

**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*

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 27th, 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, Thompson | **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 contract, 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 pinecrets 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 we're 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, let's 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

over in that same area around Rome Baptist Church. I don't know what type of trees but we'll be there discussing the importance of trees and what they mean to our environment. So, this is really kicking off Oakwood Go Green initiative to ensure that we're educating our community on how to protect the climate.

Economic Development/Grants Committee

Councilman Warren: No report.

Safety Service Committee

Councilwoman Davis: No report.

Tax Incentive Review Council Committee & Finance Committee

Councilwoman Williams: The Tax Incentive Review Council has not had a meeting, no report there. Our finance committee meets every Monday for the foreseeable future at 5.30 PM. You're all welcome to attend, no other report.

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

Open Floor Comments

Ben Sizemore, 25091 Garden Road| **Sizemore:** I just got a few comments. Hickory, are you planning to do anything with Hickory? Because it looks like a minefield when you go down that street. It's pretty embarrassing when you have people coming around. And what it is, is like garden used to look a little bit like it years ago. And they put drainage on each side of the road and pull the water down by the side of my neighbor there. And down through the back down there and the water's down in the back. But also, we're having trouble back there in the back. Because the guy behind us, not Hedges, the other guy there that owns that property there. He blocked it off and leveled it out for a parking lot or something. And it's just it backs all the way up to my house, close of my house, and my neighbor's garden there. The backyards are flooding, it looks like a pond, just to let you all know. What they need to do is go back there, ask the guy to put some pipe in there, or reopen that up and let the water out. Because his house and the other house next door at the dikes are really flooding bad. And what we actually need is pipe down through there. They started to do it at one time, and they backed off on it. Because they pulled all the pipe on the streets there, filled them in and made it really look good. Hickory, Stevens needs all that water pulled off up there. And you'll get rid of the mine fields that you have on both of those two roads. **Warren:** How long ago was that done? Oh, he's just done that, he's just started building it. **Warren:** Well, the question I have is, don't they have to send out a grading plan or something like that? That we will be able to match the elevation that they're building up? Maybe I'm asking the Building Inspector... **Marinucci:** That would be Engineer. **Warren:** No, no, no, what I'm saying is this, when a person pulls a permit. It doesn't necessarily have to unless you refer it to engineering. For them to look at the elevations and see what could be recommended for change. **Marinucci:** If you're talking the drainage issue, they'd have to get a survey done on it. **Gottschalk:** It sounds like he never came for a permit. **Warren:** If they didn't come for a permit. There should be a huge accountability for what they have imposed. I suggest that the building inspector bring out the engineer, meet with you, and you show them where it's at. Do

we have a problem with that, please? **Sizemore:** Not at all. **Warren:** Engineer, would you be able to do it? **Jones:** You can reach out to me, and I'll make myself available. **Warren:** And give us a recommendation that if the guy didn't pull a permit, then we're going to refer it to law. Dixon, resident| **Dixon:** Good evening, everyone, I just have a couple of questions for you. Daniel. Just off, maybe the top of your head. From January to now, how many permits have came in for occupancy? **Marinucci:** I don't know, I'll print it up and send it over. **Dixon:** I appreciate that, same thing with like for section eight, how many section eight? **Marinucci:** No, we don't track such a thing. Okay, no problem, you'll send me a report on how many new people actually came... **Marinucci:** I'm going to send you the certificate of occupancy report. I'll send it to Council in the morning. **Dixon:** Okay, I'll give you my email and then you can send it to me. My other question is, back in 2022 I sent information about my neighbor. Unfortunately, now she sold the home. What can we do to get this; it was based off of a shed. The guy built the shed, it blew away, the face of it is still there. I sent the letter, I can tell you exactly when May 11th, 2022, was the second time I sent it. And then also, there was the house that's right behind me, there's a log cabin house. **Marinucci:** Where's the cabin house? **Dixon:** Buckthorn, I live in a corner house on Buckthorn. I sent a letter, it was May 11, 2022, for that one. And then at the same time, for the one that's behind me. And I like the guy, he's a nice guy, but he has a lot of stuff in his yard. And I'm sitting on my deck, or sitting in my patio, and I can see all kinds of moles, or vermin's. **Marinucci:** Just send it and I'll have Aaron out there tomorrow. **Haba:** Yeah, I rang the doorbell about two weeks ago. The Mayor sent me there to take a look at it. And the one with the shed that's gone, just the base there. Whoever did it, did a real nice job of wire-meshing all around it. So, there are no critters going under that at all. **Dixon:** Yeah, but there's no meshing around it now. **Haba:** Yeah, I was at your house, I knocked on your door to see if it was okay to go back there. **Dixon:** When I look at the pictures and when I walk up on it, I don't see any wire meshing. **Haba:** No, it's a real nice job, it's a hard plastic, it looks like wire mesh. But I think it's hard plastic and they did a real nice job whoever did it. There are no animals going to get under there. **Dixon:** Okay. **Haba:** I didn't see anything, I walked around, I had another gentleman with me, and we didn't see anything. Now, you do got some groundhogs under your shed a little bit. **Dixon:** Yeah, I know, I'm fighting with that. Then the other letter that I sent was for the house directly behind me. It looks like there is a doghouse, but you can't really see it because it's covered with... Trees and thorns, which is a thing like that, you'll miss it now. But I said that before it was all covered up. And there's a lot of debris back there. He did send someone out there, and he was able to move the cars. He had like three or four cars in the yard at the time, but that was removed. But the backyard still has a lot of stuff back there. So, hopefully we get that done in the next couple of days or next couple weeks. **Marinucci:** We're not allowed to go onto the property. Do you have pictures of it? **Dixon:** No, I don't have pictures because I can't see them now, it's all covered with debris. The only picture I have now is like you said, the one that you just saw. **Marinucci:** Yeah, I'm just confused on the debris. What you showed me was the... **Dixon:** Well, again, it's nothing to be confused about, because everything is covered up now. At the time when I sent the letter, it was not covered up. That's 2020... **Marinucci:** Okay, I don't know. **Dixon:** Okay, well, can you send someone out there to look at it again? **Marinucci:** Were not allowed to go into property, I'll have him drive by tomorrow. **Dixon:** You can come on my property and see everything. Because right now, the leaves are not on the tree. **Marinucci:** We could go on your property yes, send us your email and your address. I think I did all that in my letter, can you look at your desk and look in your files? Because I know I sent it. **Marinucci:** Do it again tomorrow please, just in case if I can't find it, please. **Dixon:** Okay, and then the

