property shall not be split absent the prior written

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12. PURCHASER stipulates that there have been no express or implied representations, warranties or statements concerning the condition of said premises, the value of same, the improvements thereon, the use that can be made of said premises, or

anything concerning same other than what is included in this written Purchase Agreement.

13. Neither SELLER nor PURCHASER has retained any broker in connection with this transaction, and each party hereto agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the other harmless against any claim or claims of any broker or any other representative for commission, or finder's fee or expenses alleged by any third parties to be incurred by or on behalf of the indemnifying party.

14. This Agreement shall not be assigned by either party hereto without the express written consent of the other.

15. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

16. Any notices provided for herein to SELLER or PURCHASER shall be in writing and deemed to have been given when mailed, postage paid, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, as follows:

**TO SELLER:** Oakwood Village  
c/o James A. Climer  
Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., LPA  
34305 Solon Rd., Ste. 100  
Cleveland, OH 44139  
jclimer@mrrlaw.com

**TO PURCHASER:** J Wall Homes, LLC  
c/o Johannah Wallace  
12918 Maplerow Ave.  
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44105  
hasanproperties@gmail.com

17. It is understood that this Agreement is subject to the approval of Oakwood Village Council and, after execution by PURCHASER, will not be executed by SELLER until such approval is obtained. Upon execution of this Agreement, it shall become binding upon and accrue to the benefit of SELLER and PURCHASER and their respective heirs,

executors, administrators and assigns.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the last date subscribed hereinbelow.

**SELLER**

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, OHIO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Gottschalk, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Climer,  
Law Director  
Village of Oakwood, Ohio

**PURCHASER**

April 16 2025

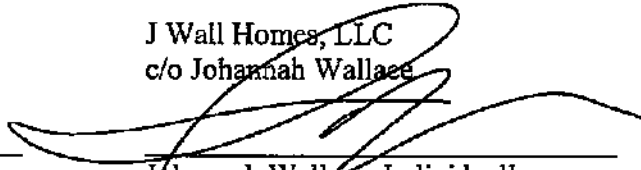
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DATE

April 16 2025

J Wall Homes, LLC  
c/o Johannah Wallace

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DATE

Johannah Wallace, Individually



# CUYAHOGA COUNTY, *Ohio*

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THANK YOU

## ADDENDUM

This Addendum shall be attached to, shall become a part of and shall supersede any conflicting provisions contained in a certain contract executed by Johanna Wallace on behalf of himself and J Wall Homes, LLC (hereinafter "Purchasers") on or about April 16, 2025 by which Purchasers have agreed to purchase from the Village of Oakwood, Ohio (hereinafter "Seller") certain real property designated by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as Permanent Parcel No. 795-08-028 consisting of approximately .155 acres and Permanent Parcel No. 795-08-029 consisting of approximately .138 acres (hereinafter the "Property").

As additional consideration to induce Seller to enter the foregoing contract, Purchasers agree that within three (3) months of closing and the issuance of all necessary permits, Purchasers shall commence and within one year of said date shall complete construction of a single-family dwelling of at least 1,900 square feet on the Property. In the event Purchasers fail to comply with this paragraph, the Property shall revert, to Seller without compensation to Purchasers.

**SELLER:**

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, OHIO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

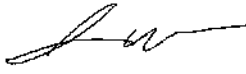
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James A. Climer  
Law Director, Village of Oakwood, Ohio

**PURCHASER:**

**J Wall Homes, LLC**

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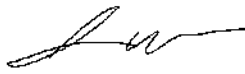
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(Title)

**PURCHASER:**

8/21/2025

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Johannah Wallace



**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-40**

INTROUDCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J WALL HOMES, LLC, C/O JOHANNAH WALLACE, INDIVIDUALLY TO SELL VILLAGE LAND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CUAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AS PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 795-08-030 AND 795-08-031**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood owns certain real property designated on the records of the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as Permanent Parcel No. 795-08-030 and 795-08-031; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood deems it advantageous to sell Permanent Parcel No. 795-08-030 and 795-08-031 (hereinafter "the Property a diagram of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2) to J Wall Homes, LLC, c/o Johannah Wallace, individually (hereinafter "Purchaser") to be developed and maintained as a single-family residence property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood and Purchaser have reached an agreement in principle, as set forth in Exhibit "1" hereto and incorporated herein, for the sale of the Property to Purchaser

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

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into the Purchase Agreement with Purchaser, a copy of which is attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit "1".

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

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-40 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, OHIO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Gottschalk, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Climer,  
Law Director  
Village of Oakwood, Ohio

**PURCHASER**

April 16 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
J Wall Homes, LLC  
c/o Johannah Wallace

April 16 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johannah Wallace', written over a horizontal line.

DATE

Johannah Wallace, Individually

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**SELLER:**

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, OHIO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

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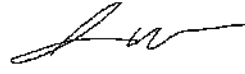
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James A. Climer  
Law Director, Village of Oakwood, Ohio

**PURCHASER:**

**J Wall Homes, LLC**

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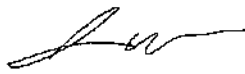
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PURCHASER:**

8/21/2025

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Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Johannah Wallace



**AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 2025-41**

INTROUDCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REPORT  
AND RECOMMENDATION A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO SELL VILLAGE LAND DESIGNATED  
ON THE RECORDS OF THE CUAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AS  
PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 795-09-043.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood, and J Wall Homes, LLC, c/o Johannah Wallace, individually (hereinafter referred to as "Purchaser") have reached an agreement in principle, as set forth in Exhibit "I" attached hereto and incorporated herein, for the sale of said Property to Purchaser; and

**WHEREAS**, Charter Sec. 10.02 (C) requires that, prior to passage, any Ordinance providing for the sale of public land be submitted to the Planning Commission for report and recommendation;

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

**SECTION 1.** Proposed Ordinance No. 2025 - , attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit "A", which provides for the sale to Purchaser of Village land designated on the records of the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as Permanent Parcel No. 795-09-043 (a diagram of said property being attached as Exhibit 2 to said Proposed Ordinance) be and hereby is referred to the Planning Commission pursuant to Charter Sec. I 0.02 (C) for report and recommendation.

**SECTION 2.** The Clerk of Council be and is hereby authorized and directed to refer the attached proposed Resolution No. 2025 - to the planning Commission for report and recommendation pursuant to Charter Sec. 10.02 (C) and the Codified Ordinances of the Village.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2025- 41 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2025-41 was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SELLER:**

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, OHIO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Climer

Law Director, Village of Oakwood, Ohio

**PURCHASER:**

**J Wall Homes, LLC**

8/21/2025

Date

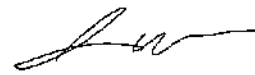
By: 

(Title)

**PURCHASER:**

8/21/2025

Date

  
Johannah Wallace

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-42**

INTROUDCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J WALL HOMES, LLC, C/O JOHANNAH WALLACE, INDIVIDUALLY TO SELL VILLAGE LAND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CUAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AS PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 795-09-043**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood owns certain real property designated on the records of the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as Permanent Parcel No. 795-09-043; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood deems it advantageous to sell Permanent Parcel No. 795-09-043 (hereinafter "the Property a diagram of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2) to J Wall Homes, LLC, c/o Johannah Wallace, individually (hereinafter "Purchaser") to be developed and maintained as part of his driveway to his single-family residence property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood and Purchaser have reached an agreement in principle, as set forth in Exhibit "I" hereto and incorporated herein, for the sale of the Property to Purchaser;

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

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into the Purchase Agreement with Purchaser, a copy of which is attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit "1"

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

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing amended Ordinance No. 2025-42 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that amended Ordinance No. 2025-42 was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT "1"**

**PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered as of the last date of execution specified below, by and between The Village of Oakwood, Ohio hereinafter referred to as **SELLER**, and Joe Wallace, hereinafter referred to as **PURCHASER**.

1. **SELLER** agrees to sell and **PURCHASER** agrees to purchase the following described real estate with appurtenances, located in the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio: one vacant parcel of property designated by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as Permanent Parcel No. 795-09-043 consisting of approximately .115 acres total, (hereinafter the "Property"). The Property shall include the land, all appurtenant rights, privileges and easements in their present condition "as is".

2. **PURCHASER** agrees to pay for said Property the sum total of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

3. **SELLER** shall furnish a Warranty Deed conveying to **PURCHASER**, or nominee, a marketable title to the Property, with dower rights, if any, released, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances whatsoever, except: (a) restrictions of record and any reservations and easements created in conjunction with such restrictions that do not materially adversely affect the use or value of the property; (b) zoning ordinances, if any; (c) taxes and assessments, both general and special, not yet due and payable, for the current half of the taxable year and thereafter. The foregoing Deed shall contain the following restrictions 1) the property shall not be used for any purposes other than a single family dwelling and 2) once consolidated, the property shall not be split absent the prior written consent of the Village of Oakwood.

4. The closing of the sale and Seller's obligation to deliver title of the Property shall be subject to the following conditions:

a. Within ten days of the execution of this Purchase Agreement, Purchaser shall deliver the purchase price to the escrow agent.

5. SELLER shall furnish a Title Guaranty in the amount of the purchase price, as evidence of assurance that there has been conveyed to PURCHASER, or nominee, the title required to be conveyed hereunder at PURCHASER'S cost. Should PURCHASER desire, he may obtain a Fee Policy of Title Insurance, so long as it pays the increased premium for same.

6. All general and special taxes, and all annual maintenance charges, if any, shall be prorated as of the date of filing the deed for record, on the basis of the latest available tax duplicate, provided, however, that the full amount of all installments on any special assessments, whenever payable, shall be prorated and assumed by PURCHASER.

7. All documents and funds necessary to the completion of this transaction shall be placed in escrow with Ohio Real Title, 126 W. Streetsboro Rd., Suite 1, Hudson, Ohio 44246, on or before May 1, 2025, subject to their standard conditions of escrow acceptance. If a defect in title appears, SELLER shall have thirty (30) days after notice to remove said defect.

8. The Escrow Agent shall charge to SELLER and pay out of the purchase price the following: (a) amount due to discharge any lien encumbering the property and the cost of recording the cancellation thereof; (b) any amount due PURCHASER by reason of prorations; and (c) the amount of any special assessments payable by SELLER. SELLER shall also pay directly all utility charges to the date of filing the deed for record.

PURCHASER shall pay the following: (a) any real estate transfer tax; (b) attorney fees incurred to prepare the Warranty Deed; (c) the escrow fee; (d) all fees and costs incident to filing the deed; (e) costs of any inspections requested by PURCHASER; (f) all escrow and other fees associated with the closing; and (g) the premium cost for the Owner's Fee Title Insurance Policy, if desired;

9. SELLER shall deliver possession of the property to PURCHASER upon filing the deed for record.

10. The obligations of SELLER to consummate at the Closing of the transaction herein contemplated are subject to the following conditions:

(a) PURCHASER shall have performed all agreements on his part required to be performed under this Agreement and shall not be in default under any of the provisions of this Agreement; and

(b) PURCHASER shall have delivered the Purchase Price to the Escrow Agent as set forth in Paragraph 2 hereof.

11. SELLER agrees that PURCHASER shall be permitted access to the Property at all reasonable times to inspect same.

12. PURCHASER stipulates that there have been no express or implied representations, warranties or statements concerning the condition of said premises, the value of same, the improvements thereon, the use that can be made of said premises, or anything concerning same other than what is included in this written Purchase Agreement.

13. Neither SELLER nor PURCHASER has retained any broker in connection with this transaction, and each party hereto agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the other harmless against any claim or claims of any broker or any other representative for commission, or finder's fee or expenses alleged by any third parties to be incurred by or on behalf of the indemnifying party.

14. This Agreement shall not be assigned by either party hereto without the



express written consent of the other.

15. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

16. Any notices provided for herein to SELLER or PURCHASER shall be in writing and deemed to have been given when mailed, postage paid, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, as follows:

**TO SELLER:** Oakwood Village  
c/o James A. Climer  
Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., LPA  
34305 Solon Rd., Ste. 100  
Cleveland, OH 44139  
jclimer@mrrlaw.com

**TO PURCHASER:** J Wall Homes, LLC  
c/o Johannah Wallace  
12918 Maplerow Ave.  
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44105  
hasanproperties@gmail.com

17. It is understood that this Agreement is subject to the approval of Oakwood Village Council and, after execution by PURCHASER, will not be executed by SELLER until such approval is obtained. Upon execution of this Agreement, it shall become binding upon and accrue to the benefit of SELLER and PURCHASER and their respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the last date subscribed hereinbelow.

**SELLER**

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, OHIO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE


by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Gottschalk, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM**

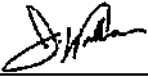
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James A. Climer,  
Law Director  
Village of Oakwood, Ohio

**PURCHASER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
April 24, 2025  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
  
J Wall Homes, LLC  
c/o Johannah Wallace

\_\_\_\_\_  
April 24, 2025  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
  
Johannah Wallace, Individually



# CUYAHOGA COUNTY, *Ohio*

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Exhibit 2

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795-09-043



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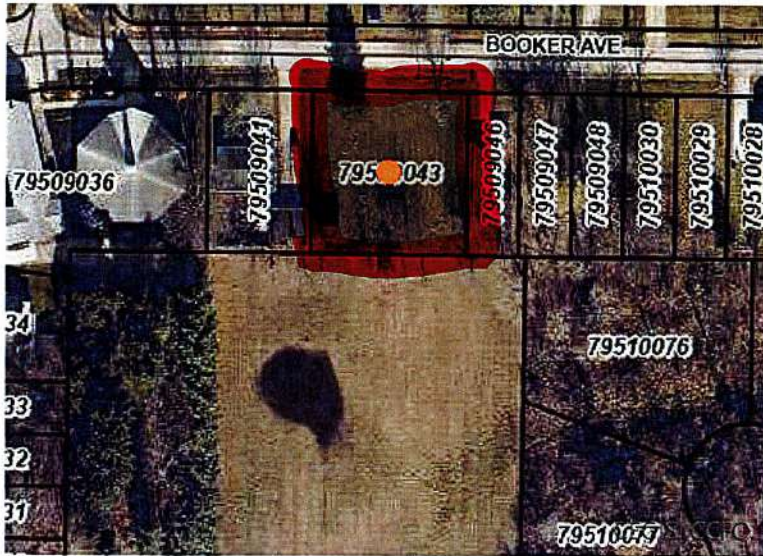
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THANK YOU

## ADDENDUM

This Addendum shall be attached to, shall become a part of and shall supersede any conflicting provisions contained in a certain contract executed by Johanna Wallace on behalf of himself and J Wall Homes, LLC (hereinafter "Purchasers") on or about April 16, 2025 by which Purchasers have agreed to purchase from the Village of Oakwood, Ohio (hereinafter "Seller") certain real property designated by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer as Permanent Parcel No. 795-09-043 consisting of approximately .115 acres (hereinafter the "Property").

As additional consideration to induce Seller to enter the foregoing contract, Purchasers agree that within three (3) months of closing and the issuance of all necessary permits, Purchasers shall commence and within one year of said date shall complete construction of a single-family dwelling of at least 2,000 square feet on the Property. In the event Purchasers fail to comply with this paragraph, the Property shall revert, to Seller without compensation to Purchasers.

**SELLER:**

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, OHIO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Climer  
Law Director, Village of Oakwood, Ohio

**PURCHASER:**

**J Wall Homes, LLC**

8/21/2025

Date

By: 

(Title)

**PURCHASER:**

8/21/2025

Date



Johannah Wallace

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-48**

**INTRODUCED BY MAYOR**

**A PAY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF  
HEATHER PURGAR AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND  
COMPENSATION FOR THAT POSITION AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, no individual shall become employed or be compensated in the Village of Oakwood without a pay ordinance; and,

**WHEREAS**, a pay ordinance shall have attached an exhibit for a job description of the employment position for which they shall be compensated that describes the following: the title of the position, employee name, the scheduled work days and hours of the position, who the position reports to, location of the position, pay scale range for the position, special requirements of the position, required roles and responsibilities to be fulfilled, and qualifications for the position as well as, any cross-training for coverage of other positions for the specific employee being hired.

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

**SECTION 1.** Council hereby authorizes the employment of Heather Purgar as Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

**SECTION 2.** Heather Purgar shall be responsible for the duties set forth in the job description attached as Exhibit A.

**SECTION 3.** Heather Purgar, as Executive Assistant to the Mayor, shall work full time 40 hours per week and be compensated at a rate of Forty-five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$45,000) per year along with all benefits afforded to full-time non-union employees of the Village.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being the same that relates to the daily operation of a municipal department and the ability of the village to provide uninterrupted services to the citizens of the Village given, therefore, provided it receives the two-thirds vote of all members of Council elected thereto. Said ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary V. Gottschalk, Mayor

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Amended Ordinance No. 2025-48 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Amended Ordinance No. 2025-48 was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Job Description - Exhibit A**

Position Title: Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Employee Name: Heather Purgar

Scheduled Work Hours/Days: Full-Time, 40hours per week

Reports To: Mayor

Location: Village Hall

Pay Scale: \$45,000 Year

- ❖ Preparing and typing reports, communications, written documents, and other correspondence requiring independent judgement in handling format, procedure, and context
- ❖ Focal point for communications/messaging from the Mayor's Office
- ❖ Receiving, investigation and responding to sensitive phone calls, citizen inquiries, and/or complaints that may involve confidential matters
- ❖ Scheduling meetings and appointments
- ❖ Maintaining the Mayor's calendar
- ❖ Maintaining office files
- ❖ Creating flyers for various events including upcoming events and other information including summer camp and the summer concert schedule to be distributed to the community
- ❖ Answer and screen phones for transfer to appropriate department/employees
- ❖ Schedule and maintain Tool and Truck Rental for Service Department when Finance Clerk is unavailable or absent due to vacation, sick, etc.
- ❖ Create the monthly Calendar for the Senior Van Transportation
- ❖ Schedule Senior Van Transportation

- ❖ Schedule and maintain Community Center for rental
- ❖ Plan, coordinate, and supervise the activities Mayor's Trips for Oakwood Village residents
- ❖ Process all purchase order requests for Mayor's Trips, Senior Activities, Community Center
- ❖ Prepare outgoing packages and letters for mailing
- ❖ Make sure that the postage meter has appropriate monies and supplies when needed
- ❖ Coordinate quarterly purchasing of office supplies for all departments
- ❖ Greet and assist customers/residents that come to Administration Office
- ❖ Provide visual and audio tracks for Mayor's Wednesday event at the community center

**AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-48A**

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-48A SETTING FORTH CERTAIN POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAY RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for Council to review salaries ranges from time to time for employment positions within the Village; and,

**WHEREAS**, employee compensation shall not exceed the authorized salary ordinance maximum pay range; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Finance Director have represented in writing that funds are available to grant an eight percent (8%) pay raise for members of the Oakwood Fire Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2025-48A was passed for the foregoing purposes on July 8, 2025; and,

**WHEREAS**, it has been discovered that a mathematical error has been discovered resulting in said Ordinance 2025-48A listing a Weekend Differential Pay Rate for Captains of \$44.25 rather than the correct rate of \$42.25;

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

**SECTION 1.** Ordinance 2025-48A which presently reads in pertinent part as follows:

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENT RATE</u></b>	<b><u>PERCENT INC.</u></b>	<b><u>NEW RATE</u></b>
Captain	\$31.29/hour	x1.08	\$33.79/hour
Weekend differential	\$39.11/hour	x1.08	\$44.24/hour

is hereby amended to read as follows and the foregoing provisions are hereby repealed:

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENT RATE</u></b>	<b><u>PERCENT INC.</u></b>	<b><u>NEW RATE</u></b>
Captain	\$31.29/hour	x1.08	\$33.79/hour
Weekend differential	\$39.11/hour	x1.08	\$42.24/hour

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the same that relates to the daily operation of a municipal department and the ability of the village to provide uninterrupted services to the citizens of the Village, therefore, provided it receives the two-thirds vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by

this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary v. Gottschalk, Mayor

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Amended Ordinance No. 2025-48A was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Amended Ordinance No. 2025-48A was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
2024-4-23**

**ATTENDANCE**

Erica Nikolic, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem	Tom Haba, Service Director
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	Dave Tapp, Fire Department
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	James Climer, Law Director
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
Mary Davis, Ward 4	Matt Jones, Village Engineer
Candace Williams, Ward 5	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
	Mark Garratt, Police Department

**ABSENT**

Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
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*\* Arrived after roll call*

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

**Nikolic:** Agenda item number four, meeting minutes, I believe February 13th meeting minutes were tabled. I would propose to leave those on the table.

Motion to table the meeting minutes for February 13th, 2024 Work Session made by Hardin seconded by Warren.

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to table the minutes from February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Environmental Committee made by Hardin seconded by Warren.

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to table February 27th, 2024 Finance meeting minutes made by Hardin seconded by Davis

**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: Not at this moment. Let's move on to agenda item numbers six Departmental reports, may we begin with our Mayor.

## *Department Report*

**Mayor, Gottschalk| Gottschalk:** Thank you, Madam Chair, I won't have a report. I have to be out of here. Tomorrow's sort of busy again. One of the TV channels in Cleveland wants to do ask a few questions of me promoting Oakwood. And then we have the luncheon for of course the seniors. So, I will have my (inaudible) before noon time tomorrow; so, I will just pass. **Nikolic:** Okay, thank you, Law Director Climer.

**Law Director, Climer| Climer:** Thank you, Madam Chairman. You're going to find on your work session agenda tonight, an ordinance intended to address some of the issues that were raised at the last meeting with animals running at large. And I would request an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss. Matters of pending, or imminent litigation, and matters related to the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation, of a public official, or employee. **Williams:** Can we go into the executive session prior to the legislation, please? **Nikolic:** Sure, any questions or comments for Law Director Climer? Hearing none, may we hear from our Finance Director?

**Finance Director, Thomspom| Thompson:** Thank you, Madam Chairman. I don't have any additional reporting tonight so that I can entertain questions. **Nikolic:** Any additional comments or questions for Finance Director? Hearing none, may we hear from our Service Department?

**Service Director, Haba| Haba:** I'd like to answer the questions that you e-mailed me today, if you want that now. **Nikolic:** Sure. **Haba:** I know you asked, was there any other contracts between the present one. You're talking about the waste management contract that presented to you a month or so ago. Was there any contract between this present one and the one you received, which was the original. And there was no other one, that was the one passed five, five and a half years ago. That is the only other one in between. So, just one other contract in between there. **Nikolic:** Do we have that one? **Haba:** If you want, I can send it to you tomorrow. **Nikolic:** Okay, and that was with... **Haba:** The wording is the same, I think the wording is verbatim on the present one. I believe, but you can go over the one that's presented now. Presently, the wording's verbatim, and the only differences is the prices from five years ago. **Nikolic:** Okay, but the one the contract that you're talking about you're going to send to us. Is that with Mid-American Waste Management? **Haba:** It's the same company. They were bought off by Waste Management years ago. **Nikolic:** Okay, so 1990, five years ago, and then the current one we have before us? **Haba:** Correct. **Nikolic:** Okay. **Haba:** You asked, according to this contract, should we not be paying for waste and recycle removal. They charge us to pick up the refuse, the waste, the trash. They charge us for that, they always have. But we get the free disposal of it because the transfer station is there. I think the question maybe had was with the recycling, that is the exact opposite. The pickup is free on the recycling, where it's the opposite with the trash. They charge us to pick up the trash and remove it, process it for free. The recycling they pick it up free, and they charge for the processing of it. And right now it's about \$0.34 a household a month. But it comes out to about \$400 a month to the Village. And I think some of the other people on Council probably remember that. They brought that up to us with that last contract. Because for years, decades, even today, China was taking all of our recycling in America. And they quit doing that, they said they were losing money out of it. So, that was in that last contact, because you asked that question. And like I said, it's about \$400 a month to the Village on that.

**Nikolic:** Okay, because in this contract it says, "free residential waste disposal to the residents of Oakwood for the life of the transfer recycling station." **Haba:** Yeah, it is, disposal is free. We pay for the pickup of it, but disposal is free if that makes sense. **Nikolic:** Okay, so what we're paying for is the... **Haba:** Picking up off the trash, and we don't pay for the extra pickup of the recycling. We don't pay for that, but we do, for the processing of that. We do pay the \$400 a month, or roughly \$0.34 a month per household. **Nikolic:** Okay, and my last question would be about the fee. So, the host fee, meaning as the host. **Haba:** That's all your tipping fees, whatever they weigh. It's different cities, but the whole tipping fees is, you know, what the trucks come in and what goes out. You're not sure what the fees are for each... Brian would have that on a computer paper somewhere. Is it monthly? Brian or? **Thompson:** Yeah, monthly. **Haba:** Monthly, he gets a copy from Waste Management on that. **Nikolic:** Okay, so what I'd like to see, we have what this says is \$0.25 per ton. So, what I haven't seen are the list of municipalities that are dumping here. And how has this increased over time? **Haba:** Yeah, I asked them about the municipalities recycling. Shaker, Cleveland Heights, Lakewood, Brecksville dumped their recyclables at our transfer station. None of the other communities are dumping their trash here. **Nikolic:** Only their recyclables here, not solid waste or any of that other? Okay, and this fee that you're talking about. This \$0.25 or whatever it it would encompass all of you that? Whatever the fee is, so that's what we haven't seen. Because I'd like to see a fee study. We haven't seen how that fee has increased over time. Because this suggested it should be increasing with inflation, and according to the consumer price index. This was 1990, it says point \$0.25 tons. So, if we could just take a look at the trajectory of this fee to make sure that it has been increasing. **Haba:** Got it, any other questions on that? If not, the SALT contract's on there. They give it to us so late. We just got it last week, I believe. No, just the week previous to that, end of the previous week. It's got to be before the next Council meeting. It's the same thing, I explained every time. We have no control what that price is going to be. But it's going to be the cheapest we can find. It has been over the last 10 or 15 years. If we don't get it in, I said other times, we've never missed it. But other cities have missed it. I know Walton Hills missed it once about six, seven, eight years ago. And they were paying double what we were paying for salt. So, it's the best price, they don't give us much time to have you guys pass it. **Nikolic:** Okay, so you would need us to consider that tonight. **Haba:** Yes, I believe, because it's got to be before next meeting. **Nikolic:** Any other questions or comments for our Service Director. **Davis:** I just wanted to thank you for all the patching. I've been on Richmond, Broadway, on lots of roads, and I appreciate it. Because what a difference, but I wanted to thank you. **Haba:** We're not quite done yet, but we're done with most of the bad areas. You know, but we're out today on Forbes Road, even though it's getting done. We don't want to waste money and time, we get the big ones on Forbes today, and then on Oak Leaf Oval. Oak Leaf Oval is not done, but we got the big ones there, and there's a lot more to get. **Davis:** Thank you, I just wanted to thank you very much. **Gottschalk:** Tom can you mention just quickly the Waste Management rules with respect to if it's a mattress out there or a TV? **Haba:** Oh yeah, the big thing, they pick it up for free, but you have to call in any big items. Like any trash company around now with any type of cloth type furniture, a couch or bedding. They make you wrap it in plastic, but they will pick it one per week. Waste Management does for us now. So, if you call them beforehand, they'll pick it up. It might not always be on that Tuesday, but we'll pick up that week. And also one thing, a lot of people know. They're still honoring, we don't send that many people there. But if you got any resident as a pickup truck full of trash. Go there, show them a gas bill or your driver's license or whatever. Show them you're an Oakwood resident and you can dump it there for free, at least once a year.

Along with that, one of the things we get from them. All of our company is free there at Sheriff's Department. Which all the trucks we load out and leave out all summer. Two every week we loan it out to residents and they put stuff right in there. We take it there on Mondays and dump it there, there's no charge. We get stuff when Police are getting rid of junk that's like 40 years old. Stuff that we can't sell or anything, whatever it is, we can take it. There is no charge for us over these years. But yeah, it adds up to quite a bit of money. **Nikolic:** And where is this? **Haba:** Transfer stations, residents can take their own stuff there if they wish. Or, like I said, they can get a truck off us. We do it one per year, free, and a second one if you buy it a second time. That's the limit two, second time is \$35. **Nikolic:** Any additional questions or comments for our Service Director? We pay for the rubbish bin out here. We pay for our facility; we have a public waste for the Community Center because it was a better deal. We couldn't drop them off, but they made their price about a third of what it was. So, we kept them because it's cheaper. But every time we have an event. We take our dump truck or two to the park and fill it up and there's no charge. In fact, people really leave such a mess that we put the bin there. But it's not real big, but they haven't been charging us for that. When it gets full, I call the manager there to come pick it up. But we haven't had a bill on that one down there for all the time we've had it there. **Nikolic:** Anything else? Thank you, may we hear from our Fire Chief?

**Fire Chief, Tapp| Tapp:** Thank you, Madam President, fire related, nothing really to report. One of our ambulances went down last Thursday. We had to have it towed out, but we are still running two ambulances on the clock. The repairs should be done by the end of this week. I did let Brian know that's a charge I'm expecting. So, that should be fixed by the end of the week. We should be back with full service of all vehicles by then. Other than that, nothing else to report. Here to answer any questions. **Davis:** Do you know what the costs are going to be? **Tapp:** I don't know what the costs are still, they're still figuring out all the problems. **Nikolic:** Are any of the ambulances up to be replaced, or are these fairly new, or what's their life span? **Tapp:** None of the ambulances are up for replacement now. We're going to have a fire engine that needs replacement shortly. **Nikolic:** Okay, any questions or comments for our Fire Chief? Hearing none, may we hear from our Police Chief?

**Police Chief, Garratt| Garratt:** Thank you, Madam President. I just want to pass around this new scam. I always bring you guys these good news. This is a scam that the public should hear about. Now they're targeting, especially this time of year. I advise you about some of the taxes and tax refund checks and everything else people are trying to scam. This latest one is the 401Ks. You know there's hundreds of thousands of dollars in 401K's. So they're coming across an email form saying that they're from the human resources of your company. So, they try to get you to log in to their, which is a fishing exposition. Log into their account, give you your password, account number, and everything else you need to know. So, we'll have it on our website also, but just so you're aware of it. This is another scam going around. The other thing I want to bring up was, you know, since Council granted us two more full-time positions for the police department. And due to hiring more part-timers to build our crew up. It's been almost a year and we're still looking for trying to recruit guys. I lost another guy, we're down three right now. We're at four with one out, medical reasons. But I'm happy to say we're going to extend an invitation for the position to be built from a female officer from Cleveland. Hopefully she accepts the position, we'll find out. She's excellent, very much into being with the community. She does stuff on her own with the Cleveland Police Department, it's pretty outstanding. She took her own initiative. A



lot of time in Cleveland, Police Officers pull in the parks, she would explain the kids to go running. And she's got to work her and her partner, bring up their own money. They do Easter egg hunts, and bring in an Easter bunny. I mean she's very much in the community outreach. So I think you're going to be, hopefully she accepts the position. I may be aybe putting the cart before the horse, but we'll see what happens here. I think she was pretty excited about our community. So, I think she's she's very much looking forward to it as much as we are. So I'll let you know. The captain and I were planning to get a hold of her tonight. But she works two jobs along with Cleveland. Anyway, she's trying to find a home for her career. And I think she'd be a great fit here, I'll keep you up on that. Last thing, the Mayor wanted me to reiterate about the driveway going to the street that's going to the community park and some of the issues we had years and years and years ago. Those were gang graffiti we used to get back there, some of the vandalism we had, and we put cameras up back there to have enforcement on it. When we came in from Oak Hill it was pretty desolate, not lighted. It did help that we had the street put in. It It did help us with the response time, but he wanted me to get back to you guys. **Gottschalk:** As I said, we had to get rid of the basketball court there. Because it was just another excuse for some of these people coming in. Particularly from the inner cities to use the park. **Garratt:** We had significant arrests out of there too. We had a pretty scary situation. One of our officers talked to a guy that was after hours was there. He said, if you can help me. He had a backpack and was trying to get away from the officers just ignoring him on their commands. Because he was there after hours, so he had an issue. But he ended up having a loaded firearm in his bag. That was before you were allowed to get firearms. So, back then that was kind of a big deal. We never could pin him down to what his intentions were, but it was a great stop. We just happened to be in that park. He had drugs and guns on him, and he was from Cleveland. He must have got dropped off, he wouldn't talk to us about it. But that was a pretty serious situation because officers handled him and didn't know he had a firearm on him. I remember that just stuck in my head about one of the issues we had back there. Since then we put the cameras up there and worked with Tommy on that, we can monitor those. Vandalism has been pretty good and not been over it the last few years. It's just a little more open. We can pull down there and see into the park, it makes it nice. **Nikolic:** So, Chief, you were saying they're cameras at the park? **Garratt:** There's cameras at the park. **Nikolic:** Okay, at both parks, over by Rome and by... **Garratt:** There is nothing by Rome, the reason there is none. I don't want to give up everything about the cameras. But there is no place to house the recording system. Because we looked into doing it via the internet. But it was super expensive because that's one thing that we built down at the roundabout, too, was cameras down there. But the time was really expensive. If we could, I'd be happy to look into it in the future here to get cameras on the basketball court. So keep an eye on that, too, it'd be great. Something we can monitor on a live feed. Just had an opportunity to go down to Orange Police Department, which is very much the same size as Oakwood, residence-wise, and staffing at police. So they mirror us fairly well, now they have pinecrests down there. We went down there for a separate issue, but they have over 150 cameras just in pinecrests and a live view feed directly to the police department, very impressive. You can't go in there, you can't go near there, you can't (inaudible). They also have the flock cameras, which we have. And that's been instrumental in keeping the crime down. If you remember, they had a riot there along with a shooting and some gang activity. And they've since installed and that's been really helpful for real-time stuff. That's something we can look into in the future, maybe some grant money. We're always looking for grants, so we can see if we can find something like that. Might be down the road, maybe do something like this. **Nikolic:** One other thing, with the scams, if there's a lot of

this happening going on. Maybe we could look into if you think there's interest to do maybe like a lunch and learn webinar. Where you can kind of just talk about it and then we can circulate it. Or just be available for anyone to hear the detail if they're not available to see this. **Garratt:** We used to do that with our detectives, with luncheons, with certain wards that would invite us down and we'd have a gathering. Which, we're always available for that, we'll make time to do it. This came out today, literally today. All of us at the Police Department got emails from us. **Davis:** You talked about the new female. Do you figure out a housing, or whatever for her to make her fit? **Garratt:** We're working on it still, I had a discussion with her. The captain and I, in our interview sheet. We go through a pretty detailed, just to give you a basis. Our interview process starts with the detectives that do the interview on applicant. Then it moves to a ride along with the officers so that everybody can... This is a buy in for the whole department. This isn't me making a decision what's a good fit, everybody gives input to the captain and I. We sit down, then we do the interview with the person. That was our big contention is our facility back here, I've had several conversations with a lot of Council members on the side. But a lot of our issues are we have a locker room in the middle. You have to walk through the locker room to go to the service office, through the locker room to the detective bureau or even to the roll call room. So that's what Mrs. Davis is asking about it. Have we resolved the issues having a female, because we haven't had a female in years. How are we going to make that work? And we asked her about it, frankly. And in Cleveland, she has a similar problem. She's in Collinwood, she's been there for six years. Their district has an issue, it's the fifth district. Has an issue with part of their building. So, they have a similar situation. So, it wasn't totally upsetting, but I think what we're going to do is, the cap and I have been going through on some criteria we're going to make. The officers can't change in the locker room at this point in time. They can do it in a secure location and they're the same, until we can work something else out. But that was one of our contentions. Also to bring this back up, we've had the speed trailer down Macedonia Road if you noticed. **Davis:** Yes, I appreciate that. **Garratt:** I apologize; I didn't bring the status. We have the information that we gathered while that thing's in place, it records everything. We can tell what speeds are coming through, what time of day, how high they are, and they rate them to moderate, severity, or whatever. So, then we can target our enforcement efforts. If it's, a lot of people want to say, oh, he's doing 50 miles an hour, and it may look like it, but it's not, sometimes. So, we'd like to go and get our data first and then we'll concentrate our efforts. We'll still come down, of course, but there's sometimes that are more intense. And surprising to me, in less than a week, there were 19,000 cars that came through there. That's a lot of traffic, so we are focused on our efforts on that to get it down. The trailer is still there, we're switching directions. And we're getting southbound traffic, so we're going to work that too, we won't stop. **Davis:** We appreciate it, thank you, sir. **Nikolic:** Any other questions? Thank you, Chief, if there are no further questions, may we hear from our Building Director?

*Building Official, Marinucci* **Marinucci:** Thank you, Council President. I'm very excited to be here, and I want to apologize for not being here at the last meeting. I had a personal issue that I couldn't get away from. You know, today was a great day. In the building department, from your perspective, things are inching along and inching along. And we're all understanding the comments that have been made. But what's behind the scenes, you got the investigation going, you got to get the legal issues going. And today, I'm going to say an impulse jump in the right direction was the involvement of the Law Department, and the involvement the Police Department. We're going down the path where we're going to see resolution and a couple of

issues that I'm going to talk to you about, and it was a great thing. We've learned a lot today, all right, and I don't want to give you negative on it. But in fact, after our meeting today, and Captain Freeman was doing his thing for us. We went out to the Somerville property, and we get out at the Somerville property and we ran into Councilperson Hardin. And when we got there, it was meant to be, so we're all there at the same time and I'm there with the law department. And she had an eight and a half by eleven sheet of paper and with addresses on it and with issues on it, and there it is right there. And we took, I took the piece of paper, made copies of it, gave her the original back. And today, Aaron went out on four of those properties and looked at it. So, we've got some evidence going on those properties. And I encourage each and every one of you, if you have it. But just get it to the building department and we'll deal with it. And I'd like to have meetings with you. Come into the building department and talk about it. One thing I want you to understand as a group, Oldwood Village, the communities are older people, a lot are older people. And what's happening is, and I learned today from our meeting, and from our own investigation on other things. We're getting a little bit more vacancies in Oakwood Village. And when you go through a vacancy, the things we check is taxes paid, yes, yards pretty well upkeep. If you have a building, property maintenance issue, it's minor. It's not major, it is not summer though, but it's minor, okay. And some of them, you know, there's attorneys involved because they're in the probate court and dealing with those issues. Some of them I don't know. You know, and they're vacant. So, that's an issue that really we can't do much for. The Village cannot do that much in it because we don't own the house. But we're going to Summerville today, it's getting worse. It's very clear to me today as a verse to the last time, the contractor, they have no money. The contractor apparently did not rubberize the roof. So there is water coming in, there's no doubt that there's water infiltration going into the house. The house is not condemnable and we'd be making a mistake to condemn it. Because then it's going to open a can of worms you don't want to be involved in. And we're going to need money to tear it down. And we have to book our property, I can't get money. We're going have to tear that down if we want to. And you're looking at \$20,000 to tear down. And so we've got to be careful on it. I have Tommy, he could even mention that he boarded it up the other day because the doors were open, the windows were open. And then vagrants are going in, I guess. And it's our duty to keep them out. So, we're working on that issue. **Gottschalk:** What is the plan of action for the Somerville house? **Marinucci:** The Somerville house, I'm going to turn over to the Chief. We met today, they went and did service and process. **Garratt:** We sent an officer to University Heights with the registered owner as the address. However, in speaking with the neighbors, the officer went there to serve. They won't to answer the door, went to the neighbors. Got information that no one's been there in eight months. So, that's as far as we've gotten on it because we don't have any other means. It's not a criminal investigation, so we cannot use our computer system fully to go through that type of stuff. And retrieve too much personal information on a building code violation. That's where we're at with it, I'm sure the Law Director or the Building Inspector has another way to file a notice on it, but that's where were at. **Climer:** Can you send me the name and other information that you have on this person? **Garratt:** Yeah, I'll give you the report from today. **Marinucci:** And along with those issues, I don't want to discuss it in an open meeting right now. We've been discussing alternatives, but I don't think it's healthy to get in a public record made on some of the issues on how we should handle it. Because it's not etched in stone, and you have to understand one thing. The judge in Bedford Heights is a very successful defense lawyer. So when we go in, whatever or how ever this is going to go down with the agreement of the lawyers. And how we're going to do it, it has to be done correctly. So I don't want to get into,

we talked several different paths, and we didn't agree on it. So, it's in the thought process.

