

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

ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT

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

Meeting opened at 7:03pm by Nikolic
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call taken

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

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

MOTION PASSED

Enter executive Session at 7:05P.M

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

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

MOTION PASSED

Exited executive Session at 7:30P.M

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Unknown Resident): They were your kids, they were your stars. They were Oakwood Village children. **Stevens:** Okay, (inaudible) I didn't interrupt you, I'm claiming the time. **(Unknown Resident):** Go ahead, go ahead. **Stevens:** You do have a star, and so I wondering how does the recreation department go about...Is there an application or something that you can submit. So,

that we can get some of our talents when they pass out those flyers. Our convenience are on there, our bands, we have tour companies, all of that. What is the procedure by which we can get some the neighborhood kids, some of the neighborhood adults lined up so that they can show their talent? Now who does the (inaudible), does the Council have power over recreation?

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

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

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

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

Ward Report

Councilperson Scruggs: No report.

Councilperson Hardin: No report.

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

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

Councilwoman Davis: No report.

Councilwoman Williams: No report.

Nikolic: Agenda item number eight, committee reports.

Committee Report

Fine Arts Committee

Councilwoman Scruggs: No report.

Health Care/HR Committee

Councilwoman Hardin: No report.

Utilities

Councilwoman Matlock: No report.

Environmental Committee

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

Economic Development/Grants Committee

Councilman Warren: No report.

Safety Service Committee

Councilwoman Davis: No report.

*Tax Incentive Review Council Committee &
Finance Committee*

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

Floor opened to the public

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

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

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

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

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

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

Floor closed

Legislation

2023-55

Introduced 12-22-23

By Mayor and
Council as a whole

1st read 12-22-23

2nd read 1-9-24

Tabled 1-23-24

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

2024-31

Introduced 6-25-24

By Mayor and
Council as a whole

1st read 6-25-24

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

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

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

MOTION PASSED

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

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

MOTION PASSED

2024-32

Introduced 6-25-24

By Mayor and
Council as a whole

1st read 6-25-24

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

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

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

MOTION PASSED

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

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

NO VOTE: Williams

MOTION PASSED

2024-33

Introduced 6-25-24

By Mayor and
Council as a whole

1st read 6-25-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE C.A. AGRESTA CONSTRUCTION CO., INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$16,302.00, FOR THE TRYON ROAD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TRAIL PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-33 made by Scruggs seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-33 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

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

MOTION PASSED

2024-34

Introduced 6-25-24

By Mayor and
Council as a whole

1st read 6-25-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMBER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) AND AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE ALEXANDER ROAD SEPTIC CONVERSION PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-34 made by Warren seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-34 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

2024-35

Introduced 6-25-24

By Mayor and
Council as a whole

1st read 6-25-24

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT THE CLERK OF COUNCIL SHALL REPORT TO AND WORK UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE WARD 2 COUNCILPERSON UNTIL OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY COUNCIL

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-35 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-35 made by Hardin seconded by Davis

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

MOTION PASSED

have asked for more information. The legislation language doesn't match up with what he explained to us. And we asked for the communication between him and the state so we can get more clarity. We're not able to move it or discuss it or anything because we don't understand it at all. Climer: I'm happy to do that. Nikolic: Similarly, relating to legislation is the financial breakdown for us with the fire truck apparatus. Climer: Yeah, so I did send around my analysis of the contract. But you're looking for the financials... Nikolic: Right, so we can see what the payments would look like for three years out just as a whole. Climer: Okay. Nikolic: And as Chief Tapp explained, we'd have to explore some different financing options. So, I would expect them to present the most viable or most cost-effective for the village. Climer: I understand the finance director's is away for the balance of the week. So, I'll address that as soon as possible. Nikolic: Okay, Clerk, Joseph... Climer: I may be mistaken. Nikolic: Was there any communication from the finance director about his absence at all? Joseph: Oh no, I have no clue. Williams: Law Director Climer, we were trying to approve increases in the amended budget before June 30th. And we weren't aware he would be out of town at all. We were looking for him at yesterday's meeting and today's finance meeting. We don't have the ability to amend or increase anything without him making the changes so that we can review them. And then create the legislation before Sunday. Climer: I will try to contact him tomorrow. Davis: Thank you, budget is due on Sunday. Nikolic: Okay, and also regarding the 2024-WS-02. Finance Chair, are we getting the revisions to the law director for the 5% raised legislation? Climer: Right, that was something I wanted to bring up. Nikolic: How do we work on that so we can make sure that's in process? Climer: If there's a consensus at council, somebody could just send me a list of the modifications you would like to make to the ordinance; we'll get them done. Williams: Okay, so you can do that part? Climer: Sure. Williams: However, he still needs to amend the actual appropriate budget to reflect that that exhibit has to... Climer: Right, I'm not sure what the revisions are. But if you can get them to me, I'll communicate it to Brian and do everything I can to get that done this way. Nikolic: Is there anything else? Williams: Our goal was a special meeting on Thursday at 4.30, which we had questioned if it could be done that quickly. It would need to be received by tomorrow at 3 PM. We had no idea... Climer: I did not either. Williams: Okay.

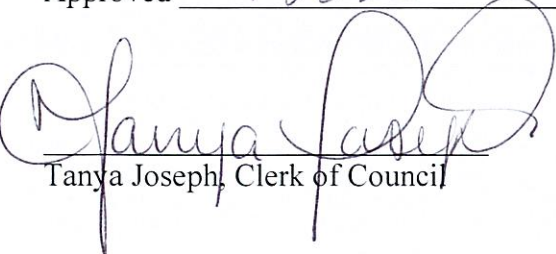
Motion to adjourn made by Davis seconded by Matlock


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

MOTION PASSED

Adjourned at 9:02p.m.

Approved 9.23.25


Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council


Johnnie Warren, President of Council