other question was, a couple of weeks ago back. I asked for a list of all of the funds for entertainment, what was spent for the last couple of years. Is it a list or whatever? Because you know, like, we keep tabs of everything, you know? Like, what we spent during the summer of... 2022 for entertainment or what was spent for the year of 2021 for entertainment. Just want to see where that money went and I'm pretty sure to some people it went to good causes. But just as a taxpayer resident I would like to see. But I have not received anything from anyone. I was told I would be getting an email; you have my email address. But nothing was sent... **Nikolic:** Ms. Dixon, we as council are also waiting for that information from the finance director. Maybe, could you shine any light on where you could expect that? **Dixon:** Brian could you send that to me, please? Remember last time I was here, and I still have not received it. Let's do, it's 2024 now, let's do 2021 to present. **Thompson:** Okay, no problem. **Dixon:** And then you're going to have it broken down, you know, by the day of the year. So, next time when I get here, I should have it? **Thompson:** Yes, ma'am. **Dixon:** I appreciate it, Brian, thank you.

Karen Howse, Resident | Howse: This is a follow-up, I guess I'll keep asking until I get an answer to it. The one thing I do want to refer to the Law Director. Couple Council meetings back, there were two ordinances presented, I think, at the Finance Committee meeting or something. Regarding the special assessment or the agreement for to rent the Banquet Center at Mount Zion. There were two Ordinances, there was an older one that was like 2011, and there was a new one after that, or renewed after five years like 2017, or something of that nature. I wanted to ask two things, I'm paraphrasing because this is not verbatim, so pardon me for if I miss some words or something. But in reference it says, within that contract, the most recent one, and has since expired. It referred to or made some reference to, if the terms of this agreement 'is deemed illegal, then the Village will revert back to the old contract terms, which was the \$22,500. In regard to the assessment that... In the new contract, it said to forgo the assessment on Mount Zion. And then in the wording it said, if the terms of the agreement is deemed illegal. My question is, why would you put something like that, what was the intent of that messaging in there? Why would that be put in there? **Climer:** I don't recall the specific language; I'll have to pull it out. **Howse:** You sent me an email on that? Okay, I appreciate that, the second question that I'm still waiting for is what would be the reason the Village would be paying Mount Zion's sanitary sewer for \$1,297.50? I asked the question at the last Council meeting and Council lady Williams had asked the in previous Council meetings. I just want to know, why are we doing this? **Gottschalk:** Because there was a sewer assessment that had to be made. And as I said, we've gone through the key points for what Zion pays, and I believe the total for the street assessments, etc. They paid \$440,000 that they paid, and Oakwood's share, including all this, including what you just mentioned was \$330,000. That total project cost a million. I think our police chief just informed us as well, it was important to have that street on Broadway. So, you should be looking at it in two ways. This wasn't a bailout for Mount Zion. We should have been paying for that road to begin with. It benefited us, otherwise it would have been a big safety hazard. At the same time, however, as you're saying, the project now has been completely paid for, everything. There's nothing more that has to be paid to anybody and we're moving forward. But I think the key points... **Howse:** I'm not moving forward; I want to go back to the question that I asked. My specific question is, why are we still currently paying... **Gottschalk:** We aren't paying them currently anymore. **Howse:** You just paid a bill... **Gottschalk:** That will be returned to them. **Howse:** Okay, then what about the year 2019, 2020, 2021? What about those years? One, two, three, four, five, six, for six years we've paid, they're 1,297. That has nothing to do

with us. That's been assessed by the Cuyahoga County. Every resident in here has that assessment on their taxes. Why are we paying Mount Zion's tax bill? **Gottschalk:** We aren't paying Mount Zion, we're paying... Brian (inaudible). **Thompson:** Yeah, we ended up reimbursing for it. But the amounts, as you look at them, cumulatively, are in the agreements. **Howse:** Okay, again, my question, the agreement, if you extrapolate that. If you look on MyPlace in Cuyahoga County, you look at the tax bill, there's two different charges. It's now expired now, there's no assessment there because it's all paid for. But today we've been paying, just in February, we paid their sanitary sewer, okay... So, you're saying we're going to get that back, okay. My question is, in that agreement, for the five years, you said to forgo their assessment. You said, you know, in lieu of using your facility, we will take care of the assessment. But in that assessment, you included the sanitary sewer, why? The sanitary sewer is separate from the assessment. The assessment has to do with the pavement and curving. The sanitary sewer is assessed to every resident in Cuyahoga County. Why would we choose to pay for Mount Zion's? **Gottschalk:** Because he was part of the wanting to be able to use the facility. **Howse:** Okay, so, you made an agreement. So, is that maybe perhaps why that language was in that contract? If the terms of the contract is deemed illegal, then the Village will revert to the old contract terms of \$22,500. Because the secondary contract was exactly the amount of the special assessment, including the sanitary sewer, which was like \$33,105 or something like that. And so, it's not, for me as a resident, I'm not going to move forward. Because this was a concern I had back in 2007, in 2008. I brought it up again in previous Council meetings. Why in the world would we agree? How many times have we used the facility? What did we do during COVID? We didn't have any activity in Mount Zion. **Gottschalk:** Very little, we didn't really start activities until about... **Howse:** They reverted to Zoom, Mount Zion had no activities. Why would we pay an assessment plus their sanitary sewer? And every time I ask this, I still, the rationale is because we agreed to. Why would we agree to pay their sanitary sewer the exact amount? And in essence, you're going to keep saying that. But what I will say, what concerns me is that it's the same concern I brought up before I left here. Why would we make an agreement like that? It wasn't right, because as a resident, we shouldn't be doing it. Now, you stated you had the police chief come up and say, it benefited us all. Because, you know, security, the access to the park, etc. It was good to go off of Oak Hill Park. Okay, but would we have incurred that expense if Mount Zion wasn't there? The answer is no. **Gottschalk:** (inaudible). **Howse:** No, that's not, I was here on that deal. And you know that is not true, we can go into detail... **Gottschalk:** How can you when I talk to Dr. (inaudible) myself? **Howse:** Mayor, did you forget I was here? **Gottschalk:** It wasn't here; I spoke with him in his office. **Howse:** Mayor, do you want me to talk about how that went? **Gottschalk:** Please, you have no clue what's going on... **Howse:** Do you want me to remind you? Okay, there's no reason for us to pay that assessment. And I feel like Council should go back and obtain all of that money \$1,297 times five and then sign. It's not right to do that unless you're going to pay every resident's sanitary sewer bill, it's not right. **Gottschalk:** Again, you're wanting to twist this rather than say it's important to be able to have that road off of Broadway. **Howse:** Okay, so if it was important, then why put the assessment there from the beginning? **Gottschalk:** It wasn't... **Howse:** No, the question is, first of all, when you put... **Gottschalk:** Council passed the legislation by the way. **Howse:** I'm sorry, may I please finish? I didn't ask the question, I was just saying. If you felt it was going to benefit us, why would you put the assessment on from the beginning? Why would we incur the bond Counsel fees, the bank fees, to put it on, if the intent was it benefited us? Why would you even bother to do that? And then hindsight, you say, OK, we're going to work out a deal where we're