**Gottschalk:** Where are we now with the Gray Brothers? **Freeman:** Today, two citations from the building department, which we delivered to the Gray Brothers. The agent was, I forgot his name, but we delivered it to them today. So, they know they have court, I think it's next Tuesday. For junk vehicles and something else, I forget what else you said. **Marinucci:** And see what was nice about that is when it was originally done, I had six citations. And going through legal, we decided only go on two. So, the lawyer Ross made a legal determination, what is our best course of action, and we're going down that route, okay. And I can tell you that the route we're going down may not be the complete route, but it starts the process. Then I want to get to DCOMM...

**Davis:** What was the second, you said junk vehicles were one citation, what's the second citation? **Marinucci:** Yeah, the second one was failure to get a conditional use permit for the

sale of used cars. Which you need if you own a new car dealership, but they don't own a car dealerships. So, they would have to come in and see if they can get it and they will be denied in planning. So, they were the strongest two. And I could tell you a couple of the other ones that I brought up. One was a dual occupancy, where a construction company and selling of cars.

Because the Administration was under the position that it was a construction company moving in there. And the very first set of pictures that we took had construction equipment on the outside of the building. Since after that first set of pictures, I sent the letter out. The letter identified everything, the issues, and we gave them a certain amount, three different weeks. Hey, let's get together, get your lawyers, lets the lawyers together, we can get everything resolved and everybody can go on their own way. Then they ignored those dates, and then what they did do is, they got rid of the construction equipment. I didn't see any of that equipment there, the pictures that we took since then. **Gottschalk:** I saw something there yesterday. We want to see action on this, all right? **Marinucci:** Well, it's going to court in... **Gottschalk:** They don't belong there.

**Marinucci:** DCOMM, what happens on this, I wasn't involved on this. But we got Ed Hren out of retirement. So, he ended up sending engineering drawings to us. And I know the administration got the drawings. And then... Debbie pulled up drawings that ended up going to the Planning Commission. And this is what happened, this week, I talked to Andy Sparks. Andy Sparks is coming out this week, he's the one who orchestrated the issue of screening. And basically, this is what they're going to do. They had to put a mound in. And when you drive by... This road, when you drive right Broadway, you can see the mound. Then you can see maybe one or two trees that's on the mound, all right? So, the process started but Andy Sparks is a review of the matter, says "I approved the trees", so we know what kind of trees are going in. But he did not approve the spacing of the trees. The reason behind that is, there's going to be different spacings on the trees along Broadway for the density. And then as you go perpendicular down, it's not going to as dense. Then I believe going perpendicular and that's where the property is...

**Davis:** Behind Macedonia Road. **Marinucci:** Yeah, so you're going down there and then you're coming to another 90 degrees. And I believe the density along that is going to a greater density of the trees. And so, I talked to Andy Sparks he's going to be there this week and get us a letter. But I want to make a statement to the owner of the property, I can't pronounce his last name. There's not going to no issue in him doing this, believe me, he's very, very successful. And when you read the minutes of the planning commission because I think at that time they were talking about the facts of trees. He even made the comment; I'm a tree guy. And there was no fence put on the drawing, it was all trees. And I think everybody would like the trees better. And so, once we get it, the administration can approve it, and we can get going on it. **Gottschalk:** And DCOMM is paying for all this, we're not paying a penny. **Marinucci:** Yeah, and I'll tell you,

they're successful. This company is, they are fine. And you know something, we need it. If you talk to Ed Hren, the best time you should do a zoning change is two years ago. But if you didn't do it two years, you should be doing the zoning change now. This particular piece of property, it's a dual-use property. Half of the property is residential, the other half of the properties general business. That's what makes a lot of things trying to do, you can't do. You know, hypothetically speaking, it would be nice to put it, if they could do it with the proper drainage. Is hard to cut down on the dust, because I'm sure there's a lot of dust there. But we stopped him from doing it, because you're not allowed to do it. But anyway, 30 issues that are being worked out with him, and as soon as... I'll send a letter as soon everybody's in agreement. We're going to get a letter from Andy Sparks at the end of this week or the beginning of next week. Somerville, did I miss anything here? **Nikolic:** So, just about the trees in lieu of the screening. Is the assumption that there's no debris, there's no worry of things blowing, or any type of.... So the trees are sufficient to block whatever could be going back and forth? **Marinucci:** I don't know if the place has a lot of debris. It has a lot of materials, and the materials are big spools of fiber optic cable. And they're doing all fiber optics in Northeast Ohio. And I do know that the density of the trees is going to cut down on dust, because the dust will hit the tree, and visibility. And I'll tell you, if it comes down to that they wanted a fence. And I believe this drawing was approved by the planning commission. This already went to planning and the only reason why I don't think it's done is because the owner doesn't know where to put the trees. And that was all done by land design, the surveyors from Mentor did it. **Davis:** So, they never follow through? **Marinucci:** They got it to a point and this is it's not that old by the way. The Planning Commission meeting was March of last year. Then they had to put the mound. What I don't know is, does it meet what was required. Something tells me the mound along Broadway is long enough. Because there's two trees on it, but you're going to need 50 trees on there or whatever. **Gottschalk:** And again, when he's out there, make sure we're getting some screening against the home on Macedonia. **Davis:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** Any other questions for our Building Director? **Williams:** No, but I have a follow-on question for the Law Director. Can you look into the International Property Maintenance Code and draft us some legislation that says that we adopt it in its most current form? **Marinucci:** It's already in there, let me explain, and then I'll send it to you if you want. **Williams:** We have legislation? **Marinucci:** Yeah, and the way it's set up is, every two or three years the Ohio Building Codes, and this is going to incorporate the code you're speaking of. They get updated and ordinance automatically adopts it, I'll send it to you. **Williams:** Can you share that with all of the Council? **Marinucci:** Yeah, I'll send it out to you tomorrow. **Williams:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** May we hear from our Engineer?

Engineer, **Jones| Jones:** Madam President, good evening, just to give a real brief update on a couple of construction projects. Both of them have to do with Fordes Road. As you know or are aware, the construction on the County reconstruction or surfacing project has started. They're in the first phase of concrete removal and replacement. There are going to be three main phases of that portion of the work divided up into sub phases to allow for access to Chagrin Valley's driveway. As well as the First Place and maintaining access to all the businesses in that area. That whole process is going to take several months. It's probably going to be August before they're done with all that concrete work. Then most likely overlapping with the last part of that will be when the asphalt work happens between First Place and Richmond Road. Also on Forbes Road, we have the force main replacement project, the pre-construction meeting for that was this morning. That work is tentatively scheduled to begin on May 6th. Traffic will be maintained at

all times for that work. There will probably be some one lane zone set up with flaggers or possibly temporary signals. It just depends on the length of the zone and also because of the hills there and visibility it may impact how they maintain track. But you will be able to get through in both directions. There just may be some delays there. So other than that, I'm open to questions.

**Davis:** Mr. Gustafen, on Garden Road, he said it was up for bid again? The individual houses that had to be fixed for the water in the basement. Do you know anything more about that?

**Jones:** Yeah, I don't think it's out to bid yet, but he's going to be putting it out soon. I don't have the schedule yet. **Davis:** Okay, because he told me it was going to be out last week and then finishing up. But I hadn't heard back from him, so I thought I could ask him. **Jones:** Yeah, he hasn't reached out to me yet, so I think he's probably hit a snag on that. So, we may be able to do a little more time. **Hardin:** The force main, was that found when you started the work? Or was that an issue that came up or was that a part of the original... It's completely separate from the County resurfacing project. We noticed a leak that was perking up through the asphalt, and I believe in the joint between the asphalt and the curb. That was first observed last fall. **Hardin:**

And that's how much? **Jones:** I can't remember if he said that or not, I'm sorry. **Hardin:** Alright, but that's going to be done during the concreting, or right after? **Jones:** Yeah, so that work is going to start again in the next couple of weeks. It will happen while the concrete work happens. They will be done with the force main before the asphalt work starts. The contractors will not overlap in that section. **Hardin:** Okay, Tommy, was something done temporarily with what I referred to you yesterday? With that situation on the Bedford Heights side of Forbes, did you get a chance to look at that? **Haba:** Oh no, sorry I did not. **Hardin:** Okay, would you look at it and just let him... **Haba:** I think that was on the curb, it was falling away. **Hardin:** Yes. **Haba:** I don't know if they got it or not, but I will check it tomorrow morning. **Hardin:** Okay, thank you both. **Gottschalk:** Matt, is there any legislation you need to have passed here? **Jones:** Not at tonight's meeting. **Williams:** Mr. Jones, I just wanted to follow up on two things. We are going to work on a minimum budget. You're going to give us the amounts due for the projects this year in 2024 for the project that you discussed with us? And then you were going to provide us a for schedule PCR. **Jones:** Right, so actually the PCR report, I think we have one from, it turns out that it was actually from last year, I believe. I believe that was sent to everybody prior to the last meeting that I attended. Which was probably not two meetings, probably three meetings ago. **Williams:** Not the report, you said you were going to take a look at how often that got done. That was the question we wanted to know, how often you planned to do that. **Jones:** Yeah, and I don't think we're budgeted to do it right now. It typically, you know, it's usually every three to five years. You know, really depends on, you know, what your desire is and how you want to fund it. Because again, they're just so expensive to fall in front of that analysis. **Williams:** Can you create a report for us with the expenses and what it will look like to do with three years and five years? So, we can make a decision? **Jones:** Sure. **Williams:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** Any other questions or comments for our Engineer?

### *Ward Report*

**Councilperson Scruggs:** The only report I have is I wanted to say thank you to our engineer as well as our service director. For immediately responding to residents as they are asking questions about what's going on in their area. I have residents that are here tonight that are having some concerns with some water running and into their homes. And I just appreciate the quick response and how you're moving to get these answers. So, thank you for your attention to our residents.

**Councilperson Hardin:** It wasn't by chance that I ran across the building department. I'm a frequent flyer on those streets, so it's not too much I don't see. So, we met by chance, but there's always a reason for everything. What happened was, yesterday, a resident and myself did a drive-by. We hit every street, and these are just some of the notes that were recorded. And it's important that the residents tell us what you see and that's when you get the action that you got. So, this was recorded by a resident. Building department came out, I thought it was cars lined up 4 deep. So, when you see something, say something. And this is a result of residents driving and making this list. And it's been referred to the building department and for the director, these issues are being responded to. So, it's when you say something that we can make things happen. So, thank you for your involvement.

**Councilwoman Matlock:** No report.

**Councilwoman Davis:** No report.

**Councilwoman Williams:** No report.

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

*Committee Report*

*Fine Arts Committee*

**Councilwoman Scruggs:** No report.

*Health Care/ HR Committee*

**Councilwoman Hardin:** No report.

*Utilities*

**Councilwoman Matlock:** No report.

*Environmental Committee*

**Councilwoman Nikolic:** The environmental committee would like to report that we're having our first annual Earth Day this Saturday. There are handouts in the back to explain everything that's going on. So on Saturday we'll be having an electric car show. We invite you all to come out to the community park to learn more about electric vehicles, they're all different types. If you have any questions about batteries, anything. There'll be owners there that will walk you through the process. Some may even give you a ride, so that's on Saturday. There'll also be a beekeeper there that's going to do a demonstration with the kids. About pollination and describing things about how the bees interact with the environment. And games and they'll be tables there for information and education, so that's happening on Saturday. Also, there'll be a community cleanup a spring cleanup From 10am to 12pm in Ward 5 in front of Rome Baptist Church. We'll go around, we've gotten the the Police Department to agree to escort us wherever we need to go. We're going to be looking there and also some residents mentioned over on Oak Hill. There will also be, and I believe the leader of the walk is here. There'll be a walk community hike on Saturday as well, and on Sunday there'll be tree planting. So, we are planting trees as well right

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
2024-5-28**

**ATTENDANCE**

Erica Nikolic, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Johnnie Warren, President Pro-Tem	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	James Climer, Law Director
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Tom Haba, Service Director
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Mark Garratt, Police Department
Mary Davis, Ward 4	Matt Jones, Village Engineer
Candace Williams, Ward 5	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
	Brian Dirocco, Fire Department

**ABSENT**

Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor  
Dave Tapp, Fire Department

*\* Arrived after roll call*

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Meeting opened at 7:00pm by Nikolic

Motion to remove Council Meeting Minutes of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from the table made by Hardin seconded by Williams

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 made by Hardin seconded by Williams

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to remove Work Session Minutes of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 off the table made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to approve Work Session Minutes of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 made by Hardin seconded by Williams

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to remove Environmental Committee Minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 off the table made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**



Motion to approve Environmental Committee Meeting minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Hardin, Matlock

**ABSTAINED:** Warren, Scruggs, Davis, Williams

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to remove Finance Meeting minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 off the table made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

**ABSTAINED:** Warren

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to approve Finance Meeting minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 of made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

**ABSTAINED:** Warren

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to approve Council Meeting minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

**ABSTAINED:** Warren

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to approve Special Meeting minutes of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

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

**ABSTAINED:** Warren

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to approve Council Meeting minutes of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 made by Warren seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**Nikolic:** Moving on, agenda item number five, clerk correspondence. Joseph: I'll just give you guys a letter from NOPEC; that's the only thing I have. **Nikolic:** Okay, item six moving on to departmental reports from Mayor Gottschalk.

Mayor Gottschalk| **Gottschalk:** Thank you, Chairwoman, it's been a very busy two and a half weeks for Oakwood and (inaudible). But you missed a very engaging Memorial Day parade yesterday at Bedford. This was the 155th day of parade, they started doing this in 1969. And at the gazebo, after the Bedford Band had played the Star-Spangled Banner. You had jets fly over the gazebos and the speeches were very enriching. We have five companies new to Oakwood Village that are locating here. You're familiar with the one, this is by King Group and from France. And they're on calibration technology worldwide. You will have this legislation before

you within 30 days. Additionally, you have another company that I as well cannot name. I thought this would have been done already. But you'll know why when you know what it's about and why it's taken a little bit longer than we thought it would be. The state is as well involved in this. Hopefully, we'll have this before you by the end of July. And this will be the first of its kind in all of Ohio, and it will be quite exciting. Thirdly, we have a letter of intent from another company I cannot name. They won't be needing any legislation on that. We should have news on that within two meetings. Then we have Starbucks, they've finally resubmitted, and that's moving forward. And then lastly, we have a sports training center that was approved by the Planning Commission for Free Avenue. And this is obviously going to be very exciting for the majority of the residents that understand this, both on Free, North Lane, and Wright. As well in the summertime for our own camp. This facility has the regulated basketball court, baseball area, volleyball area, pickleball area, and so our youth in the summertime as well can take advantage of this. We have two companies that are already located in Oakwood Village that are expanding. And we're working on the legislation on that, that concludes my report. **Davis:** Can you tell us where that team group is going to? **Gottschalk:** The first building on the left at First Place. **Davis:** Okay, thank you. **Nikolic:** Any other questions? Hearing none, may we hear from our Law Director?

Law Director Climer| **Climer:** Thank you, Madam Chairman, on your work session agenda tonight is a legislation to approve a contract to purchase a fire pumper. I did send a memo with my comments on that to everybody on Council. If you didn't receive it, I have a copy here tonight. Secondly, we have legislation that is on the way concerning the placement of recreational marijuana installations and sales. As well as the appointment of an internet sales agent for the Village. Which is something we need to do each year if we want to conduct sales at the property by Internet bidding. Which is really far and away the most efficient way to do that. And so, that said, I'm happy to answer questions if anybody has any. **Hardin:** Council has not talked about it, so forgive me. I don't want to forget. I'd like to start looking into legislation for short-term rentals and for the AirBnBs. **Climer:** And that actually is being worked on. There is a lot of litigation going on right now, and we want to make sure we do it correctly. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Climer:** And I would like to have a short executive session at Council's convenience concerning a matter of imminent (inaudible) litigation. **Nikolic:** Anything else for the Law Director? Hearing none, may we hear from our Finance Director?

Finance Director Thompson| **Thompson:** Thank you, Madam Chairman, the Finance Department submitted our financials for the month of April. We reviewed quite a few expenses across all funds today in our Finance Committee meeting. In summary, we ended the general fund unexpended balance of \$722,000. And after encumbrances of about \$245,000, we had an ending balance of \$477,000. And I'll just continue to forge forward and work on that, thank you. **Nikolic:** Any questions for our Finance Director? Hearing none, we'll hear from our Service Department Director.

Service Director Haba| **Haba:** Thank you, Madam President, I have nothing to add to our report. I'd be happy to take any questions. **Matlock:** Thank you, Tommy, your crew is definitely the best. **Haba:** We got another gentleman starting next week. We've been down a couple guys. **Nikolic:** I have one question, so with the situation with the handicap sign, is that... **Haba:** I got a final answer from finance, you know, was that okay? I presented it last week, and Ms. Scruggs presented it the day before. **Nikolic:** My question is, who's to pay for it? **Haba:** I don't know

(inaudible), it's your pleasur, it's on Oakwood's property. It's for the Rome Church, and it's on Oakwood property, a shared property there. So it's just a handicapped parking spot for the hours until 1 p.m., on Sunday afternoon. **Nikolic:** So, it was a removable? You gave us prices for the one that they could remove and take in and just... **Haba:** No, we'll just leave it up full time there with an arrow showing it first whatever five or six spots there are for handicapped only on Sundays only until 1 p.m. **Nikolic:** Okay, I'm not sure that we saw. Was it a paper that you gave to Ms. Scruggs? **Haba:** No, it was all verbal, but I get probably \$65 for a sign, and a few bumps for the post. We get my post, like I said, in bulk, in fact, the Police now, they had someone fight to contest a sign not being high enough, you know, the bottom of the sign. They're supposed to be seven feet tall, which to me is a little crazy on small streets. But it's state law, so you know I think we request a lot of new signs. So, we have to buy a lot of new post to get the signs especially on the main roads up. I don't have the price ready yet, but like I said, we buy those in bulk. **Nikolic:** Finance Director would that be something that will go through requisitions first? **Thompson:** Yeah, we would need a requisition, probably a more appropriate charge to public lands and buildings to make the purchase. **Haba:** I still don't have the go ahead with the handicapped sign. Do you want a requisition for that? **Thompson:** Yeah, when we get those quotes... **Nikolic:** I don't think we've discussed it, but I think if you put a requisition in, we'll discuss it in our finance committee. **Haba:** Okay, very good. **Davis:** Garbage signs, you guys used to have like the signs you stuck up on the corners. Like I only seen one, it was on Alexander one way... **Haba:** You got the wrong one. **Davis:** I thought it was, but maybe not. Do we still have the other signs? **Haba:** No, they don't match anymore. They say, you know, we pick up on Tuesday and the holiday. We had those, I was surprised they last, I can't believe the cardboard signs. They lasted 17, 18 years, I can believe. But these ones are metal aluminum, I think we have six of them. I'm going to order a few more of them. **Davis:** Okay, so we pay for these, not the garbage department? **Haba:** Correct, the garbage made those plaques, saying that the rubbish will be on a new day Tuesdays instead of Mondays. They made about 20 of them that we put out. Now those guys are pretty expensive, they're cardboard, so we're going to put these ones up. They're a little bigger, you can see them a little better. And we just put them up with one bolt on a sign post and take them down when it's done. And especially in the middle of winter, those plaque ones are harder to get through the ice, and in the mid-summer they're harder to hit through the hard ground. **Davis:** And the other question I wanted to ask is that Fair Oaks and the other direction... **Haba:** Oak Leaf. **Davis:** They need to be picking up the garbage, it's not your job but it is their job. They were doing a good job at the end of it. We do it once in a while, and the County commissioners do it once in awhile. **Davis:** And also the Rome Baptist Church, do they pay anything for their use of the parking lot or whatever? **Haba:** No, they use it historically forever. No, I'll tell you, historically, forever. It's not a busy time when they got their church services. It's not a busy time for them to use, there's plenty of parking there for everybody. **Davis:** Okay, thank you. **Scruggs:** Just to kind of get the conversation going about Cambridge. And what your recommendation is with the Engineer, as well as the Law Director if that property... The question was the resident that came with the issue with the water. There was something going on potentially behind... **Haba:** That's an easement that we can't control, really we can go on there. And all the work to be done would be on our easements. It's not our responsibility to do it necessarily, but we can do it at any time we wish. And we'll have to go through someone's property. I've talked to the contractor, and I told him it might not be the easiest. But I'd like to contact the who person benefiting the most of this. And we get a signed okay from that person to go on their property. They get to the easements, but all the work will be

done in the easement. And Jim's aware of it now, and it was \$2,800 estimate. Which I thought was a very fair price. And that's what it says right now, ready for Council's approval, if they so see it. **Scruggs:** So, is there something that we present? How do we present that information to the Council? Do we just... **Climer:** It's on the work session. **Scruggs:** Thank you. **Gottschalk:** It's unfortunate that the homeowner now is the second homeowner. And they have no legal, they can't go after the developer. If it had been the original homeowner, we could have been doing that. But they don't have any legal rights at all and they're stuck in the building. **Matlock:** I know that we rent tools out from the Service Department. Do we have a wood chipper? **Haba:** We don't have a wood chipper (inaudible) last time was five, six years ago. It's something that most cities around us have. It's a bit expensive, you have breakdowns, and the problem is it's very time consuming. If you're chippin' it's probably, all it depends on is how you schedule it. But some cities do it like the first week of the month throughout the spring to summer to fall. It's out of your every schedule, but it is very time consuming. It's something we can revisit if Council still wishes at some point. **Hardin:** Can we borrow, for whatever reason, from Walton Hills if we want to do something? **Haba:** Yeah, we borrowed theirs more than once. We borrowed stuff from them, they borrowed stuff from us. **Hardin:** I knew I remembered something like that. **Matlock:** Is there a price on that when we borrow them? **Haba:** No. **Nikolic:** Do we have any, any litter signs? I know you mentioned you had some. **Haba:** No, I have to get some new ones and get those up. **Nikolic:** Anything else for our Service Director? Thank you, hearing none, may we hear from our Police Chief?

Police Chief Garratt| **Garratt:** Thank you, Madam President, we included the FBI training that we hosted last week. Finished up with two officers today for PIO, which is Public Information Officer. So, you can probably see them on the news coming out for doing a lot of their PIO work. Excellent class, like I told you, there's people from all over the country at these classes, it was really good. And I want to thank Tommy and his crew for working on getting our signs back up. Some of them have been moved over the years. Some contest to the speed because it wasn't properly hung. So we're getting all those, so I'm going to figure it out and replace how much of it. The third thing is our conference was phenomenal. It was really rolling, just how much goes into it and it was, it's really good. We have kind of a direction now that we can start this process going with you guys and head down the path. It's going to be pretty exciting. I mean the reality of it is we're not building something for us. It's going to be for generations upon generations and the future of the village. So, it's pretty exciting that part of it and that's all I have. **Davis:** I just wanted to ask, we got a lot, I got quite a few complaints about that detailed company. That beautiful car detailing company that used to do their big car show down the street on Broadway. And now they did it in Mt. Zion, just the noise and the people flying around. I guess they took their cars out and they were driving them down Macedonia, Alexander, Broadway, you know, showing their motors or however they do it. But so I was wondering, does it seem like it wasn't contained as much? Because it was a long time and you could hear the motors on Garden Road of them flying around. And I did get complaints about other people speeding and things like that. Especially Macedonia Road, they were flying down. I was wondering is there any way we can contain that more or do or tell them? Because I know they rented Mount Zion's parking lot to do it instead of doing Roseland at the end of the Richmond. But is there anything the Council can do something about that? Or you tell me... **Garratt:** Well in a gathering like that they need a permit. This happened last minute, we we're aware of it. We did get officers down, we had three extra officers working the detail. Which you'll be getting a bill for. **Davis:** Okay. **Garratt:** There was

a lot of parking issues. We only received one call, believe it or not. **Hardin:** It was more.

**Garratt:** I believe you, but it's more effective if you call us. We can get out there, but regardless of that fact. This was an overwhelming amount of vehicles down there. And we focused our attention not on Zion's property, on the street coming out of there. We're not unaware of these type of events. What they do is they drag race when they come up. This is what we call lighten it up. And so we focus our efforts right there and we cover as much as Broadway as we can. When they get out and they're legally driving around, they're not burning out and act like a fool. We don't really have a lot to do with that part of it, but just to keep it contained down there, keep it organized. That was actually extremely organized compared to some of the cities that have had this event. I don't think there's any venue in this town that will. Next year, we had a conversation with Mt. Zion about it. **Gottschalk:** If you wish, I can respectfully request Mt. Zion to not have this in the future. It is a problem, I mean, it was a problem down there with Thermal Fisher Way and Roseland. It's a problem here, particularly when they're getting on the streets. And I'd like to think, again, if you care to, I will again request to Mount Zion in the future to no more. **Garratt:** We also blocked out the community park down there just so they didn't come in and do any damage. We wanted that all contained too. Like I said, they didn't, nobody notified us, but we monitor social media. So, we were able to find out some information about this before it happened and respond to it before it was out of control. But I am very sensitive to that, I understand what you mean. I just don't think this is the right venue to have these type of events in this town. Because we just don't have the room. **Davis:** Right okay, thank you. I just want to make sure... One more thing, Macedonia Road, how are we doing in the speeder things?

**Garratt:** We have the rain and the motorcycle has been out. This rain weather hasn't been great. But we also have a list of when we have data collections, like I told you before. We keep updating that and keep flipping the sign in different directions. And I'm not sure where it's at now, to be honest with you. I think we're going to move it down south by Alexander. Because we get a lot of that and we'll gather data and that's how we do our enforcement. Just because the sign isn't reading your speed doesn't mean it's not reading your speed. It collects the data for us and we can then evaluate, okay, we have a problem down here. And then we'll blitz that area for x amount of time and then move on to different places. So, the signs out out there just for the purpose of warning people. A lot of people don't know how fast they're going, you know, accidentally type thing. And we're generous with our speeds, but we don't tolerate certain amounts. I'm not going to go into the details, but we are sensitive to that. The data collection has been really good with those signs. **Davis:** Thank you, appreciate that. **Nikolic:** Any other questions? Hearing none, may we hear from our Building Director?

Building Director Marinucci| **Marinucci:** Thank you, Madam President, it's my pleasure to be here. I had Debbie drop off to Council four properties that are vacant, I believe, and there could be more. And I'll tell you, for the life of me, I can't understand how Somerville could even request that what is... (inaudible) was a sham, but the interesting part about it is they actually came into the building department, I guess two years ago. Got the paperwork ready, started it, and I can't express how bad it is. And I compliment because at the last meeting, Chief Garrett, we recognized an officer that just started with the department the very next day. She was there with a coat, and the professionalism shows beyond, I was just totally impressed. I even called the Chief up afterwards with an accolade on how professional it was done. That house is so bad, it's going to cost twenty grand probably, and there's four or so. I've got a budget for eighty grand, and that does not count the money... You're going to need Engineering involvement, you're going

to need specifications. You are going to have to send off the three beds and all that kind of stuff. You're going to have legal involvement. I don't know the contracts and how it works. You have service and process issues. We don't even know who the people are and where they're at. But I can tell you, one owner is a bank from (inaudible) street. So, you have all those issues to deal with to go forward. The process is not going to be done overnight. There's things you have to put in the newspaper and all that kind of stuff, but that's just the beginning. And, um, but Somerville... Those people should be ashamed of themselves. To let that asset go, my gut feeling it's encumbered. So, you're going to have bank issues to deal with. I cannot see if that house was paid off to allow this thing to happen the way it is. And you know, put the one on Booker was just as bad. And the two other addresses make it bad. But that deals with that particular issue, it's in the beginning stages. And we'll also have to go back to court again to get the right to go inside the two other properties that we're talking about. Because I did get a response about a month ago, I'm not sure the time frame. When one of the officers dropped off a note to us regarding a tag, a number, we may have ended up getting that. Then we ended up from the Police Department, and we went in and checked it. And I believe one of those two properties that was given to us. And one of them I believe you have in that packet. Which will also have to get a court order to get on the inside before you can get to the next step in these things. But that's where we're at on those four properties. And I'm here for questions, if you have any questions go ahead. **Hardin:** I have a list, and I'm going to ask the clerk to zerox it and give it to you, because I have a copy. I put this together today, you know, I drive my board at least once a week. These are the things that I found again today. The one house, did you send someone over on Millbury today? **Garratt:** Yes, I got a call I sent somebody over there. **Hardin:** You did Chief? **Marinucci:** No, I had a discussion with the Mayor today on that specific piece of property. **Hardin:** On Millbury? **Marinucci:** Yeah. **Hardin:** Oh, ok, so that was taken care of? **Marinucci:** It's in the process of being... **Gottschalk:** They'll have somebody there within two days. **Marinucci:** Let me tell you how great this is. Last week, we had one person working for half a week, all right. We're understaffed, and Aaron was on vacation, Debbie was, her husband was sick and had to do it, Nia was sick, so we had 1 person working in the department. So, you're going to have to be patient with some of these things. But yes, we're going to get on Milberry, that phone call that was made today. I'm going to get it on, first thing in the morning. **Hardin:** I don't know, who did you call? **Gottschalk:** Me, I called him. **Hardin:** Okay, well, someone, I think, went over this afternoon. **Marinucci:** Oh, then maybe Aaron did it and I'm not aware of it. **Hardin:** I don't know where you are with the problem. **Marinucci:** I don't know what the problem is, personally, but I'm going to get on it. You don't have to do it now, but I'm going to get on it. **Hardin:** So, like I said, here's the list, and the house... **Marinucci:** Can't you just send it to the department and we'll deal with it without making it in a public thing? I'll deal everything on your list. I mean I don't know the addresses, I don't know... I'll deal with the whole thing, just give me the list. And Councilperson Hardin, that (inaudible) that you gave us. I know they're working on that and I think a lot of those issues we have dealt with. **Hardin:** Okay, I'm not going to... I don't want to say anything else... **Matlock:** I have a list also. **Marinucci:** Yes, and we've been talking, and that one on Tryon, I know that's in the process. We have the pictures taken, the letters been sent out, I don't know the address on them, but the one you dropped off. **Matlock:** Yeah, there's a couple more, but I do have addresses for you. **Marinucci:** Yeah, just drop them off to us and we're going to get on all of it. **Matlock:** Okay. **Nikolic:** Building Director Marinucci, so my question is these are properties, this isn't an exhaustive list, right? **Marinucci:** Correct, it's four that we know of. **Nikolic:** Okay, it is four that you know of and that Council brought to your attention,

that you've decided have to be? **Marinucci:** No, there's four, there's one that's been condemned, one that has to be condemned. Some are (inaudible) property is not condemned. That's the one that we're starting the Booker property has been condemned. But there's legal issues associated with that now because it was condemned two years ago. So, we need legal involvement on how to handle that. **Nikolic:** So, the process is once it's condemned, then you have to move to...

**Marinucci:** I don't know how time works on it. **Nikolic:** Okay, but largely they have been condemned. **Marinucci:** One of them, the Booker property. **Davis:** There's two Booker properties, so do we know which one? Because one of them has a car in front of it. That's exactly the one that's condemned. Oh, we own this one here, that will not be \$20,000 by the way to take down. That one there is condemned and the one that we own... **Nikolic:** This question is related to, Finance Director, do we have a line item for demolition of properties in this condition?

**Thompson:** No, in the past we had had a partnership with the County, but straight answer no at this time. **Nikolic:** Okay, and nothing in the building's budget? **Thompson:** No. **Davis:** I have a different question, mine's for Mr. Bugarcic, did you hear that the chickens, ducks, and the roosters are back? **Marinucci:** You know, I'll tell you one thing. I've received a phone call from the Mayor regarding chickens. I have never seen a chicken out there... **Davis:** They're all in the back, I have the neighbors. **Marinucci:** I have not physically seen them. I had Lillie check, she has not seen it. I had Debbie check, and she has... **Davis:** Debbie went back there to take pictures? He's hiding in the back, he's got his back section. **Marinucci:** As soon as I get a picture we're going to go. **Davis:** Well, the neighbor has pictures already. **Marinucci:** Oh, then send them to me, I'm not even going to send them a letter. **Davis:** No, I want him completely sighted because he was already given the chances before. He was supposed to have completely moved them and now they're all coming back. **Marinucci:** We tried, I went by it twice today because I knew it was coming out. **Davis:** No, they're in the back part, he's got it fenced off in the back. He made his own fencing which was never done through planning. Or his little sheds have never been approved by the village. And that's where he's hiding them back there, he's got chickens ducks and roosters again. **Marinucci:** As soon as I get a picture, just send it to me. This has me upset, you know, one of the things, the way I am. Is when a contractor abuses the, uh, the procedures, the codes, I'm going to be tied. Uh, this guy needs to be taught a lesson. My goal was to have it cited today. But I didn't see any... I don't have any evidence on it, that's all I'm saying.

**Davis:** Well, if you go to the neighbor on the side, that young couple, they have no chickens at all. They'll let you on their property. **Marinucci:** How much of them are there? **Davis:** I have no idea, she said there's lots of chickens, ducks, and roosters. I don't have the pictures, that's for the young couple has it. The Mayor has also said that he wants him cited for that Richmond Road property. Get rid of all that stuff... **Marinucci:** Well, I'll tell you right now, I'm not doing that. **Davis:** Well, that is what the Mayor said. **Marinucci:** I'm not doing that. I can tell you, Jim can take it over. There's all kinds of property legal issues associated with that particular piece of property. Where I'm not going to do anything to jeopardize the legal aspect of Oakwood Village. There's property rights, and there's only so much I can do as a building official, all right? And I'm with you, and this is what has to be done. The site has to be restored, we all agree. You have the cheap part is the curb, okay, concrete curbs, that's the cheap parts. But I believe he tied into the county sanitary sewer system. So, you're going to have that issue to deal with and that's a very, very deep. I know that during the time when we inspected it, that's 20 foot deep lateral. Okay, so you're going to have to come in, they're going to have to cap that. I don't know if the water lines have been run. But if the waterlines have been run, the same thing you have to do with the water line. Then you have, the foundations are in. The foundations are in and if you

walk around, or maybe a foot above ground, you know, a foot about ground and eight foot. I don't know if there's a basement in that, but a D. And I can tell you at the time the drawings are coming in that I was approving, because we fast-tracked it. He put more steel in it than was required. You should have taken that money and put the retention basin in and you could have an operation going there and making money. So, you have that to deal with. My gut feeling you're looking at fifty grand minimum for whoever's going to do it. As far as the building department goes, when we issue a permit. He gets one year to do what he has to do. So, I always permit or he's not building it. So, we need him, we need Climer involved. **Gottschalk:** At least they can be sighted for... **Davis:** Cleaning it out... **Marinucci:** I'll do that, I'll get the superficial stuff for sure. **Marinucci:** The lady on the right will let us go on the property? **Davis:** The young couple, yes. **Marinucci:** We'll get permission from them. **Davis:** Okay, thank you, I appreciate it. And also, do you know of the Garden Road? That Mr. Robinette's son? **Marinucci:** Let me tell you what's going on. I've been in touch with them when the Mayor called me. I called up Mrs. Robinette the last time, and she's sick. **Davis:** Yes, I understand. **Marinucci:** She apologized to me, she said, if you ever call, I don't answer the phones, because I'm in the hospital, and I said, okay. I said here we go, I'm going to have to cite your son. We can't cite the son, we have to site her. She's the owner of the property. In fact, Jim, I would love to cite this son if we can. But she owns the property, and I really don't want to bring her into court. But she did tell me this, and I told her I'll be back in touch with her. There's a couple things going on, one is the debris. He's a hoarder, a lot of debris, the debris has to be cleaned up. And I said, yeah, it has to get cleaned up immediately. And she did told me they started on it. So, I'm going to go and take another look at it. But then I spent some time in the ordinance is trying to see, he has a car. He was fixing something on the car, the car's licensed. Now I have a picture of the car, but I can't tell you if it's a current license, but I believe it's current license. It's licensed, see the mother did tell me that the car broke down and he's working on it. I went in our ordinances and I can find anywhere that he's not allowed to fix his car... **Davis:** I didn't say about the car, I'm not worried about the car. He's got, he's got shelves that he's making a fence. He's making his own fence out of plastic shelving, all kinds of wooden fence, and steel fence that he found in garbages. To make him a fence between him and the house on the right. That's all illegal, okay, that's in your ordinance. **Marinucci:** I just want to give a comment here. Because, the building department got confused. Debbie, we got really confused on this. The mother owns two houses, so you have to be careful with the address. But she applied, the mother applied for a fence and we approved it on her property. Okay, and we requested a board on board, you know, that meets the ordinances. So, we approved that last week and, so then now I hear that this thing has to stop. But what I requested and I want and I told Debbie is I want to have a meeting with the son. I'd like to see if he'll come into my office and sit down and talk with me if I can do that. **Nikolic:** Okay, building director, I think we can move on. Are you aware of the location, building Director? Okay, Councilperson **Davis,** have you completed your discussion about it? **Warren:** I have one question, if I could. I understand you don't want to take action for her to go to court. **Marinucci:** Yes. **Warren:** So, where in the ordinance is that state you have the right to charge one resident, no matter who they are, what health they are, no matter what, you can't choose. The individual, noncompliance is noncompliant. And you can't suggest or she got a rotten son, maybe her son to turn around when she gets a citation saying to tear the fence down if it's on her property. But whoever put the, if she owns both properties, whatever that structure is, we know that it's noncompliant and it shouldn't be there. So, she would have to get at least a letter. **Marinucci:** The letters are already sent, we already started the process. **Warren:** So, what's the next step after the letter?



**Marinucci:** Well, I want to meet with him, I'm a little reluctant to bring her in, to cite her. And if push comes to shove, and I have to get there, that's what it's going to evolve into. My next phase on this thing is, the first step was a phone call followed up with a letter. And in the phone call, I'll explain to you everything that's said. And now I want a meet with, I'm going to meet him. And if I could avert going to court, because court is going to take a while. And she's not going to be able to make it to court. So, there will be continuance granted, and then court harasses...

**Warren:** Well, the longer we take, the more it takes. The longer you take, the longer it takes, so if it takes nine months, you don't wait two months to try to get the court. If it takes 60 days, you don't wait, how many days do you wait for it to get to court? **Marinucci:** I just told you the procedure, I'd like to meet with him if I can. And if everything falls apart, then I'm going to cite her. **Nikolic:** Okay, thank you, anything else here for the building director? May we hear from our Engineer. I'd like to request if there are any conversations, residents who have an opportunity to talk in later in the meeting. But if there any conversations please have them outside so we can continue with the meeting so our record can remain clean, thank you kindly.