going to, the first five years we are going to... Because I remember the conversation was, there's nothing I can do. The assessment is on there; the legislation was passed. Then two years later after I leave, there's legislation to say, we going to pay Mount Zion \$22,500 for the next five years. And then after that expired, the next year is the exact amount, \$33,108. The exact sanity sewer, and I don't think it's right, and it's not something in the past. I see all this nice, what you picked and said, that they paid every day. No, from 2004 all the way up to 2000, they were delinquent. 2008 to 2009, they're delinquents, that's why they kept coming to me. They were delinquents in 2009 to 2010. It wasn't until... **Gottschalk:** We didn't do anything at the time... **Howse:** Exactly, because it was delinquent. And then in 2010 and 2011, when you started that new contract, is when they were able to catch up on that deal. **Gottschalk:** And they did. **Howse:** Because you paid for it, they're accessible. **Gottschalk:** They paid their share of four hundred and some thousand dollars. **Howse:** Mayor, as much as you want to look... **Gottschalk:** Which is conveniently always never (inaudible). **Howse:** It's not convenient, it's a fact. This has been something I brought up to you many times and you told Mount Zion, there's nothing we can do. Council has passed it, you are to be assessed. **Gottschalk:** You know, it's interesting, we're talking about, we did use the facility probably about a dozen times in 2017, 2018. Before that, we had to go to the Word Church in Warrensville Heights. Even the community of Warrensville Heights wasn't even using at the time until we used it. **Howse:** Okay, and what does that have to do with the... Are you referring to the City of Warrensville because I work for the City of Warrensville? **Gottschalk:** We're doing events in the Dream Center, for our residents. **Howse:** We have a community center. **Gottschalk:** You can't have the events that we had over there in the community center. **Howse:** Warrensville has a community since you're bringing it up. Warrensville has nothing to do with the Village of Oakwood. **Gottschalk:** No, we had to go there before that to be able to use the facility for our residents, for our kids. **Howse:** You're deflecting but okay, your answer is you helped them to pay that assessment. And you worked it out where you said we're going to use your art facility and we're going to divide and we are going to come up with a figure so we can help you offset your assessment. Just say it, you should have just brought an order instead to forego their assessment instead of doing it that way. I just think that was shady. **Nikolic:** Thank you, Ms. Howse, any further comment from residents?

Chasity White, Resident| White: Well, I'm going to make it light, and I can be a little bit more fun. But I do want to say this, it would be nice if we had a community center, would it be possible? I would love to have one. And now that I've purchased my family home. I think I'm going be more in tune, we're going to figure out a way how to do it. I think that... Uh, since I was a part of the Juvia Club when Ms. Starks, I think we all know that that was our, that was our time. So I think it's time to circle back around and figure out how we can make, uh, Oakwood work for us. Because I'm middle-aged and I keep hearing older people, older people older people, older people. And I'm like, I'm young, I want to do stuff. I don't mind entertaining with you all, but I want to make sure that I'm still benefiting at 40 and 50. My kids are grown, so I'm out of the kid game, but, I like to enjoy. So, come Saturday, I am going to head the walk, so, I love walking. I hike, I walk. I have a company called Snacks of Love which teaches kids how to eat, how to be healthy, how to just enjoy the outdoors. Because obviously our kids are so in tune to computers and that's the way the world is working and that is fine. But we have to make sure that they mentally prepared and in the outside nature. Understanding how we connect. So, if everyone would join me, 9 o'clock to 10 o'clock, we're going to do like a mile. I'm not going to take y'all too far into the woods, because I did see a coyote last week. So, we'll just keep it on the

pavement and we'll get out and see Tinker's Creek and so forth. So, if you all want to join us, it's going to be from 9am to 10am. And this year's theme is planet-verse plastics. So what they're looking at for... Earth Day is 2040, ultimately they want to build a plastic-free zone. We use plastic so much and it was very convenient for parents, it's convenient for me, convenient for working people because we take lunches and so forth. And so now we want to come back by using glass you know as an alternative, maybe glass, aluminum they're using. But they're really trying to get away from plastic. So that's what the theme is this year. And hopefully, 2040, Oakwood could really kind of hone in on it and get away from all of those Aquafina's and so forth. But anyway, I'm Chasity, I would love to see you all. **Nikolic:** Thank you. **Davis:** Where are you starting at? **White:** I'm going to actually print this out. So, it's going to be the Bedford Reservation, it's the Hawthorne and Richmond. So, right there in the front, I'm starting at nine. I am not going to go all the down because I'm going take us in the woods a little bit. And then when we're going to come back down, it's going to be about a mile. **Gottschalk:** Isn't it nice having the trails that we have? **White:** Yeah, it is, very nice.

Khaz Ra'el: and **Beverly Wisdom:**, 26240 Cambridge Drive| **Ra'el:** Like you, we have flooding, two issues, three. And can I approach? And I'll start here; this is of our backyard. The flow, the creek, it's really not a creek, it's runoff water. You see the pipe? The water is now coming up above, it needs to be... This is the creek now, because of the years of neglect. Is coming up over our storm drain. (**Ra'el:** showed Council and Mayor video of flooding, everyone talking at the same time, inaudible). **Nikolic:** We need to keep the room quiet so that the recorder can pick up their conversation with Council. **Wisdom::** Hello everybody, I'm Beverly **Wisdom:**, that's my husband Khaz **Ra'el:**, we live on Cambridge right side of Bedford side, between Oakwood and Bedford. And we been having a problem since August with our basement flooding. And we can't seem to find the problem. It doesn't look like our Engineers can find the problem. But we got a problem because literally the water is boiling up when it rains into our basement. And we can stop or go to bed and say well it'll drain back because we don't know how high it'll go. It's literally pumping gallons of water. So, our backyard has a runoff ravine, usually it's dry. When it really rains hard, the runoff is supposed to catch that water and send it somewhere down the road, down Cambridge, right? Well, I believe I'm not an engineer, nor a builder. But I believe our gutter drains, so all the gutters on the house, it runs into a main pipe. That's pouring that way, too, or the pipe itself. It's pouring toward that creek, that runoff creek. And instead of the water continuing to run off wherever it was planned to run off to. It's taking a detour into our basement. I think, this is just me thinking like a woman. That if we had an extension on this pipe, some kind of way, or a deeper ravine. Because we've been here since 2009, and nobody has ever maintained it. And everybody knows when water flows, so there's dirt and debris. And so, it's not as deep as it used to be. And so now, it's coming up into our property. Something has to be done, and it can't be done next year, next month, after we get together, if I remind you. Because every time it rains, we two go through that. It's like a fire assembly, you know, hauling water out the house, trying to pump it throughout the basement window with the wet vacuum. It is a big to do, and it's every time in rains. It costs us a lot of money because we have to buy disinfectant, we've had Roto-Rooter to come out. I mean, we've had the city do survey, we had the County come out, and nobody knows anything. I'm a physician's assistant, I know it goes somewhere, and I know that it can be stopped. But I'm not an Engineer, and I shouldn't have to try to figure out how to protect our property after being there since 2009, and it just started. So, my understanding is that there was work done on Sunset in

Bedford because they were having drain problems. And they redirected the water to go to this ravine that wasn't built to handle that many gallons of water. And so, we're just kind of stuck and I don't know what we're supposed to do. We can't leave our house, and we can't let our furniture get destroyed in our basement. We can't keep repainting, and we can't keep buying mold this and mold that, since it just started in August. So, I mean, I'm just leaving it to you... I'm 62, he's 62, I got a new knee. We can't be running up and down the basement stairs to do this, we need a real resolution. **Nikolic:** Has anyone been out to see? **Wisdom:** Everyone has been out to see it.

Haba: The County was out there last Friday and they talked to them. They're supposed to send us a report we haven't got the report yet. I think you've talked to him, what did they say? **Ra'el:** They looked, they put the camera down in the sewer, and what they discovered, we didn't see anything. But we can't get the camera all the way through because it may have turned in the clean out, so that's all they said. **Haba:** They didn't send us a report yet. We're talk tomorrow, but they didn't send us a report yet... One thing we do know, there's not supposed to be a pipe going to that ditch or gully or whatever. There's not supposed to be a pipe go back there. **Warren:** That's exactly what I just told them. I just said that what is happening is that when those houses were built. They ran the storm discharge to the back rather than to the front where the storm lines are running. Right, where it's supposed to go. And so now they got, and probably with this water coming in like it is. The only thing that, well it still isn't going to resolve that. The ditch has got to be deeper and maybe stoned or something so that it doesn't wash away as quickly. **Wisdom:** Yeah, all the debris and then all the foliage that grows when it dries, then it gets wet, it gets washed away, and it's piled up. And when we first moved there it was like, oh we got a river in the backyard, that's so pretty, it wasn't coming in the house, ever! And then just this August, we started getting, I shared some of the pictures. I showed some of pictures where the water is just boiling up like gallons, like if you opened the fire hydrant. **Nikolic:** So, is there any way to block it from the outside or inside to stop the flooding service? **Haba:** We don't know... **Warren:** First they got to find the pipe and then they got to find out how to run it. **Haba:** But coming up that floor drain that's supposed to go up to the sanitary sewer. By EPA standards that's not even supposed to back there. **Gottschalk:** Might have to redirect that pipeline from Bedford Heights somewhere else. **Haba:** I wasn't even aware of that coming from Bedford Heights, but you know that pipe that's going in the back there. Like Mr. Warren said should be going toward the front. **Warren:** They've got sanitary and storm in Cambridge, don't they? **Jones:** So, the floor drain in their house should be tied into the sanitary sewer. So, if they're getting creek water into their floor drain, then that pipe is running to the wrong place, that's the bottom line. That creek could be very high, and you shouldn't get water in your basement. But the problem is that the pipe goes to the wrong places. **Warren:** Well, see it's two solutions; one solution is to find out where the end of the pipe is and put a cap there for water egressing. But the thing is that the water is still going to accumulate in the backyard. **Jones:** It may, and so, the question is going to be if that floor drain is tied into the creek. Then if anything else is also piped into that floor drain, then you can't just block it off because they'll search on it. If that's the case, it would probably require some reconfiguration of the plumbing on the exterior of their house. If that's what's actually happening. Again, I still need to review what the County found when they were out there on Friday. **Wisdom:** This is kind of like an emergency for us. **Nikolic:** Is there any type of emergency measure that you could enact that you can kind of speed up the process for them in a way that would allow you to move the process along? **Jones:** At a minimum, I got to review the reports. **Wisdom:** Then there's no blueprints to our house, so we have no idea what the plumbing even looks like underneath the house. **Marinucci:** If you don't have the blueprints and the