**Engineer Jones| Jones:** Thank you, Madam President, at the last meeting, it was requested that I supply everyone with an update on the SCMR. Basically, my interpretation of what you were looking for was basically just to get it down. So you can see what's happening in 2024. So, that's what this form is, and I believe it looks like, you've all received it. Thank you, Johnny, for distributing that, I appreciate it. We just put this together, we just finalized this this afternoon. So, I wasn't necessarily planning on going from this line to line, but I really just want you to be able to have this as sort of a guideline. When you're thinking about the various things that's going to come before you. Looking for approval in the form of various projects. If there are any questions about this you know just feel free to use this. And we can update it as we go if things do change. Obviously keep in mind this is all based on estimates. You know the final numbers will be a little bit different up or down on all these things. But this is for the budget, so, glad to see that you have that. A couple things I want to mention with regard to it. You do have on the agenda for the regular meeting tonight. The First Place project, which is mentioned on here, and also the Oakleaf project. Those are on here and we can kind of see where those fit into the puzzle. And as well on work session, we have a couple items. One of them is not on here, and that's the Richmond Road Project with Glenwillow. Glenwillow's Engineer is here and prepared to speak about that at work session. I don't have that on here because it actually doesn't have any 2024 cost ramifications. The cost of the village would start in 2025 on that. So, that's why that's not listed on here. We also have on work session a item regarding a NatureWorks grant we're going to be submitting. Just FYI, that grant, we mentioned a specific park. We mentioned Gloria-Wainwright Park, that is not accurate. We are actually applying for the grant to go to the park on Booker, which I apologize. I don't know the name of that one off the top of my head, but that's the intent for that. And we can discuss the details of that when we get in the work section. So, other than that, I'm open for any questions. **Davis:** Do you have an estimate of what it costs for doing the grants? Or how much you charge for doing the grant, for example, the park? **Jones:** Right, so we have just a blanket number here at the top of the chart. We have a blanket not to exceed budget that we use for me being able to utilize our staff at CVE to help with that process. My time on that is actually included in the retainer. So, I don't charge you anything extra for the part that I handle. But if I need to get assistance from the staff, then that happens hourly, it comes out of those first two numbers. It's under that second line, the one that says 2024 CDBG, CDSG, OPWC. That's basically just an item that we use for grant funding applications. And that's for all

of them, that's the number not to exceed. **Davis:** So, the most we would pay for this year is this amount, is that what you're saying? **Jones:** Right, for various grants, because again, my time is included. **Davis:** Okay, thank you for explaining, appreciate it. May I ask another question? One, two, three, four, Richmond, Broadway, Shepard, Ravanna. With Glenwillow, that's not what you're talking about for 2025? That's going to be in 2024 when we're paying \$30,000. **Jones:** Right, so, again, and I apologize, I don't know the exact details of the \$25,000. But I know that's part of our agreement with Twinsburg. I believe there is going to be some construction related work that's going to happen towards the end of this year. So, we're going to have to put that amount forward towards the construction in 2024. **Davis:** So, \$30,000 total... **Jones:** \$30,000, so you have \$5,000 for engineering work, which is ongoing. **Davis:** Alright, thank you. **Williams:** So, the first two costs for services, were they already included in the budget or are these additional two? **Jones:** No sir, all of the things on here are already in the budget. **Williams:** And then I noticed for the triangle pedestrian safety trail, that one for the one we already did? **Jones:** Yes, so we have a final change order that still has to be processed on the job. I haven't brought that to you yet, that is forthcoming. You'll be seeing that in a future meeting. **Williams:** So, this is going to increase by the \$34,000? **Jones:** Yeah, it's \$34,000 and change, yeah, I'm not sure, yeah. **Williams:** Is that for additional work to be done or what was already done? **Jones:** Work that was already done. **Williams:** Okay, so we came in \$34,000 lower with the estimate or there was just there was... **Jones:** There was additional work that happened during the course of the project. And again, I apologize I don't have the details on it now, I will be bringing it to you. **Williams:** And then I did notice, I think when you presented it to us. There were several costs we would have to pay in like 2025, 2026, 2027. **Jones:** Right. **Williams:** Can you add those to this so we can see what else we would need? **Jones:** Yeah, I took it off of there just to make this easier for discussion purposes for the items that are before you since that came up at the last meeting. **Williams:** And we're going to start planning for next year. **Jones:** Yeah, that stuff actually was already in here. I actually took it out to make it easier to review. So yeah, it'd be very easy to put it back in. **Williams:** I see the yellow column, and that's offset by the \$482,000? Or no, our total cost is actually the \$133,000. **Jones:** It's not exact, so, for all of these projects with the exception of the 2024 pavement maintenance; which is the fifth one down. That one the outside funding for reimbursement process we're not going to get that reimbursement for that until 2025. So, basically it's off by that \$477,000. But otherwise yes, what you're saying is accurate. The first two columns are money you owe. The third and fourth columns are money that's going to be coming back to you. Or it will just come right off the top in the case of direct disbursement. And then the last column is the net, with the exception of that \$150,000 item. Because that's only a net for 2024, you'll actually get that money next year. **Williams:** So, we'll be paying the \$1,033,000 as a Village, but less \$47,000. **Jones:** Yeah, I do have one other thing, I'd like to, if possible, if we could entertain the thought of having items 2024-27 and 2024-28. Which are the grant application for First Place and be moving forward with Oak Leaf. If there's any possibility, if the Council is comfortable with doing that, the rules could be suspended on that this evening. So, that we can move forward with those projects. **Davis:** I wanted to ask, we have on here the pedestrian safety trail from Broadway to Lamson. Isn't that a state or County road or something? Can we get a grant on it at all for that? **Jones:** Well, again, that's our project that had already started. **Davis:** Is this the second half of it? **Jones:** This is the project that's already completed. **Davis:** Okay, I was hoping that was the second half. **Jones:** No, unfortunately it's not. **Davis:** Okay, thank you. **Nikolic:** So, you're requesting 2024-27 and 2024-28, to be considered? **Jones:** Yes. **Hardin:** 2024-27 and 2024-28, asking for the grant, that's a

good thing. Is there a matching amount involved? **Jones:** Okay, so in the case of both of those items, you've already received the grant. The grant money has already been applied for in both of these cases. And we've already been notified that we've been awarded that money. This legislation will allow the village to accept the money and allow CVE to move forward with preparing planning and specs. That's what both of the items are. The first one is for First Place, the second one is for Oak Leaf. So in both cases, you have already received a grant money, or notified that you have been awarded the grant. You have to actually accept it. **Williams:** So, one thing I didn't see, because you want us to suspend it. The amounts that are in yellow and all of these columns. I don't see where we actually need to pay them out in 2024, because we only have about six months left in the year. **Jones:** Well in the case of both First Place and Oak Leaf. I do anticipate that if you were to move forward with those projects. Those amounts would be paid out in 2024 because the design of those projects will be completed very quickly. We intend to bid them both out within the next month or two and get them built in 2024. So, I do expect that that money would come out in 2024 should you decide to move forward. Again, with Oak Leaf you're talking \$10,000, it's pretty minimal, First Place is a bigger number. **Davis:** How much is first place? **Jones:** Again, it's \$284,000 would be the village's share of that project. \$482,000 is the total project cost. That would be the \$44,000 engineering, which is the first column, the \$440,000 construction, which is second column. CDBG and CDSG combined is \$200,000, that's a reimbursement. The reimbursement comes very quickly once those go in. But the village's share of that project would be \$284,000. **Hardin:** That is after we get the \$200,000 back? **Jones:** That's correct, after you get the \$200,000 back, you're still \$284,000 that you would be responsible for. **Williams:** So, am I right in understanding you said all of these amounts in yellow are due in 2024, right? **Jones:** Should all these projects move forward as planned, then yes, they would all be due, that's correct. **Williams:** Are any later in the year than earlier, we just should expect that all of these are going to come up within the next 60 or 90 days? **Jones:** No, some of them will be later. I do suspect that in particular, First Place, that \$284,000, that's not going to come all in one chunk. You know, that's going to be part of his engineering, which will be billed by CVE, so that will be up front. The contractor will take a few months, so the contractor will submit invoices, you know, monthly, so it will be in smaller chunks. That will probably be over the course of a year. That one probably will end up being right at the end of the year. Maybe part of it might lag in at 2025, but it's probably going to be all this year. A lot of these other ones, you know, it's just going to over the course of the year. It's not all going to in one big chunk. **Hardin:** What was Oak Leaf again for our part? **Jones:** \$10,000. And again, that's an estimate, that could very well come in at zero. **Nikolic:** One point, I know, Finance Director, we did discuss the, that potentially this first place because we had community care. There's a TIF on community care, the dollars coming in from that, could that potentially offset these costs? **Thompson:** I think we did have approximately \$100,000 to offset some cost from the TIF funds. **Gottschalk:** And remember on that street you're looking at two companies that are ambulance emergency runs. You have Home Instead Senior Care, which is an \$8 million payroll. You have SOFIE, which was in NBA Molecular, which does ingredients for our PET scans for Alzheimer's and cancer, and you have Oakwood Laboratories. And now you're going to have the French company beside, so a lot is going on in First Place. **Nikolic:** So Finance Director, does 100K include all of the companies he just mentioned? **Thompson:** Yeah, towards the project, yes. **Nikolic:** Okay. **Davis:** The Broadway reconstruction is only the engineering cost and it says it's due this year. But the construction we won't start till 2025. So, my question is, do you have to do it again, your engineering for 2025 because this doesn't start? I mean why are we

paying it all? **Jones:** Most of the engineering will be in 2024. There will be some cost for engineering primarily for coordination type items, but the actual design work. The heavy lift is happening currently. So that's already ongoing, and that's something that was approved previously, and that design work actually started last year. **Davis:** So, this is including what you did last year, or is this just including what you're doing in 2024? **Jones:** It actually does include some of what was already done. But I'm not sure how much, I don't know where we are exactly with the invoicing on it, I really don't know. **Davis:** But it should be finished, and we're going to owe this whole \$148,000 this year. **Jones:** Right, that's what we're anticipating, yeah. I mean, some of the lag in the 2025, possibly, but I would anticipate that it'll all be this year. **Scruggs:** When you submit the next report, when you add in the 2025. Is it possible you could just make it a tiny bit larger? **Jones:** Sure. **Scruggs:** I really appreciate that. **Hardin:** This question is to the Finance Director. At the end of the finance meeting, as we speak, we see ourselves at \$477,000. Did I quote you correctly? **Thompson:** That was to the end of April. **Hardin:** Let's pretend that we're in December and just use these numbers. Did we consider all of this? **Thompson:** All the original projects and costs I did consider, even blending in the TIF money, the ARPA. The only thing we didn't discuss was probably the change order for the \$34,000. **Jones:** Yeah, that's a new item, it's a change order. Everything else was in the previous discussion. **Hardin:** So, we've looked at the big picture. **Thompson:** Yes. **Nikolic:** Anything else? Hearing no further questions, could we move on to our recreation director?

Recreation Director Perez| **Perez:** Right now, the Mayor and I are working on a summer camp, and you email... **Gottschalk:** Say where you were today. **Perez:** Oh, I'm going to let her know right now. So you emailed me today, and I was in Newport, Ohio. And I'm so excited to let you know that for the first time this year. The eight and nine-year-olds, instead of doing a trail ride, they will be learning how to actually ride a horse. They'll be trained on how to ride. Saddle and sit, move, stand, the whole... we've never done this before, we've always just rode trails. Also, for inclement weather, she has a big arena, which is really, really nice. The horses, Ms. Hardin got a chance to see, she thinks one has her hair styled. And the horse stands still, so you can actually be painted. You can actually paint the horse, I think. So it's very exciting for the new 8 and 9-year-olds, because they've never been able to do that. But I can address your email that you said you got a copy. I gave it all to Council and Chief Garratt have to let you know we do backgrounds check always. And Chief Garratt has to let us know whether he can give you personal information on anyone. **Nikolic:** No, I wasn't asking for personal information. I was just inquiring about whether or not the camp counselors or any of the employees for the camps received background checks. **Perez:** We have to do that before we start. **Nikolic:** Okay, so I just wanted to see the paperwork that we were doing that. **Perez:** Can i give her a copy? **Garratt:** Of the letter I gave you? Yeah, just have to white out the social security number and gave it. **Nikolic:** No, just confirming, because I think there was a question about whether or not all employees had to have background checks. So with the camp, it's something we're discussing. So, just a confirmation page for liability purpose. I don't need people's personal information just a conformation the check has been done. **Perez:** Okay, and I have two things which I've already put in POs for this. The Michael Jackson show, August 10th. I was able to get the tickets down to \$32 a person. So I think they started at like 60, so I got the ticket, and I only ordered 50. You should have a copy of that, it was only \$1,500. And the July 12 murder mystery, those are the only two things that I have right now on the agenda. We have the Recreation Commission meeting tomorrow night, correct? And if we decide to put anything else on the agendas, we will let you know. Madam Williams, you have inquired about nutrition. I wanted to let you know that

I have had three nutritional classes with the seniors. And we've also seen the podcast, You Are What You Eat, you all should watch that. Live to be 100, and also, What the Health, very, very interesting podcast on how to try to be healthy documentary. But anyway, this is what we have going on. That's all I have for you right now. The camp starts June 12th, then Mayor and I have to start working immediately after I finish talking to you guys. Because we have to have some stuff out. I will give you a copy of the packet as soon as we can. We have the packet right in there. **Gottschalk:** I'll close on that, this is the forms for falsification if they If they misrepresent themselves. Or their child or grandchild not living here or the grandparent not living here. And indemnification if there's somebody hurt, who to contact. So, all that is part of the package and that should be ready by the end of the week. **Davis:** I have a question, this is what we received in our mailbox today. But my question was, the Mayor talked about before mixing, because of all the educational things. Mixing that in between the activities, but it looks like the first three weeks are just activities. When is that instructional? **Gottschalk:** Two and a half weeks are fun activities, then you have four weeks of education. A little bit of that mixed with a few days break. And then the last week is again going to just be hiking and swimming. **Davis:** Okay, so this is just for the first week, two and a half weeks. **Gottschalk:** Yes, two-and-a-half weeks. **Davis:** I thought you were said you were going to mix. Like say educational day, fun day, educational day, etc. That's what you talked about, but when I got this... **Gottschalk:** The big difference is the high school was a mess. Now it's going to be all under one roof at Mount Zion. And it's much easier, you won't see that kind of drop off. Plus these instructors are good at... Unleashing the creativity in our kids to where it's exciting for them to want to learn. It's only the first two weeks where you're really looking at Khan Academy and robotics and electronics and engineering. The last two weeks are a lot more fun where your career is available at Ahuja. You're looking at Paul Mitchell's beauty and hair school. You're looking at girl talk, which is really exciting. The young girls love that class and it's a lot more relaxed. **Davis:** Okay. **Perez:** You also have a lot of cheerleading. I tried to make some of the classes on cheerleading. And now I'm bringing in broadcasting 101, you'll see that on there. And they'll have some cooking classes and I have martial arts. So, they'll have a little bit, but that four weeks is educational. And I understand because the kids do not want to go to school often. They just got out of school. So, like I had a parent call me today and she says you used to do four weeks of activities. Now you're only doing two and a half. **Davis:** Oh my goodness. **Perez:** Yeah, we used to do four weeks and then the other four. But they would always sign up for half the four weeks that they would leave. The kids do not want to go to school in the summertime, so we can't make them come. So, we're making them pay for the entire camp this year. **Davis:** Okay, and do we have an estimate of what say the all these activities the first two and a half weeks cost per child? **Perez:** Yes, I can go down the list. Cedar Point \$39 in comparison to \$100, Pioneer Waterfalls \$15 a kid, Zip lining I think that's \$39 a kid, I have to make sure that I can get that to you. Horseback riding Bear Creek, the long trails, that's \$45 a kid. Ty ranch the one that I just talked to I got her down to \$25 a kid. **Davis:** Good, okay, thank you. **Perez:** So those are really all the prices that you're going to have. **Davis:** And skating? **Perez:** I think that's like \$9 a child, movies, I think it's \$2 a kid. That's what happens when you go talk to people personally. **Davis:** Fun and stuff, may I ask? **Perez:** \$15 or \$16 dollars. **Nikolic:** I just noticed we had the requisition for the purchase of the Cedar Point tickets. But if you haven't done registration, would that be refundable? You haven't completed registration, so you don't know how many kids are in camp. **Perez:** We can't refund the tickets. So, I guess you guys are going to be going to Cedar Point. The tickets came in actually yesterday. I think I ordered 80 tickets just to be on the safe side. **Nikolic:** One last thing,

my last question, was regarding the app that's used with Camp. Can you talk a little bit about the app that's use to communicate with parents and who's in charge of that? **Perez:** Are you talking about Remind? **Nikolic:** I don't know what it's called. Do you use an app to communicate?

**Perez:** Yes, we do, it's called Remind. Okay. And what it does is it reaches everyone via text. And it tells you, we try to let the parents know if we're going to be late coming or whatever time. We always try to let them know we're going to be late, coming back. **Nikolic:** Okay, who's in charge of texting? Is there a camp counselor or a... **Perez:** Our Counselor Supervisor, and also Hillary in the office also helps out with that, and Dee is also on the Remind notice also.

**Williams:** So, that question about nutrition was brought up in finance. It wasn't my question but it wasn't necessarily are you educating them. It was for our vendors that were purchasing our food from. Do they have nutritional guidelines? Because we have residents talking about some of the food. And whether it was too much salt for some of the health needs or health issues. So, that was the conversation it wasn't and you don't have to answer, but I just want to... **Perez:** It is so hard to satisfy people for free. It is really hard to do that, it really is. Do you know what I'm saying? And so we try to please. I have someone that I'm trying to, in fact she's going to do our camp this year. She's really, really good at trying to bring more healthier food in. So we've been doing more baked chicken and more salads that we're preparing there. We do potato salads every now and then. When I see the bill go up real high, I go shopping. So we're getting hot dogs and potato salad on that day. And the bill is \$200 instead of \$700. But we're trying to bring more nutritional stuff in, that's what we're doing. That's my goal is to do that. **Williams:** That was the conversation is, are we seeking the advice of a dietician or nutritionist so that we're not actually creating more health issues for people. **Gottschalk:** It's a legitimate question, however,

remember there's 21 meals in a week. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner, we're talking one meal out of 21. We have no control over what they're doing at home. But it was again, it's a legitimate question. **Perez:** Right, and you know, I know that I am no longer funded for exercise, I'm doing it for free. But I just want to say, if you could just hear, I pointed out some testimonies for all of you guys. She's been in the class before, I'm bee working with Ms. (inaudible). If you just come and move your body, you will see a difference. But our seniors, I can't get them to come unless there's a chicken wing standing on the door, most of them. If I could just get them into some more healthier nutritional stuff, they would probably feel much better. You know, I know people are complaining about the diets. But you are what you eat. **Matlock:** I don't think it's about actually... If they come to a meal because it's free. What basically is being stated is that we're just trying to look out for their well-being. Even though they're coming to eat and even though it's free. You have a lot of senior citizens that have high blood pressure, you have a lot of senior citizens that do have diabetes. Our thing is, offer them a hot dog. You know, like you said, you would give them a hot dog and potato salad. A hot dog has so much sodium in it, and some of them, it's just like a kid. You feed it, put it in front of them. Yes, they're going to eat it, but then they're going to reap the benefits. My thing is, we can kind of like cut it and make the food a little bit more nutritional for them. **Perez:** As I said, I'm sorry to cut you off, but as I said...

**Matlock:** I'll tell you what, next Wednesday, how many people is there for your lunch? **Perez:** About 60 people. **Matlock:** I'm going to have the food prepared for Wednesday. **Perez:** It's already paid for... **Matlock:** Well, do it for the next one, or either cancel it. Because I'm going to have food prepared. **Perez:** No, it's already payed for. **Matlock:** Okay, so I'm going to have food prepare for the following Wednesday. Okay, and we'll go for a more healthier meal. **Perez:** I think Joe Fouche is doing the following week. **Gottschalk:** Yeah, once a month. **Matlock:** Okay, well, however it is, I'm going to have the food prepared for them for one for a

Wednesdays. **Perez:** And you'll be putting in a P.O with Brian? **Matlock:** Pardon me? No, I don't want no money for it. I'm going to have it prepared for them, okay. Because they do need to have a healthier you know healthy living healthy lifestyle. And You know, I mean, you could say whatever. My father's 94 and my mother's 91, and they could protest to this because they grow their own vegetables and everything. And this is what they live off of during the year. My father right now, he's getting his garden together, he's ready to go. And if you see the garden, it'll make you tired as much as he grows back in his yard. But what I'm saying is this, we have to pull our seniors. They're very precious to us, and if we can keep them for as long as we can. And I'm just saying, we can try and find a little bit more healthier. **Perez:** As I said, I am bringing them more nutritional food. I have offered them wraps, I have... We don't want any more tuna wraps, we don't any more turkey wraps, can we do blah blah blah. So, this is what I deal with but yes, please cater the next meal for me. Are there any other questions? **Williams:** I want to make sure that during our finance committee meetings, what we're discussing is getting back to you. We did ask for you to figure out, so we could better budget for the vendors you're using week to week. I know that you tend to use various vendors. If you could try to find one that has a multitude. It would be easier for us to figure a budget, right, and approve it more quickly. **Perez:** I just said the person that's doing the camp, she's the person that I'm trying to use. And then we have multiple requests for microwaves, not sure what that situation is, you don't even have to respond. I just want to be very clear, we should not be purchasing microwaves. Unless it's for our community center and that should not multiple times a year. **Perez:** There's one person, she doesn't live in Oakwood Village. She's tried every way to get a microwave in there. We took it away, we took it out because we found her cooking hamburgers in the microwave to feed the veterans. So we took out and hid it from her, then she brought it home. She doesn't even live in Oakwood, but that's all I have to say about her. **Williams:** Okay, I mean you know, we're reviewing things a little bit more closely. So, we just saw multiple microwaves. And then I don't know if it was communicated to you about we want to move forward with making sure that our residents are being served. So, the lunches and the events making sure it's our Oakwood village residents. So, we can use our taxpayer dollars for our residents. And not open that up to so many other communities. And I don't know what process that looks like. But I know you're working with Councilman Scruggs. So, I just wanted to make sure that's kind of getting back to you. So, we don't say something to you in the future and you haven't even heard it. Then the other thing was for the recreation budget for the summer camp. It came to us, but it's very nondescriptive. So it'll say like teacher, and a name, and an amount. But we don't know what they're teaching, how many hours, how many sessions. So, if you could just get that revised and get it back to us. So, we can know what camp is going to look like, who's getting paid for what, and how many times per. **Perez:** Sure, and my intention was to give you a copy of last year's camp so you could see what teachers did. But I was not able to get that ready right now for you. But I'll make sure that you get that. **Williams:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** Any other questions or comments for our Recreation Director? Again, we ask that our directors stay present, at least till the end. **Perez:** I'll be right next door, who wants to talk to me about it, you can reach me through the phone. Okay, in two or three agenda items we have residents comments. So, there may be a resident that wants to ask you a question. So please return as quick as possible respectfully. Moving on to agenda item number eight, ward reports.

### *Ward Report*

**Councilperson Scruggs:** Ward one, our newsletter went out last week, it was mailed to each of our residents and that is our only report for this evening.

**Councilwoman Hardin:** My usual, I try to make sure I know what's going on in the ward. Especially as it relates to maintenance. And again, our letter went out also, thank you.

**Councilwoman Matlock:** No report at this time.

**Councilwoman Davis:** No report at this time.

**Councilwoman Williams:** No report at this time.

### *Committee Report*

#### *Fine Arts Committee*

**Councilwoman Scruggs:** Fine arts have met and talked, and we will be able to present more details in the coming months. So, we are in the process of working with the summer camp and all of the activities. So, we look forward to making a presentation very soon.

#### *Health Care Committee*

**Councilwoman Hardin:** No report at this time.

#### *Utilities*

**Councilwoman Matlock:** No report at this time.

#### *Environmental Committee*

**Councilwoman Nikolic:** Okay, for the environmental committee, just wanted to speak briefly about some of the feedback that we received. I received a couple emails about the environment and some of things that were concerning. A resident was particularly concerned about moving in this direction because it may lead to a dependence on China and all those other things. So what I would say, I welcome all resident comments regarding the environment, their opinions, their views about the environmental movement, climate change. When we do have these meetings, please come. I'd love for you all to be a part of the committee. I don't know, Law Director, can residents be a part of committee as well? **Climer:** Residents cannot be actually voting members of the committee... **Nikolic:** But they can attend the committee meeting? **Climer:** Yes. **Nikolic:** Okay, so I welcome all if you have any concerns. Please attend the committee meetings to express any ideas or thoughts you may have about any topic held at a committee.

#### *Safety-Service Committee*

**Councilwoman Davis:** The only thing I know for sure that I wanted to say was our condolences for the Memorial Week for the Police. They had a Memorial Week and I brought cookies and stuff up for the officers. But I'm hoping that it came around for more people to, and I will be



putting that in a newsletter. Because I think that's very important to recognize and I'm sorry for the condolence for that officer Durbin out in Euclid. But that's all I have at this time, thank you.

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

**Councilwoman Williams:** No report for the tax incentive committee, our finance committee meets every Monday at 5:30p.m, sometimes 6:30p.m. You're more than welcome to attend weekly on Mondays for the duration until Council sees fit to slow down its meeting time.

***Economic Development/Grants Committee***

**Councilman Warren:** Community Economic Development Committee, right now the engineer is giving you a list of some of the items that he mentioned as far as upcoming project that we're looking to seek to fund. Currently we are a little bit on a hold as far development until we can confirm our financial position. Which in the next couple of weeks we will know what projects we can afford and move forward with those.

***Floor open to public***

Sam Pretzlaff, Ward 3 resident| **Pretzlaff:** Just to comment, I haven't done this since Diane (inaudible) was a Councilwoman, so I'll be a little rusty here. The issue was with the car show. It was terrible, it's like from 5p.m., to 9p.m., nothing but (inaudible). And some of these were like fireworks going off. Our dog was underneath the table for four hours. Police presence was there, bringing people in. But I think they could have been there when they came out. Because they came to Broadway and they'd show up, people were lined up on Broadway. One go this way, one go that way, and they fished it. I thought they were going to hit a telephone pole. Which brings up another thing, is there a city born that's for noise? There's a lot of motorcycles going down Broadway, they'll be in the park in Pettibone and you can hear them here. I mean, the house shakes with the bass. **Gottschalk:** Well, I think (inaudible) had this year or in the past over at Roseland, had to happen again. I think Mt. Zion will understand it... **Pretzlaff:** Why don't they hold it where the concerts are? **Gottschalk:** It'll be even worse there, and again, there won't even be enough room for all those cars. **Garratt:** There need to be an IX center somewhere that's none residents. **Pretzlaff:** I agree. **Garratt:** It's up to the Mayor from now on if they apply. It's up to Mayor to make the decision if they get it (inaudible). **Pretzlaff:** Ok, good to know, but about noise ordinances... **Garratt:** Noise ordinance on motorcycles are a little different because... **Pretzlaff:** Or cars with big speakers. **Garratt:** Or cars, it depends, now music coming from cars is one thing. Honestly, it's hard to enforce that by a decibel meter. And a lot of courts require that. Honestly we have decibel meters that we use in certain circumstances. But we don't have them in the police car, where they can stick out the window and do reading. However, with that said, we can enforce if we get a complaint or the officer hears it and it tears to be loud. She can do some level of enforcement with the none-less of the site. **Pretzlaff:** Last year, Callahan came to me and wanted to buy some of my property. Based on I'll call it Chalupka's property, I guess Broody, on Broadway there's the six acres. It's general business, I understand, and he wanted to put an office built in there. Now would that require a zone change? **Gottschalk:** It depends on what he's doing, but I doubt it unless it's light industrial. **Pretzlaff:** Okay. **Gottschalk:** And again Premiere is interested as well in terms of working with you on this whole thing. **Pretzlaff:** Oh, interesting, and what is general business? Is that Airbnb? Is it breakfast? **Gottschalk:** Ligh

industrial is where you're talking about warehouse distribution, Amazon trucks. **Pretzlaff:** Okay, but office building would be considered general business? **Gottschalk:** No, that could be general business. **Pretzlaff:** Okay, because there is a category of office, isn't there? **Gottschalk:** Yes. **Pretzlaff:** Okay, that wouldn't be required for what you wanted to build? **Gottschalk:** No. **Climer:** A lot of our zoning classifications incorporate by reference other zoning classifications. And I think general business does incorporate office as well if I'm not mistaken. **Pretzlaff:** Okay, that's what I wanted to know. I saw the separate classification for office and I thought, well, that would have to be voted on by the vote to change that, right? **Gottschalk:** We are going to make some changes on the zoning. It's a little cumbersome right now. **Warren:** But for right now, general business, you could build an office up in general business. **Pretzlaff:** There was one more item, I lived on Broadway for 64 years now, which is general business. Do I have the right to sell my house residentially? **Climer:** You're grandfathered in, your house was pre-zoning, correct? **Pretzlaff:** correct. **Climer:** Okay, yeah, you can sell it, or the person can continue the same use. **Haba:** I think it used to be long as it didn't remain empty for six months. **Pretzlaff:** That's what I heard a long time ago. Right, and that probably still stands. **Climer:** If the use is discontinued... **Pretzlaff:** I'm holding out for business, but in case I needed to sell because I had to move for some reason. Could I sell residential? **Climer:** Yes, as long as the use has not been discontinued. **Pretzlaff:** Correct, it's still occupied by me, okay thank you.

(resident's name inaudible), Ward 5|**Unknown resident:** I just want to say, I really do appreciate, um, you know, I know the Mayor. I've known the Mayor not since before he was Mayor. And I remember when I moved here, he tried to push me in. Mayberry, the television, was like Paris computer, don't quit, with this, this Mayor has a gun, you know, and what he does for the residents. And, um, Johnny Warren, he's always been, you know, it's... I'll tell you something about Tom. I live in the CMHA estate and I much appreciate what he does. Because that being CMHA sometimes, you know, snow is like this. And if I see Tom, I'll tell him, Tom will send... Now he takes care of Oakwood first, but he will send and it will be plowed. Because he's concerned about the residents also. The Fire Chief, I had an occasion to meet him, maybe a week or so ago. Because my neighbor, her alarm went off and he was so engaging with this person, and it's very much appreciated. And the police force, they do what they can, and that being CMHA, it's only so much they can do. But, you never hear anything about a racist cop. There are some younger ones, and they're not quite up to speed as to know how to engage older people. But there's nothing about racism. And I've been there for 11 years. And I much appreciate what this village is about. And ma'am, your name is Ms. Matlock: Ok, I understand what you said about wanting to help the older people. And I'd say that you were 50% right, and Carlean was 50% right. Because older people, the reason why they have high blood pressure and diabetes is because of the way they eat. And for them to change, you know, they want their highball, they want their salt. Maybe a compromise would be, do what you're going to do. But have what some people won't eat, but what some people will. And I'm 74 years old and I try to eat right, so, it makes a difference. Maybe you can get Pickleball back at the community center. You know, the residents, the older ones that come out, and something that's not strenuous. I know it's (inaudible), but you're all about helping and I really appreciate that, I really do. **Gottschalk:** Well, we appreciate you and our other residents. That's the services that we provide. We're proud of it and we're actually a model for Northeast Ohio. **Unknown resident:** Yes, you are and I'm proud to live here and proud for the services. **Nikolic:** Thank you, anyone else?

Brandon Agnew, Ward 1 | Agnew: I used to be in another ward. I've been living in Oakwood for almost all my life. I was actually a camp supervisor as a kid. My brother used to work in the Service Department, my other brother worked in Finance. So, I grew up in Oakwood, my grandparents moved here. And I just wanted to say that I'm glad that we're doing some things to improve our recreation facilities, meaning like the parks. I hope that we can have kids be able, because I have two little kids that are here now. And I would love for both of them to enjoy the recreation program. Unfortunately, because one is eight and one is not eight, they can't participate. And we used to do horseback riding, we used to do all those things, like I did the background check when I was a kid. As far as when I worked at 16 with the rec department. And those programs, it used to be interchangeable. So, throughout the whole summer we had educational, as well as the water parks, Geauga Lake, go hiking, bowling at Rose Lane, as well have karate classes, some educational programming for other kids and other things. So, my hope is that we have that, because my kids are starting to go Bedford to get services. Because they can't participate, especially in the summer program. And some of that is training for our younger people that are supervisors or wanting to be supervisors, meaning camp supervisors. They need that training to be able to relate to the kids, be able understand how to engage, and how to supervise those children. Because we went to Cedar Point, I took the kids horseback riding and they learned how to ride as well. So, when we say like they just learned how to ride they did that when they were you know 8, 14 or whatever years old. But we also had it to where the parents could come to some of the events like Cedar Point, to the Amish country with a five-year-old as well. Because I had to watch a lot of the five and six-year old kids that were in the camp. But that allowed for the whole family. So, if you had a brother or a sister who was school age they could go to the camp with their older sister or brother. And that helped create a lot of family structures. And be able to say I'm not taking my one child and having to put them somewhere else. Because that makes a difference in how you facilitate where my money is going to go. How I'm going to split up, how am I going to do that programming. So yes, you won't have a lot of kids because if you split up a family up or split up the younger and older kids. You got to make that choice of saying, am I going to send them all year to this camp or send them because they can't go as a family unit to a program and be there all summer long. And then after school activities and different things. I'm glad that we're doing those different things to improve our community. I hope that we do more. I would love to be part of it. Let me know how much I can do or what I can. I work downtown, so getting from down there sometimes is a little difficult. But I'm glad that we're working towards that direction. And that we have businesses coming because I love to see Oakwood grow, prosper, and develop. So, I think that's about all I want to say, but I am just glad that I'm here. I got the chance to finally make it and see the Council in action once again. But thank you all for all your time. **Hardin:** This young man represents three generations here in Oakwood. But this is a testimony to Oakwood to see and understand what Oakwood has done in the rearing and the opportunities here. And I was talking with someone down another person earlier today. We are so proud of all of these young people. There's a young man, I got to tell you this. You have no idea who some of these young people are and where they are. We have one young man on Glenshire, Mayor, he is in charge of an entity. He manages over \$8 million dollars. These are the kind of young people and this is what Oakwood has done. And I just can't tell you it has been a delight and a joy to watch you from grandma and grandpa Chapmans, all the way through. So, you keep coming because these chairs have to be filled. **Nikolic:** And I'd like to say thank you Mr. Agnew for your participation at the playground meeting. Your input was very much appreciated and going forward we would have a committee

where residents will join in with Council so we can continue the conversation about design, what you'd like to see. So stay in touch because your participation was extremely valuable and we want to continue to keep you in that conversation as the parks are designed, as we continue to have other ideas explored regarding our playgrounds and parks. So, thank you for your participation today and the day at the meeting. Any other comments? The floor for comments is now closed. Moving on to agenda item number 10, legislation.

### *Floor closed*

### *Legislation*

**2023-55**

Introduced 12-22-23

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

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

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

Tabled 1-23-24

**\*remained tabled**

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

**2024-13**

Introduced 3-26-24

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> read 4-23-24

Tabled 4-23-24

**\*remained tabled**

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

**2024-24**

Introduced 5-28-24

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 5-28-24

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF CARRIE LEE SINCLAIR  
HAWKINS**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-24 made by Warren seconded by Hardin

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-24 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-25**

Introduced 5-14-24

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 5-14-24

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

2<sup>nd</sup> read 5-28-24

**Nikolic:** Did Council want to have any further discussion about this legislation? This was the legislation dealing with being able to change our meeting days. Has everyone had a chance to review it? We can review it at work tonight if everyone will feel more comfortable. **Warren:** It's only just for an emergency. It's not just to do it routinely, but like when we went to the NLC, we weren't able to make the meeting. We legitimately can now reschedule that meeting per amendment. **Climmer:** At the time the Council was absent at the convention. We came to realize that read literally, our ordinances don't allow regular Council meeting to be held on anything other than the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. In other words, there's no flexibility if you read the ordinances. This will literally be able to change that to a different day of the month. Because of an emergency, because Council's out of town. **Hardin:** And we verified that it wasn't a charter. **Climmer:** No, the charter provides for meetings as determined by the ordinances.

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-25 made by Warren seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-25 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-26**

Introduced 5-14-24

By Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 5-14-24

2<sup>nd</sup> read 5-28-24

\*on to third reading

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

**2027-27**

Introduced 5-14-24

By Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 5-14-24

2<sup>nd</sup> read 5-28-24

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

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-27 made by Warren seconded by Scruggs

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-27 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-28**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AWARD**

Introduced 5-14-24  
By Mayor and  
Council as a whole  
1<sup>st</sup> read 5-14-24  
2<sup>nd</sup> read 5-28-24

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

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-28 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-28 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**Davis:** Madam Chairman, I'm sorry, Mr. Dirocco, we skipped over him, and I just realized. In the beginning, each department talks, and we did not go through the fire. We just passed him...

**Nikolic:** Really? The podium is blocking your head. Your department report, please.

Assistant Fire Chief Dirocco| **Dirocco:** Fire Department, the only couple things we have. We've been working on that employee handbook, our Fire Department version. I know at the request of Council. Because we kind of didn't fit into the Oakwood Village employee handbook. And the Police Department kind of have their own thing because they have a collective bargaining agreement. So, myself and Chief Tapp have been working, writing something. Which I believe he has a copy of Mr. Climer to review. **Climer:** I received it this weekend and I'll be reviewing it this week. And giving a call with recommendations as to how to coordinate that with the generalized employee handbook. **Dirocco:** So that, and I know that Mr. Climer mentioned in the beginning legislation on the purchase of a fire pumper. So, if you guys have any questions about that, I'm happy to see that that's moving on the legislation. If you have questions about that, I can answer, or any other questions about Fire Department. **Nikolic:** It's on work session tonight, but if you want to stay. I maybe suggest maybe the next meeting, or you could stay, whatever you'd like. Does anyone have any questions for him now about the firetruck? Any quick questions? No, I haven't talked about it yet, sorry. It's in the legislation, it's in work session, so we'll leave it for now. **Davis:** Mr. Climer had some questions about, for Mr. Tapp to find about the, one was almost \$75,000 less, if it paid cash or whatever, or prepaid. **Dirocco:** (inaudible) **Davis:** Okay, and the other one you had on there, something about the warranties or something you had a question, so did we find out? **Climer:** We were going to get the exhibit that contains the warranty. I spoke to Chief Tapp about that, I don't know if it's been received yet. But that would be material for the transaction. **Davis:** That was the two questions I had, thank you. **Dirocco:** Anything else? **Nikolic:** Hearing none, thank you. Any discussions, further comments from Council? Hearing none. May I have a motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn made by Davis seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Adjourned at 9:07p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

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Erica Nikolic, President of Council

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
2024-6-25**

**ATTENDANCE**

Erica Nikolic, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem	Tom Haba, Service Director
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	Dave Tapp, Fire Department
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	James Climer, Law Director
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Mark Garratt, Police Department
Mary Davis, Ward 4	Matt Jones, Village Engineer
Candace Williams, Ward 5	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director

**ABSENT**

Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
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*\* Arrived after roll call*

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Meeting opened at 7:03pm by Nikolic

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call taken

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

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Enter executive Session at 7:05P.M

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

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Exited executive Session at 7:30P.M

**Nikolic:** Moving on to agenda item number four, meeting minutes. We have none to consider this week. Agenda item number five, clerk correspondence. Joseph: Last saturday we had our first shred day for the year. The next one is going to be September 14th at 9 a.m. At the Oakwood Community Park. I just wanted to say it was a hot day, but it was successful. We had 71 cars participate, so that is very good. We beat our number of 55 from last year, but that's even better. And I just want to thank everyone who's did come out and volunteered Councilman Warren, Councilman Matlock, Councilmen Hardin, Councilwoman Davis. Thanks to Mr. Haba for having his worker Aaron's help and the truck driver, he also assisted, so I appreciate everyone's help. Finally, I did receive today a letter signed by a number of employees. I did distribute a copy to all Councilmembers regarding the raises. **Nikolic:** Quickly in response to that, council has received that, and you will receive updated information quickly. We did discuss



that last evening, last night in our finance committee meeting. So, you will be receiving an update very soon, once all of that legislation has been properly drafted. Moving on to agenda item number six, departmental reports. May we hear from our Mayor?