contractor did a cross is what he's talking about. That wouldn't show up because on the blueprint, the sanitary goes to the sanitarium. The storm goes to storm, and you won't see it. (inaudible) that's what it sounds like to us, that the sanitarian is tied to the storm and we can't do anything about it. **Wisdom:** I know we can't do anything right now right this minute. But we can do something? **Nikolic:** I would suggest on the state; Scruggs is your ward Council. So, I would say stay connected to her to make sure that the Engineering and Service are on top of what's happening with you. And you know I don't know if there's anything that can be done you know in terms of service in terms of blocking. If you come up with any ideas of how to block the water from getting in. **Jones:** That will be really difficult if there's anything else tied into that line. Then it's going to cause more problems. **Nikolic:** Okay, well, thank you, please stay in contact with your ward Council. **Hardin:** Can I make a suggestion? I'm a lay person, my suggestion because your health is involved. Every time you wait around in whatever is coming in there. I'm not minding your business, it's just a lay person's thought. **Wisdom:** We're out of ideas, so we'll take it. **Hardin:** I think you're beyond waiting on whatever they're waiting on. So, I would contact my insurance company and let them know the urgency. And they should have you out of, you said they won't do nothing? **Wisdom:** No insurance companies don't cover water unless you are in a water flood zone, and it's required. Otherwise, it's not a rider that you just pick like oh, I think we might have a flood let's get, you know, coverage to in our homeowners. They don't covered it; they don't even cover water damage anymore. It would have to be on our living floor and not our basement. **Warren:** Most insurance companies are withdrawing from all of that. Because of all of these horrific incidents that we natural disasters from water and everything. State Farm stopped even writing homeowners insurance in California. **Hardin:** Mayor, Tommy, I'm sure you can escalate this. They can't go in the house; they can leave the house because of the fear it's going to rain. They can't stay in it because it is raining, that's crazy. There's no one that can escalated this situation? **Sizemore:** We had the same thing on Garden Road. **Gottschalk:** We will have answers next week, that's all we can do. **Hardin:** What do you mean answers next week? What do we mean? What happens next week. **Gottschalk:** Hopefully with the answers that we get, it can be a plan of action. **Hardin:** I'll go one step further, Mr. Engineer could you stand up for a minute? I'm sure you can make a call to the County. **Jones:** Yeah, I'm already in contact, we had an ongoing dialogue since Friday. I'm just waiting for their reports. **Hardin:** Okay, that's Friday, and at this point you haven't gotten an answer, right? **Jones:** Not yet. **Hardin:** So, you can't escalate it to that person's manager? **Jones:** I been reaching out each day, I'll reach out again tomorrow.

Bernice Butler, Lynbrook Drive| Butler: Good evening, I'm Bernice Butler, Lynbrook Drive and I've been in Oakwood Village since 1970. And I'm bringing the same problem that I brought to you last time about that ravine that's in between Richmond Road and Forbes. Well, it's starting again this year, where the water is coming all the way down, and it's all in my backyard now. There are trees back there, 70-year-old trees here that come down and they fall into that creek that's back there. My yard is being affected again, it's wet back there. I can't even walk back there, and I had asked Mr. Haba to send someone out. He sent someone out, one of his guys. And they'd go back, and they'd pick up some of the limbs and that's it. But today I went back there myself last week and picked up, you know, filled that big green garbage can up with limbs that have fallen from the tree. And I had (inaudible) last year. I need help, and I'm not an engineer. I live alone, I can't keep going back there and be all in that water picking up the tree limbs and things like that. Well, I have been told... My neighbors and I own that creek. They have half, and