**Mayor Gottschalk| Gottschalk:** Thank you, Madam Chair, the first thing which will be on your agenda at the next meeting will be the company from France in calibration. And they do calibration services worldwide, both in the military, aerospace, and in naval. As well as in the services of health care and life science, in pharmacy, automobiles, and even down to foods and beverages. They will be here within a month. This will be before Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, before we deal with it on the agenda. But it will be on the agendas in two weeks. And it's quite something that they chose Oakwood over any other city in the United States to use as their brand, their headquarters here. It's not a large operation, even though they're a worldwide operation. There will be about 30 employees with a payroll of about \$1.5 to \$2 million to start, \$3 million in time within a few, about three years. But more than that, it's the net profits, which we also get a percentage of as well. And they came here for net profits. So, that will be before our Chairman of our Economic Development Committee. Additionally, I think I mentioned last week that University Hospital will have their own ambulance rescue service now in that... By the way, again, this company, the French company, will be in the first building. University Hospital is a few buildings down with their own ambulance emergency service, which is great. Initially we have Chagrin Valley Engineering and we have Swift Filters both in a few months uh proposing to want to expand. So, this is quite a hotbed over there which is quite exciting for Oakwood. Additionally then we will have on the agenda in two weeks. A company that I hope that by beginning sometime in 2026, maybe the end of 2025. We'll be reducing our electrical bills by 10 to 15 percent. There are things that have to be done with both the County and the state. But with these things happening, it'll be quite exciting. We'll be the first community in Ohio of being able to have this happen here. And that'll be before the economic development chairman as well, before we deal with it in two weeks on the agenda. Now we get to the camp, and I prayed, once we had our last meeting, to King Jesus to pour out his spirit and touch each of you here to have a... A better understanding of what goes on in the camp. I'm so proud to say to our residents that the camp is moving forward, no problems, and a lot of work. By the way, for those who might not know, if you're looking at the schedule, tomorrow it's 90% chance of rain. So, the horse-back riding has been moved to Thursday. At the same time... The schedule isn't, we're talking about students and education and classes. 85% of the classes that we will have over the next three weeks, and this is only going to be for two of the weeks. Then one more week of fun and activities, is not taught in any of the schools, whether it be Bedford, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Northeast Ohio, or Ohio. It gives, we're providing an opportunity for our students to have a better understanding of the careers that could be in demand in the future; and this is huge. At the same time instilling in them a sense to be more creative. And whether you're older or younger, it leaves an impression on you. And as I said, I'm just proud to say that our Council is supportive of how we're moving forward. Additionally, this is the new sign that you can pass these out, the Roseland bowling. This will be the top of their sign, it will all be black. And below that will be a screen like we have here, which will be a video of what's going on, the changes by the minute. So, it's going to be quite something to encourage a buyer to buy the facility. So, it's going to be a beautiful sign. And again, with so much stuff going on, we're just behind, and we are going to have a little celebration on July 4th. It'll be promoted in a second. Nobody goes to Columbus Road when they have a parade between Bedford and Bedford

Heights. You have very few Oakwood residents there. We've always felt this was better. We've been so tied up with other things, however, that we've languished here. But I already have Sharon Macklin, she'll be providing the hot dogs and the french fries at an unbelievable price. We will have the train, we will have 14-90 will be here with your band and playing music to the kids from 11am to 2pm, and dance music. We'll have more, but we aren't going to be able to get some of these things, because it's sort of late, that concludes my report. **Nikolic:** Thank you, Mayor, any questions or comments for the Mayor? Hearing none, may we hear from our law director?

Law Director Climer| **Climer:** Madam President, I'm happy to answer questions. **Nikolic:** Any questions or comments for our law director? **Williams:** Law Director, can you talk about 2024-WS-27 legislation for the internet auctions. Is this specifically for the items that we have to resell? **Climer:** It's something that we should actually do every year. The statute, we do sell things electronically that are no longer needed. And the state statute provides that you need to appoint the electronic service every year. We did a lot of research into the appropriate company to use. I put it out on the law director's listserv where we all talk to each other. And spoke with a couple other service director types. And this was the unanimous, I mean unanimous recommendation. They said we'd do a very good job. But yes, certain things from those purchases, we would propose to sell on that. **Williams:** And do we have to approve it on a certain date every year or just it just has to happen every year? **Climer:** Just every year.

**Gottschalk:** Madam Chair, the last thing I forgot. We'll be swearing in our new Fire Chief, Dave Tapp, and his two assistants tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock in this room if you care to want to be here. And with that, I am going to leave. **Nikolic:** Thank you, Mayor... I had a quick question regarding the recreational marijuana ordinance. I read through it, and is it only stating in terms of what was passed by issue 2? That Oakwood would prohibit any adult use cannabis operators. It's basically to prohibit operators in Oakwood? **Climer:** Correct. **Nikolic:** Okay, and basically the language here in the front is, is this from the issue two, or is this, this is part of our legislation? **Climer:** We're enacting a new chapter, which specifically addresses adult use marijuana operators. **Nikolic:** Okay, and this is essentially to prohibit any type of marijuana operator in the village? **Climer:** Correct. **Nikolic:** Okay, just want to clarify. Any other questions for the law director? **Climer:** And medical marijuana is already prohibited, we already opted out of that. **Davis:** So, the 2024-WS-27, have we sold every property? Or not unless this gets approved? **Climer:** Not to my knowledge we have not. **Davis:** Okay, thank you. **Nikolic:** Any other questions for our law director? Hearing none, may we hear from our finance director? He is not here. Okay, may we hear from service director?

Service Director Haba| **Haba:** Thank you, Madam Chairwoman, one thing on that raise thing you mentioned about the (inaudible) it is in section one. I thought it was in there, so if you want to look that back over or whatever. It's not in the preamble or whatever, not in main part, but it's in section 1. Stating that retroactive (inaudible) subject to approval with employee supervisor. So that is in there, other than that, Mr. Manesh, 7209 Lyndbrook, I talked to him recently. Thanks to our Engineer Department, they found something that was supposed to be done with that a few years ago. I said he's been patient, but we think what happened, the County guy charged the whole thing to the County, retired, guy got lost in the shuffle. So our Engineer Department is getting back on that. They're going to fix it, as far as I know, check, fix it, and charge it to the Illuminating Company. And Mr. Menesha is aware of that. The cable company also went down that same hole with the utility pole so (inaudible). Speaking of thanking the engineering

department, there was a sanitary sewer backup recently behind the shopping center. And thanks to our engineering department again, they came out and helped us locate the correct manhole and clean it out. We didn't do it because we deemed it was Hawthorne Shopping Center's responsibility. But we helped them out, located everything. And United Survey the company was in New York, the gentleman and I talked to eventually. And then that's where they talked to him to get a contract going and they fixed it. Someone had drawn up and one of the manholes just a little holes in there like a four-foot ride in there to lock up you know. Everything. Mr. Ra'el, at Cambridge, right after the class council meeting, you guys passed it. And I talked to the excavating company to let them know to go ahead. And he talked to me just recently, saying that next week he'll be out there, I told Mr. Rael that. And last thing on GovDeals. We've given Council over the last, nothing real recently. But I can give you another copy of things we've sold in the last five years on GoveDeals. We used to have the auctions, we had it in the back here, and we'd get pennies. Then we went along with the City of Bedford and had it there in the garage. We took our stuff down to our old police cars, our old trucks, our own signposts, whatever, our fire items, wherever we go. So, yeah, but the gov deals works out best, we make quite a bit of money. I've given Council in the past copy, but I can revisit that and give you guys a copy of what we've sold in the last few years of that. That would be no problem. That's all I have, I can take any questions. **Hardin:** Thank you as usual, that particular resident had been waiting for this to be resolved for two years. **Haba:** He showed great patience. **Hardin:** That's beyond great patience, but once the Engineer got involved, I want to say thank you. And so we are waiting patiently again. **Haba:** I don't have a date, I told them that, but I let him know beforehand. **Hardin:** Excellent, again I thank you, and thank you, Engineer. **Nikolic:** Any other questions for our service director? Hearing none, before we go to fire. I have one quick follow up for the law director. Could you give us a quick status on the update of the standard operating procedures with fire. You were working with Chief Tapp to update that? **Climer:** We're still working on it, trying to melting the two together. **Nikolic:** Okay, all right, just wanted to make sure we're all on the same page. Okay, may we hear from our fire chief?

Fire Chief Tapp| **Tapp:** Thank you Madam President, for any of you that are aware, Saturday evening into the late night at 24\_1 on Lincolnville, we had a building collapse. It was the new (inaudible) church. The building collapsed causing quite a hazard over there. I can't thank the Police enough for helping us with traffic delay. I called Tommy and Matt, not knowing what to do. They would not come out, the people from the church. They were not going to go over to their insurance company, nothing, but the building was unsafe. So Tommy brought some of these guys in again. Helped us bulldoze the rest of the building down to make it safe for the residents. There was a gas line that was ruptured, the power line's there, but it would have been terrible for all the residents in that area, but we got it all handled. Thanks to Tommy and the Police Chief for helping us with that. I'll be happy to answer any questions. **Nikolic:** Chief, I know we have legislation on the fire truck, so if you could kind of walk us through. I knew you said by July 1st, the price would go up again, and then by... **Tapp:** October, every quarter the price does increase on the chassis only. Not the whole price of the truck, just the chassis increase in price. But that varies on how many chassis they have. **Nikolic:** So will the finance director typically give us a breakdown of how that would be paid? Is that a lease? How is that to be paid? **Tapp:** Once the agreement is signed, then we have up until delivery to pay for the truck. They're running about three years out from the time of order to the time it gets delivered. **Nikolic:** Does the finance director typically give us an estimate of what the cost would be over that three-year period?

**Tapp:** He said he had some lines on some financing. But that would be completely on the finance director to figure that out. **Nikolic:** Okay, we'll have to follow up with him in respect. Any other questions for Chief Tapp? Alright, if there's nothing else for Chief Tapp. Thank you, chief, may we hear from our police chief?

Police Chief Garratt| **Garratt:** Thank you, Mayor President, I just want to go over a couple of things. One is we're still investigating the shooting that occurred. The captain was here at the last council meeting for me. They reported on where it's a multi-jurisdictional investigation going on. That's about all I can say on it right now, so that's where that's at. A couple things, we're getting more complaints about parking. Parking on bike paths, parking on grass, parking in the street. I know this time is the time for parties and everything else. If you could tell your residents, we'll grant parking permission for parties or anything else. And a few instructions like not parking in the same site as the fire hydrants. Not on both sides of the street, obviously, so we can get fire trucks through. We'll be happy to grant permission, but they need to get that permission because we don't want to cite anybody. We usually warn the first time or ask them to move. But then after that, we do cite and or toll. So, we want to keep that kind of straight. Motorcycle is out, he's on duty just about every shift. So, he's focusing on the residential areas for speed violations along with stop sign violations. You'll see him out and about in certain areas that we're getting a lot of complaints on. Also, I'm sure you've noticed the speed board. We are monitoring traffic and along with the speed and any issues that we have with that. One last thing I want to touch base on is we got a call of shots being fired on the North End. Officers arrived there and found two individuals shooting in their back care with hand guns. They were of age to have firearms. However, they had misinformation that when you were blessed with some larger pieces of property, that you can go ahead and shoot anything you want. Obviously, you can't do that, and you got bad information. We seized the weapons and turned the information over to the prosecutor for possible criminal charges. However, the individuals that were shooting were very smart about their shooting. They had backstops and they were very apologetic and cooperative. So we felt it was legitimate that they didn't know they weren't allowed for whatever reason. They got information from a party that works at Amazon. So, that wasn't quite, they learned the hard way I should say. So, that's about all I had. **Hardin:** What's the north end? **Garratt:** On Richmond Road toward the north end near Columbus. **Hardin:** Ok, there's going to be some comments regarding fireworks. **Garratt:** There also has been fireworks, and I guess I could transition into that. July 1st of 2022, the new fireworks law went into effect. And that goes from certain days, like I do have a copy of when it first came out. I do that copy of that we have to test this out. July 3rd, 4th, and 5th and the Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays immediately proceeding and following, 4 PM to 11 PM, fireworks are allowed. Labor Day weekend, New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day weekend, last Monday of May, I mean there's a lot of fireworks (inaudible). So, we do get a call that a lot people misidentifying as guns. Call us anyways, we'll make that determination. And if we have any complaints of open burning or anything else, I ask you please call us and let us handle that situation. Because a lot of times we're getting complaints afterwards, or videos. If something's going on in your neighborhood or wherever the case may be where it's an issue, please call us. Because we will handle it, we hate to come there two days later and this happened and here's the video. Just call us immediately, you can remain anonymous, we'll come and we'll handle the situation. So we appreciate the calls, we can't solve crimes until you guys are helping us out. But if you guys want to remain anonymous that's great. But we'll definitely check out any calls that you guys give us. Usually

what we do, just along the same page, is an open burning or something of that nature. The first offense for a resident is a warning. Because a lot of times they don't understand the laws. If we get a second, then you're cited. We don't want to get to that point. We just want everybody to get along and have all that kind of stuff. So this is open burning, parties and everything, this is the season. If you have any questions concerns or comments, please give us a call. I'll be glad to go over anything with you guys any of the officers will. **Davis:** Mr. Garrett, can you put on our website and also on the billboard, that you grant the permission for people to park on streets, so that we have another outlet? **Garratt:** It's it is on our website, I'm not sure if it's on the Village's website. We'll get in on there for sure and maybe on that sign up front. **Davis:** We appreciate that. **Matlock:** Question, I drove around the parking lot. There's a lot of automobiles, trucks, vans, busses, RV's, campers. Do we use that parking lot for that? I mean because it looks like we can't even get like the Oakwood busses was kind of like jammed up in there. But it took my surprise because it was a truck or a trailer back there and the wheels were flat. That tells me they haven't used it in a long time. **Garratt:** We're aware of it, I have to refer that to the mayor, if you could speak to him on that, because he has given people permission. A lot of them are residents that park their campers in the yard, and he's given them the option to park there. But you'd have to ask him about that, that's up to him. **Matlock:** Okay, we'll ask the Mayor about it. **Nikolic:** Any other questions for our police chief? Hearing none, may we hear from our building director? Building Director Marinucci| **Marinucci:** Thank you very much, just a quick note on pricing. I approved a deck today and when you look at the square footage and what's involved. A couple years ago that deck would have cost \$15,000, today it's \$25,000. Just to get a feel of money, that's where it's at. And I'm just here for questions. **Nikolic:** Any questions for our building director? Thank you, hearing none, may we hear from our Engineer?

Engineer Jones| **Jones:** Yes, thank you, just one quick update on the construction of Forbes Road. If you've been down there recently, you know that the concrete work has moved into its last phase in the section between the freeway and First Place. And you've probably also seen the signs that have gone up in the last couple of days indicating that a one-way traffic pattern is about to be put in place. I'm not thrilled about the one- way traffic pattern. As Chief Garrett and others know, I fought very hard to have them do that work under two-way traffic. Unfortunately... I was overruled, the County told us that in their opinion the job can't be built that way. And it has to be taken down to a single lane. So unfortunately in order for us to move forward we are stuck with having to do that. I did work with them to absolutely minimize the length of time that that work will be. It is going to be one way for 30 days. As of now that one way pattern is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 1st, so that is six days from today. It'll be one way eastbound from the freeway to Richmond. So, if you need to go west, if need to get from Richmond over to Broadway, you're going to have to take another route. The sign detour is going to be on Pettibone, but we won't stop people from using other routes. Again, that's, unfortunately, it's going to be 30 days, and but that's the best and fastest way to get that section of road done. So while that's being done, basically what's going be happening is we're going to doing curb repairs and deeper asphalt repairs and putting a new surface down. So after 30 days you're going to have a much nicer looking road. So that section will go much faster than the concrete section has gone, again, because of the fact that it is going to be down to one lane. Which will help them work faster. With that, I can answer any questions. **Davis:** Did you talk to Mr. Gustafen? I haven't heard anything, he was supposed to have it done, the evaluations, for the flooding on the Gardner Road. We haven't hear anything more, that was two, three months ago, but we haven't

heard anything. So what is going on? **Jones:** It is ongoing and I can get you an update. **Davis:** I appreciate it, thank you. **Scruggs:** Can you please refresh my memory on the project for Richmond Road and Sparrow-Hawkway, that intersection they started tearing up the road already. Are they doing pipes right now? **Jones:** To be completely honest with you, I don't know. I'm not aware of what's happening over there. It's not something that's being handled through engineering. So I would have to look into that. **Haba:** I'm not sure, I think it's Cleveland water department. It was (inaudible) construction, that's what they've been using in the last couple of years. **Jones:** So yeah, they must be doing an emergency water repair. I don't have any other information at this point. **Hardin:** So we didn't, we did not anticipate this. What are you going to do to make sure they don't cut through the residential area? **Garratt:** Increase patrol over there and add detour signs going through that way. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Jones:** We can't stop people from going that way. But we won't sign them to go that way and again police will be enforcing speed. **Nikolic:** Someone brought to me and I'm not quite sure I understand what the issue is. They said on Richmond and Forbes at the end where there's a pump station. That there's been some digging and their landscaping has been torn up and it hasn't been replaced appropriately. Do we know anything? **Jones:** That is still ongoing, they are doing some work on that pump station. I'm actually not the one handling that work. But yeah that project is still on going, the work's not complete. So if there are some landscaping issues there, we'll get them corrected. **Nikolic:** Once it's completed, what's the estimated completion date? **Jones:** I don't know, I'm sorry. I'll try to get you some information. **Nikolic:** That's okay, and lastly, the T-Mobile grant, did you have the T mobile grant for the 50k for playgrounds? This is a non-matching fund grant. I just wanted to know, is there an update on our eligibility? What the likelihood that we could apply for that? **Jones:** I do believe we are eligible. I do intend to put an application together for it. I don't know how successful it will be. I did some research, and that grant does appear to be very competitive. So I think we can certainly try. I'll be honest and say I'm not real optimistic that we'll get that funding, but we can put our best effort on it. **Nikolic:** Anything else for our engineer? Here are no other questions, thank you. May we hear from our recreation director?

Recreation Director Perez| **Perez:** Thank you, just to give you an update on the camp. We're into our last of the two-and-a-half weeks, thank God. And everything has gone really well. The kids are really, really enjoying themselves. I put Ms. Scruggs on the remind notice, so you see that we're moving around a lot. Tomorrow the schedule will change again because of the rain. We'll update you tomorrow, you have that beautiful sign from the bowling alley. That's what I'm going to attempt to go to in the morning for the rain. And then we're going back to the movies tomorrow night. Movies has been really, really, very, very good at letting us come there and give us special seatings. I had to come back again today, I ran back over again today. They actually closed down a theater for just us and let us come back and rented a room for me. And they're only charging me five dollars a kid for a ticket. So that's been really been good. I also want to say that it really warms my heart that so many of you guys purchased tickets for the events that are coming up. Because I don't ever see a lot of the council people at the events. So I'm really happy that you guys have purchased tickets for the Murder Mystery and also the Michael Jackson show. That sold out in two days. I did call down to Playhouse Square on Monday. We can get extra tickets, I don't know where they would be. But because there's a lot of ticket holders, season ticket holders. But they're giving us those tickets at a discount. So, if there's some other people that you know that would like to come, please let me know. We still have tickets left for The Murder Mystery, quite a few as a matter of fact. So, you can let me about that also.

After talking to Jim, I wanted to give you guys tickets to Cedar Point. I'm giving you guys two tickets a piece to Cedar Point as a gift. And the other tickets that are out, I would like...My counselor members, they work so hard, the Counselor's do. And they don't get a chance to ride with the kids. So I would like for them, as I do every year. That is a "thank you" to give them tickets to go to Cedar Point. So, I have some more of that, but I want to give it my counselors so they can go. Because they're out there monitoring the kids, and they don't really get a chance to enjoy it. Plus, they have smaller kids at home, and I'd like for them to enjoy those things also, that's all I have. **Davis:** How many children are registered for our camp? **Perez:** We have 50 and 8 counselors. **Davis:** Okay, thank you. **Perez:** And that count may change after the end of the month, because we go into the education part of it. We sent out remind notices to ask the parents of the ones that are not coming back to please let us know. **Davis:** And we bought a total of 75 for Cedar Point? **Perez:** Yes. **Nikolic:** Any other questions for our rec director? I'm going to go a bit off script and just ask, does any resident have any questions for our rec director? Floor opened to the public.

**(Unknown Resident):** Um, Carlean, this is not a question, and I do have a question for you, this isn't a question. I just wanted to say that last Friday, we had 50 children at our radio studio. And we did 25 and 25, I had 13 on the mic and 12 educational. And I want to thank you for those kids. Because you guys should have seen these children. You got some stars in this city, I'm serious. I asked them a question, I said, if you could change anything in school, what would you change? They said the curriculum, why do we have to take social studies when nobody teaches us how to build a business? These are for kids, they want to know. So, our doors are open, I need to have these children back. They have ideas, they have energy, they were absolutely wonderful. They were, they were, two hours was just not enough. I just got to let you know that. The other question was, I just happened to be at City Hall today, and he probably went over this before because we were late. But there was a gentleman there asking about flyers for the upcoming concert in July, and they weren't any flyers. **Perez:** They are not posted yet. **(Unknown Resident):** OK.

**Shirley Stevens:** I like when she said that we have stars here. And I'm wondering about the recreation. What's the procedure for going after some of our kids and some of ours stars?

**(Unknown Resident):** They were your kids, they were your stars. They were Oakwood Village children. **Stevens:** Okay, (inaudible) I didn't interrupt you, I'm claiming the time. **(Unknown**

**Resident):** Go ahead, go ahead. **Stevens:** You do have a star, and so I wondering how does the recreation department go about...Is there an application or something that you can submit. So, that we can get some of our talents when they pass out those flyers. Our convenience are on there, our bands, we have tour companies, all of that. What is the procedure by which we can get some the neighborhood kids, some of the neighborhood adults lined up so that they can show their talent? Now who does the (inaudible), does the Council have power over recreation?

**Nikolic:** That's a question for you Carlean. I don't know exactly if you, are you a resident?

**Perez:** I'm the recreation director... **Stevens:** No, are you a residence? **Perez:** No, I'm not.

**Stevens:** The reason why I'm asking you this is because the summer camp itself... This is where our generation came from, the summer camps. **Perez:** But if you'd like something additional from the summer camp. I can give you, you call me, what do you want some talent? I don't know exactly... **Stevens:** I know and thank you because now I'm going to throw it on Council. See I sat there for about 8 to 12 years, and I know the power of the council. And the council should have

our application. They should have a procedure by which our kids, our residents can apply for some of those reparations. I do the underground railroad tour. I'll tell you how it's real go with me on my tours. **Warren:** That's an Administrative function, that's not a councilmatic... **Stevens:** uh uh, don't do that, I sat on that seat. **Warren:** I know and I'm sitting in it since 1996... **Stevens:** Don't tell me, don't do that... **Hardin:** If you poll Council, I guarantee however many there are. The answer to your question is, we have asked for input, especially in recent times, to have a Oakwood night. As a matter of fact, the concert is named after an Oakwood resident, Marshall Sewell. And as you know, his son has a band, okay? And as she pointed to the young man next to you, it sort of surely jumped up just in time. It ties in, just like you recognize the talent here. There's some of it sitting back there. And so we have asked, and so based on what I'm hearing, you can take this back to the mayor tomorrow. I think there is a, not even just a request. You need to schedule an approach. We could give you the name of Hubs Groove. These are people that are local talent, we want a local talent night. This isn't anything new, Shirley, you are right on time, so you're right. This Council, we will ask you to approach the mayor. Within this season, we want an Oakwood talent night, thank you, Mr. Stevens. **Perez:** Since the Beejees are not coming this year, to have a 70's night, were we can get some stuff going on. **Hardin:** No, we want it specifically, and if it's by default, we'll even take that slap in the face. But we want a Oakwood talent night. And we'd like for you as the director, to report back to us what night that will be. If you need any direction as to how to approach, who these people are. There's enough on council we'll give you the names. **Nikolic:** And in addition to that, perhaps you could have a sign up, some type of short form sign up on the website. Where anyone who's interested in participating, they can submit, you know, basic information. So if you could work with IT to have that on the website, so you can also direct people. Just so we can start collecting names. I mean, we know a lot of people, but there are some people who may not have been recognized and you may not know. So there is something on the websites, it's a place people can always go. Any other questions for our rec director? Thank you, Ms. Perez, moving on to agenda item number seven, ward reports.

#### *Ward Report*

**Councilperson Scruggs:** No report.

**Councilperson Hardin:** No report.

**Councilwoman Matlock:** There's only one thing that I wanted to say or just get out there. I was approached by seniors about a farmers market program, Department of Aging. They do offer vouchers for our seniors. So, if you know any seniors in the area, tomorrow during the time that we're at the community center. Since now they set it up on a different process, which we have to fill out an application and sign it online. Okay, some of our seniors don't have that capability to do that. So tomorrow, while we're at the community center, we are going to address those seniors and get some of them signed up, all right. We do have a form that the secretary gave us with some of the names of the residents who went to Amish country. Those seniors there, we're going to give them a call and tell them about the actual sign up for the farmers market vouchers. Okay, if they want to sign up, they can go to [aging.ohio.gov](http://aging.ohio.gov), if they have access to a computer. If they don't have access to a computer and they want to get signed up. You know, I don't know about everybody else. Me personally, I feel kind of passionate about seniors. So if they want me to, I will come to go to their house and sign them up so they can sign, so it can go through. We get



enough of them with vouchers. I'm going to request and ask council for us to maybe take a trip with them to the Westside Market. It takes four to six weeks for the vouchers to come in. But we can take them to like the West Side Market and, you know, utilize the vouchers if they like. But that's something that they can have and I'll give them more information and give it to Tanya on her email. And then put it on our actual newsletter on other other programs that is allowed for them through the Department of Aging downtown There's a lot of programs out there for them and basically that's it.

**Councilwoman Davis:** No report.

**Councilwoman Williams:** No report.

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

*Committee Report*

*Fine Arts Committee*

**Councilwoman Scruggs:** No report.

*Health Care/ HR Committee*

**Councilwoman Hardin:** No report.

*Utilities*

**Councilwoman Matlock:** No report.

*Environmental Committee*

**Councilwoman Nikolic:** Environmental, just saved the date for the solar panel info session, August 28th. This week we are planning to meet with a couple of stakeholders, Power Clean, to start going through a survey. To do an assessment as to whether or not our village can apply for technical assistance. To get free money for electric vehicles to test and for our service department. So we are looking at that and next Monday, we'll start with drafting our climate action plan.

*Economic Development/Grants Committee*

**Councilman Warren:** No report.

*Safety Service Committee*

**Councilwoman Davis:** No report.

*Tax Incentive Review Council Committee &  
Finance Committee*

**Councilwoman Williams:** Finance committee is about to amend the village's budget again by June 30th of this month. We will amend the budget to a 75% budget in most areas and for specific line items we may amend the budget by a hundred percent. Our finance meetings are every Monday at 5:30 p.m. And our tax incentive committee has not yet met.

*Floor opened to the public*

**Shirley Stevens, Lynbrook Dr. | Stevens:** Thank you all for your good work and everything, and your dedication. I know I sat in that seat, so I know it takes a lot of you. Having said good things now, let's move on. Thanks to the police department, I had an issue with my house. Two of them came out and took care of it. I knew it was going to sound like a record, but fireworks. Just the other day on Juneteenth, I guess, if you pass by my house, you'll see the shades are kind of pulled down and look kind of raggedy. Because I woke up in the middle of the night, I went to (inaudible), then I went in the window to try to see what was going on. And I pulled and broke my shades. But my point is that when I woke up out of that deep sleep, it looked like those fireworks were on top of my house. I'm old, when you're tired and you're sleepy and you stand by yourself, you want to be safe in that house. And when no firecrackers are going off... And people have a right to fire firecrackers. I'm not saying one minute, or just because I don't like firecracker, nobody should fire fire cracker. That's not what I'm saying. What I'm sayin' is let's coexist here. And I brought in this here article so we could read it and to see if Council had to come up with some type of... Because everybody's not taking this. I want to thank Freeman for the letter that was sent out to me. Taking the position to say what we're trying to do and everything and that's wonderful. And I hear that they're going to be passing out some legislation letting people know and that's wonderful, and I appreciate that. However, I want to make sure that I know that every council person on this (inaudible). Means that, when that letter went out, you all agreed with that. That there should be no changes. There should have been a poll in another community. Because some old people went through those three days last year of firecrackers, in fact, it was four. Because after the holiday, they were still doing firecracker. And if that's the way we want to live, that's the way you want to go live. Because I don't control anything, I'm not trying to. But I do want to be able to lay down and make sure that my house is not going to catch on fire. Because Ernie isn't there to wake me up now and say, "hey, Shirley, get up." You know, I had a good husband, yesterday was his birthday. I was a basket case yesterday, I miss my husband so much. But getting back to these firecrackers, I had made a proposal. That we would have an event that everybody would not have to be fired off those firecrackers. And you had little kids next door to me out there setting off firecrackers. I don't ever got a lot to say, you know, you got to be an adult, you got to do that. People do, and they have a right to do what they want at their house. We can't go to their house and tell them, you want to not say anything. But we can have laws on the books to kind of protect both parties. Just so everybody can co-exist. Because I already put in a request for the library, they're researching it for me. How many communities push back on this and say, well, this is what we're going to do. No, not three days, two days, we're going to have... Because most of your well-off, fluent neighborhoods, I like to think Oakwood is one too, they just don't realize it. They have those community events, so people are doing them in their yards. That's why they spend all that money, so nobody is doing it at home. And this is my last point. You know, Phantom has a huge, two new warehouses, right? One on Miles is huge right across from Lowes. Then there's another one on further down in Richmond. I forgot, because I go all the way to Mayfield on Richmond. But, they're targeting our community. That's where the money's going to come from. And I'm saying, I think I'm going lay down on my bed and be restful at night. And they got those advertisements out there left and right. They're also on cable, and I'm going to sit down. But I'm sayin', our community is a wonderful community. I've been there when that young man, he was

just a little boy. We got a wonderful neighborhood, (inaudible) always look out for me. So, my point is that when I come up here and ask about firecrackers not that I'm trying to control anything. But I lived here last year so I will probably be back because I am having a meeting. I am have a meeting and Johnny, you know, we done sat through some meetings before. So when my disagreement with you, I had to say it when you said that's administrative, no, that's a council job. Where's the money, Council allocate the funds. But we refer to the mayor for, we tell the mayor what we want him to do. And then he sets the scene, that's what I meant. **Stevens:** Okay, you said that's administrative, but you've done your job. It's just like running any business, someone has to call the shots. **Warren:** Right, just like Councilperson Hardin said, the money is there. And so we're saying that this is what we want, now show us how you're going to do with it. And if we don't like it, then we'll amend it. **Stevens:** So, when I ask, how do we go about getting some of our local talent, some of our local people, some our local company? We have companies in this village, we have companies who would love to come up here and participate in our community events. In fact, I'm going to just go on a little bit, but they should come first. **Warren:** I'll just let you know that our own street on Jean Drive, we hired Hubb to do our 4th of July. And he has been doing it ever since and he live on the street. **Steven:** Okay, see that's what I'm saying. So, it's different when you got everybody, and I lived through that life. So again, I want to thank everybody for letting me come up here. Oh, I wanted to ask her, what's the age for that program? **Matlock:** So basically, it would be for ages 55 and older, but you have to meet a certain income. There is an income restriction on that, okay, based on how many people are in your household. So, for a lot of seniors, they would probably meet it. **Stevens:** I'm going to find out that, I may qualify because of the age thing.

**Unknown resident, Free Ave| Unknown resident:** Thank you very much, I'd like everybody to know that I live on Free Avenue, and I got neighbors that live on Wright. And we've got a piece of land on North Avenue that the church cut parallel to them. They cut that about 80 yards. I took care of the other 80 yards that they didn't cut. And my neighbors, we're going to take turns. The house on the corner of Wright and North Avenue, some kind of raid happened, nobody's in it, and the grass is high. So, we're going to take care of that. Now, what I need to ask, a piece of equipment that leans over and get that gutter stuff out. Is something you drag behind your tractor, right? **Matlock:** You talking about a bush hog? **Tommy?** **Haba:** We want to get the ditch, we talked about it last meeting, it's a flail. We're waiting for some parts. That's why Tryon isn't done all the way. The ditches, we talked about it, we were going to try to do it before, I think, last Friday. But we're getting a bunch of parts and they're not in yet. We'll get all ditches as soon as we get the parts out. **Unknown resident:** You've got one? **Haba:** We've got one that reaches over, about 6ft. **Unknown resident:** All right, so all you've got is one? **Haba:** Yeah, we got (inaudible). We've got one behind (inaudible) we can cut. We'll call the building department first because they need to send a notice to whoever owns that property. We send notice one time and we'll take care of the rest if this for the rest of the year. **Unknown resident:** Anybody knows, if there are elderly people that can't get Let me know and we'll try to get them taken care of. **Matlock:** That would be nice, thank you. **Nikolic:** Here's a question for the service department, that plot of land on North Lane, is it privately owned? Do you know what he's referring to? **Haba:** Yeah, I'm not sure, the one on Wright that goes towards your house. That one I was in that houses plenty of times for basement sewer work. I don't know who owns it now, but that's more building part of it. Call them, let them know if the grass is high. they'll go out and send a letter out to who the owner is. And we'll keep that in there. Even the other one next to us, it's not

yours, we can cut it. We just need to find out who the owners is. **Unknown resident:** It's is about three of us, we decided to do it. Yeah, we can do it! You know, we won't do it weekly, but we can when it grows up 5/6 times. **Nikolic:** You can, I mean if you'd like your ward council to know the address. Maybe she could follow up with you about you know the owner and possibly engaging them to get the grass cut. Any additional comments?

Dixon, unknown address| **Dixon:** When that guy was here last week for Glenwillow. It's very nice, you guys, it is a very nice path. I mean, I took a walk there, and it's really, really nice.

**Hardin:** There's the Engineer, that's responsible right there. **Dixon:** I want to know if they are going to expand it? **Jones:** I think there is a plan to expand it, yeah, that would be my colleague's department. **Dixon:** Really, really nice. **Nikolic:** Thank you, Mrs. Dixon, anyone else?

Floor closed

### *Legislation*

**2023-55**

Introduced 12-22-23

By Mayor and  
Council as a whole

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

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

Tabled 1-23-24

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

**2024-31**

Introduced 6-25-24

By Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-25-24

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE  
MONITORING AND SAMPLING OF STORMWATER OUTFALLS IN OAKWOOD  
VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-31 made by Davis seconded by Warren

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-31 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-32**

Introduced 6-25-24

By Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-25-24

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT  
IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF GLENWILLOW  
CONCERNING IMPROVEMENTS TO RICHMOND ROAD AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-32 made by Warren seconded by Hardin

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-32 made by Hardin seconded by Scruggs

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

**NO VOTE:** Williams

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-33**

Introduced 6-25-24

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-25-24

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE C.A. AGRESTA CONSTRUCTION CO., INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$16,302.00, FOR THE TRYON ROAD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TRAIL PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-33 made by Scruggs seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-33 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-34**

Introduced 6-25-24

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-25-24

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMBER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) AND AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE ALEXANDER ROAD SEPTIC CONVERSION PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-34 made by Warren seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-34 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-35**

Introduced 6-25-24

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 6-25-24

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT THE CLERK OF COUNCIL SHALL REPORT TO AND WORK UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE WARD 2 COUNCILPERSON UNTIL OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY COUNCIL**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-35 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-35 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**Williams:** Can I ask a question before we move past legislation? Law Director Climer, can you circle back to our finance director and find out more information for us about 2024-WS-18? We have asked for more information. The legislation language doesn't match up with what he explained to us. And we asked for the communication between him and the state so we can get more clarity. We're not able to move it or discuss it or anything because we don't understand it at all. **Climer:** I'm happy to do that. **Nikolic:** Similarly, relating to legislation is the financial breakdown for us with the fire truck apparatus. **Climer:** Yeah, so I did send around my analysis of the contract. But you're looking for the financials... **Nikolic:** Right, so we can see what the payments would look like for three years out just as a whole. **Climer:** Okay. **Nikolic:** And as Chief Tapp explained, we'd have to explore some different financing options. So, I would expect them to present the most viable or most cost-effective for the village. **Climer:** I understand the finance director's is away for the balance of the week. So, I'll address that as soon as possible. **Nikolic:** Okay, Clerk, Joseph... **Climer:** I may be mistaken. **Nikolic:** Was there any communication from the finance director about his absence at all? **Joseph:** Oh no, I have no clue. **Williams:** Law Director Climer, we were trying to approve increases in the amended budget before June 30th. And we weren't aware he would be out of town at all. We were looking for him at yesterday's meeting and today's finance meeting. We don't have the ability to amend or increase anything without him making the changes so that we can review them. And then create the legislation before Sunday. **Climer:** I will try to contact him tomorrow. **Davis:** Thank you, budget is due on Sunday. **Nikolic:** Okay, and also regarding the 2024-WS-02. Finance Chair, are we getting the revisions to the law director for the 5% raised legislation? **Climer:** Right, that was something I wanted to bring up. **Nikolic:** How do we work on that so we can make sure that's in process? **Climer:** If there's a consensus at council, somebody could just send me a list of the modifications you would like to make to the ordinance; we'll get them done. **Williams:** Okay, so you can do that part? **Climer:** Sure. **Williams:** However, he still needs to amend the actual appropriate budget to reflect that that exhibit has to... **Climer:** Right, I'm not sure what the revisions are. But if you can get them to me, I'll communicate it to Brian and do everything I can to get that done this way. **Nikolic:** Is there anything else? **Williams:** Our goal was a special meeting on Thursday at 4.30, which we had questioned if it could be done that quickly. It would need to be received by tomorrow at 3 PM. We had no idea... **Climer:** I did not either. **Williams:** Okay.