I have half. I need a community that is going to represent all of us. I need something to be sent out to all of us. I can't walk up to the neighbor and say, you own this, and I own that, I can do that. I tried that with a tree last year. There's a cottonwood tree that's about, I can even, I don't even know how tall it is. But it's right over my shed in the backyard. And I did it because you all told me to do it. I went up to Richmond Road to that neighbor and said if you pay half I'll pay half. We'll get that tree cut down. Well, in about a month he sent his son to me to say Mrs. Butler we're not going to do that. Because we have these other trees to worry about. And he called me and told me you have my permission to get it done. I am a senior, and can you imagine me paying \$2300 to have that tree cut down? I can't do it, I need help, I need to help from the community. **Hardin:** Bernice, you're shaking, calm down, Tommy... **Butler:** I know, I know... I'm trying, but I need helping and I hate to keep giving this to you all, but... **Nikolic:** Tommy if you could please, I know I spoke with you last week about it, the ravine. **Butler:** And he sent a guy back there... **Haba:** I was told about the debris... (inaudible). **Butler:** I want you to please send a message to all the neighbors that we are all responsible. I can't, you can't expect me to walk up Richmond Road and walk down Lynbrook Drive and say, we're responsible. So, you're going to have to do this and that. I can do that, I could, but I cannot. I don't want to make enemies. And for that man to send his son to tell me, you could do it. We'll give you permission, you pay it. If I had that kind of money, I would because I love Oakwood Village. I've been here since 1970; I like walking around in the community. This is my favorite time of year. **Hardin:** Everybody knows you too, Bernice, relax, calm down, breathe. **Butler:** So, I come up to you to try to come up with an answer for me because I can't keep going through this. I have a deck on my backyard and when I get up in the morning I usually sit out there and read, especially this time of year. Well guess what? I don't now because I'm looking at my shed and I open the shed; the bottom of the shed is like mud. So, all the stuff I stored in here is no good, it's gone. And so, I'm taking it to Mr. Haba, and every time I say that, they said, you owe half, and they owe half. **Haba:** (inaudible), it is all your property. It's on private property; we've been back there a few times. Yeah. We've tried to dig out, but it's tree roots there. The trees got to come down, but it was private property. It's not for the Village to take the trees down. But we took down some little trees. We tried to dig through the roots. We dug around the roots, her backyard this time of year is really, you know, it is not wetter than most people's backyard. And I don't know about her shed. Yeah, I know she has a shed back there, but I didn't go in a shed. But when she called up, we went back there probably a year and a half ago, and it wasn't that wet. **Butler:** Well, you're not as old as I am, it's wet to me. **Haba:** I'm getting closer, but I cannot cut my grass yet, my back grass, my side grass. I still can't cut it yet; I still cannot walk on it yet. **Butler:** Well, give me an answer, so what should I do? **Haba:** I don't know, it said it's a private matter, it is a civil matter. It's your private property, don't fuel private property. **Butler:** But who's going to tell the other people? That's what I'm asking... Or help, I need something to be sent to everybody, I can't do it. **Nikolic:** Ms. Butler, maybe I could suggest, it's Ward 2, maybe a community meeting where you have a sit down. I know every month their having the ward meetings. But perhaps just something specifically with the neighbors on that street. **Hardin:** The issue is specifically that water is coming from Forbes. **Haba:** She sits lower than the people on Richmond Rd. **Hardin:** Yes, she's lower, so... **Nikolic:** No one else cares? **Hardin:** But it only affects, like, right there, it's only right there. Tommy, I already talked to someone regarding cleaning it out. So, we have this young lady, she has some teenagers that's coming. **Haba:** It's not that easy to clean up. We tried to do it, we picked up the dead branches, but that's not really a problem. You got tree roots that you can't dig through. There's just a little swale there. We can meet there tomorrow

afternoon, and I'll show you. It's not really, just take a couple branches up. We can do that for her. We have done that for her. **Hardin:** But the tree has to come down. **Matlock:** Do the tree have to come Tommy? **Haba:** It's not just one tree I don't believe, if I remember right. I think it was like two summers ago we were back there. **Hardin:** So, what has to happen? **Haba:** I don't think, in my mind, but I'm not here, I don't live in her yard, it's not a big problem. You see a little swale back there, the water runs a little bit, but there are tree roots obstructing it somewhat. But if you're talking about a big project. You're taking those trees out, it's going to cost thousands and thousands of dollars to go back there and get those out. And some of those trees, like I said, aren't on her property. **Butler:** No. **Haba:** It's a neighbor's property, so you can't... I don't think we can make them take the trees down, you know... **Butler:** And neither can, if I go to them, I'm making enemies. I want you all to understand that. That's why I can't do it, I went to that one man up the hill and that's what he told me. **Hardin:** Well guess what? You and I will go tomorrow, you want to do it tomorrow Bernice? **Butler:** I just need some help. **Hardin:** Okay, tomorrow we'll do it. **Butler:** Okay. **Nikolic:** Any additional comments from residents? If none, I would love to invite JC Commander from Bedford High School Athletic Department. He always comes and gives us an update on what's happening in the athletic department with our kids in the Bedford City School District, thank you for your patience.

JC Commander, Bedford High School Athletic Dept. | **Commander:** No problem, thank you, evening everyone. So, nice to see everybody tonight. I will be brief, you know we've been out a little while here. So, what I'm trying to do is get around to all the city Councils and give reports on how our kids are doing. So, I was here in the fall, so now this is kind of a big report out on winter athletes. I think we had a pretty good win. So, starting out with Lady Bearcat basketball, 23 student athletes, head coach Jeff Green. Wins and losses weren't what we wanted. We did finish fifth in the league. We had three all-conference players, two of which are underclass, and so they will be back. Our first team performer was India Woodson, senior, excellent athlete. She's actually headed to Baldwin Wallace to play volleyball too and carries a 4.0 GPA. So, India is quite impressive, and right now she's busy playing softball, so never a dull moment in her life. Team GPA of 2.8, a lot of kids are coming back. One of our points of emphasis, and when I came into this my evaluation of each program was, okay what do we need to do to get better? So that's kind of what I do in each season. And with that pretty much every program you're going to hear me say strength and conditioning and just time in the gym or time in a wrestling room or time outside. So, that'll be pretty much a recurrent thing. Boys basketball program, 40 total student athletes in the program, head coach Pete Friola. Again, record didn't indicate a great year but at the same time we played in a very competitive conference. We did win our first-round playoff game at home against Cleveland JFK, before losing second round to Medina. So again, three all-conference performers, two of which are underclassmen. Our first performer, Jayvon J.J. Hudson, is a junior and will be back. Team GPA of 2.5, 10 of those 40 athletes. We have this thing called an Academic All-American in the building. So, any of our student athletes that carry a 3.0 or better, we call them an Academic all-American. And we kind of give them some perks, meaning if you are an Academic American, you get into any varsity contest for free. Kind of a way to really push the emphasis that the kids do in school. Again, we're losing six seniors, but we're bringing back a great group, one of which a freshman whose last name happens to be Williams, who was a huge help to us this season. And we're looking for three more great years out of him. Alright, the wrestling program led by coach Adam Hoom, three and six in an individual meets, but team GPA of 2.4. We had two kids qualify for state. I do want to mention