Motion to adjourn made by Davis seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Adjourned at 9:02p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

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Erica Nikolic, President of Council

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
2024-7-9**

**ATTENDANCE**

Erica Nikolic, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem	Tom Haba, Service Director
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	Assistant Chief Chris Manzo, Fire Department
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	James Climer, Law Director
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Brian Thompson, Finance Director*
Candace Hill, Ward 5(formerly Williams)	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
	Captain Freeman, Police Department

**ABSENT**

Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Mary Davis, Ward 4	Matt Jones, Village Engineer

*\* Arrived after roll call*

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

**Nikolic:** Agenda item number four, no minutes to review this meeting. Agenda Item number five, do you have a clerk correspondence? **Joseph:** Not at the moment. **Nikolic:** Thank you, moving on to agenda item number six, departmental reports. May we hear from our law director? **Law Director Climer| Climer:** I'm happy to answer questions. **Nikolic:** Any questions for our law director? Hearing none, may we move on to our service director.

**Service Director Haba| Haba:** No real report, I just had a call an hour and a half ago. The recycling on, I had none of the trash picked up on Forbes, I guess on the north side. We're talking back tonight, but I'm going to step out, give a call. See if the contractors get in the morning, move the stuff from the north side to the south side. So the roaster can pick it up first thing in the morning. If not, we'll do it, if not, we can't do it. But usually that's taken care of, (inaudible). I told them we would handle it some way. And maybe they can get an oversight over it, or maybe the contractors can do it. Most of the time the contractors are on a job like this, the contractors will do it, move stuff over, and back when it's empty. Hopefully they'll do it in the upcoming weeks. And that's all I have, I'll take any questions. **Warren:** Yeah, you know, I was going to call you before because we have an excessive amount of trash after the holiday. That's for some reason because I was just looking at the garbage cans and they're all overflowing. And I saw that waste management didn't pick up some. Because people use these supplemental devices because of the fact that they can't get it all in the garbage can because of their volume of trash. And waste management deal leaves them. **Haba:** (inaudible) stick to the rules, that they laid out. **Warren:** Right, we got to reinforce them, but sometimes it's just you just got way more trash than you expect, and it's nothing for them. It's not incumbent upon them to pick it up. But we'll have to let you know so that we can figure alternatives means. Because we can't have it sitting out there night after night because then it brings rotants. **Haba:** Yeah, here's the thing, you know, one time of year residents can take to a transfer station on their own. Show an ID that you're an Oakwood

resident, and they will take it free of charge. **Warren:** Okay. **Haba:** The other thing is you could purchase another can, I believe it's \$4... **Warren:** \$6, I think. **Hardin:** Piggy backing off of the statement made. I also noticed on the way here that they were on their way, as I stated when I called, but the truck is full. Are they going send another truck out? because it's full, you can tell it's full. **Haba:** Yeah, I don't know, they were just, I had to call the supervisor for another matter, you know, about half hour, 45 minutes after I got to talk to you from another resident. He was mistaken, he was on the road when he said they picked up the recycling zone. They checked the camera, they did, and he walked out there and it wasn't empty. The kid told them the wrong information, but whatever the case. They were just getting off Lynbrook at that time. So, it may have been done, I don't know. But like I said, they didn't get Forbes because they couldn't get over that lane. **Hardin:** But what happens if the truck is full? **Haba:** Well, it's too late at night, the guys were too much overtime, it was too late at night. They can't get to the transfer station because if that closes at some point, I don't even know what time it is right now. But then they would finish first thing in the morning. **Hardin:** Got it, okay. And I think we're going to, each one of us, on our next newsletter, we'll send out a reminder. Yeah, we should, you know. Residents are getting a little, you know, a little lax, and they're sitting bags and stuff out. **Haba:** Yeah, like you said, it's not all the residents fault. Because they did, waste management, trying to be nice, did for the last few years pick up extra stuff. **Warren:** They're nice enough to pick it up. It's supposed to be closed, but I had two bags that I stuffed on top and they went and picked it up. And a lot of the other residents, as long as it was in the can and if it didn't cause them to drop it on the floor. If you pack it right, they'll take it. If they don't have to get out of the truck. **Nikolic:** Any other questions for our service director? Hearing no further questions, may we hear from fire department?

Assistant Fire Chief Chris Manzo| **Manzo:** I'm Assistant Chief Chris Manzo, I'm here on behalf of Chief Tapp, who couldn't be here tonight. Nothing to report, I can take any questions if you have. **Nikolic:** One quick question, do you have any rough idea about how much if we put the existing fire truck on govdeals.com, how much we could get for it? **Manzo:** So we actually started that process with, there's two ways to go. Atlantic, who the new truck is being purchased from, gave us some good insight, GovDeals is an option. There's a company called Brinley Mountain, and I started that whole process this week. They have a meeting on Monday, a week from yesterday. And they're going to give us an idea of what that truck can be worth. We can recoup some value out of it. They will either one, purchase the truck straight from us, or two, list it for us. So, they would basically do like a gov deals and advertise the truck. They work across the country so if they know there's a volunteer company that the existing truck fits their needs, slower company, everyone comes from home. They will work their hardest to get the most out of that truck. So, that process is started. I can't give you a number, he will get back to me, a ballpark. **Nikolic:** No, that's fair. **Haba:** I think we've worked with those at GovDeals too. I mean that company, the guys can set a minimum. Whatever they give, say they'll give \$15,000, then they can go to Gov Deals, set the minimum at \$15,000 and you might get \$19,000 or \$22,000. Whatever the case, so it's a good idea they're going for a second source of that. **Manzo:** GovDeals is an option, the way it was explained to me through the rep at Brinley was, because of the demand right now. They've been having really good high-value numbers come out of some of the used trucks because of their demand. **Warren:** The question I have is that when they give you those numbers it's all speculative. Because now it's going to take us a year almost to get our truck so that truck's going to be another year or a year older. Would that have a significant



impact or maybe you can ask them that. Would that have significant impact on the value of the truck? **Manzo:** So it's a good question, we're not the only ones going through it. So, this brand specializes in this and they understand that it's two to three year bill based on manufacturer. So, that number they give you is based on delivery of that truck. Another option is if they get a high value or someone who's like, I want the truck, I want to truck, they can up that value. We come off the truck a little bit earlier and maybe go down to the spare. That's something we got to look at down the road. But it's... I don't want to say it's a luck thing, but it really is a supply and demand. If someone really wants it, and willing to paid top dollars, they'll do it. **Warren:** We just stopped because of the fact that we couldn't get rid of it. Because of the the fact our first priority is safety. And so we can't compromise that with the deal or the money. But give us an idea and we'll see what we... I appreciate it, if you could get it to the Council Clerk and then she can send us an email if that's okay. **Manzo:** Yeah, will do. **Nikolic:** So the other thought is, is there a possibility to get a letter of commitment? So we could incorporate that dollar amount into financing. Meaning we only finance the amount minus what we could get a Letter of Commitment for? **Manzo:** Yes, I will find that out. My understanding is there's no pre-payment penalty on that financing, depending on how we go through. So even if that money came in and it went towards the principal. I'll get all of those exactly figured out from that. **Nikolic:** Any further questions for fire? Hearing none, may we hear from our Police Captain?

Police Captain Freeman] **Freeman:** Okay, first of all, we're going to talk about 4th of July weekend week. It was actually a pretty slow week. From June 29th until last night, we've only had eight fireworks calls. And only one of them was really outside of the time that you can let fireworks off. One was around 11:30pm at night, so you can only do them from 4pm to 10pm. We had about eight calls and most of them were actually people just didn't know that you can write off fireworks until 11 o'clock at night on the 4th of July and the day before. So we took care of that, we advised them, hey, it's 11 o'clock, you got to shut it down with the fireworks. And most people complied, we did have to come back one time and let the guy know you can't let them off in the street. You have to do them in your yard and that was handled. We had a couple of OVIs this weekend, a road rage incident, a guy was on his motorcycle. Got mad that some guy jumped off and broke his window. So we're investigating that right now. But other than that, that was it. **Nikolic:** Any other questions or comments for our police captain?

**Freeman:** I got one more thing, just to tell you guys, we do have a lot of training coming up. We also have this big training coming out in September. It's about our missing persons unit and all the missing persons unit from around the area will be coming to Oakwood. But right now, if you guys haven't been on our Facebook, I'm going to pass them out to you. We have a missing juvenile, she's 15 years old, she stays over in the Arbutus area by the church. She's been missing since the 7th of July. Now, we have been in contact with her, she just don't want to be found. So she's talked to the officers, yeah, I'm okay, don't worry about me. She's talked her mom, I am fine, I just ain't coming home. She's still missing, we're going to keep her in the computer as a missing juvenile. Just in case something goes wrong, we still want to make sure that she's going to come home. So I'm going to pass out some flyers, and then we'll go from there. But it is on our Facebook if you want to take a look at it. Any questions for me? **Scruggs:** I got a lot of Facebook friends that posted her picture missing, missing, help us find, help us find. When you see those and then you have the actual report from you saying that she's okay. Is it okay for us to say to them she's okay, or do we just leave them alone? **Freeman:** That's why we didn't put nothing on there. Because I want people to still be looking for her. I mean if I say yeah she talked

to us last night ,she's okay. Then people would stop looking for her. So, I kind of wanted to keep it out there like we still want her to come home. She blocked the officers now, we can't even get in contact with her. So she's you know she's trying to stay away for a little bit. But I didn't want to update it like that just (inaudible). **Nikolic:** Any further questions or comments for our captain? If not, may we hear from our building director?

Building Director Marinucci| **Marinucci:** I have no report and I'm just here for questions.

**Matlock:** The individual on Tryon Rd... **Marinucci:** With all of the trash in the back? **Matlock:** Have you sent out some type of notice? **Marinucci:** Yes, the letters out, we gave them, we typically give them like 10 days, 2 weeks. **Matlock:** Okay. **Warren:** May I make a request that going forward, if there's no imposition. That when you have sent a letter as it relates to any of the five ward representatives. That you copy the council clerk so that she can provide that ward person. Because if the residents complain they say well the letter went out and this is a copy of it. So if you can copy the clerk so she can forward it. **Nikolic:** Any other questions for our building director? Hearing none, moving on to agenda item number seven, ward reports.

#### *Ward Report*

**Councilperson Scruggs:** No report.

**Councilperson Hardin:** No report.

**Councilwoman Matlock:** No report.

**Councilwoman Davis:** No report.

**Councilwoman Williams:** No report.

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

#### *Committee Report*

##### *Fine Arts Committee*

**Councilwoman Scruggs:** We do not have any reports from the Fine Arts Committee, but there have been events that have already started for the year. Our summer camp is just about over, and then we also have the actual Michael Jackson show that's going to be coming up. So, a lot of people are excited about that. And I believe the... What is it, the murder mystery event took place. So, there have been some fun events so far for the youth as well as for the adults. And our goal is to try to, once we are securing what our budgeting is. Make sure that the residents are aware of all of the events that are going to take place for that fall. So, once council comes back from recess, we are in works to try and make sure the residents have way more communication of knowing what's going on. Not just hearing it at the council meeting or just getting a flyer on your door. So, we are actually in worse to make sure that that is happening.

##### *Health Care/ HR Committee*

**Councilwoman Hardin:** No report.

### ***Utilities***

**Councilwoman Matlock:** No report.

### ***Environmental Committee***

**Councilwoman Nikolic:** Hi, good evening, environmental, this week, the environmental committee will begin drafting the climate action plan for the village. We're meeting with Power Clean Ohio to begin the draft. That will include a fleet analysis of our village to see which vehicles would potentially be best to electrify going forward. Also a letter is going out to the EPA in regards to environmental testing in the Wright Avenue and Free Avenue area. This is in regards a legislation that's currently on the books that we're waiting to discuss. But this letter is going out to see if we can get the EPA to do any preliminary testing in that area as regards to soil, air, and water. If there's any type of contamination we should be concerned about. So, we'll start with this letter to the EPA. And once we hear back from them whether or not they can do any type of free testing. Then we will move on to the legislation, which is with the consultant that is a little bit more costly. So, we'll start with this letter to the EPA and then once that's addressed, we can then look at legislation in the report.

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

**Councilman Warren:** No report.

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

**Councilwoman Davis:** No report.

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

**Councilwoman Williams:** I am the Finance Committee Chair. We're currently working through three different audits. So we're in our regular audit, which takes place every other year and covers a two-year period. We are working through a fraud investigations, where they look into specific actions. And we are working to a special forensic audit investigation, where they take a deeper look into our finances about specific line items and expenses. We recently amended the budget for the village and we'll pass that soon. And we meet every Monday at 5.30 p.m. and they're open to the public, that is all for the Finance Committee.

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

### ***Open Floor Comments***

Jessica Felix, Richmond Rd| **Felix:** Hello everyone, I'm Jessica Felix, and I am not sure which ward, ward one. I just had a question, so, uh and it might be with what you were talking about with the EPA. What testing were you talking about? **Nikolic:** So, with the EPA, we're going to, right now, here you can read the letter, you can pass the letter around for everyone to see. But it's initial testing of soil, water, and air in the village to see if there's any connection between industrial activity and illnesses that have been in the area. So it's just initial testing. **Felix:** Is that

because of the water? Because the pipes are being replaced, the ones that have they found lead in down the street? **Nikolic:** No, that's not, no, this is specifically to the Free, Wright area. **Felix:** Okay. **Nikolic:** Ward Council one, are there pipes in your area? **Haba:** I think what they're doing right now is, Sewer & Water Department is paying a company to replace the lines. **Felix:** Well, yeah, just the people that were out there working said that like they were replacing it if they found lead in it. So, like what testing should we do to make sure we weren't getting like lead poisoning? **Nikolic:** Okay, Tommy, you said that they're replacing the pipes? **Haba:** Yeah, the Cleveland Water Department has advertised this for the last couple of years. They were start all around the area in Northeast Ohio, replacing lines. So I didn't know they were testing it as they were doing it. But that's what I believe they're doing, is replacing the water lines. **Warren:** Part of that, or what they're doing is, they identify, especially the areas that have galvanized lines. Because those are the ones that are more susceptible to lead or anything like that. But and then they replace them with copper. They've been doing that all over the country. But more specifically, in Cuyahoga County, it's been done throughout the counties to replace the galvanize lines with copper. **Felix:** Yeah, well it's just like, we've been here a year now. We've been using those pipes so like like or is there anything being sent... **Warren:** Well, they do randomly test them anyway for harm. So if there was something that they found on a lead hazard that exceeded the norm, then they would notify that community. And then we could notify the residents. But I think this is more proactive than reactive. **Felix:** Okay, alright. **Nikolic:** Tommy, is there communication with the village with this process? **Haba:** No, there has not been, the day you started it, yesterday. A week before that, they were working on the valves. That's where they tore up the little six by six foot areas all along Richmond. They we're placing the valves, when they do that, then we have to, it's just the way it is, we got to pay to fix it. But what they're doing right now, they are doing that whole lead replacing. They have to repair the rope, because they cut through it quite a bit today. They have to replace the new part. But there's been no correspondence to it being a valuable check. In fact, I was surprised the company that was out there. Because usually Terrace Construction has been doing the work for Cleveland Water Department. But this was a different company doing the works, so they must have subcontracted this company. **Nikolic:** Okay, could you get a contact from them and then find out what the lead testing is. And get the correspondence to council so we know what's going on in terms of the lead testing. Did they say they tested it and there was lead there? **Mr. Felix:** They were, they were humping out, like in the yard where it's got that connector to the water. They were pumping water out of it. And when he left, he said they had found that they found lead in the (inaudible). He couldn't give me a time frame, he just said there was lead present. So he was going to replace the box in the ground. **Warren:** Does your house sit back? **Mr. Felix:** Yeah, it's a couple hundred feet from the road. **Warren:** Well, yeah, that's what happens is they put that box in as a supplement. Usually they'll do a direct line. But if your house is sits back more than 90 feet, then they have to put that boxing in. And I don't know if it's to help the pressure. That's what you're saying, because you live in one of the older homes. Because it's on Richmond Road and at that time they did use lead piping and things like that. So they strategically replaced those pipes. **Nikolic:** So, if you could give your information to the clerk. Once we have communication from our service director, we'll follow up with you. **Felix:** Okay. The floor is still open for comment. (Unknown resident, unknown address| Unknown resident: I just want to know if the village of Oakwood offers branch chipping? **Haba:** No, we don't, what you can do if you take it down. You can get one of our trucks on a Friday. We do that every Friday, our dump trucks, and if you have range control on it, the truck will (inaudible). Right now, we always have a place to

(inaudible), but right now we do the last 10 years we do, but that could end. But right now, no problem, if you put it on the truck. **Warren:** So, make your reservation for this Friday coming up. **Nikolic:** Do you know the process for reserving the truck? **Unknown Resident:** No, I know that there's like rentals available. **Haba:** You just go to Village Hall, there's no charge for one time. Just go to Village Hall, sign it out and a release form. We'll drop it off there on a Friday, somewhere around three o'clock. And you have to be able to pick it up Monday morning, seven/eight o'clock in the morning. **Unknown resident:** Okay, thank you very much. **Nikolic:** Any other questions or comments from the floor? The floor is still open...

Bernice Butler, Lynbrook drive| **Butler:** My question is, they built a new walking trail that goes back where the trash is dumped. Has that been certified safe for us to walk in? **Haba:** It's open, Glenwillow opened it, it says it's not for motorized vehicles or (inaudible). **Butler:** But has it been certified by whom? **Haba:** I'm sure it's certified... **Butler:** No, no, no, trash has been dumped back there for years. **Haba:** Yeah, well, I can get back there, but I don't think you are even that close to that, are you? **Butler:** But there are a lot of seniors over there and we walk those trails. And so I want to know before I get on the trail that it's safe to walk back there. They've been dumping trash back there for years. That dump is continually climbing so could you get it certified. **Haba:** Well I couldn't, it's the City of Glenwillow. But I will check with them if you wish. **Butler:** And give us a message that it's safe to walk there. **Nikolic:** And your concern is in terms of like maybe noxious gasses or something that may be coming off of the landfill? **Butler:** Something in the ground itself, so, the trail is beautiful. But would any of you walk right there knowing that they've been dumping trash back there all those years? I think safety for all of us is very important. **Nikolic:** I agree, we will definitely follow up, thank you. **Nikolic:** Any further comments? Hearing no further questions or comments from the floor. The floor is now closed. Moving on to agenda item number 10, legislation Law director.

### *Legislation*

<b>2023-55</b> Introduced 12-22-23 By Mayor and Council as a whole 1 <sup>st</sup> read 12-22-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> read 1-9-24 Tabled 1-23-24 **remains tabled	<b>AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROSS CIRINCIONE AND JOHN MONTELLO TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR/PROSECUTOR WITH THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD</b>
<b>2024-39</b> Introduced 7-9-24 By Mayor and Council as a whole 1 <sup>st</sup> read 7-9-24	<b>A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF J.C. BLADE</b>

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-39 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock  
**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-39 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

<b>2024-40</b>	<b>A RESOLUTION FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD POLICE AND FIRE</b>
Introduced 7-9-24	<b>DEPARTMENT SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED TO RESPONDING TO THE</b>
By Mayor and	<b>COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY</b>
Council as a whole	
1 <sup>st</sup> read 7-9-24	

Motion to add Exhibit A to 2024-40 made by Hill seconded by Hardin

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-40 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-40 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

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

**MOTION PASSED**

<b>2024-41</b>	<b>A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE VILLAGE OF</b>
Introduced 7-9-24	<b>OAKWOOD, OHIO TO DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AS HAVING</b>
By Mayor and	<b>BECOME OBSOLETE, UNNECESSARY OR UNFIT FOR VILLAGE USE</b>
Council as a whole	<b>THROUGH INTERNET AUCTIONS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> read 7-9-24	<b>AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-41 made by Matlock seconded by Scruggs

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-41 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

<b>2024-42</b>	<b>AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 706 "RECREATIONAL</b>
Introduced 7-9-24	<b>MARIJUANA" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF</b>
By Mayor and	<b>OAKWOOD CONCERNING THE SALE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA</b>
Council as a whole	<b>AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> read 7-9-24	

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-42 made by Hardin seconded by Scruggs

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-42 made by Hardin seconded by Scruggs

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**Nikolic:** Any further questions or comments from council? Our finance director is here. Were there any questions or comments for our finance director? **Warren:** Wasn't it about some attachments to the legislation that we were expecting? **Nikolic:** Oh, right. Finance director, we did, we looked at the legislation for the fire truck apparatus. And we received one quote for financing from Chief Tapp. But we were curious if we could receive two more quotes of financing from two additional financing institutions for the analysis of the fire truck. **Thompson:** Okay. **Nikolic:** And also, I'm not sure if this would be you, but I'm assuming yes. But the contracts with other municipalities, such as Glenwillow, all of the other municipalities that we service. We'd like to review the contracts in order to see where their fees are. So, we can establish whether or not we will be increasing fees based on the purpose of the new fire truck. Was there anything else? **Matlock:** Do you know what was the interest rate for the last fire truck that we had? Because these are pretty low, you presented us with less than 4%. **Thompson:** Yeah, and it had to be, I think it's probably in the five to seven percent range, it's been some time since they bought it. **Matlock:** Because we were just looking at the interest rates that you have right now with this Freedom Company. And they look, they are pretty low, like 3.4%, 3.7%. **Thompson:** They were very competitive as I discussed with the fire department. This company is like really familiar with financing those fire trucks. So, that gave it a competitive edge as well to oppose the quote. But I'll get two more. **Nikolic:** Just two more, just for process purposes. **Matlock:** Okay, can we get that as soon as possible? Because I think what you said in September, those trucks start growing up, correct? **Manzo:** In three weeks, they were slated for July 1st, they extended it to July 19th. **Matlock:** So, we need to add as soon as possible to make decisions. **Warren:** As soon as you find out, I would just ask, as soon as you find, let us know because then we have to make arrangements to have a special meeting. **Hill:** Have you followed up on everything so that we need the debt schedule? We need to know how much debt this is going to add to our current debt. And then we will need to talk to bond counsel about what that debt looks like for our village side. So making sure all those things happen very quickly. **Thompson:** Okay. **Nikolic:** And I just spoke to Assistant Chief about the potential of whether or not if we got a letter of commitment from someone who was going to purchase the existing truck. If that amount could be reduced from the financing. **Thompson:** Yeah, he mentioned that briefly, Chief Tapp. They felt that they may be able to sell the vehicle better, to trade it in to get it better. **Manzo:** They won't accept trade-ins, but they will sell the truck and get the truck sold for us. **Nikolic:** But regarding financing, so when you go to finance the amount, if you had a letter of commitment for a certain amount, would you reduce the financing by that amount? Or would you just for the total amount and then just pay it off on the back end? **Manzo:** The total amount. **Nikolic:** And then once it's sold... **Manzo:** Pay it off in the back end. **Warren:** So we're specific, just for the record, we're specific in the fact that we will pay off whatever the balance, whatever we get from the older truck towards the new truck and not put it in a general fund. **Manzo:** Correct.

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 Scruggs

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Enter executive Session at 7:44P.M

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

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Exited executive Session at 7:30P.M

Motion to adjourn made by Warren seconded by Hardin

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Adjourned at 9:01p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

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Erica Nikolic, President of Council



**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
2024-8-27**

**ATTENDANCE**

Erica Nikolic, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor*
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	Tom Haba, Service Director
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Dave Tapp, Fire Department
Mary Davis, Ward 4	James Climer, Law Director
Candace Hill, Ward 5(formerly Williams)	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
	Captain Freeman, Police Department

**ABSENT**

Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Matt Jones, Village Engineer

Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem

*\* Arrived after roll call*

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

**Nikolic:** Agenda item number four, meeting minutes.

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Environmental Committee meeting made by Scruggs seconded by Matlock

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Scruggs, Matlock

**NO VOTE:** Davis, Williams

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt the minutes from March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Finance Committee meeting made by Matlock seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**Nikolic:** Moving on to agenda item number five, clerk correspondence. Joseph: I have none at the time. **Nikolic:** Moving on to agenda item number six, departmental reports. Our mayor is not here, is there anyone here reporting on his behalf? Okay, hearing none, moving on to law director.

Law Director Climer| **Climer:** Thank you, Madam President. You'll see on the agenda tonight an ordinance to correct Ordinance 2024-32. Which is the joint improvement with Glenwillow. We discovered after the fact that the wrong contract attached to that ordinance. I think it probably, in all candor, came out of my office and I'll take responsibility for that. This has been discussed multiple times with Mr. Henry and Mr. Jones. It's the exact contract and so that I would ask that we pass that. So, that we can get the contract executed and move forward. With that said, I'm

happy to take questions. **Hill:** Can you talk to us about what was different in the contract that we incorrectly approved? **Climer:** The previous contract was a previous joint contract with Glenwillow for the area around the Richmond Circle, I believe it was. And the two just got mixed up, it was executed in 2018. This is the contract that was intended for 2024. I think the one that is attached to the ordinance this time, I believe it was passed around. Uh, between the discussions with Mr. Jones and Mr. Henry, and that's the one that was in fact intended for this ordinance. **Nikolic:** The main difference after my review, Councilperson Hill, if you look at between the two sections C and the amendment includes the specifics for the payments. Whereas the one that was erroneously attached does not have the specifics of the payments that will be made by Oakwood. So for example, in the amended version of the legislation section C of the agreement, it specifically states. **Climer:** And my apologies for any inconvenience. **Hill:** So, the correct way to do this is to create another piece of legislation amending it, instead of just amending? **Climer:** Right. **Hill:** So, we would refer to two different ordinances when we talk about executing the project. **Climer:** Correct, ordinance 2024-51 amends 2024-32 and substitutes in the correct contract into 2024-32. **Hill:** And we don't need to repeal 2024-32? **Climer:** I don't think so, we can if you would prefer to do that as a plan. **Hill:** I'm just saying, if it's incorrect. It seems like we have two different pieces of legislation on the books to address the same thing, if one is incorrect. Can you look into that? **Climer:** I will double check as to whether that is a clearer way to do that. **Hill:** I'm just saying, if none of us are sitting here... **Nikolic:** Any questions for the law director? Hearing none, may we hear from our finance director? Finance Director Thompson| **Thompson:** Thank you, Madam Chairman, just a couple of comments, the finance department. We've been working with the state auditors. They contract out to another company, but they still report to the state. So we're doing our 2022-2023 biannual audit with them and also we're just working on closing out the financials for July and moving into August. And I just wanted to make those a couple comments. I can entertain any questions. **Matlock:** Are the auditors still present? **Thompson:** They were here on site for three days last week. They'll be back, maybe they say it in about a month. But we're continually giving them information as they email us whatever documents they want to pull, we send it to them through email. **Nikolic:** What is the status of the requisitions? **Thompson:** Uh, requisitions, I think we last went through was probably pre-June 20th. **Nikolic:** Are there any that need immediate attention? **Thompson:** Not immediate attention, I did try to address one was asked me about with some council photos today. So I touched base with Tanya and I think council picked out a package for the photos. And then we'll get a formal invoice to process that. **Nikolic:** Because I know our finance committee meeting was canceled. So, I'm assuming at some point we're going to reconvene and discuss all the financials once they're completed. **Thompson:** Yes. **Hill:** So, we don't need finance committee meeting to address requisitions. So, we'll start going through them now that we have the budget approved. But is this what we have as of 8/22? Did you include everything that seemed to be approved? Is this up to date or is this just for this week? **Thompson:** That would be just for this week so, yeah. **Hill:** So we don't have one compiled list. They're all in their separate list? **Thompson:** Yeah. **Hill:** The only question I have is as of June 27, 2024, the state of Ohio has the new enhanced fraud reporting and training that all employees and every elected official has to complete within 90 days. Do we have a plan for ensuring everyone completes that? **Thompson:** The clerk did pass that information out to my department. She may have distributed it to other departments as well. I know I talked to the service department, he had his. So, it was distributed to all employees so they could go on and get the certification. **Matlock:** Let me ask you a question once I get that certification. Do you have a

copy of everyone in the departments with that certification? Do you a copy on hand? I'll have mine and the department heads turn it in and I'll put them up to date for a second. **Matlock:** Okay, so we need a whole personal information file put into your files. The dating and sign that everyone took that certification and we are up to date on it. Every employee was supposed to take it. **Thompson:** Okay. **Hill:** So, you're going to create a spreadsheet that track the departments. **Nikolic:** Okay, may we move on to Service Director Haba?

Service Director Haba| **Haba:** Thank you, Madam Chairperson, just a couple of things out of the ordinary, probably going to break. The big storm we had, we weren't hit nearly as hard as Bedford and Walton Hills. But we did pick up from residence houses, it was probably about 25 truckloads of branches and trees. We had two or three blocking the roads that night happened. And the police and fire helped out on those too, we appreciate that. And a few weeks ago, we spent, on slower days, painting fire hydrants. We've covered most of the main streets, some of the side streets, repainting fire hydrant, which we do every few years. I'd be happy to take any questions. **Matlock:** First of all, thank you for all your assistance. Number two, do we have a contract person with the Illuminating company on the services for Oakwood? Because we do need to find out what grids each section is on. Because every time it seems like we have storm some sections... **Haba:** That section that was out over there, you probably talking about the Lynbrook. It was just Lynbrook, Millbury, and Buckthorn. Probably that came from lightning hit a tree right there. It was in Bedford Heights but right on the borderline of the last house in Oakwood on Buckthorn. That's probably why that area was out the longest. **Matlock:** Do we have anything like a graph or something that details? **Haba:** I do not, but we do have a contact person. **Matlock:** Yeah, because I want to get in touch with them, make sure that some of the... **Haba:** I'll give you his number or... **Matlock:** Thanks, that's all I need. Because I just need to find out the tree limbs that are on some of these electrical lines. **Haba:** They're going to be coming around again, I just met with them last week. They're going to be coming round again, which they do almost every year now and doing some of the streets. **Matlock:** Okay, well you're on top of it. I was just, you know, seeing some of the limbs on some of the wires. And that could cause transformers and stuff to go out, you know. **Davis:** Two things, one is, I wanted to commend Corey, you can tell him. We thank him for his activity that he gives us, the emails with all the activities. Not that we need to know where you guys are, but we appreciate knowing where you're having your time for the months. The second thing I had a question, I'm just looking over this financial request and you have for the service department we have two different garbage people. We have the waste management that picks up for your service garage and then we have for your service garage rubbish pickup for the Republic Service. Why do we have two different ones? **Haba:** Republic server, well, we have that contract that you guys just did a month ago or so with Waste Management for all the houses and stuff. And when someone else was here up City Hall. They even had a contract with Republic. That is the only one for the community center, that one. It was a real high, and I was taking it off like four years ago. And they talked to me, I said, well, you're way high, you charged us way high for, you know, eight years here. And they came down a price that, you, know, that was really good. So we kept it at that one. **Davis:** Okay, because it's under service, that's why I didn't know if you... **Haba:** No, that's for one at the community center. **Davis:** Okay, thank you very much for clarifying, I appreciate it. **Nikolic:** Service director I'd like if you could give an update on the project on Richmond. I know the last time we were here there were families inquiring about the removal of the pipes with the lead paint. I know you were in communication with the people at the County if

you can just... **Haba:** I couldn't get in with the water department, with the popular workers there. And they said they tested, it's been so long now. If they found any sign of lead which was frozen in the pipes, they were replacing the pipes. But they couldn't say if there was lead in the pipe or not, you know, for certain. But they seen any sign lead in pipes, and they were replacing them, even up going up the house. And I think at that time when I talked to them, which was pretty far into the, they still had their barrels out there by the way, try to catch them. To restore some of the drives and grass, but they still got their things out there. But at that time there was like one line going up that they found signs of lead. But they said they can't tell if there was lead or not, I don't know what size it could have been. **Nikolic:** Questions came up in the environmental committee meeting yesterday about whether or not the county has a plan. Or a track of all the areas in the community that they intend to... **Haba:** They probably do and that is a from a federal branch going on there. And that's not the County, I believe that's through Cleveland Water Department's that's doing that work there. And they're not doing it themselves they have subcontractors doing it. **Nikolic:** Okay, is there any way to find out which what all areas in the village? **Haba:** There may be none but I will check into that. **Nikolic:** Okay, just so we know which village which parts of the village... **Haba:** And like I said, that's from a federal grant. The County's not really kind of doing it. It's really the Water Department, they've got the federal grant. **Nikolic:** Okay, all right, any other questions for our service department? Hearing none, may we hear from Chief Tapp?

Fire Chief Tapp| **Tapp:** Thank you, Madam President, fire department related. Everything is status quo, our lines has been pretty high. We've had some issues over the past couple of days with the fire truck breaking down. So, we replaced the order for the other one. By the end of this week, we should have everything back up and running. (inaudible) truck broke on Sunday, and then (inaudible) broke down today. We've got one going back to service. We should have it back up running by Friday, that's about it. **Nikolic:** Any questions for our Fire Chief? Hearing none, we'll hear from Captain Freeman.

Police Captain Freeman| **Freeman:** Thank you, Madam President, we had our annual three on three basketball tournament this weekend. It was kind of, we didn't do a whole lot of advertising. Some passed out flyers to the kids in the neighborhood. But we had a good turnout down there at the basketball court across from Rome Baptist Church. We probably had, I said about 20 male adults that came out to play basketball. And probably at least 30 kids from 15 and under. So what we did, we cooked hot dogs, had pop, chips for the kids, and we also had backpacks with certain school supplies and things like that. So we also we had sponsors that helped us down there. We had Dick's Sporting Goods, Superior Beverage, Sam's Club of Oakwood, we also had Nickels of Oak wood, and also the senior centers of Ohio that also donated. So I'd say probably 80% of all the items that we have are donated to this. Also, we have had a lot of complaints of people parking on the grass for some reason. I don't understand it, but for some reasons people don't want to park in their driveway anymore. They're parking on their lawns and that's against the law. So, let's try to keep that in the driveway. And on a sad note, we had an employee that worked here for over 30 years, Sergeant Doug Kelly, he passed last week. Yeah, he was here from 1978 to around 2011, I think, when he retired, so yeah. He passed last weekend, he already had his service, so it was a private service. So, just to let everybody know, if you have any questions. **Matlock:** Who won the game? **Freeman:** Oakwood PD won, we got some good basketball players on the police department, but they were some intense games. So, we had a nice turnout, more man-chain than I thought. We had like at least 20 guys come out there to play.

**Matlock:** Yeah, I commend you guys for that because that's something that the community need. And that's that the kids look forward to, that they're with you. And then it gives them the sense to know you, who you are, and they're not scared of you, in case something happens. They know to come to you, but that's good. **Freeman:** We're going to probably advertise a little bit more now that we've got more time to see that it's working out good. That way we can get a whole lot more kids out there from all over the whole city, you know. That was just damn good. It seemed like mostly everybody just came out. Once they've seen us out there, they were involved. People were like, hey, they out there cooking and stuff, so it just worked out good, that's all. **Davis:** I just wanted to say, maybe we can put it on our billboard out there too, a couple weeks before you know it's going to happen. **Freeman:** Yeah, we can do that as well. The photos and some videos are on the Facebook page. **Nikolic:** Any other questions for Captain Freeman? Hearing none, may we hear from our Building Department head, Mr. Marinucci?

Building Director Marinucci| **Marinucci:** Mayor Gottschalk, it's good to see you, god bless you. I'm just here for questions, things are going pretty smoothly in the Building Department.

**Matlock:** I have an eyesore on my street. I know I just need to contact you in regards. This is the house that has all the cars in front. It keeps, you guys know the address, but I need something done. We have to have something done, these cars are not operable. They're there all the time, the Dumas home, with the dogs. I have to have something done with that home, period. We have been going at this now since I've been in council for two years. And it's getting worse, they have like a Corvette that's been parked out there for eons; it don't run. Then he has three or four vehicles parked there, they're not running. Then he don't cut his front lawn, that looks horrible. Then he doesn't do any maintenance to his home, that looks horrible. We have to do something with this, we have to cite him. **Marinucci:** We will cite him, he will be cited tomorrow, but he's been cited in the past. **Matlock:** That's what I'm saying, so it's now, citing is over with.

**Marinucci:** We'll get him, I'm not even going to send them to respond or something, I just want to send it to them. **Matlock:** And did we have a follow up with the other home that's next door to him that has all of the wood, like he has a junkyard behind his home. **Marinucci:** Is that the one with the stuff in the backyard? This is the one you talked about before. That back yard has been cleaned up, unless if it reappears. We had pictures before, when you first addressed it to us. And then we did a follow up on it. We took pictures of it, it was all removed. I was impressed on how much work was actually done on that. I'll check it again to see if it reoccurred. **Matlock:** We were going to have to keep checking that one because I do see trucks going up there offloading. **Davis:** First off the Gray Brothers, what happened? **Marinucci:** That's in court. **Davis:** Because he had a mess again, so we don't have a date yet? **Marinucci:** No, it's in court, and I can tell you, I received a phone call today from the court. The two prosecutors and Gray Brothers were there and that's going on, basically. We're in that phase, and it's continued for 30 days. I can represent that to you, so there's issues that have to be resolved within that time frame. **Davis:** Good, second one, I'm going to ask about the DCOMM. **Marinucci:** Just yesterday, we got an email from Andy Sparks, regarding the fence and the front of the yard. In fact, I don't even like some of the new stuff. I like the embankment with the trees on top, that's all been removed. And I believe that... **Gottschalk:** The house against the Macedonia, that's going to be taken care of. **Davis:** Okay, and also the backyard, I haven't seen the fencing yet. **Marinucci:** The fencing is in in yet, they have laid out real nice. And there's going to be fencing, there are trees, and a lot, there is a lot in it because there's five lots. And basically, he ends the email saying, hopefully, it will be done by the fall, is what he has in this email. **Davis:** So, if I want to see what these plans

are. **Marinucci:** I'll email it to you. **Davis:** Thank you, I appreciate it. It's pretty comprehensive, in fact, I don't like the front of it. I like the mounds and trees personally. And I think he's in this particular site plan it's talking about fencing with some trees no mound. **Davis:** I didn't know that DCOMM owned all that property. There's a couple of houses there, and then there's DCOMM's property. But now they've got their bales of cable all the way to Macedonia Road. So all you see through by Macedonia road, there's some trees, but you can see these gigantic bales by Macedonian road. **Marinucci:** And that's the part of this where you're going to see in this site plan, it's how to deal with it. Screening is a major part of it. And from DCOMM's perspective, and you know it's good when you're, you know, he's all over the country on this. So when he comes over here into Oakwood Village, his game plan was to have a hundred trucks by last March. And he didn't hit that number, I can tell you, there's nowhere near that many. But maybe a little bit overzealous, but it seems like it's picking up. Talking to the people over there, that business is definitely picking up. So, that ain't all the urgency, to deal with this issue. It's been going on too long and you know even speaking with the law director on this. Because we had a lot of conversations on this. It is nicer for him to be nice to the neighbors and everything because he might get a zoning change. That's a funny property because you have general business tied into a residential area, it's a nightmare. It shouldn't be happening like that. So it's better to be nice and we want it to be. **Nikolic:** Uh, Mr. Marinucci, could you give us a quick update on 21481 Forbes Road? **Marinucci:** Sure, it's going to be the biggest nightmare that you want to experience. Because, see, I didn't want to speak about this. I told the mayor, the mayor said don't speak on it see... The way a building department works is like this. My allegiance is to the higher-order building standards. So basically, if the zoning ordinance is in conflict with the building code. The building codes supersedes the zoning ordinances. So what this particular property, of course, there is no building code issue that exists, it's a zoning issue. You cannot weaponize the building code or the building department to achieve a zoning code. So basically, what you have there is you have a house. And right behind that house, you have another house detached. And then you have a garage. And it's a very narrow piece of property. So our zoning says, uh-huh, you can't have two houses in it. A lot where you're going to rip one of them out. So we're saying, you got to take that out. It's unconstitutional to prevent this buyer from selling it. And the building department would not be involved in any of that proceedings. Because what will happen is the High Board of Building Standards will be certified. Oakwood Village Building Department, and Dan Berenice at CBO, so we're not going down that path. So the very first email that I sent on it is the procedure upon which the building department will operate. Absolutely the only way the building departments want to operate. And that is he can sell it, he can fix it, the violations, or he sells it in the buyer, has to fix the violation. The problem with this, the violations exceed \$20,000. It may hit \$30,000 because of the configuration of the site. And what do you achieve? You achieve taking out a house, a building, only to look at the complaining neighbor's house. So I don't see it happening. I see them, I've been in touch with the realtor, and he put it in the computer in the listing that the house has to be demolished. I do not see anybody buying that house. And demolishing it so they could achieve a zoning code issue in Oakwood. I don't see it happening between \$20,000 and \$30,000. What happened is this, we already have a buyer that wants to buy it. But he wants to convert the house back into a rent property, which is against the zoning code. Now, the cheapest way out of this... Is converting that house into a garage. Because it already has the structure in it, it has electric in it. You just put a garage door in it and you got it, garage door, that's the cheapest way out. But then you have a zoning problem. You have two garages, one lot. This is what I see happening, I see everybody

walking away from it, I don't see that kind of money being thrown at it, we're going to see. But the calls we're getting on it is, hey, we'll fix it up. No, it has to be taken down, and the cost of taking down is way too much money. And it's a nightmare, and this is how it works. If you turn around and you said, we can't, flip it. But, hypothetically speaking, if you turn around and said yeah let's make it a rental property, now the zoning code. Now we go back into the building code portion of it. And now we have to put a roof on it, the electric has to meet, the plumbing has to be, you have all those kinds of issues. Which you don't have going on right now because it's not a building code issue, so that's 21481 Forbes. **Nikolic:** Law Director, do you have something to add? **Climer:** The point of sale ordinance and the pund case that I sent you do indicate that we can have a point of sale inspection. However, you cannot do it without the permission of the owner. And to hold up the sale because you haven't permitted the inspection is a violation of the fourth amendment. What can happen is the ordinance requires that there be an inspection. The building department can issue a certificate of non inspection. However, then be when the property transfers, the owner is obligated to bring the building up to code. All right and if they fail to do so, there are criminal penalties. It's a fourth degree misdemeanor for the seller, the escrow agent, and the purchaser to fail to abide by the point of sale ordinance; and so that is the remedy. **Nikolic:** Has a point of sale inspection been completed? **Marinucci:** Yes. **Nikolic:** Okay, and the seller is aware that this has to be done before they sell it? **Marinucci:** No, the seller does not have to do it at all. The board of building standards is firm in its position. Either he wants to make the repairs, he does it. If he doesn't want it, the buyer has to make repairs. So, that is how this Building Department is implementing this. We are not going to prevent the sale. We're not going to get involved in stopping the sale. We're going to allow it to go through. It's not going go through, so don't worry about it and let it happen. Sooner or later, the realtor is going to back out of this. Because nobody's going to throw \$30,000 to take down... And the reason why I'm saying \$30k, it's definitely going to cost you \$20k. But this is a hard lot, you have to go down a narrow driveway, turn to the left, take a building down which is really close to the neighbor. And then logistics makes it very difficult. **Nikolic:** My position and my concern is that what we want to make clear to absentee landlords is that you can't buy property in Oakwood and not fix it up. Because it's my understanding the seller purchased the property some 10 years ago. He's rented it ou, he's been allowed to profit from that, but he never fixed the problem. So, imagine someone bought the property with this massive hole. Or this building that should be demolished on the property. With the understanding that he was supposed to demolish it. **Marinucci:** No, that was never an understanding at that time. **Nikolic:** Well, that's what the realtor said. **Marinucci:** That property transferred because Oakwood Village allowed a piece of property that had two houses on it. And Oakwood Village allowed the second house to be a rental property, and the Oakwood village allowed it. So, if this guy comes in and buys it for whatever reason, if that back house was not vacant. It would be grandfathered in and he'd be allowed to rent it out. But because it's vacant and it's an eye sore, there's all kind of building code violations in it. If it wasn't vacant, he'd been allowed to fix it up and then he could continue to rent it up. So, now he can't do that because because we're not going to allow them to rent. **Nikolic:** Well, he's been renting it for 10 years, and let's assume that it wasn't the understanding when he purchased it. But given the complaints over the years, he has owned it for ten years. The complaints to the building department about the fact that the building had holes in it, animals living in it, infestation, stench of urine. You know, considering how close the properties are to one another. Even if it wasn't an understanding, when it was purchased over the years with those types of complaints. Wouldn't the building department have stepped in to ensure that it was

demolished and not allow him to profit for upwards of 10 years? **Marinucci:** I'm not going to get into profiting at all. **Nikolic:** Well, I am, because absentee landlords should not be allowed to profit when they're not getting involved. **Marinucci:** Alright, let me answer your question. **Nikolic:** Okay, well, go ahead. **Marinucci:** I'm not going to get into the profit aspect, because I had no idea if the guy was making any money. If he was making a lot of money, he'd probably take it down. And I don't believe you're making any one of it. And the other thing is this. If he's going to maintain it and stay there, we can rough him up. We can definitely get him into court. But I can see a bankruptcy on this, and it's our problem. The money is out of the line on this. If I own that property, I'm going to bankrupt this and move on. I mean, sure, Jim, we'll take him to court, I mean but he's trying to sell it. He's not in LLC, I checked that out. But I don't see anybody throwing this kind of money at this to take this down. I don't see it, I mean it makes no economic sense whatsoever. **Nikolic:** I just want to make sure that when people are buying investment properties in Oakwood. That they understand that they have a duty to maintain them, right. And next to people who've lived there for years. Because the person who lives next door to them, I grew up with him, right. And he's been on that corner since, you know, I was 12. So people, longtime residents who have to live next to investors who buy properties and then they don't maintain them. We have to have some more rigorous involvement with making sure that these absentee landlords comply. **Marinucci:** Welcome, you're not here long enough, but welcome to the LLCs. And this guy's not an LLC, but what you just said is the fight that we have ongoing with LLCs, they're out of town. They're, you know, some of them are from New York City, then the guy taking care of it's from Miami, Florida. (inaudible). This particular piece of property, we didn't even know about how bad it was until the point of sale came in. And then everything from your end started to surface, and he's trying to unload it. And, yeah, we could be more aggressive, and we are aggressive. Anytime we see, you know, we're... We've taken a lot of people before, and we're going on the court again with a guy on Pettibone. It's not that we close our eyes, this is a hard one. That's all I'm saying, there's not a magic wand that's going to make this one. **Nikolic:** There's no magic wand, but my question is if you've received complaints about the home within the past let's say five years. The property has been like that for at least the past ten according to his neighbor. So, was he ever cited? Was there anything done to ensure that he was going to demolish it? **Marinucci:** I could tell you, your statement is not true. And I could also tell you that I personally performed an inspection on that property years ago, when Davey Hobson was still involved. David Hobson, did the electric work there, that he told me years ago. And the main house is nice, I've been in the main house. And at that time, the rear house was just vacant and it was over here in condition. I mean, there was no complaints in the file regarding anything that you said. **Nikolic:** So, you're saying it's not true what I'm saying? **Marinucci:** I found out for the first time how bad it was two weeks ago when you sent me the email. It's not like we're getting complaints about issues like this and we're closing our eyes, that's not true. We wouldn't be closing our eye on these kind of issues. And I'm sure the neighbor is 100% correct on it because he's living there next door. **Nikolic:** And he's actually the foreman of the service department. **Marinucci:** It doesn't matter that he works for the city. It doesn't matter to me if we treat everybody the same, it's not going to get special treatment. **Nikolic:** A little bit, but I don't know. **Marinucci:** It's not going to get special treatments. So we're stuck on this, we can definitely file a lawsuit against this guy. We got to let the sale process complete. So, that's where we're in right now. Let it complete and see where we go. **Nikolic:** Okay, any further questions for our building department? Hearing none, I know our engineer Matt Jones notified us that he would not be available today. Recreation director Carlean Perez, Council Clerk, any notification



from Ms. Perez that she would not attend? **Scruggs:** I received notification that she's on vacation. **Nikolic:** Gotcha, thank you. Moving on to agenda item number seven, ward reports. **Gottschalk:** Myself. **Nikolic:** Oh, Mayor! Sorry, my apologies.

**Mayor Gottschalk| Gottschalk:** When you walk in faith, team Oakwood has been blessed with a marvelous array of economic development projects, it's kept me really busy. (inaudible) Tractor has just finished their expansion. Federal Metal is beginning their expansion... The Sports Training Center, on Free, is beginning its development inside. Starbucks, as you know now, is working on Broadway. Soon, within three months, I should report that either Chik-fil-a, Chipotle, or another of that type of restaurant will be coming to Oakwood. We should have that report within a couple of months. Swift Filter is going to be expanding. Chagrin Valley Engineering will be expanding University hospitals, ambulance service, rescue service, the doors will be torn down soon to get that ready for their ambulances. Uh, let's see what else I have here. Ah, the Patels over at the Hampton Inn. They are going to, they're interested in putting up an extended stay facility. And the reason being is, many of our, the companies that we do have here, their quality companies. And executives come in either from that company or other buyers. And need to stay for three days or five days. And rather than being at a hotel, it could be an extended stay. This will be behind the Hampton Inn, so that's going on. In addition, the Economic Development Committee will be meeting very shortly... I've submitted a report on the French company that will be locating in Oakwood Village that are in calibration and services worldwide. They're based in France, they're relocating here in Oakwood. And they provide these services worldwide to aerospace, to food and beverage, to life science. And so when we have the Economic Development Committee, we'll address that. In addition to that, we have... I have two or three that I don't even want to get into any more detail on that are beautiful. And so all this is happening, and as I said, it's kept me very, very busy. What I'd like to then do now is this for tonight. But I don't see we only have five people. I wish we would have all seven. I'd to have a special meeting on matters of personnel. It wouldn't take any more than 15 minutes, 20 at the absolute most. But I think it would be better when you had the whole everybody here. So if that's your choice, then we can again have it within a week or two weeks. **Nikolic:** We have a special meeting planned for Friday, so if there's anything you want to add to the agenda, perhaps you can add it to it. **Gottschalk:** No, we don't have to do it at that time, but that concludes my report. **Nikolic:** Any questions or comments for Mayor Gottschalk? Hearing none, maybe go on to ward reports.

#### *Ward Report*

**Councilperson Scruggs:** No report.

**Councilperson Hardin:** No report.

**Councilwoman Matlock:** Ward three we have done some things within the community. We did sign up, Mayor, I want you to hear this. We did signed up some of our seniors for the farmers market coupons and they are now starting to come in. And once our senior gets these coupons in, I would like to take them or have either our Oakwood van or transport system. Take them on a trip down to the West Side Market. And they can spend some, that's a nice area now in the West side market. And have them to purchase produce with those coupons, they were free. They get

like \$50 coupons. And then they also have the side where they can purchase meat. They can sit down for lunch. They could sit down for breakfast, whatever, but I thought it would be a nice trip. And if anybody else knows, right now, those coupons are coming. They did have a problem with the ones that were mailed out in the mail. But starting as of yesterday, I've been listening to residents, and they have been coming in the mail. Yesterday, about five individuals called me and said they got their coupon in the mail, so they are coming in. So, that's something that I thought was kind of good.

**Councilwoman Davis:** No report.

**Councilwoman Williams:** No report.

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

#### *Committee Report*

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

**Councilwoman Scruggs:** No report.

##### ***Health Care/ HR Committee***

**Councilwoman Hardin:** No report.

#### ***Utilities***

**Councilwoman Matlock:** I should be having something once I get in touch with individuals their electric. It looks like they're starting now to switch over or do some new planning for our electric plants. Mayor you still had something that was going on where you were trying to get reduced payments for seniors? **Gottschalk:** I should have that before a council within about a month, month and a half. It would be reduced rates for electrical for our residents and our businesses in Oakwood, by 10 to 15%. It won't be right away, because it requires a few things to be done, but we'd be first in Ohio. And then what we'll do is we'll put into our newsletter what plan that Oakwood is involved with NOPEC. For like your gas or for your illuminating company, there's other services out there. That I do believe some of our residents should be able to get on, which is home serve, that is one.

#### ***Environmental Committee***

**Councilwoman Nikolic:** I'm the chair of the environmental committee. I wanted to flag several dates that are upcoming. Tomorrow, August 28th, we're having the solar panel info session. Please come out if you have any questions about solar, any thoughts. This is an event put on by the County. It would be a County-wide co-op that would allow you to buy into solar, not just as an individual purchaser. So in years before, solar was something that was considered cost prohibitive because you were an early adopter. Now in Cuyahoga County, they have this co-op. Where if you buy in across the county. This will allow the cost to come way down. So, if you have any interest about whether your home is solar ready, thoughts about costs, any questions you may have, come tomorrow 6PM at the community center. September 26th at 7 p.m. There'll be a representative from the County Environmental Association, from the environmental landfill supervisor will be here. So, if you have any questions regarding the landfill, on September 26th

at 7p.m., you can come, and Mr. Brian Grisay from the County Environmental Supervisor board will be here to discuss any questions about the landfill. Because it is expanding and you know there's been a lot of concerns over the years. So, we just want to get out in front of it. And have a subject matter expert in front of the community to discuss anything that's come up lately. Any concerns about stench, smell, I know we've had concerns about noxious odors with the new trails. So, he will be year on the 26th, at the Oakwood Community Center to answer any questions regarding the landfill. On October 29th, at 6.30pm, we will start our first climate action plan community engagement meetings. So this is really to start getting the community thinking about how a climate plan could benefit our community. So we have stakeholders that work with Cleveland, Lakewood, and a lot of other municipalities that will come and present what's worked well in other places and how it can benefit Oakwood. That's on October 29th, so we need all of you to come and provide your input. Next, the Electrification Coalition has started a fleet analysis. All of the fleet, our entire fleet, all cars We've given them all the data. And they're going to do an analysis of which cars would be most beneficial to go electric. So as we move forward with budget in the future. We can take a look at which cars, their age, their value, and what's available, and which cars would be best to go electric. So that's something that we're looking at across the board. So, it's research towards trying to goelectric. I know that there are some opportunities, but right now we're just looking at that research. Lastly, with the tornadoes recently, I found a grant from BRIC where they provide money for safe houses. And with this grant, similar to municipalities like Bedford Heights, you could use the money for this grant to renovate the community center to be a safe house. So with that money, we could apply and make the community center a safehouse and that would allow for making it a multi-use facility. I know there's been thoughts and opinions about. Needing some type of rec center, classrooms, or any type of multi-use. So with this grant, you could use that to provide a safe house for anyone who does not have housing within their homes, a safe space. We could rehabilitate the community center and also make it a multi- use facility with this grant. So, that's something that we're looking into given what's happened with the tornadoes lately. So, that concludes my report.

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

**Councilman Warren:** No report.

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

**Councilwoman Davis:** I'm the chairperson of the safety, and I wanna commend our police, our service, and our fire department for their wonderful job. In fact, the fire department in the last two weeks, or last week, has taken my mother and my brother to the hospital and did wonderful care. Every one of those paramedics are fantastic, so professional, and I commend you all, so thank you.

#### ***Tax Incentive Review Council Committee &***

#### ***Finance Committee***

**Councilwoman Williams:** I am the finance committee chair, we were on recess beginning of July, second meeting of July till today. So we did not have regular finance committee meetings. However, we did have to have some special meetings concerning finance to amend the budget. We will be continuing to figure out how we are going to meet. We used to meet every single Monday. We are not going to resume and meet every single Monday. We will likely move to once or twice a month on Mondays. So that is open to the public, we will also likely meet before

our regular council meetings. We are awaiting our July and August finance reports. We have June right now, we will be reviewing those. We mentioned earlier that the auditor of state has some new fraud reporting and training for all employees and elected officials. So we will be making sure we get that done. Especially in light of the fact that we are awaiting our special forensic audit investigation and outcome on that. And that should be wrapping up within the next few months. Last week, we had an audit with the regular audit. It's a regular audit that we have every two years, it covered 2022 and 2023. So, we'll be hearing the report on that very soon as well. And then on September 1, all of our department heads will be submitting their budgets. So we will begin to look at budgets for 2025 as we close out 2024, and that is it.

**Nikolic:** Thank you, Council, Moving on to agenda item number nine. The floor is now open for residents.

### *Open Floor Comments*

Debra Hladky, Garden Rd| **Hladky:** I've been a resident for the village over 35 years. And I commend all the work the mayor has done and council that has been progressive in bringing in all of the six figure jobs into the village. When other communities were going down, Oakwood was building up, so I want to commend you on that. As a voter and a resident, I've had some concerns, especially this past year. The employees of this village have not received even a cost of the living raise in one of the highest inflationary periods in recent years. Their traditional health care was taken away from them by council. Employees now pay hundreds of copays, deductibles, prescription costs, and premiums. I understand, and I hope I'm wrong. But I did look at finance reports and I found that council travel to Washington D.C. in the Spring. To (inaudible) thousands of dollars spent in village funds and they've also made arrangements to go to Florida in the Fall. And it should be thousands of dollar spent there. If council is so concerned about finances, having meetings all the time. Why are the village residents being held hostage? That's my question... **Matlock:** In your statement, you said that number of employees have not been paid. **Hladky:** I did not say they haven't been paid. They haven't been paid their raises. **Matlock:** We had to do some research first on raises. The raises were, and I think we're going to go over this with the mayor. Because we do need to go over with the Mayor, okay. As far as the raise amount, nobody's questioning cost of living. No one is questioning any of their service, because we have some tremendous employees out there, okay. But I think basically in going over the finances. The finances was something that needed to be done. And I'm going to say this, I'm retired. And I am watching every penny, and I understand your concerns. There was many things that have been taking place. And let me go back and say this. We do have an administration issue that we do need to clear up. Okay, it's not the point of us basically not giving them a cost of living raise. They deserve a cost to living raise, okay. As far as healthcare, we've never denied them any healthcare whatsoever, okay. Never have we denied them any healthcare. Our plan was actually changed over, am I correct, Brian? You can talk to this, because I want you to speak up and I want to talk to them and tell them exactly why. I'm so happy this came up for the residents can hear exactly what's going on. Because I've always been taught this in my job and in management. There's always three sides to every story, our side, their side, and the truth. So Brian, do you want to address them about the health care? Because I want you to address him about the healthcare. Then I want to you to address them, about what raises and about the ordinance and things that we needed to have from you and kept requesting from you, and you did

not bring them to us. So, please let these people know. **Thompson:** This is not attached on me, Council is (inaudible) efficiency. We were supposed to get raises January 1st, but we didn't. The FOP was covered because they have a union. The other employees don't have a union. We are in a situation where inflation is really high and the employees have not gotten their raises. The healthcare Council did not deny, what happened was a utilization issue, where there came down to a decision where should the village save \$600,000. And have a affordable plan for the individuals. Or not have a plan that could have cost the village in particular bankruptcies. So, we chose to go with a plan to save the \$600k if worked. Employees have a health care, yet they have more deductibles. We tried to offset that with HSA utilization at that time, Council has been abreast of it. We brought the professionals out from Love Insurance. They're going to come back in October. We're going to work with this as a team. Council, Administration, Courts all branches of government to get a solution for the employees. So, that's where we are right now.

**Hill:** Let me supplement your response just in one area, and I'll reserve my comments till after. When you say we made a health care change, what you mean is yourself and the mayor. So when you say council made health care changes, council wasn't aware. The contract was signed and implemented before we knew. So when come to us and say, based off of hearsay, and not really understanding the actual facts of what took place. That council made changes, we weren't aware. And money was spent on health care expenses before we even approved them, which is illegal.

And we just approved a contract for that in August, maybe end of July. But money was spend from January until July or August without our authorization. So when you say council made change, that's not actually correct. The administration, the mayor, and the finance director, who are on the administrative side and represent the employees and we are on the legislative side, those changes were implemented solely by them. Okay, so I just want to clear that health care up.

**Thompson:** We made the changes, it just says that we had to make a change to save the village for the \$600,000 that we would incur, and it worked. **Nikolic:** And to further that, the legislation that was passed regarding this matter specifically states what happened. So Council Clerk, could you please pull that and make sure Mrs. Hladky gets it? Because within that legislation, it specifically states the steps that were taken. How it was in violation of the processes that should have occurred, and what will not happen in the future. That legislation is very clear about what happened, i.e. Brian the finance director and the mayor made this change to the insurance policy without input of council, okay? Without input of council, without input of council, okay. Now in that legislation, which council clerk will get to you. Explains the entire process and what happened and what will happen in the future, i.e. No more insurance policies will be approved or put forth without council input. And we will review that policy annually. Okay beginning in September, October, we're going to review that. So, based on what's been happening, what's going on in the budget. We will review the policy that the finance director and the mayor chose. And we will continue forward working as a team from this point. **Hill:** Okay, so let me address the increases specifically. I've been here for seven years, and you've worked here longer.

**Hladky:** Yes. **Hill:** And just because there's been an established way of automatically granting increases. Does not mean that based on the finances that this village currently has, we can continue to afford to do that. So we had to take a step back this year. And before we could take that step back, the mayor and the finance director informed the employees that they would receive 5%, we were unaware. We have to look at the budget entirely because what could happen is we could grant increases and then have to let people go. So, you may not even have a job, but you want a 5% increase. We have look at entire budget and then make decisions. We had a fire chief that stayed on payroll for two years and bled almost probably \$200,000, \$300,000 out of

our budget. While we have other fire department personnel acting in his stead, that has affected us drastically. So, we have significant challenges, this is not easy by any means. We have to address all of these things in locality before we do things like grant increases. When we have HSA that he mentioned, that was an additional cost to the village. So, when we talk about all of this cost and serving our residents, expect services as well, we have to balance all of that. Because what could happen is we could grant increases and have to cut services. So, we have to be very careful about how we do this so we can do it all well, not just one day. **Hladky:** So, my next question to that would be... Did Council get their raises? I understand, the Council President, Council At-Large, and ward 1, were to get their raises this year. Did Council get their raises? **Thompson:** It's in legislation. **Hladky:** Was that adopted for this year? **Thompson:** It's been adopted, the legislation has been in place sometime, so it's a schedule... **Hladky:** Yes, 2012 is when it was passed. I know I was here, but was that put in place logistically? **Thompson:** Yes. **Hladky:** Did they receive their raises? **Thompson:** If you were eligible part of legislation, yes. **Hladky:** Did they receive the increase? That's what I'm asking, Brian, I am asking, in their paycheck, did they get those raises? Yes or no? Simple question. **Thompson:** Yes, if you were eligible under legislation, you got to raise, because it was legislated. **Matlock:** I'm going to be honest with you Debbie, I didn't get a raise. **Hladky:** Council President, At-Large, and ward 1, those are the ones that were slated this year. **Scruggs:** I'm brand new, I'm ward 1, so I didn't get a raise. **Hladky:** No, you may not have known. You were paid, you might not have known that. **Hill:** Because she's new. **Scruggs:** Because I'm new. **Hill:** Exactly, because she is new. **Hladky:** It's all perception... **Hill:** It's not perception because you actually were here when that legislation was passed. So, you know that when it's passed, it's past because we can't actually pass legislation and say I'm going to give myself a raise right now. But we can do it for the future, when we don't know if we'll be in office. **Hladky:** Correct. **Hill:** So, you're talking about something that was set in motion 12 years ago, before any of us actually even got here... **Hladky:** My question is, I'm going back to my question. Council received increase, whether you knew it or not. And if this council was so concerned about the expenses of this village, \$20,000 was spent. I've seen the reports, in the spring for travel, and another who knows what will be spent in the fall. **Nikolic:** May I address you about that? **Hladky:** That our (inaudible) are concerned about finances. Should they take trips when travel is so expensive these days? And to what benefit to the residents? **Nikolic:** Sure, Mrs. Hladky, I'd happily address your question. Those conferences are professional development, that's like our education. All departments are taking trips to educate, so we are in a position to better serve you. From that travel, I've discovered grants that will help us in many departments, including the BRIC grant that I referred to you about, the contacts I made at FEMA from those travels. Is the one who communicated these grants to me. So those travels are our professional development. Me as a first time council person, Council Person Scruggs as a first time Council Person, that is our educational development. We're not going there for anything other. All departments have a budget for their professional development and education. And if we are not professionally developed and educated, we cannot serve you. How can I, who's never been a councilperson, who knows anything about municipalities, begin without some form of education? Councilperson Scruggs continued education, laws change in the environment, in all realms of government. There is no way that we as council persons can keep up with what's going on. And be able to better serve you if we aren't having that education. If we forgo our education, that's like forgoing the purchase of the fire truck. You have a bunch of dunces sitting up here who have no idea what's going on in the world. No idea what is going on with different governmental agencies so we can

better serve you, bring money into the village. How can we know anything if we sit here in Oakwood? The purpose of those conferences is to expand our network, expand our professional development. It's not a glory trip for us to tan ourselves and get spa treatments. Let's be clear, it is to educate us and make us more professionally able to address the needs of the village and to make this place a place that is beyond Oakwood Village. And you can't do that if you're not networking, talking to other municipalities from other parts of the country. You get ideas, you get news, you contact, you learn things. People doing things a certain way in Wisconsin, it's of value, trust me. **Gottschalk:** (inaudible) Washington that's why this country is where it's at. I want to say One thing, let me say one thing. **Gottschalk:** I haven't said a word yet, but the council it's my time. **Nikolic:** She's addressing council.... **Gottschalk:** Let me speak for a minute here. (inaudible arguemwnt w/ multiple parties). **Nikolic:** Order, Mayor, Mayor, Mayor, Councilperson Hill has the floor. **Gottschalk:** I've sat back for 20 minutes hearing this. It's time now as I say for the residents to know the money is there to be paying the wage increase. **Hill:** Here's the problem... **Gottschalk:** No, there's no problem... **Hill:** We have had a lack of accountability in our village for a very long time. And because we have council members that are trying to work together and also with the administration to resolve some issues. It has become very convenient to say that council is being a problem now. Or council is putting up barriers. Or council was making things difficult. Or council isn't willing to pay, it's become very easy. Residents have come out, we don't know where they're getting the information because it's not correct information. Just like many of the things you just stated that we gave you the facts about them. So, whatever discussions are being had are not facts that are being given. But what we're trying to do is we're in a special forensic audit because there's theft and misappropriation of funds in this village. And we are trying to address that so we have enough money to continue to move forward. But we are taking the blunt and the brunt of a whole lot of criticism for trying to do what's right to address our finances. Now I know it may seem very easy and logical to say you all take trips and you should just cut that. The trip was in the budget last year. The increase was not in the budget. It was not planned last year to give a five percent increase. And then when we find out that we have hundreds of thousands of dollars spilling out the door. Then we have to go back and say can we really afford all of these things at once? So it's taken some time, because it's a \$10 million budget, and it's several departments. And it is a whole lot of information. But what we are not trying to do is fail as a village. If you just expect us to keep approving everything without considering our total finances, that's going to lead to failure. We are already in a fiscal issue because we are under a special forensic audit. That's not normal, it's not not normal! The state could take us over, and no one is talking about it. We are in a fiscal emergency right now, and we are acting like everything is okay, and it is not. And that's the reality... **Hladky:** (inaudible). **Hill:** Oakwood is under a special forensic audit for several things right now and none of us are talking about it. **Hladky:** Okay, well that's different than a physical emergency, I know what that means. **Hill:** A fiscal emergency means we could be taken over by the state. I know we are waiting on an outcome to prove if we are actually at that level. **Thompson:** We're nowhere close to that situation... **Hill:** Oh, by the definition on the website, we are there. **Gottschalk:** No increase in 2021, only a 2% increase in 2022, and a 3% increase of 2023, and we've got nothing for 2024 yet. **Hill:** But you don't want to talk about the state of our finances. **Gottschalk:** The State of the Finances is excellent... **Hill:** No it's not... **Matlock:** Can I just say one thing? It's not that we have been leaving Brian white and dry. I've been up here every day almost, researching a lot of information. It's now like I'm sitting here trying to color code anything, play on anything, I need to find out facts. And the fact is they never updated the

pay ordinance since 2008. The pay was started off that I've seen some individuals started off with one amount. It is so far up out of whack that it is ridiculous. We have the intention of pay them, we have an intention of giving them a raise and backtracking on what we can. But this right here happened, let me tell you, we was going to do it in June. What happened at the end of June when we went to talk about it? Communications is very distorted because no one here talks to anyone about anything. And my thing is to be transparent and to talk to everyone, directors, mayor. Everyone has to sit down at the table and say and tell them what needs to be done. Employees need to be talked to, I have said it constantly. Every director should be talking to the employees and telling them what exactly is going on. They should be having a performance check on them or give us some type of evaluation on them before pay raises is going out. You do have a cost of living, but a pay raise is something that each department head would know about their employee. To say, do we pay them this extra amount or do we not pay them this amount? We do not reward employees who don't do their job. They don't come to work! They don't show up to work, they're still getting paid, they're not on a time clock, okay? You don't know what the heck is going on. If any of you call up here all week. For the past couple of weeks, did you hear anybody in there on that phone answering that phone? My thing is, it's coming from management, nine o'clock when your job starts, somebody better be on that foam answering them calls when they come in. I don't want to hear none of the extracurricular crap that you had going on. That phone service should be on. Now, getting back to you, Brian, do we not bring a guy in here? Did you not bring the guy in there now that's answering the phones? **Thompson:** Yeah, we got to get him. **Matlock:** Okay, I want to ask you this question because we've been going over this with you for a whole weekend, hoping that you got it all year. Where is there something that you put, where was it that you advertised this job? Has this job been advertised? Was it put into the paper like it's supposed to? Because I am a strong believer in following that charter. You are supposed to list that job. Everyone of us should have, or anyone should have records of that job being listed and can apply for that job. You've put somebody in position, and I'm going to be honest with you, I read in the charter. That jobs should be filled by an Oakwood person first before it goes to the outside. Am I correct? Well, put it like this, read the terms. **Thompson:** You're not going to sit here and (inaudible) because I am not going to go for it... **Matlock:** No, no, no, I just want to ask you because this is going be another thing. The job ordinance for that job, whatever that guy is to get paid. **Thompson:** (inaudible yelling). **Matlock:** This, this is what they do, **Thompson:** I take action to put someone in place you're still upset... **Matlock:** This is what happens when... **Thompson:** It's a real disconnect, (inaudible yelling). **Nikolic:** Order! Order! This is very unprofessional can we please (inaudible). **Matlock:** Okay, my thing is what I'm trying to get at you guys... I'm not trying to scream, I'm not trying to holler, I'm not trying to be disrespectful. But once they bought that individual on to that job in there. To my understanding a job ordinance should have been prepared for that guy, am I correct? **Thompson:** You just replace the same position. **Matlock:** Okay, but were we not supposed to have? **Hill:** You know that's not the protocol. **Nikolic:** Mrs. Hladky, we appreciate your comments. I hope the bulk of what you came here to learn has been answered. Me personally, when I think about the pay raises, my first thought is, why would you wait until January when two new council people were starting? He could have put the raises to council before December 1st and they could have gone through without a problem. You wait until January, you have two new Council people starting, they have to learn the whole, you've trained me, you know. Or all of what I had to learn when I started. So, how can you come with two new people and expect them to do something that grandiose? There needed to be time, and we asked for grace. And you, of all people, should understand what it



entails with coming into this position. So, if the mayor was truly... Truly really wanting to give them their raises, why not put it through before December 31st? Before two new Councilpersons, when you had people in place who had been here for 20, 30 some years. It could possibly have gone through quicker. That could have happened before December 30th and it could have started January 1st. **Gottschalk:** But you had health insurance issues, and we really couldn't until we knew what that was going to be... **Nikolic:** Well, there's always a reason why something didn't happen. You have your reasons, but we have ours. **Gottschalk:** But we had a legitimate reason, we didn't know what the cost for the insurance was going to be... **Nikolic:** We all have legitimate reasons, okay? So what I'm just saying is we have addressed it, we are looking into it, and we have not negated the fact that they will or will not, okay. We are still dealing with our finances, as you heard from my finance chair and our finance director. There's a lot of things we have to overview. This is not anything against the village employees, we support them wholeheartedly. **Hladky:** They need to know that. **Nikolic:** They do know that... **Matlock:** And we did say... **Nikolic:** If there's anyone telling them that otherwise, then that would be a true disappointment. But right now, what we are doing is work that has to be done. And we would appreciate your patience and your grace while we do that work. Thank you for your time. **Gottschalk:** One last thing, Mrs. Hladky, the directors of every department will be reporting to Council and go over their list of employees. I will be there to see which ones are going to get what raise. And that should be done within the next week or two weeks. **Matlock:** Thank you, that's all we ask, we have to work together as a team. One hand cannot feed the other hand we have two work together as a team. And that right there, one person I felt bad for... Is Fire Chief here? Did you get your raise? Did you get your... And I want to say this, this man's promoted. When you're promoted, he gets his increase. I don't know, I ain't understandin' that. But my thing is this, it is going to get resolved. It will be resolved, because I don't believe in playin' around with people's money. That's one thing, we'll get it together. But we did talk about it and we're going to sit down with each department director one on one and we'll go over everything. All of what we found, all of what disapproved of, we will let him know it and he can handle whatever situation it is. **Gottschalk:** Then it will be done within two weeks and it will be retroactive from the beginning of the year. **Hill:** See, there you go again, talk to council first. Because you control Administration, we control these purse strings. So you have to make sure you work with us, before you make public record statements that we may not be able to report. **Gottschalk:** What public record statement have I made? **Hill:** "It's going to be retroactive, and it's going to be done within two weeks." That's a conversation amongst us in an executive section. **Gottschalk:** No, we've been discussing this meeting. **Hill:** No, this is why we have these type of issues. **Gottschalk:** It was going to be the directors were coming before Consul, individually going over every one of their staff. And I would be there, and there would be an agreement on what each member of their step would be getting. And I can tell you right now, some would be getting nothing. **Hill:** And that's a conversation, that's where you need to be. And that could have happened months ago if you would have wanted to have a conversation. **Gottschalk:** No, again, because of the health insurance.

Sharon Macklin, Oakhill Rd. | **Macklin:** My name is Sharon Macklin and a lot of you know me, and some of you don't. I've been sick, I've had surgery, I'm doing better, I finally getting around and getting out. But my phone has been blowing up because they're supposed to be talking about a playground. What in the world, who took, first of all, where the playground is going to go? Wright Avenue and Booker, whatever, why? Who took a survey to see how many kids live in

Wright Avenue area? How many kids lived in Booker area? What about that baby that just left out of here that's living on Richmond? How is he going to get to the playground? My kids, would go to that playground and get chased home because people wanted to beat them up. My nephew was up there last year, and some boys was there playing basketball, and jumped him. The only thing that saved my nephew from getting hurt. Was somebody, I don't know who, and if I did I wouldn't tell it. Came out of their house and shot up in the air two times. So, the people who don't even live in this area. My son was at the playground on Booker and Arbutus. Some lady pulled in there and asked her son, which one you want to fight? He pointed to my son, before he could get out the car. My son had his shirt off, and the boy jumped up to him. He picked him up and slammed him and was beaten. When I got around there, the police told me, Sharon, calm down, calm down. No, that's my baby, this lady tried to make my son, we're talking about playground. What in the world is wrong with this? How are the kids from Broadway going to get there? How are kids from Hyannis and over there on Drake or wherever, how are they going to these playgrounds? If you're going to do playgrounds, do a survey. Put them where all kids can get to, it's not fair. It's no fair to that little boy who just walked out of here who can't get to that playground. And if he could, I doubt his mom would take him there. What is the problem with this? There's other things we could be worried on besides trying to get a playground on two streets that don't need it. I don't understand why we're worried about a playground. People are blowing up my phone, Ms. Sharon, why are they doing it? I don't know, but I'm going to find out. I don't understand why it's so important to get a playground on Wright. How many kids on Wright? How many little kids? And the kids on Free Ave, how are they going to get to Wright Ave? **Nikolic:** Walk or ride their bikes. **Macklin:** How? If I were a little kid, you're going to let your son walk over there by himself and ride his bike? **Nikolic:** The nature, are you finished with your comment? **Macklin:** No... **Nikolic:** Continue... **Macklin:** Because little kids can't do it. I don't trust my kids to walk from Free Ave to Wright Avenue the way people snatching up babies, no way. My thing is I'm going to fight this playground. If I have to get a petition up and get it done, I'll do it. I'm going to fight this playground issue because I just don't believe that's what we need. And if we need it, we need to work every kid can get to it. Not just those two streets, not just those kids. What about all the other kids? How the kids on Hickory going to get there if they want to go to the playground, what are they going to do? How we going to get over there? If I was their mother, I wouldn't let them go over there, I wouldn't. After what happened to my son, I told them I don't want you over there. After what happened to my nephew, don't go there. Because they could have hurt somebody. That lady, if she would have maced my son, they would have had me back there in jail. They would have, I was going to her house and the Police stopped me. I was going, but I couldn't make it, but my daughter and my niece made it, and she wouldn't come out the house. But if she hadn't maced my son, it would have been a serious, serious problem. Because she wants her son to fight somebody. You fight him, he picked the wrong one. Because my son picked him over his head and slammed him. And when he slammed him, he just started beating him. And that's what he should have done. My nephew over there playing basketball, all of a sudden here come three boys from Cleveland and jumped him. Only thing to save my nephew was somebody came out of their house and shot two times. There's always fights over there, there's always stuff over there. And I'm glad to hear that you had a game over there. But it went well because it was Police there, you know how it is. It went well, because they were playing police. Other than that, I'm going to fight this playground issue. I'm letting you know now, I'm going to get petitions if that's what I got to do. I'm going to get them, I'm going to have people sign them. And they're going to be homeowners, taxpayers. I'm not

going to be bothered with people who are not taxpayers, who don't give a ding-dong what happens to Oakwood. Our taxpayers, our homeowners are the ones who care, who has the word to say. Renters to me, I used to be a landlord. Renters to me, what they care? What they care about Oakwood, they don't care, they're just here. I've been here 24 years, I was raised here. 71 years old, I only left for four years out of 71 years. I came back to Oakwood to bring my kids back to where I grew up at, because I knew they would be safe here. But then after what happened to them, I didn't know if I made the right choice. But I know I did, my kids are not bad kids. The police say the only time they have to say something to my kids is when they riding. They'll pull up next to them with their music blasting, and they'll turn it down. And they say, Sharon, by the time they get to the next light, they got it up again. If that's all my kids can do, God bless, I've been a great mom. I made my kids do what was right. I didn't let them do what they want to do. There's so many people who let their kids do what they want them to do. And this playground stuff, it's just what's going to happen. These kids are going to be at that playground, somebody's going get hurt. And then what's going to happened? This playground stuff I'm going to fight it, I'm going to fight it, I'm gong to fight. I'm going to fight it from the bottom of my heart because it's just not fair that it goes in those two places when we have kids who live on Richmond Road, we have kids who lived on on Hickory, we having kids who live on Oak Hill, we had kids who were on Pettibone, we have kids we live on Tryon, Forbes, etc... What about those kids, they don't get a playground? No, they don't get one, that ain't fair.