one of them, he was a senior, his name is Phillip Malone. The way that the season starts and our quarters end academically. You can possibly start a season and not be eligible. So, in this case, that happened to Philip. And so, I had to sit it down in the office and have a conversation with him and just say, listen, you're not wrestling until the grades are better. So, to his credit, he stuck with it, got himself eligible, and somehow managed to qualify for the state tournament at Ohio State. So, I think that's a testament to Philip, I think it's also a testament to our coaches for sticking with him. And kind of guiding him through the process and not allowing him to quit. Team GPA of 2.4, again, a lot of quality athletes are coming back to that program. One of the things I really want to do with our wrestling program is find a way to grow it. We don't have a lot of wrestlers at the middle school level. So, I'm really trying to emphasize with our wrestling program this summer. Having open mat, having opportunities for our kids to come in and learn how to wrestle. I think it's something that a lot of kids... If they're not necessarily basketball players, they're not running track, or they're bowling, that's something that they can very much get into. Try to direct a lot of our football players to wrestling in the winter as well. Swimming and diving team, head coach Tim Kelly. We have one student, a diver who narrowly missed the OHSA districts, Joey Parenti. He'll actually be back as well; he's a junior this year. A couple of key kids that are going to be back as well, Danny Bridgeforth being one of them, Danny's a junior as well. So, we have a really talented junior class just across the board academically and athletically. In terms of This team's GPA 3.3, so basically if you have 11 kids on the team 73% of the teams of the roster was an academic All-American. So again, they're high performing kids who are also athletes. And again, I really, really try to emphasize that with our coaches and with our kids. Moving on, the bowling team were the rock stars and the winner. 19 student athletes, the program group to the point where we had a varsity team for girls, a varsities team for boys, and a JV team for our boys. Performed very well in the league to say the least. Our senior Latia Grimes was the Lake Erie League girls bowler of the year. Our boys senior Tony Frankenberry was the Lake Erie League boys bowler the year. Steve Schuster our boys coach was the victory league coach of the year, pretty much a clean sweep. 3.1 GPA for the team, 12 of those 19 kids were post-season academic All-Americans, meaning they performed in 3.0 or better. Again, we have a great group of kids coming back. We're losing two key seniors, but the boys' team made it to districts. And that was the first time in school to do that that time. So, I think that they were really going in the right direction. And I think bowling is one of those things where, if we can get more kids to get into it. It's kind of like a talent that's undiscovered for a lot of them. And that's kind what happened this year with two or three of these kids. We had kids who showed up as first year bowlers and they ended up bowling varsity, which is a big thing and performing well too. Alright, indoor track, great season for them, 24 kids, head coach Eugene Sanders. Ohio, the OATCCC, I always mess up that acronym because I'm learning a lot of acronyms in this job. We've got OHSA, OATC, the Ohio Association of Track and Cross-Country Coaches. Trinity Pollard, a junior, first-time triple jumper this year, took fourth in a state. And she's only a junior, so right now she's getting after it and out there. She's going to be back for a senior year next year. Our girls four by two took ninth, names are listed there, Maya Hardiman, who is a freshman. Kendall Worthy, Ayanna Lawson, Trinity, again. Our boys four by 2 took ninth, Kamari Desani, Clayton, and Darren. Kamari's the only senior in that group. And then Darren Moro on his own took 13th and the 200th. So ladies and gentlemen, all those names that I just mentioned. Only one of them is a senior this year. So, this whole crew will be back after they finish outdoor for their senior year next year. So really looking forward to this group, team GPA of 3.1. Our cheerleaders, again, never want to forget them. I believe, and I tell this to our cheer coach

Jasmine Cowlister all the time. They are every bit the athlete that all the other athletes are. So, it requires practice, it requires drive, it required commitment, and it requires sacrifice, so a big thing. Elana Brooks, she was a senior for us. She had the opportunity to go compete in a combine for cheerleading for HBCUs in Atlanta, Georgia. So, waiting on her to get back to me about what her choice is going to be for her school. We actually are going to do an exciting day. So, I will kind of get that information out. **Gottschalk:** I missed one thing when I stepped out. You had mentioned girls basketball; it's really starting to gain momentum. **Commander:** Yeah, so our girls basketball team, we'll call it a learning year, I think that's the best way to put it. We are losing one senior, so a lot of the team is going to be coming back, and we have some real promising kids coming up from Heskett. So that's going to do one of the programs for the winter that I put specific emphasis on. In terms of giving them a quality summer and giving them opportunities to get into the gym and get better. We actually did, from our girls basketball team. We had an alumni who donated three tickets to the national title game. So, three of our girls got to actually go to the game at Rock Mortgage. So, they were very excited for that. Overall, closing it out, one of the things I like to do is always evaluate. So, I think when you are kind of overseeing something and there's multiple moving parts and pieces. It's all about being effective and making sure that we're efficient. So, looking at fall athletics, we started the season with 88 kids as Academic All-Americans And we ended the season with 91, which was huge. Meaning we had more kids. We had kids sustaining and we had a few kids get better academically over the course of fall. When we didn't have those results so that's again why you see the red there. We started winter with 120 total athletes having 3.0 or better in terms of GPA. But we ended winter with only 66. So, to me the drop says we need to start taking a hard look at study tables. We need start taking a look at emphasizing academics a little bit more with our winter athletes. And so, for me does that come down to I need to take a look a scheduling. So, in terms practices are we getting our kids out of here, are we asking them to stay too late. Are there some things we can do if we are going to practice later. Maybe study halls and doing things like that with our coaches and our kids are a good way to kind of stay on top of all of them. Spring athletics are underway, doing the best we can with the rain. Baseball, softball, track and field, girls' flag, and boys' volleyball, which is now an OHS 80 sport. And I think girls' flags are right behind them, honestly. So, had the opportunity to turn the lights on over at Francis Griffin Stadium Friday when we were playing Maple in baseball. So, it was good to get some night baseball in. But yeah, so far so good, I am enjoying year one and I think our kids are working hard. And obviously year two is going to be even better. **Nikolic:** So, Mr. Commander, what can we as a municipality or as a Council do to support your efforts? What can we do? **Commander:** You know what, just getting to games, and that's basically what I tell everyone. Just get to games and kind of see what we're doing. We're really trying to work on the experience of coming to a game. I believe that games should not be just for kids who are in the building or parents of those kids. Games should be for anyone in the community that wants to come watch our kids. I mean, you are taxpayers, and I appreciate you a lot. So, I think creating environments for Friday night where there's no place anyone in one of the four cities would rather be. Other than watching the Bearcats at the Bearcat Stadium play football or watching this Friday night at the gym playing basketball. I think that also with that, I'm really trying to look at things that we can do within our league to make our league a little bit more marketable. So those are conversations that we're having. The Lake Erie League is a league that is, depending on how you look at it used to be great and maybe dedicated the same amount of weight. So, for me, that's okay what can we do to market our kids? Because when I look on social media, I see a lot of leagues that do a lot of