**Nikolic:** That's your time, I'd love to respond. First, the reason why those locations were chosen, because there's existing playgrounds there now. They have not been updated... **Macklin:** They don't need to be updated because it's not fair to the other kids. Like his baby, that they be updated, and they have nowhere to go. If you want to do it, it needs to be where everybody can get to. **Nikolic:** So, the idea, first let me just let you know. There was a playground meeting that was held, a community engagement meeting. There were flyers circulated throughout the village, and we invited everyone to come to that meeting. At that meeting, the Mayor was there, and the plan for which playground would be addressed. Along with the mayor who suggested that we do start with these playgrounds. These playgrounds- **Gottschalk:** I did not know, I sugg.. If you wanted to apply for a grant you could. But you're talking about three phases that would cost a million dollars. **Nikolic:** But what you were saying is that, what you're assuming is that it perhaps should be at the centrally located. The mayor specifically did not want any development at the main playground. So he supported the idea of it being started.... **Gottschalk:** We have some ideas but I don't want to share them out... **Macklin:** Why can't the kids from Free and Wright Avenue, if they're so secure, why they can't go there? Why the kids over here can't get to the Oak Hill Park that's right around there? Why can they go there, if their parents trust them to ride their bike from Free to Wright. They should trust them ride their bikes from Free to the secure way. **Nikolic:** Well, the idea of developing playgrounds is not to, you know, I'm not sure why you would not want a playground. Playgrounds for children are a source of activity and development. **Macklin:** If it's located where all the kids can get to it. **Nikolic:** It's not really land in Oakwood where it can be... **Macklin:** You need to have somebody take a survey on how many kids live on Free and Wright area over there, and how many of kids live over there in Arbutus and Booker. Where's the survey to show how many children it's going to serve? There's not many kids over there that's going to play on a playground. **Nikolic:** Well the idea is where Booker is, there is nothing else there. There's a basketball court, there's a swing set, there are monkey bars. The kids now have nothing else to do there besides play. **Macklin:** And they took it all the way because the kids would go there fighting all the time. **Nikolic:** Well, I will

commend the police department because patrols have picked up and they have been patrolling over there. And the idea isn't you don't provide amenities to children and you don't build because of that. There are playgrounds in the middle of Huff in the inner city of Cleveland with bills of over \$700,000. Where people could get shot every day. But that did not stop them from building playgrounds for their children. **Macklin:** I'm not talking about stopping you from building a playground. The stop needs to be where it's not located for all children. That's the stop, you're going to take all this money. And put it on Wright Avenue and put it in Booker. And then what about the kids that can't get over there? Let's take a survey and see how many kids are over there. I'm going to survey and see how many kids are out there. **Nikolic:** Did you attend the meeting? **Hill:** I'll respond to you just quickly. Cause I know you just had surgery. I want you to calm down because you are trying to recover. But I want to say this, we are a council of seven, and it takes four of us to move anything. And sometimes that is a challenge, it's a gift, and it's also a burden at times. But when you're new to council, I think it's also difficult because you want to do new things and you have great ideas, but it still takes four people. And so what I can say from what I've heard in the community and what the gist of council is is one, we have a lot of pieces to work on right now, just as a council and as a village. And so while serving our children and our families is always a priority. We do have to prioritize which order we go in. And one, the budget is very, very important right now. We do not have the ability to pay out of pocket for playground renewal or restoration or any of that. We need grant money right now. That may change very quickly it may not, so I'll say that. I'll also say that I've heard a lot of resident input that they would like to see more surveys. I am a community person and I don't believe one community meeting is sufficient. And a lot residents have shared the same. So, I think there's opportunity for us to do more around making decisions together about where these things should go. What other areas they could possibly go in. I don't want you to, this plan is something that four of us have to approve together. And there will be a lot more talks about it before we make any decisions. First because of money, secondly because residents have a lot of different feedback. And I don't think it's all being heard and collected enough for us to make the I know I don't feel comfortable. I have children, I have a grandson now. Of course, I worked in education, kids and families is what I do. I volunteer all the time for the school district, but there's a lot that goes into it. And so I know it may look like we're far along. But we're not as far along as it looks. And we will have to do some more inquiry into it. I don't know when that is going to happen or how it's going to happen. But there's lot more to be done, so I just wanted to say that. **Nikolic:** There will be another community engagement meeting. And if you leave your email address with the clerk. I will put you on the email address to make sure you're notified. Because there is a playground planning committee. So if you'd like to join that committee, I would love to have your input, Ms. Macklin. The idea is to continue to get input from the committee. One engagement meeting is not enough. We're simply applying for funds and collecting the funds. We're not, nothing is written in stone. Your input is just as valuable as what we received at the meeting and we'll continue to collect that input. So thank you for your comments. We're going to continue to have these meetings so we can continue to apply for grants. And make sure that we are doing what's best for the village. So yes, Councilperson Hill is right, the playground's not going up tomorrow. Even if we apply for a grant, the money wouldn't come through until 2025. We have ample opportunity to hear your comments and your criticism before that. So please be well aware and also, the Police Department. Even though we understand that that is a problem area. We want to make sure that we aren't going to deny services to a particular area because of a few bad apples. We trust our police department to stay on top of it and make sure it will be safe. We're not going

to do deny any particular area, because of few bad apple. **Macklin:** I didn't ask you to deny any area. I asked you to take into consideration other children that can't get to those two areas.

**Nikolic:** Okay, well please give your email address and we can take all of it into consideration. You know, the initial thought was Booker because we only have three playgrounds, right? We only have 3, we started on Booker, because as the mayor suggested, he would rather start there as opposed to the main playground. Correct Mayor? **Gottschalk:** I have some other ideas, but I don't (inaudible). **Nikolic:** Okay, well, yeah, let's just be clear, the mayor said specifically he did not want anything happening at the playground over by Mount Zion. So with that information, with the only other two parks we have in the village. Wright Avenue, which is the smallest and Booker being the biggest, you have the police department out there doing community engagement. That seemed to be the best option. And that was what we went with based on input from the administration and people at the community meeting. So we will continue to collect information. Again, give the clerk your email and I will add you to the committee meeting. **Hill:** And I know you see that we have legislation and work session. And so I can't (inaudible) say that what you see in legislation is for a matching grant. Which means we would have to, as the village, put in funds. We are right now, as a council, majority decided to pursue grants that are 100% grant funded. So we won't be pursuing at this time, I can say with 100% confidence, anything that's a matching grant. Because we just are not financially ready to make that decision. If we got a 100% grant, we can have different conversations about how we move forward. **Nikolic:** Right, and again, it's only one comment, and as she says, everyone would have to agree. **Hill:** We have 100% agreed on not moving forward on the matching grant. **Nikolic:** No, that's true, now with new information from the finances going forward. Considering we have been reviewing them for months and months and months, and understanding what the matching might be. It will still be put to council for consideration. So, at that time you can still hold the majority vote to move forward, but it's still in work session The floor is still open for comment.

**Unknown Speaker, nonresident:** **Unknown Speaker:** Hello, my name is (inaudible), and I'm actually from the public, from a neighboring community. And I just want to commend, I sat through all of your business, and you guys do take care of business. And I just all of that to commend you on your recreational department, led by Ms. Perez. There's a group of us that go to her exercise classes three times a week, 45 minutes, Monday, Wednesday, Friday. And we have a class at the community center and we have couple at the public church. I want to commend you because it is a great thing that you are doing in your community. There are a group us that come from neighboring places, we're all seniors. And we found a safe haven, a safe, clean place for us to work out in a nice environment. And we have created a community because we're all retired. So we're seniors, or the old folks, or whatever you want to call us. And we look out for each other, we're all from different places, all from different walks of life, work all different kinds of jobs. But it's like a little family, and I just love it. I don't know where it originated from, or how to go on in the future, or whatever. But I just wanted to speak on that behalf that I'm appreciative of it. I've been retired for a little while now and I just love it. It's like you just found a little gem or a little diamond in some place, you know. Somebody invited you to come, and then you meet all these wonderful, wonderful people. And there's one lady in our class, she's about a... She's 80 plus and she comes and she just enjoys it, you know. But it's not just that, you know, some of us, a lot of us belong to faith communities and so we're sisters. And we're like, okay, you pray for me, my body is aching today. Or I pressed forward to get here, and a lot us press, we press to be there on those three days. So, I sat through all of your business and I just wanted to bring

something as a lighter note. That it is very much appreciated, all of our hearts are really in it. We love it and we just wanted you know, you even know that this is a great thing that you do. And I know you do a lot for your seniors that are here and they're appreciative. But you meet all these people even when you're at the community center you're exercising and different people come in. And then you see their faces and you get to know them as well. So I just wanted to let you know you're doing a wonderful thing.

Laurie Hoover, Macedonia Road| **Hoover:** we have a rental property here, butts up to DCOMM. I was guaranteed here in council, in May, that that property would be addressed by the end of July. I was GUARANTEED, and that's why I came to council, because I wanted it on the record. Again, it's not and then your building inspector abruptly left because he had enough. How do I get a copy of these plans that are being done? And why were they allowed to do the expansion, one property over from mine on Macedonia Road. Without finishing and addressing the first issue? Which is the front of the property and the back that butts up against mine? **Gottschalk:** You're up there, you're against DCOMM, right? **Hoover:** Yes! **Gottschalk:** Hasn't been anything being done yet? **Hoover:** Not a damn thing, and I have pictures that I took this morning that I will gladly hand out to everyone. **Gottschalk:** I leave your number with the clerk. **Hoover:** For what? Another promise? Another open promise? What do I need to do? **Gottschalk:** Don't be insulting, okay lady. **Hoover:** Why? **Nikolic:** Please don't disrespect the residents mayor, please **Gottschalk:** You know, as I say, it's going to be done. The plans have been submitted and I thought already that they had already begun putting the fence up over there. And in addition to the fence, there's going be landscaping on your side of the fence. You won't see a thing. And I thought that already had begun. **Hoover:** A year and a half, how many times did I meet with you? How many time did I met with Dee and give Dee pictures? **Gottschalk:** Well, I haven't been, I've been disposed, I have been on vacation... **Hoover:** A year and a half, I'm not talking two months ago, I am talking a year ago. I gave dee pictures, a years ago. My husband and I sat with you in Debbie's old office. And you said, I'll take care of it. **Hoover:** What do I need to do? Every time I come into the building department, they are going to... **Gottschalk:** The plans have been laid out. Andy Sparks has said that they're done. So they just should be submitted to you. And I would have thought they already had begun doing it. **Hoover:** Nothing, and now they've started what I'll call phase two, and totally stripped another whole section. And they haven't even finished or addressed the first issue. **Nikolic:** So, what are next steps, Mayor? **Gottschalk:** Next day I would make my phone call. But if the plans are in place, then this thing is going to look elegant. **Matlock:** Can she get a copy of those plans? **Hoover:** Where do, who do I sign up with? Because every time I go to the building department, he walks out the back door with his dog. And he never addresses me when I go there. And then when I ask someone something, nobody knows anything. So how do I get a copy of these plans? **Gottschalk:** Yeah, you'll be getting it tomorrow. **Nikolic:** Any additional comments? Hearing none, the floor is now closed. Moving on to agenda item number 10, legislation.

*Floor closed.*

*Legislation:*

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

Motion to remove 2023-55 from the table made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Scruggs, Matlock, Davis, Hill

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to remove 2023-55 from the agenda made by Scruggs seconded by Davis

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Scruggs, Matlock, Davis, Hill

**MOTION PASSED**

<b>2024-37</b>	<b>AN EMERGENCY SALARY ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN POSITIONS</b>
Introduced by	<b>OF EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION AND BENEFIT SCHEDULES</b>
Mayor and	<b>THEREFORE FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD COMMENCING WITH THE</b>
Council as a	<b>FIRST PAY PERIOD BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2024</b>
Whole	
1 <sup>st</sup> read 7/12/24	
2 <sup>nd</sup> read 8/27/24	

<b>2024-49</b>	<b>A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF J.C. BLADE</b>
Introduced 8-27-24	
By Mayor and	
Council as a whole	
1 <sup>st</sup> read 8-27-24	

<b>2024-50</b>	<b>A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF JOEL LEWIS, SR.</b>
Introduced 8-27-24	
By Mayor and	
Council as a whole	
1 <sup>st</sup> read 8-27-24	

<b>2024-51</b>	<b>AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-32 IN ORDER TO ATTACH</b>
Introduced 8-27-24	<b>AND APPROVE THE CORRECT VERSION OF A CERTAIN AGREEMENT</b>
By Mayor and	<b>WHICH THE MAYOR WAS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE WITH THE VILLAGE OF</b>
Council as a whole	<b>GLENWILLOW FOR PURPOSES OF UNDERTAKING JOINT IMPROVEMENTS</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> read 8-27-24	<b>TO RICHMOND ROAD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>

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

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Scruggs, Matlock, Davis, Hill

**MOTION PASSED**

Enter executive Session at 9:03P.M

Exited executive Session at 9:49P.M

Motion to adjourn made by Davis seconded by Scruggs

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Scruggs, Matlock, Davis, Hill

**MOTION PASSED**

Adjourned at 9:50p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

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Erica Nikolic, President of Council



**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
2024-9-10**

**ATTENDANCE**

Erica Nikolic, President	James Climer, Law Director
Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem	Captain Freeman, Police Department
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	Tom Haba, Service Director
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Matt Jones, Village Engineer
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
Mary Davis, Ward 4	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Candace Hill, Ward 5(formerly Williams)	

**ABSENT**

Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor	Dave Tapp, Fire Department
Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official

*\* Arrived after roll call*

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Meeting opened at 7:05pm by Nikolic  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call taken

**Nikolic:** Agenda item number four, meeting minutes.

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes for March 25<sup>th</sup>, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Scruggs, Matlock

**NO VOTE:** Davis, Williams

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt the minutes from August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Records Commission Meeting Minutes made by Climer seconded by Nikolic

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Climer, Joseph

**MOTION PASSED**

Okay, moving on to agenda item number five, clerk correspondence. Joseph: The only thing I have to mention is just a reminder that we have shred day coming up on Saturday the 14th at the park over by Mt. Zion. That is going to be from 9am to 12pm, so just wanted to remind everyone that's the last one for the year. **Nikolic:** Thank you, Council Clerk Joseph, moving on to agenda item number six, the departmental reports. Mayor Gottschalk is not with us, may we hear from our Law Director?

Law Director Climer| **Climer:** Thank you, Madam President, I have no report, I'm available for questions. **Nikolic:** Our first question in the work session was regarding the handbook. We wanted a status of where you were with reviewing that with the fire department. **Climer:** I

believe that Mr. O'Leary is working on that, I'll ask him for an update. **Nikolic:** Alright, just have him shoot us an email. **Climer:** Will do. **Hardin:** Can we ask that we have that by the next meeting, Mr. Law Director? **Climer:** We will try to do that. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** We'd like to move that forward because that is largely relating to the time clock legislation and council would like to move on that. My next question was about the property on Forbes. Where are we with that? **Climer:** Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Cirincione are consulting on the options on that. They are obtaining the building department file or whatever file there is on it. I'll ask them to report back to me before the end of the week on where they are on that. So, we had a discussion about it towards the tail end last week. And so we're going to try to move that forward. There are a number of options available under the point of sale ordinance. After Mr. Cirincione and Mr. O'Leary has a chance to put together the strategy, we're going to get that moving. **Hardin:** And the objective was what? **Climer:** There's an auxiliary property there that was at one time used for rentals that's fallen into disrepair. There have been some complaints from the neighbors. The main property is okay, the property is presently under sale. The agent for the property owner has been informed of the point of sale issues on this. They're well aware that they need to be taken care of. And in fact I think they have listed it as subject to the point-of-sale ordinance or the need to make repairs under that ordinance. **Nikolic:** Did the building department do a point of sale inspection? **Climer:** They did not to my knowledge. **Nikolic:** Is that not required? To what extent is that required? **Climer:** The extent that it is required is the building department can request entry into the property under case law and in this district of the United States District Court. It is a Fourth Amendment violation to hold up the sale if somebody does not consent to that inspection. But what then happens is the building department will issue a certificate that the matter has not been inspected. The escrow agent is required to have that either a certificate of inspection. Or a statement from the building department that the inspection could not be conducted in its file. And then if the purchaser purchases the property they're required to make the repairs. **Nikolic:** Mr. Marinucci is not here this evening. We will wait for your update from Mr. O'Leary and Cirincione. Any further questions for our law director? Hearing none, may we hear from our finance director, Mr. Thompson?

Finance Director Thompson| **Thompson:** Thank you, Madam Chairman, just a couple brief comments. We continue to work with our state audit group on the 2022-2023 bi-annual audit. And also we're just working diligently to close out July and August financials. We're hoping to have those done in a couple of weeks. We're working on those simultaneously. And just briefly starting to put templates together for the 2025 budget. For different departments, the safety force is about 60% of it. So, I'm internally discussing with them, trying to finalize their budgets and having the rest of the departments have theirs forthcoming as well. Thank you, Madam Chair, that's all I have. **Hardin:** I called today, last time I talked with you. You were working on some information that the chair of finance wanted. Is that ready? Do you have everything that she's asked for? Because 2024-37 is still sitting here. Have you given her everything? **Thompson:** I know it was a quite lengthy email, and I sent quite a few documents. I think it was the end of the last week. So we can revisit the list, and if there's anything left, I can forward it. So I know there's a lengthy one that I did send back in the email for information. **Nikolic:** So my question is, I believe the legislation had a September 1st deadline for the budgets and everything from the departments. Have you given them an updated deadline to submit? **Thompson:** It's just been internally, like I said, i'm working with the safety force at this point. But I'll be reaching back out to the department heads to continue to work on this internally. **Nikolic:** All right, so I mean we're

already ten days behind, so let's not let it go past another two weeks. **Warren:** I would like to see if we can have some proposals by the next council meeting or projection from either of the safety forces. I think that we've been going over this over and over and over again and I don't know how many variations. We got the same number of people, we have certain expenses that increases here and there. However, I think we should at least have the safety forces. At least Police Chief because he always have his anyway. I think that we should be able to review at least police, if not fire in two weeks. **Garratt:** I could have it ready, that would be feasible. **Matlock:** Brian, the 2024, what would it be, 2023 property taxes for our residents. I know each resident got hit with like a 37% assessment fee on their property taxes. And some of them, it was hit at a time where a lot of people was not expecting it. I'm going to bring it up in front of council to see what we can do to kind of help compensate these residents back. Pending on how much we receive from the county for those property taxes. Because I don't think you anticipated it either would it going up like 34% or 37%? **Thompson:** Yeah, I think it was county-wide and it did go up, so... **Matlock:** It was countywide, some counties or some municipalities, basically... And we should just look into how much was generated during that time period. And maybe we can make some type of arrangement of providing our residents back. At least if we can, at I'm looking at at least 50%. Or whatever they put into that assessment, what was given to us for that assessment. I don't want to run us to the point where we're detrimental in debt with finances. But if there is a way that we can help give or either provide the residents back some of that assessment money. Because they were not expecting that. And we have a lot of elderly, too, that wasn't expected. That's like an added expense to them. And some of it went up, I know mine went up almost \$1,000. So, I don't know, I'm just saying what mine is. And I know theirs is hit with even \$300, \$400 more. If you can provide us with information on how much those taxes were, how much that assessment was in general. And then they would have to provide proof or whatever that they paid that extra 37%. Which they probably did because you know you have to have taxes paid at a certain time. And maybe perhaps we can go in and find out what we can do to help give them back some of that. What will help them take down a little bit of that burden this year. Next year we know what's going to come. But this year everybody just got hit with it and just didn't know. **Thompson:** I'm sure the county can give me a holistic kind of assessment total. But it was definitely initiated by them and each individual probably had to call on the county because of that partial number of information on each property to see what it actually was. I'm not aware of any rebate program that's going back to... **Matlock:** Well, it's going to have to be something through us. Legislation is going to have to be drawn up through us, through council. In order to see how much we would give them back. Based off of how much they actually paid into that assessment. How much that assessment actually was, providing us proof. And then we would make a recommendation based on what you say it would be if they won't put us into no financial bind. But if we can give them some of that back, I just think we need to kind of like give it back. But that's something that we would need, in a rebate, something that we can do in a re-bate for them. **Thompson:** We really don't collect to the following year, like the process happened this year. Collections won't happen for this process until next year. **Matlock:** But whatever it is, we can look into it and then they know that rebate will come back to them. **Nikolic:** I agree we should look into county programs and anything that's available through the county to help support as well. So that, you know, make sure you keep on top of anything that may come out through the county that may support residents and or through the state. I'm not sure, but just stay on top of any programs that may be support that. And of course, we will as well through our networks, but primarily... **Thompson:** Potential hardship program... **Nikolic:** Right, any type of

program that would have come out to assist people given this new tax assessment. Any other questions for our finance director? Hearing none, may we hear from our service director, Mr. Haba.

Service Director Haba| **Haba:** Thank you, Madam President, next Wednesday, September 18th, we'll have our annual paint and tire and hazardous household materials, computers, pick up. We'll have a flyer out by the end of the week on that. Also the shred notification will be on that flyer. We're going to put our leaf pick up on because that's starting up soon for leaf pick-up. And we might even have the... Senior citizens plowing of driveways on there. I'm not sure on that one yet. I'll know about it tomorrow morning, if we're down there or not. And the contractor for the new (inaudible) church that collapsed a few months back. Notified the owner that he'd be starting next Monday, September 16th, on removing that. So that's good news out of there and that's all I have. If you have any questions... **Warren:** Are we doing any chargeback for the work that we did in there to secure that site or no? **Haba:** I don't know, it's not really in my hands, and I just... **Warren:** Was it a significant sum? **Haba:** ...(inaudible) thrown into it, but that would be up to maybe fire. I can talk to Dave the Chief... **Warren:** No, I mean, with you guys going in... **Haba:** Yeah, we went in that night and we put the caution tape up there. **Warren:** Oh, that's it? **Haba:** Caution tape, yeah, we went in for a few hours. They called me at about 11:30pm that Saturday night. We were there until about four in the morning. There's one operator on the machine... **Warren:** And that's what I'm saying, that's what I'm talking about. Get an idea of what it is in this seat and turn it over to Brian. And then we can recommend to him about pursuing it. Because they could take it out on their insurance or whatever, but it's their responsibility. **Nikolic:** I guess one last thing, the litter signs, have they gone up yet? **Haba:** Not all of the Village, you have in some places. The ones at the, before a police basketball game. We put out all the signs out there about the leash law and the clean-up after your dog, you have a no littering. **Nikolic:** Where the leash law signs located? Are they all throughout the village? **Haba:** Yeah, they're not everywhere right now and but they're at the park. They'll be at the, there's ones at the Booker playground, there's one's at the community park, we're put some at Wright, and also in the meadows where we have that bench and the trash can over there. **Nikolic:** Any other questions for our service director? Thank you hearing them and hear from our police chief.

Police Chief Garratt| **Garratt:** We had an issue in August, illegal dumping on Wright Avenue. There's been a couple abandoned lot over there, they've just been dumping the stuff. We did send officers down there and fortunately this day and age of Amazon people throw away stuff and leave their identification on the box. So that worked out quite well for us on our side. However, it was kind of interesting how it kind of came down. The officer that did the investigation on it, took it back to the resident where there was some garbage out of. And this was in Bedford, and they had a contractor, they were doing some work at the house. The contractor hired another person to take the garbage and dump it. Well, they were back too fast. And the contractor was skeptical on it and this the second time. Well, I think you can put an end to this story right now. They're going around and making an easy dump and dumping in Oakwood right in the yard there. So, we're able to cite that person with two counts of illegal dumping. So, that worked out well, and I appreciate the information. This is, again, another thing about community reaching out to us and getting us going as best we could. And it's just another example of how we need the community to do our investigations. This past weekend, officers went around to check all the streetlights and the poles, report to First Energy. Seven to ten days, they'll replace the bulbs and

pull the poles that are dangerous. Especially with the last storms and everything in the woods that we had, so that was handled. The next two months is going to be a lot of training, a lot our mandatory continuing professional education is going occur the next two month. I want to thank the fire department. They got us through one part of all the officers who were certified with first aid and CPR again, as they do each year. I really appreciate them taking the time to do that with us. Also, we have a training class coming up that we're sponsoring at our training center. You'll see police cars from all over the state coming in for that. You see all different police cars you're not aware of, it's probably why they're here. So other than that, that's all I have, thank you.

**Nikolic:** Any questions or comments for our police chief? Hearing none, may we hear from our engineer, Mr. Jones.

Engineer Jones| **Jones:** Thank you, so just a couple quick updates on upcoming construction projects. The first one will be the reconstruction of the southern half of First Place. That will start probably within the next couple of days. We met with the contractor late last week and they're ready to get out there. So, that'll be concrete repairs and an asphalt overlay occurring basically from Forbes Road up to the southern driveway of the Penske facility. So that will take care of most of the Forbes parts of that road for the businesses up there. Next project is the first phase of Tryon Road. The resurfacing of Tryion between Richmond and Jean Drive. That is looking to start up here in a few weeks. We just had successful bids on that last week. So, that project will be going hopefully by the end of September and should take about a month. So again, this is based on Millenfeld, taking off the existing asphalt, doing some repairs, putting down a new asphalt service. And then finally, we have the repair and resurfacing of Oak Leaf. That project has been a little bit delayed, but we're looking to get some concrete work started on that project, hopefully in November. We're going to start on the two-way section, so that will be between John's trailer and Oakleaf Oval, the south end of the project. The rest of the work on that project is going to occur in 2025. There has to be some coordination with ODOT because of the fact that traffic control has to happen near the interchange. That complicates things a little bit on that projects. That's the update on everything, and of course, as you all know, Forbes Road is just about completed, and we're just into a punch list on that. Other than that, I'm open for questions.

**Davis:** The first one I wanted to ask, the Oak Leaf one, do we already have the people that are going to do the work? **Jones:** No, we don't have it. **Davis:** Did we put it out for bids? **Jones:** No, that's going to be it's going to be advertised for the next week. **Davis:** Okay, and so November is not too late, I mean, cold or whatever? **Jones:** No, for concrete work. So, we won't be able to get the asphalt work done. So there's going to be concrete repairs that will happen and then an asphalt overlay. The asphalt overlay can't happen this year. But some of the concrete repairs at the south end, we can knock those out now. And then we can handle the rest of the concrete repairs in the one-way section next year. The repairs in one- way section are going to necessitate that road being shut down completely. So, that has to be coordinated with ODOT. So, we're doing that the easier repairs to work around are the ones at the south end; we'll do those this year. **Davis:** The second question I had was you talked about First Place. Is there something that they pay in their fees, of all those companies that are there, towards road work? **Jones:** That's a local road, and again, keep in mind that a lot of the village's income comes from those businesses. So, just something to keep in mind. We did get funding for that project. A big portion of the construction on that job is being paid for by CDBG and CDSG funds that were awarded for this year. So, we're getting basically even money on that job. **Davis:** When that was going to be done? **Jones:** Completion should be about 30 to 45 days, so that'll be end of October, roughly.

**Davis:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** So, my question regarding Oak Leaf is, you said we're using ARPA funds for that? Are they required to be spent by the end of the year? **Jones:** They're not required to be spent by end of year. **Nikolic:** Okay, they can be spent up until next year? **Jones:** At a minimum up until next year. I don't know if they'd extend it beyond that, but I know they can still be spending it next year. It doesn't matter. We intend on spending it well before the end of next year, so... **Hardin:** Everyone is pleased with Forbes, to my knowledge. However, what we're asking to add to the cost when they were doing the work. Some of the tar is on some of the local streets, Somerville, Lynbrook. **Haba:** Yeah, I know I didn't see it, but I don't think you're going to be able to get it off anyway. I know a street sweeper even brushes on it. But you take a look at it, I'll take another look at, but looked like it was one vehicle. **Jones:** I can mention it to the county, but when that happens, that's usually a pretty difficult thing to deal with, so I'll check it. **Hardin:** Okay, and then on Forbes, just before you get to Swift, on the Bedford Heights side. This is, Tommy, while I'm thinking about it, a tree has fallen. It's going to come out into the street in a minute. **Haba:** Okay. **Hardin:** When will you start your annual assessment for street maintenance? **Jones:** It'll be by the end of the year, I don't have a date yet. **Hardin:** Okay, put it way up there again, again, again, and again, Somerville and on... **Jones:** We'll be looking at all of them, so it will be an objective analysis. **Hardin:** Well, we got a little priority there, don't forget. And on Raynham, whenever you do it, I'm going on record, because the curving was a part of the street. It's kind of bad just as you come on to Raynham. **Jones:** That'll be something we look at when we look. **Hardin:** Alright, thank you sir. Any other questions or comments for our Engineer? Hearing none, may we hear from our Recreation Director, Ms. Perez.

**Perez:** Thank you, Madam President, since you guys haven't been around, I guess I can catch you up from June to July, to now. So, we started out with summer camp in June, and in June, we had 50 kids. Everyone went home safely, I cannot say that there weren't any issues. My car got hit by one of the bus drivers. And I had to pay for it because they're exempted, but that's ok. That was probably my main issue. We had to get rid of some counselors, so we did have a little bit. All the kids went home safe and sound. That's exactly what we wanted to have it. We went straight from summer camp into summer concerts. I MC'd most of the shows because the Mayor was ill, but that went pretty well. We had a pretty good show and money. Collections were not as large as they used to be, but we did have some good collections from the shows. And I know that for a fact because I did count that money also. And then after that, after the summer concert, exercise is still going on in between all that. That is the recreation department, that's what we're doing. And I've got an update for you. As of Monday, residents, and council, I have been approved. Ms. Hardin had asked me several times because she's received calls on the Aquafit class. We are approved to start that class on Monday at 10 o'clock. And it will be from 10am to 10.45am, and it is a free class for the residents. So again, it's 10 o'clock every Monday, and every Wednesday and Friday classes will still resume at Mt. Zion, from 11am to 11:45am, that's yoga with a twist. **Davis:** Where is it going to be held? **Perez:** At the quality inn. **Hardin:** Because we're talking about water, is there a release? **Perez:** I will make a form for everyone to sign. And we have to get the insurance form to up to the Quality Inn also. **Davis:** And this is only for Oakwood residents only, you're saying? **Perez:** Correct. **Hardin:** And you do verify that? **Matlock:** Approximately how deep? **Perez:** It's five, so that's all I really have, I'm open for questions. But the mayor told me you mentioned something about Chromebooks. He's buying Chromebooks for the center and he's going to be giving them some for the Center. I think Paggie you needed to get some stuff on the computers, some vouchers or something you wanted to do with computers for the Seniors? **Matlock:** No, I think what it was, just a lock up case to make

sure. **Davis:** We can get them on a cart, add it to it, and then it has a lock on it. But this also charges them up, because usually you charge them when they're not being used. **Perez:** I'm trying to get some more programming started since everything has calmed down. I'm tryin' to get more programming starting for the community center during the week. My first event will be this Thursday; there is someone that's coming to show you how to wrap your hair. She's doing it for free at 12pm on Thursday at the community centers. And I will be trying to get the different events coming up throughout the week. **Matlock:** Approximately how many individuals can get inside of the Oakwood Village bus? **Perez:** 14. **Matlock:** I know we had a lot of seniors apply for those farmer market coupons. And we were trying to see if we can get a date that we could take them out to a little date like to a farmers market. So, they can spend them if they want to. We were thinking about probably, perhaps, we don't know, West Side Market. That's just a day for them at the West Side market. They could utilize those coupons for produce. And it could be like a little afternoon, a couple hour trip, nothing. **Perez:** We can do that any day, but Wednesday. **Matlock:** Even if we were to check and see if there's any place like Amish country or somewhere close, nothing far for them to just go to. Just see because they just state to me that they were getting them in the mail. **Perez:** I'll work on that, start working on that this week, tomorrow and Friday. Any other questions? **Nikolic:** Any questions for our recreation director? Hearing none, thank you, Ms. Perez. Moving on to agenda item number seven, the ward reports.

#### *Ward Report*

**Councilperson Scruggs:** Ward 1 had their very first event where we were coming together just to meet your neighbor. And we had a movie in the park and a cookout. So I dragged my grill from the house to a little area in the meadows. Brought some hot dogs and the kids and the families that came out that had a wonderful time eating hot dogs, eating chips, and cookies. And it was a potluck as well so some of the ward members brought potato salad and cookies and things. So, we had a really nice time for everyone that came out. We had a blow up movie thing and music and everything, and the movie that we watched was E.T. So it was really nice to, the kids didn't really want to watch E.T. But it was nice because I brought the parents out that were our age that used to watch E. T. And we had a lot of little glow up, you know, glasses and things that they could be fun and find your kid in the dark. And the really, really cool thing about it was that we reached out to the police officers and said, hey, we got this going on. And they showed up and so the police officers were out there as well. They had on their glow up, you know, everybody had a great time, just getting an opportunity to meet each other and spend some time outside of the house. So our goal is to try to do more things where we can kind of come together as a community. And just know who we're living next to. Because it really does make a difference. So that's the first of the events that we had in Ward 1. And we will be having our newsletter coming out each quarter, so it's fall. We got to get ready for our newsletters. So, be on the lookout for our war newsletter. **Warren:** I just wanted to commend you on using the police officers because historically police bring fear to kids. And in our community, we got to integrate the police with the kids so that they feel comfortable. And know that that's who you call when you have an issue. And so it's really good and our police chief has always participated as well as fire in all of our events.

**Councilperson Hardin:** Ward 2, we did have an issue and I'm going to bring it up because I'll need the help of the rest of council. On Labor Day, the fireworks that the young people shot off in the ward, they were horrendous. And my question is this, Chief, I know, but the council can

pass legislation that would prohibit the use of them. Because by the state law, they are allowed. So, we would have to pass ordinance that would disallow them. Are there different types of fireworks versus... **Garratt:** Here's the thing, the state limits to what type of fireworks. You guys can limit to what days the fireworks are allowed. So, if you want fourth of July, the weekend before, the weekend after, none of the other holidays, this is what I've told you the last three years since they made it. You guys have the right to squash that down to whatever you want to do. You can allow it on Fourth of July or you know, whatever you guys decide and omit the rest of the holidays. Because pretty much every holiday and the weekend before, the weekend after, they're allowed. And we don't enforce and cannot enforce until after 11 o'clock. A lot of people go to bed before 11 o'clock, I understand that. And we can do a laundry list of the problems that people have with fireworks, I get it. Veterans, animals, children, we have issues and we agree with it. But I bring it to you is, again, if you guys deem it necessary. Maybe now that we've got a taste of the amount of fireworks that are going on. Maybe we could do some constriction on that with legislation. And allow it at certain points, whatever you guys agree on. And then you let us know and we'll enforce the rest. **Hardin:** But there are different kinds, because to some, it makes a first little boom, and then my god. Those are legal, those are mortars. **Hardin:** Can we disallow mortars? **Garratt:** I don't think that you can do that. **Climer:** My recollection, and it's been a while, but my recollection off the top of my head was that when the state liberalized or legalized the use of certain fireworks. The cities could opt out of both dates and times and the types that they liberalized it for. Now that's right off the top of my head. I've got to pull that out and dust it off again. But I think there are options to dial back the types of fireworks that are permitted, I think. **Hardin:** I wanted to bring it up publicly because it was really, really one situation. It was one from one extreme to the other. It was a veteran that had a problem, and then a mom called me. Her child was on the spectrum, and she had to leave the village. **Garratt:** We're not crazy about it either, but as a police department because we get a flooding of calls. And we answer every call even though we know it's fireworks, we're still going answer. **Hardin:** They did come around and eventually I walked up there because you couldn't do anything. But if it's okay with the rest of council, please start looking at maybe the kinds of more these mortars because they are extremely loud. **Climer:** I'll send around a memo on what the state has allowed individual cities to opt out of. **Hardin:** Okay, great, thank you.

**Councilwoman Matlock:** There's nothing other than we did have a complaint about a couple of your police individuals. But I do think people are in the audience today and they're going to bring that complaint to you personally. So, we can address it and perhaps maybe resolve the issues that are going on. I think they can be resolved, we just need to resolve. And basically, the other complaint I have, our building department person is not here tonight. So, that would be it, we'll deal with that later, thank you.

**Councilwoman Davis:** Ward four, I have to say, I've been working on it for the last couple of weeks. We have a company that's really situated on Broadway, but they're backing up into Macedonia Road. I don't know if anybody's been aware, drive by the DCOMM. And so I have sent pictures, I have asked the building department to go through there and start citing them. Because they're now on residential property. On both sides of residential property, so I'm hoping to have answers within the week of what they're going to do with this. I've been promised about the landscaping is going to be beautiful. But I haven't seen any actual pictures or things that are



going to begin. And I don't like the way it looks right now. But also make sure to look for your newsletters coming out soon, thank you.

**Councilwoman Williams:** No ward report, but just a community report. You should be receiving or have received a flyer in the mail for charter informational sessions. The first one begins this Saturday at 11 a.m. We have a charter review coming up the charter is our law that governs the village. And so you can join us take a look at the charter. Hear about what the different sections are. Make recommendations to changes you believe that should be in the charter. And then that commission actually convenes after November. I want to say November after the election. So there will be one person from each ward. And so every council person here gets to select someone from their ward. And then the mayor, I think, selects two people. So just to let you know that that is coming up, very big deal, please be a part of that. If you need a flyer before you go, we can get you those. But there's six Saturday sessions between now and November. Thank you, that was almost magical, the what happened when you investigated that. I did take a drive around ward 5, there's some dumping off Mistletoe, too that's pretty regular. And then the other one area was the train tracks, North Lane. It was a small pile and then disappeared and I was like, a big pile. I don't know if there's cameras that can help you there with that. Tommy and I deal with that all the time. I think actually the railroad picked that last set of tires up, which is the first time in a long time. That used to be a real big problem. We'd pick them up, we'd pick em up, and they'd dump them. They cleaned that whole area out and it's been better. But someone did dump a little while ago and it got picked up pretty quick, so I'm guessing it was the railroad. We have cameras that we've used before down there to catch people dumping. And we have caught people dumping. And once we got it cleaned up, then we'll start putting the cameras back out so we can date and time it, and we pick up license plate. We put them on the poles or in the trees. Police car did catch him on the other side of North Lane back just less than a year ago I think. They started up on the other side by the freeway in North Lane and they caught him right away. **Garratt:** We'll get him, it just takes a little while.

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

### *Committee Report*

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

**Councilwoman Scruggs:** So the Fine Arts Commission, we have a meeting tomorrow at 4:30pm. And so the goal for that meeting is to start to discuss and plan and make sure that we have helpers and whatever is needed for the events for the fall. So, if you have a desire to participate, it would be very, very helpful if you show up. Ms. Carlean is definitely going to be in charge of everything. But I know that she would love any support that she could get. The other help that we're going to be giving towards the fine arts committee, that we mentioned before we went on recess. Is making sure that we gathered a database and had a clean database of the residents. So we're going to have, for every meeting in the back, if you show up and your name is not on the list. We're going to start gathering a little bit more data. So we'll be asking for your name your address, your ward, your email and your phone number. So that you don't always have to wait for a flyer to come in the mail. You can potentially get it through email, you can get it through text. So that's our goal. So you'll see that once you get your name on that list, you don't have to sign up every single time. Once you're on there, you're good. So please make sure when you see

that list. If you come in and get your names on it. We'll be talking about that each time so we can build our database. And make sure that you are up to date on all of the things that are going on event-wise from Council and Recreation and Fine Arts. **Nikolic:** Just in terms of that, could we also get just a sheet going around for email addresses for anyone who hasn't given their email address now? Clerk, if you have an extra sheet of paper. So, if you haven't given your email address. When it's time for resident comment, you don't have to make a comment. If you have given your e-mail address just step up and write it down on the sheet there so we could keep track of everyone.

#### ***Health Care/ HR Committee***

**Councilwoman Hardin:** No report.

#### ***Utilities***

**Councilwoman Matlock:** No report.

#### ***Environmental Committee***

**Councilwoman Nikolic:** My committee is the Environmental Committee. We have two important dates coming up on September 26th. The community center will have a landfill Q&A. The environmental supervisor from the county will come and answer all questions. The landfill is expanding, he'll come and anything that you ever wanted to know about the landfill will be answered in this meeting. He'll do a full presentation of what a landfill is, how they're checking, what they found. So, that's on 26th in the community center. And also on October 29th both at 7 p.m., we're going to have we're going to start the community engagement for drafting a climate action plan. And this is really just looking into the future about what we can be doing as a community to be kind to our earth. What type of plans you would like to see what's important to you so just collecting that information. To make sure we have your voice heard when we start drafting the plan.

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

**Councilman Warren:** Community economic development, the mayor and I have been talking. There are two businesses that are requesting to be considered for Oakwood. And we're talking about what incentive they're requesting; some tax abatement incentives. And once we narrow down that, then I will be able to produce a written report. But the mayor met with two of the entities today, earlier today and also with the county executive

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

**Councilwoman Davis:** No report.

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

**Councilwoman Hill:** No report.

#### ***Floor opened to the public***

Melinda Harp, Free Ave| **Harp:** I've been an Oakwood resident for almost 20 years. I'm also a member of the Oakwood Planning Commission. I've be on the commission for 13 years. My concerns are... With some planning commission activities. The Planning Commission had a

meeting, first Monday in May, it was rather explosive. The residents did not want the sports complex put at the end of their residential street, my street has flavor. That means there are residents who have built houses there. There are residents that have been there for 25 years, even 50 years. And so all of these residents gathered together and came to the planning commission meeting, which happened to be over there. As a member of the commission, I already knew, I was prepared. I knew that the application could not go through simply because the person who made the application wasn't a resident, wasn't an owner, wasn't anything. He wasn't even qualified to have standing to come to a meeting. But I allowed it to go on, because that should have come from any other planning commission. Definitely should have come from our chairperson. Definitely should've come from our legal department. So we spent 45 minutes or an hour over there, and when I had had enough. I actually said you have no standing to be here, the meeting was rescheduled. At that meeting, these people, these passionate people on Free Avenue came, left their homes came. We didn't have any representation, none. Our Council person was there, she didn't open her mouth, she didn't say anything. And after this I found out, nobody even knows who she is. Nobody, I'm sorry, I will rephrase that. The people are free avenue do not even know who their Council person is. And I believe she's been in the office for seven years. So we had another meeting, they had that meeting thinking that they had 14 days. It's said 14 day to regroup and do what they had to do. But they didn't because that meeting got pumped up in less than nine days, actually less than a week. Residents weren't given any notice. We know what the plan was, the plan was to pass that without us. When the applicants came back, they were prepared. They had the proper paperwork, they had proper agency forms to say that they could act on behalf of the owner. Everything was fine, it was explosive. The planning commission treated those residents so bad. And I also was emotional and explosive. So, much so that I had to come back at the August 5th meeting and I had apologize to some people for being that emotional. The thing that I want to say is that when we went back for the second meeting and all of the explosiveness was going on. Where was our Council person? Didn't show up, didn't call, didn't say she wasn't coming. Never had a word to say, we felt betrayed, they felt betrayed. They felt alone, we don't have any representation on Free Avenue. I don't know what happens on Wright, I don't know what happens to the rest of ward 5. But I know what happens on Free. Now we invite you to invite us to a meeting so we can meet you. We will know who you are, how you stand. Why you didn't come to our assistance, even if you didn't believe or you didn't agree with us. You should both meetings, and you should have had something to say. So, we invite you to invite us to a meeting. You can tell us what your idea. I listened to your report, you didn't have nothing to say but a flyer. Which you didn't even send out. You know why? Because it didn't happen in our ward. Because nothing ever happens in our ward. I had a couple of things that I was going to say tonight, I'm going to cut this short. I'll come back another day, but I sense that Oakwood is moving in a new direction. And sometimes, you can't take old baggage to your new house. And this is a message for everybody, because you all look real pretty, colors and everything. You all, the residents need your voice, you are our voice. It didn't make any sense for all those residents to come and have to come and be talk down to, yelled, and screamed at. Because they felt like nobody was hearing them. So, in closing, the next time I come, I hope to be able to tell you that I met with my Council person. And she met the people on Free Avenue. And that she has a plan for our area. And that's she has vision for our area. And if not, she won't be our Council person, thank you. **Warren:** What was the issue of the Planning Commission? What was the scope, or what was it? **Harp:** The issue was that some people from Berksville, Northridge-Ville way, someplace else. Decided that they wanted to use the space at the end of

Free Avenue for a sports complex. When they came to the first meeting, they didn't have a traffic plan. They didn't know how wide the street was. They didn't know how many houses were across the street. They just bounced in because, they thought it was going to be all (inaudible). Yes, that was the issue, that was passed. I want you to know, they passed that against our wishes. We live on that street, thank you, I'm sorry. **Hill:** Let me respond and I'm going to try to not respond in an attacked way. But I have met you and residents on that street for many years while I've been serving seven years. I lived on that street as well, before I moved to Wright Avenue. Several of the Council people here help me with events that I host in that ward and drop fires for every single year. So if you haven't been to one of them, I apologize. If somehow you've been missed, but I know I've been at your orange door and dropped a flyer there every time I've had an event. If you feel I have no vision, if you feel that I don't care, I'm sorry for that, I would be more than happy to talk to you. I did not come to that meeting because I wasn't aware of the meeting. And many times in this Village, what you experience of not being communicated to, not being listened to, I get the same reaction from people that want to make things happen in my ward. Didn't know about that meeting, and there was something else that was held on emergency and done quickly. Wasn't aware of either one of them. I know other Council people were aware and I know that other Council people were there. I was not because I was not aware. The communication did not even come to me. I didn't speak at that meeting because it was a resident meeting. And as a resident and Council person, I wanted to give people an opportunity to voice their concerns. So, I could hear exactly how they felt about that project. And I heard overwhelmingly that they did not agree with it. You also live on that street, and you also sat on that board. And so I was waiting for the next meeting, which I never got word of. I do not mind representing anyone. I think everyone here knows that comes regularly that I am the voice of advocating when I feel things are not going correctly. And people are not being held accountable and people's voices are not be heard. And I always vote the way that the majority of my residents tell me they feel about any legislation in Ward 5. North Lane had a project behind it, I walked that street. I got talked to every asked them what they thought and took the majority of their opinions. And that's the way I voted, and that's what I always do. And so, while I apologize that you feel that way, that is your personal feeling. But I will continue to do the work that I have been doing, that I know I'm passionate about, that I show up for on that street and on every street in ward 5. **Harp:** So, let me correct you, at the first meeting, you were there. And you sat there, and you didn't open your mouth. **Hill:** And I just said that I wanted to make sure I heard everybody and how they felt. **Harp:** You heard how they felt, you heard how passionate they were and that we didn't want that. But you didn't know about the next meeting. You should have made it your point to know. You were waiting for somebody to call you and say, oh, oh the next meeting is whatever. You're concerned for your constituents and you know are unhappy. You take the step to find out when the next... **Hill:** I did that, and it wasn't communicated to me... **Harp:** So, you missed the meeting, that meeting was in May. **Hill:** I wasn't aware of that. **Harp:** And the residents on Free have not heard from you yet. So, to resolve this I think that us having dialog, you having dialog with the people that you represent. Not through a flyer to come and eat hot dogs, okay. Because they may not be beef. Not through something that's, uh, you've got, uh... Blah blah blah going on. Invite us to Oakwood center and sit down and talk about what's going on in Oakwood. **Hill:** I did that all last year, I had monthly meetings all last year. **Harp:** Then somebody on Free should have known your name. **Hill:** Whether or not somebody knows my name doesn't mean I'm not doing the work. People don't read mail, people choose not to attend events, but I am dropping flyers to doors and I am hosting events. And like I said, if I make an

attempt and I'm just left out of communication. Because people don't feel I'll agree with what's going on, that is what's happening in this Village. Just like it happened at your meeting and voices were not heard and they voted the way they want. That's how the project got there because people are unwilling to listen, and it's what I always advocate for. So I hear your concerns, I'll make an effort to make sure I come to those doors. And talk to the people that you say I don't know. Because I'm picturing every house on Free. And I know all of those people, I have dropped off voter registration forms to new people moving in. So I hear you, I did miss that meeting because I was not communicated with. I did not speak at that meeting because I did feel it was important to hear the residents feedback. And I was waiting for the next meeting. We do have other Council people that attended that meeting. I just did not get any communication.

**Warren:** I was just wondering, you said that the Planning Commission approved it? **Harp:** Yes.

**Warren:** What was the vote? **Harp:** There are four people, we are down one person. So, there are three men and myself, and the three men voted it for it. But I was told on Friday before the meeting. That the Mayor knew that I was the only holdout. So, I just felt like Friday before meeting, you already know how you're voting on Monday. But I just don't want the center and (inaudible). Thank you for the opportunity to just speak. And I still invite you to meet with us, not like on a play level. But on a serious come to the center, sit down with some pencil and paper talk level. **Hill:** I will make sure that I come to your door and actually can deliver to your face,

like to your person. To make sure you have a flyer because I know I'm not missing your door. Shirley Stevens, Lynbrook| **Stevens:** I'll take my five minutes, I'm going to have a recap. I would like the minutes, the old minutes. I would have like to have copies of those, please, if they're available. Second thing, oh, I was going to go real quick. I saw one of these right here. I'm taking a government accounting class, I'm stuck, I need to go in here. I'm takin' it now. Okay, it said, an emergency resolution adopting the alternative format tax budget for the year 2025. What is that? First of all, what is that, and the second thing is that since there's an audit, who's handling the audit? I assume it's a state audit, do we know what they're specifically looking for? Because when you're having an audit, you really don't know what they're looking for, but they normally tell you. And then we know that they're back behind, because they're getting records from like 2022, also we know we have audits out. But there should be some things that have to be done, like certification of retirement accounts, there are taxes that have be filed. Are those things still going on in this audit? While they're auditing, are those things still being done? **Thompson:**

They're still being done, when they come in for the audit, they're working for the state. They had a bid process this time, a private firm came in and Julian and Grubb. But they also report to the state. So when they come in, they go through all facets of the Village, county departments. They give us a list of things they want to test on receivables, payables, your banking, it can be minutes from Council, who they ask for. And they also have things like from Mayor's court, Police Departments, so a whole facet of things. They just do the random testing, and we give the information to them, and then ultimately they have their report. The alternative tax budget is not really a budget at all. It's just our estimates to the county. In terms of what our revenues and our expenses are going to be. It doesn't set our budget. But what it does, it kind of sets the next process for our rates for our police pension, our debt payments, and in the general fund. So, you have these rates, so hopefully that kind of sheds some light. But I'd be more than happy to share information further about that with the tax bill. **Stevens:** Okay, because now they're penalizing so heavily on everything. If you don't have a nickel in on time. So I was just wondering, in that form, is the same thing going on. You know, the taxes are beautiful. The bureaus are penalties, and interest rates and everything. So now what they're doing, even as an audit, they won't stop

the clock on something. They still run the clock, I was wondering, what is that? Is that something that I can look online and pull up a copy of that alternative budget? So, you're saying it's not going to be a budget? **Thompson:** You can see it historically here over the years because we file it once the legislation passed. **Stevens:** Now who do I ask to get a copy of it? **Thompson:** I have a nice one-pager that explains it as well. And historically once it's filed with the Clerk, you can get a copy of it. **Stevens:** Okay, so can I come up and ask you for a copy? Okay, thank you very much. Okay, now other things I have, ward 2, firecrackers are number one on our list. And I'm going to respectfully disagree with that interpretation of what the governor put out. Because I ran up here and I got copies of it. And what the Governor said was that these are the new rules however you can opt out. **Warren:** The Law Director said the same thing. That's exactly what he said. **Stevens:** Okay, are you old enough to talk for yourself? (inaudible) jump in... **Warren:** Well, I just jumped in just to get the correction. **Stevens:** Yeah, one person at a time. What I thought he said was, you can opt out. And I read that whole article, unless it was another article. He didn't say you could opt out doing lollipops, but you can't do tootsie rolls. He said that you could opt out. Now, I'm hearing that. He said you can opt out, but you have a lot of certain things. Now, so that's why I went to Bedford, and I tried to get the legislation, because they have opt out. And a lot of other communities have opt-out. Because on Labor Day, when I was laying there in that bed in the deep sleep. And I woke up and all hell had went off around me. I've never seen the firecrackers on Labor day to such an extent. But it's not just me, it's a lot of other people. So my question is that, I need to get a copy of that legislation that says, have to do certain days, you have to. So we're saying that that legislation says that you cannot opt out. You have to still let them do certain things. You cannot say, we're going to set X numbers, dollars aside, so that we have something for our community on the 4th of July. So, that you don't have to be doing them in your front yard. **Climer:** It is a state statute that was passed a couple of years ago. My recollection is that each locality, each individual municipality, has the option to opt out completely from what that statute permits. **Stevens:** Okay, on the same page. **Climer:** Yeah, we are. **Stevens:** Okay, and for the record, I would like to know how the Council has voted on that. And how they stand on that piece of legislation on the firecracker. The second thing I would to, for the record again, ask the formation of a recreation committee. Because at this time of the year, the year is over. I don't see a recreation budget to be able to do this and do that and do that, you're operating like me. You have a few dollars, and so you talk to some dollars, but no, you're supposed to have a budget. The recreation budget should be passed by now. And to say, well, I don't know what's going on, I don't know what the budget is, no. You should have a piece of that, now you may have to verify it. Because sometimes I have \$200 in there on gas bill, maybe I'll have to pay. (inaudible), but you still have that budget. I would not be able to exist without a budget. So, I would like to see a formation of a recreation board. Not one person sitting up here, just won't be able to do that. No, why not have a recreation boards? These are just suggestions, a budget review board. I mean, certain things are close to my heart when it comes to budget. Pensions have gotten us stuck; people have been without jobs. Only because only one person is looking at the budget. No, you need a budget board, we need somebody to have a commission to look at that budget who knows what they're doing. I know because I sat in that seat. And I know that's an awesome job to have. So, these are some of the things we've become modernized. Have a time, planning a vision for our environment. I was looking for the playground legislation. A charter review board so that we do go for the board in the future. And with that, I got two other things on here. And I like that community engagement, whoever was talking about that. So that we know what our community is going to, I love this community. We've been around a long

time, everybody up here works hard. But I'm excited about it, I've been talking to the people in my community, and we love our community, and that's all I have to say.

Sandra Nelson, Jean Drive| **Nelson:** I used to come to Council meetings very regularly. I stopped because of work and all of that. As a resident, being here, built my home in 2007, very proud of Oakwood Village. Concern today, first concern, when there are changes in Oakwood Village. It would be much greatly appreciated if we are all notified some kind of way. I got a ticket for the first time in my life today. A parking ticket and it pissed me off because my car was parked in front of my house. When I spoke to my neighbors, none of us knew that we had a no parking sign on our street that we could not park in front our homes. I called the Police Department, the Police Department told me that... No parking is allowed on the street, that there's a sign. Okay, my son went and saw the sign. I'm okay with that, but I was told that if I have to put my car on the streets. And if my car's on the street and if I'm not supposed to be parked there. Because my husband works crazy hours, I have some people standing in my home right now. So, we have to move cars around. So in as much, I had no warning that I was going to get this ticket. So, I am the person that my Councilperson said was going be speaking to you. But I just want something, I'm not trying to say that you guys aren't doing your job. There are a couple things that I'm asking. Because of my interaction with some of your officers that I see in the community. We talk about DEI initiatives and about the community. When I first moved over here, our police officers were a community. They knew the people that lived here. Now, to speak to some of our police officers is like, it's a hard thing. They're hard, I understand times are very rough for it, and I get it. I have a brother who's a state trooper captain. I have brother that works with Bedford Police Department. So I understand what you guys have to go through. But I think that some of your officers need to be change a little bit of their tone. They don't have to be shaker hard or whatever district hard. We're Oakwood Village, we're a township, we're family. If I do something wrong, I expect to get chastised. I'm okay with that because that's what happens. But the respect and just the all-around picture or presentation that some of the officers present is very disheartening. Which makes you wonder why we're seeing all these different things on TV. So that's one of my complaints, my second is not necessarily a complaint. But none of us knew, so I've told my neighbors that they cannot park their cars on the street. That if they have company come over and their company stays over late. They need to call Oakwood Police Department to say whatever kind of car is sitting on the streets. So, you're going to hear from me every single day. You're going to start hearing from some of my neighbors every single day. Because we've been over there, we've not been a problem to Oakwood Village. We have not caused any ruckus or anything else. When we've had things in the little development that we're in, we've invited the whole Council there. The Mayor's been there, the Police Department's been there, Fire Department's been there. We have no problem with that, we have no problem feeding you. But the communication, I think, needs to be different within Oakwood Village as a community, as a township family. My second thing I heard about planning as far as streets. I hear Tryon's going to be finished up to Jean Drive. Back in 2009, early 2010, the Mayor promised us that after we got our last house in the cul-de-sac on the street. That we would get our final paving. So, I don't know when that's going to happen. I just want to make you aware of it so that we can put on that list. We never got the final paving at all, because the Mayor said it didn't make sense to put a final pavings on the street until the final house was in. So, we just got the house in this year, so very excited. And I have talked to my Council lady, I've also talked to Johnny Warren. I have no issues, but I just needed to come here tonight. And very last thing, since we do have our last

house, and we're very proud of our own. We want a bigger sign, I know how to write grants. You tell me what I need to do, I'll do it. But I'm proud of my home, I'm proud of the neighbors that I live around. And I want us to be seen, to be part of it. **Warren:** Not just Jean Drive but I talked to the Mayor already and I just told him that the signs are kind of small. They get smaller as you get older I don't know if it's the rain that shrinks them or what. **Matlock:** Sandy, we will get something out to you regarding the parking. I think we probably did address it some inside of our newsletter, but maybe we didn't go to the extent where we should have. Went to the extent with the parking in the streets and by the fire hydrants or whatever. But that's why I wanted you to come in and talk to our police because our Police is very community oriented. I love them because they are very engaged. **Nelson:** Some of them are. **Matlock:** Some of them are, but if you ever, ever, ever have a problem with the policemen. Call Chief Garrett, you call him. **Garratt:** First of all, I (inaudible) my officers on not being exactly an officer that you're saying. That bothers me, and it hurts that you had that deal with him, first of all. I would like you to come and talk to me on the side. And if we could go over specifics of that, I'd really appreciate that. And when it occurred and stuff like that, all our officers for any community contacts and everything else. And especially with our community members, we try to go above and beyond for our community people. As far as your parking ticket, if you didn't get a warning yet. You need to come see me on that too. **Nelson:** I did not get a warning. **Garratt:** Okay, and this is where we have a lot of complaints. And we try not to cite a residents, and we try to say, here's your warning. Here's another warning, hey, let's not do this. Just call us and we'll always grant you permission. And we don't need an old license plate. We're going to tell you a couple things. Park on one side of the street, opposite of the side of fire. **Nelson:** And that's the funny thing, the sign is on the left side of our street. When you drive in, it's on the left side of the street. So, we know because of events that we've had on (inaudible), that we can only park on one side. So, everyone's really good about that. But because we're such a small community, we have company. I mean, the men, they play pool on weekends. So, you're going to have houses that have cars on the street. So, I just don't want our family, I'm calling the street my family because they're my family. I don't our lives disturbed because of someone that may have an attitude at night. Because they don't want to be at work, I am an HR director, I understand. So, I don't want no issue, I just understand that the world is taking a turn. **Garratt:** And that's not an excuse. **Nelson:** It's not an excuse, but I understand. **Garratt:** I appreciate you understanding this, I don't, ok. Because we're not going to tolerate that, our officers aren't that way. I want to say it in a group. You've had a different experience, and I'd like to be involved in that experience. Because if there is an issue, we're going to take care of that issue. Because we don't allow that kind of behavior. When we do certain screenings or we do hiring processes, we call badge heavy. And pardon my analogy on this, but you got your butt kicked all the way through high school. And now you put your badge on, you want to kick everyone else's butt. Those are the ones we don't want. Okay, we want the ones that... Our community embraces them. And if you've been in the Council meetings you've heard me talk. Every time we're always looking for ways to bridge the gap for the public and the police. Because we don't want that stigma of what you see in the news and a lot of that kind of stuff. And I could go on forever about this, but I'll try to limit it. But If you come to me and talk to me about that and your parking ticket too. Here's the issue looking from our side view with the parking issues. We get a lot of complaints; you didn't do anything about these cars that are parked on the street. We get that a lot and especially in the north end in your ward. The driveways are small... **Nelson:** Well, ours aren't ours are pretty... **Garratt:** And a lot of you guys have a lot of friends. So, we need the room and I'm not expecting



you to go every single time, "oh, geez we got a car." You know because most cities have parking on streets... **Nelson:** Up until a certain time. **Garratt:** Exactly, now the Village is never, I've been here 31 years, we've never had parking in any streets ever, period, unless you have permission. And if you have parties or events or anything like that, we'll definitely try. Maybe that's something we should consider down the road. **Nelson:** And like I told my son this morning, my fault. I'm so comfortable with my area, I shouldn't have parked on the street in front of my own house. But at the same time, maybe our signs need to be a little bit bigger, maybe a little more. We don't want anyone just coming in and out of our cul-de-sac. But maybe they're some kind of way just bigger signs making sure that the residents know, this is what we're here for. I'll come to one of your meetings on a Saturday or Friday night. To listen to my to listen my legal department and the people who are protecting me. I will do that, the community will do that. Because I think one of the things that we have to do, and I'm going to sit down. Is we have change that mindset, right, of what people think police are. And I guess I'm there because of my brothers, right? So I understand what you guys have to go through, but I also know what the residents' or people's fears are. Especially a black man or a black woman, we have certain fears. Yeah I don't want that here, where I live at. I want to be able to communicate with my partner as far as my officers are concerned. I don't t have a problem walking to Sam's Club. I don't want to just see you standing there with this hard. Look on your face, grin a little bit. I'm not taking you for your folks, but smile, don't be so hard. We understand that you have a job to do. But in short, just the effort of making sure that we stay family and not what we see on the tv.

Kenneth Kennedy, Free Ave| **Kennedy:** I'd like to comment on what the lady said about the center down there, but I can't do it tonight. I got an important thing going on, I got to leave. And if I say anything without my wife being here, she'll be mad at me. I'm going to catch you next meeting. I think some of y'all got her email and stuff like that. So we'll do that at the next meeting, okay. **Nikolic:** Thank you.

Lori Hoover, Macedonia Road| **Hoover:** I just have a quick question. How come your building inspector never shows up at meetings? I've been to five meetings this year, and he was here last month. The meeting was long; it got out of hand. He got up and he said, I'm out of here. Before I could even ask a question. So, why is he allowed to not be here? All the other department heads are here. **Nikolic:** I received a message from our clerk. Clerk, did you have a message for why Mr. Marinucci is not here this evening? Joseph: He's had surgery. **Nikolic:** So, that's my understanding for why he's not here this evening. **Hoover:** Then he had a dental appointment one time, can't people arrange their appointments around their commitments? I mean, it's a civic duty to be here and to represent your Village. Residents have questions, I have questions, Mary has questions. I'm really tired of what's going on. I got the paperwork the very next day from this young lady and I appreciate that. Now I have questions about it, but there's no one here to ask. **Nikolic:** What were your questions if we could maybe jot them down? **Hoover:** Same thing, Mary said... **Nikolic:** Have you communicated with your ward Council? **Hoover:** No, I haven't, but she asked the questions. What's going on? What's the time frame? Andy Sparks, why isn't he here so we can ask questions about it as well? I'd like to know, the Mayor swore to me at that meeting that that work would be done by the end of July, in front of all of you. It's not done, in fact, now they moved down two lots next to me and completely moved in all kinds of construction equipment. So, y'all don't know what's going on because that's not your department. But it's his, why isn't he here to ask questions? Okay, he had surgery, I get it, it couldn't have

been tomorrow? You know, my husband was on Council for 21 years, served on planning for 16 years. So, I'm used to this stuff, I just don't get it. That's all I'm going to say. **Hardin:** My question, and I'm not certain where you're referring to, are you near DCOMM? **Hoover:** The back of the back of it. **Hardin:** So, then I guess this is a good time to ask the question. Am I correct in what I'm observing? Is there outside storage there or not? **Hoover:** Yeah, too much too much. **Davis:** The problem I have also is they have extended, I don't know if they bought the lot. I wanted to ask if the Planning Commission approved that. Because they moved their equipment from Broadway. They cleared out the whole lot, they just have trees a couple trees. And you can see all their their cable bundles. They have all those cable bundles on Macedonia Rd. I took pictures and I sent them to the Mayor. He was supposed to have somebody on it. And Dan, I was going to ask tonight to drill on him, but... **Warren:** Just to let you know, the Mayor mentioned to me those coils and things like that. He claims that he was going to get those things because actually, they're on a residential lot. **Davis:** That's what I thought. **Warren:** Yeah, and so they should be cited right away. And he told me that they were going to be cited. I just found out about it yesterday when I was meeting with the Mayor over the phone. And he was the one that mentioned it to me. He said that he was going to have them cited because we don't want them to store stuff. **Hoover:** Not just cited, but how are they allowed to do that or even acquire the property without zoning changes? **Warren:** Well, see, the thing is, they didn't do a zoning change. That's the huge problem, is that they just... **Hoover:** It's residential, but they're a commercial property and they just moved right into a residential lot. **Warren:** And that's why they're getting cited for doing that. Because of the fact that they can't do that. They're using a residential lot for a commercial purpose. **Hoover:** Well, they should not only be cited, but they should have to move everything. **Warren:** They do, he said that he's going to have them to move everything off of that lot, for sure. **Hoover:** This past week, they finally had a husband and wife team, I guess, there, mowing the grass on Broadway. But now they have trucks parked on the grass, not even on the concrete. I mean, they put all that concrete in. I gave them approval to do it because I'm an adjoining property. Thinking they were going to take care of replacing what they destroy, butting up to our property. Two and a half years later, it's still... **Nikolic:** Councilperson Hardin, could you finish what you were saying, excuse us... **Hardin:** The fact that Broadway is our main thoroughfare, if nothing else. There should never be any outside storage on Broadway. We fought hard enough to keep heavy industry off of Forbes. Mr. Law Director, there is no reason for this woman to keep coming up here like this, this is insane. I asked where was the building inspector, but he doesn't come. So, here's what I'm going to say. Mr. Law Director, I think you have the authority to move forward. We don't want to chase businesses out, but we're not going to keep. Every time I come down Broadway, there's more stuff back there. Now they've made their way to the front of the property. It is beyond unsightly, I'm going to ask you to give them a 24, 48 hour and it can be done, it's done. It's getting worse and worse and worse on the corner of the cars part. Broadway starting to look a little rough. **Climer:** Can I say there were provisions that were to be carried out to screen Broadway with the parking. Now, I actually drove by there tonight and kind of noticed there's not a lot of screening. They are zoned for what they're doing on the lot that adjoins Broadway, all right. But there were provisions that were to be made and actually been drawn up to screen Broadway. As well as the property behind. In any case... **Hardin:** Mr. Law Director... **Climer:** Can I please finish? **Hardin:** Oh god, I'm so tired... **Climer:** The only thing that I'm going to tell you is I did have a communication with the Mayor today about the other lot on Macedonia. And there are steps being taken on that. We will expand it as to the other issues along Broadway. **Hardin:** We need the trucks to move, trucks are

on wheels. So it doesn't take a nuclear scientist to move those dang trucks. Starting with the trucks, they need to be gone tomorrow. Those big reels, cable, whatever that stuff is. And I have a personal problem with outside storage. I won't go down that road. But this is what happens. You start with a trunk then you got a fleet. You start with one reel, then you've got the whole company is moved on that little two by four. It has to go, that is insane. We want the trucks gone and we're not going to wait for a bush to grow. They have to go, period. **Stevens:** And would they want that in their neighborhood? **Hardin:** I don't need any help. I have... **Stevens:** I'm with her, but everybody up on that Council done sat up there and (inaudible) **Nikolic:** Order, order. **Stevens:** (inaudible) try to say something, you talking about you don't need no help. We all need help, that woman needs help. My community needs help... **Warren:** But you don't speak out of order, you were a Council President before you know that, have a good day. **Hoover:** And I don't know, you know, because the building inspector is in here and I don't know what he does all day long. But I'm sure he's not aware that that one lot on Broadway just got mowed and weed whacked for the first time in six weeks. **Warren:** Just to let you know, we're working on the building department situation. It's been crucial, we've been discussing it over the whole summer. We've discussing how we're going to do this. And within the next 30 to 60 days, you will hear of some significant changes that are underway in the building department, just to let you now. **Hoover:** thank you, can I ask another question? Is there anything going on that can be discussed about the garage next to my property on Macedonia Road? **Matlock:** She's talking about Gray's Brothers. **Hoover:** Yeah, I mean, it's just bringing down my property down the street. **Climer:** They've been cited and in court. **Hoover:** Okay, I heard that for the last three meetings... **Climer:** We cannot always completely report it back. I will follow up with our prosecutor on where that stands. **Hoover:** Yeah, I'd like to know, because now they're not only on their driveway, they're on the grass. They've got equipment parked on the grass next to them. I mean, it's just pulling down people's property values. And if they've been cited, great, let's do something about it. Let's tow the vehicles, let's get them out of there. **Climer:** The court process needs to run for that to happen. We can't just pull in with a tow without a court order. **Hoover:** Well, I have a question too for the Chief. Does your Village have a ruling about vehicles on property that need to be plated and tagged? **Garratt:** For residential, yes. **Hoover:** Not commercial, see, so he can park anything he wants there and use it as a junkyard. **Climer:** That's incorrect. **Hoover:** That's what it looks like. **Climer:** It is in process in court, all right? I'll ask Tanya, can you send me Mrs. Hoover's email? I'll let you know the status of that. **Hoover:** I appreciate that because it's been going on too for almost this whole year, at least. **Warren:** How long has it been in court? **Climer:** I think the charges were filed in the Spring. **Warren:** OK.

John Latsko, Gardner Rd| **Latsko:** I'm on the Planning Commission, that expansion for those wheels of whatever it is, cable, they never came to planning to do that, okay. And I think he's answered my question. Biggest problem is, they come to the planning commission. We approve it the way we want it approved. Agricultural, bushes, fencing, that company came to planning at least a year and a half, maybe two years. That man and that woman stood there and said they were going to make that beautiful. Well, they've done nothing, but there's no follow up. And I think once you mention about getting the building apartment straighten up, that's what we need. **Warren:** We're going to have to find a system and I don't know how that maybe I don't know if you guys... When the person gets approved by planning. There should be a plan that you guys sign off on that goes to building. So, he can make sure that you bring in one plan, you get you guys signed off on. He bring in another plan with something else. You see what I mean? **Latsko:**

See, we get his notes before we vote, so he knows what his input is. He either approves it or he don't approve it. We also get an input from the Engineer. Anything we approve has to be in conjunction with the engineer and the building department, but there's no follow up.

Ben Sizemore, Garden Rd| **Sizemore:** Resident of Oakwood for a long time, just wanted to ask you all a question. We've got two problems, well, I don't think the problems I think they've been (inaudible). Put her on the ground, and everybody goes blanking over it, hope it goes away, you know. Um, Broadway down there by the bowling alley. The gentleman had all that (inaudible) down there. And it's Mr.... **Warren:** Bugarcic... **Sizemore:** Yeah, he knows it, I was wondering what was being done with it? Because it's growing up pretty good size there. You know, he's got a whole lot of pile of things laying there. And you know nothing moving, piles of brick, cinder block and everything else he's got back there. **Haba:** They took all the cinder blocks out. **Sizemore:** Did they? Did they give that to you guys (inaudible)? **Haba:** A (inaudible) came, he must have gotten a little bit of money back for it. **Nikolic:** Chief, did you have any information on this or the ward Council? **Garratt:** I don't know, it's all building department thing. **Davis:** We have not taken Mr. Bugarcic to court or cited him for that lot, correct? Or we did already? **Climer:** Not to my knowledge. **Davis:** Can we do that? Because it's been so long, it's been years. **Climer:** No, I understand... **Davis:** Because his equipment is still there. The lot was supposed to be put back to what it was supposed to be originally. Because he's not able to expand and build his property that he... **Climer:** I know he's had lot configuration issues, and there were issues with the sidewalk. I had understood the building department was working on that, but I will resurrect that. **Davis:** Thank you. **Sizemore:** I have another question I want to ask. What are you (inaudible) because it looks like a war zone down through there. I mean, it's got minefields all over it, all the way down through. I tried to meet with that Wiltshire's inspector there, and you're all back in (inaudible). (Inaudible) with him, you know, but he decided to be a horse's \_\_\_ and do something else. And just act like everybody was totally against him, and he avoided everything. **Nikolic:** Excuse me, Mr. Sizemore, you said the creek? I didn't hear the first part. **Sizemore:** Hickory Road, you can walk down through there, you can break an ankle or whatever. And Tom tried to keep up with it, and everybody has. You know, but it's overused it's term right now. Whatever you got dirt on, it is a mess. You're going to have a dirt road do better than what you got there. You know, that street is a bad shape. And another thing I'd like to ask you, what are we doing with our lovely bricks down here in front of this? **Matlock:** And those three pillars. **Sizemore:** In front of that old house over here on Macedonia road. **Nikolic:** Tommy, is there any info about what's happening with that? **Haba:** No plan, they left it out, a couple people have offered to take them. I got one gentleman that's offering to take them right now. **Matlock:** Can we get him to take them? **Haba:** Talk to the Mayor and get him to... **Sizemore:** They are nice looking, that's good brick. **Haba:** It's going to cost to move them, it cost thousand dollars just to move them. And he was supposed to do that, I know he talked to me twice, that was eight months ago. **Hardin:** So, we're not going to give them away? The Mayor... **Haba:** That's what the Mayor's point is, he wants to get something out of them. **Hardin:** That's right, because the Mayor had the builder of the developer was going to use them move them for us as a part of Kroger's. **Sizemore:** They can be moved if you set them up on railroad tracks. You have to set them on railroad track and you clamp them down and set them there. **Haba:** I know just when we had to move them, probably 15 years ago, for utilities. When we moved them like 10 feet, it was like \$1,500. And that was like 15 years... **Nikolic:** So, it will be \$1,500 to move them and... **Sizemore:** No, it's more than that. **Haba:** That depends on where you go, but if you move to

somewhere else in Oakwood, it would probably be \$10,000, \$15,000. But if you moved it, this guy wants to move them out, his daughter lives out in Orange or somewhere. I'm sure it would cost \$15-20,000 if they could move them. **Matlock:** Because they're beautiful. **Sizemore:** You won't find anything like that. You've got to move like a cradle, when you've got to stuff like that. Because that's what I did for a living at a long time, for a few years. That's all I've got for me. **Nikolic:** Ok, thank you, Mr. Sizemore.

*Floor closed*

**Nikolic:** moving on to agenda item number 10, legislation.

*Legislation*

**2024-37**

Introduced by  
Mayor and  
Council as a  
Whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 7-12-24

2<sup>nd</sup> read 8-27-24

3<sup>rd</sup> read 9-10-24

**AN EMERGENCY SALARY ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN POSITIONS  
OF EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION AND BENEFIT SCHEDULES  
THEREFORE FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD COMMENCING WITH THE  
FIRST PAY PERIOD BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2024**

Motion to table 2024-37 made by Hardin seconded by Scruggs

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-49**

Introduced 8-27-24

By Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 8-27-24

2<sup>nd</sup> read 9-10-24

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF J.C. BLADE**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-49 made by Davis seconded by Matlock

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-49 made by Davis seconded by Hardin

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-50**

Introduced 8-27-24

By Mayor and  
Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 8-27-24

2<sup>nd</sup> read 9-10-24

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF JOEL LEWIS, SR.**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-50 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-50 made by Davis seconded by Matlock  
**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

<b>2024-51</b> Introduced 8-27-24 By Mayor and Council as a whole 1 <sup>st</sup> read 8-27-24 2 <sup>nd</sup> read 9-10-24	<b>AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-32 IN ORDER TO ATTACH AND APPROVE THE CORRECT VERSION OF A CERTAIN AGREEMENT WHICH THE MAYOR WAS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE WITH THE VILLAGE OF GLENWILLOW FOR PURPOSES OF UNDERTAKING JOINT IMPROVEMENTS TO RICHMOND ROAD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>
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Motion to suspend rules for 2024-51 made by Matlock seconded by Warren  
**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-51 made by Matlock seconded by Warren  
**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

<b>2024-53</b> Introduced 9-10-24 By Mayor and Council as a whole 1 <sup>st</sup> read 9-10-24	<b>A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF RICHARD CHRISTIAN</b>
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Motion to suspend rules for 2024-53 made by Davis seconded by Warren  
**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-53 made by Hardin seconded by Davis  
**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

<b>2024-54</b> Introduced 9-10-24 By Nikolic 1 <sup>st</sup> read 9-10-24	<b>A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A NATUREWORKS APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FUNDING UNDER THE NATUREWORKS PROGRAM FOR THE OAKWOOD VILLAGE PARK, NE CORNER OF BOOKER AVENUE AND KENTUCKY AVENUE PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>
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Motion to suspend rules for 2024-54 made by Matlock seconded by Davis  
**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-54 made by Nikolic seconded by Warren

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic

**NO VOTE:** Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Hill

**MOTION FAILED**

**2024-55**

Introduced 9-10-24

By Nikolic

1<sup>st</sup> read 9-10-24

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A T-MOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT FOR THE OAKWOOD VILLAGE PARK, NE CORNER OF BOOKER AVENUE AND KENTUCKY AVENUE PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to remove 2024-55 from the agenda made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

**NO VOTE:** Nikolic

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-56**

Introduced 9-10-25

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 9-10-25

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR A POTENTIAL GRANT FOR THE FUNDING OF CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-56 made by Warren seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-56 made by Davis seconded by Hardin

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

**NO VOTE:** Hill

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-57**

Introduced 9-10-25

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 9-10-25

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ENGINEER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2025, AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-57 made by Warren seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-57 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

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

**NO VOTE:** Hill

**MOTION PASSED**

**2024-58**

Introduced 9-10-25

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1<sup>st</sup> read 9-10-25

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ENGINEER TO MAKE  
APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2025, AND  
AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS  
RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-58 made by Matlock seconded by Hardin

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-58 made by Matlock seconded by Davis

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

**NO VOTE:** Hill

**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adjourn made by Warren seconded by Davis

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Adjourned at 9:52p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

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Erica Nikolic, President of Council