things for their kids. So, we need to start doing that stuff as a league. And I think when you bring attention to your league, that brings notoriety, that brings eyes. And I with all that comes opportunity. So, we did have a successful Bearcat Invitational for the Boys' Basketball Program in February. We had some college coaches in the building; we had four games that were played. Bedford, of course, played in the first. And it also led to relationships because the school we played out of Toledo. They've now invited us to their invitational next year. I think giving our kids the opportunity to go play and have opportunities where they maybe go a good distance. Because that allows for them to be able to kind of bond and take the phones away from them and let them really kind of get to know each other, spend time with coaches, have real conversation, develop relationships, things like that. So, all that stuff's important to me across the board. One of the things that I kind of sure that our girls, our young ladies, are getting the same love and the same amount of attention to everything that they do that our boys do. So, if I post something for one of our male athletes, I'm making sure that I'm posting something for one of our female athletes. I mean, the Mayor just mentioned the girls basketball... It was already a big thing, but it's become quite huge. So, I think we got to kind of ride that wave with our female athletes while it's here. **Davis:** I just want to make a comment, I am so impressed to see that Academic All-American or to get the pre and post grades. That is number one, I mean it's very important to me. I'm surprised I missed Mr. Brenson, I enjoyed working with him and I see he's now your, he is your assistant. So, please give him my love and tell him to keep up that Mr. Brenson policy.

Commander: Absolutely. **Scruggs:** Are there any opportunities for students who do not attend Bedford but live in Oakwood or Bedford. To participate in something in the summertime to potentially use the high school gym if we had some type of a program or something? Bedford and Oakwood, where we could participate and use the gym? **Commander:** Yeah, absolutely, it's just about timing, things of that nature. **Scruggs:** I know normally during the summer times schools are shut down and everyone's on vacation. What would the window of time, if you if you would say here's a good season or time. What would that season be where we could potentially think of something to partner where we're not interfering with? **Commander:** So, I'm just going to be honest, with it being your one for me, there's very few days off. So for me it's almost, if I know when something is happening, that I kind of build my life and everyone else is around it. So, it's just conversation, I will say that gym time is pretty scarce in the winter. Because I've got multiple basketball teams that are trying to get in there. And then as they're in there that's when the spring sports are starting to bite at me like hey can we get in the gym in the evenings. So, that we can start prepping since we can't get outside. So, probably fall I would say if you're looking for specific gym time and but if you just looking for space in general I don't think it really matters. **Scruggs:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** My last comment is where are you advertising your games? **Commander:** So we have an athletic website. That's been one of my projects, getting it upgraded. One of the things that I inherited was an athletic website that was not necessarily being utilized. So, I'm really trying to step that up and get up-to-date information on there. So, our schedules are available on our athletic website. Please forgive me because baseball and softball with the rain literally change like every five minutes. But I'm doing the best that I can to keep that up. **Williams:** I just want to say thank you it's been a drastic difference since you've come into the position. I know our kids love it and the attention, so I appreciate you for doing all that you do. And thanks for coming and reporting consistently. **Commander:** Thank you. **Nikolic:** Thank you, appreciate your time. Any further comments from the floor? Hearing none, floor is closed for public comment.

Floor closed to public

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

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

MOTION PASSED

Entered Executive Session at 9:06p.m.

Exited Executive Session

Legislation

2023-55

Introduced 12-22-23

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1st read 12-22-23

2nd read 1-9-24

Tabled 1-23-24

*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

1st read 3-26-24

2nd read 4-9-24

3rd read 4-23-24

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

Nikolic: Motion to table as we're waiting for more information from Tommy Service Director.

Motion to table 2024-13 from the table made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

2024-18

Introduced 4-23-24

By Mayor and

Council as a whole

1st read 4-23-24

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT
CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-18 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-18 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

2024-19
Introduced 4-23-24
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read 4-23-24

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF JUANITA FOWLER
WILLIAMS**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-19 made by Davis seconded by Scruggs

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-19 made by Scruggs seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

2024-20
Introduced 4-23-24
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read 4-23-24

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF DAVID WINSTON
TOWNSEND**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-20 made by Scruggs seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-20 made by Scruggs seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

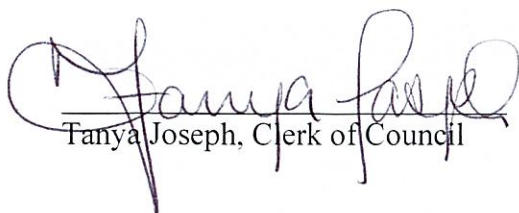
Motion to adjourn made by Davis seconded by Warren

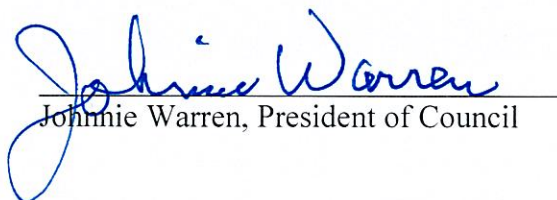
YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams

MOTION PASSED

Adjourned at 10:00p.m.

Approved 9-23-25


Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council


Johnnie Warren, President of Council