

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
2024-7-9**

**ATTENDANCE**

Erica Nikolic, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem	Tom Haba, Service Director
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	Assistant Chief Chris Manzo, Fire Department
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	James Climer, Law Director
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Brian Thompson, Finance Director*
Candace Hill, Ward 5(formerly Williams)	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
	Captain Freeman, Police Department

**ABSENT**

Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Mary Davis, Ward 4	Matt Jones, Village Engineer

*\* Arrived after roll call*

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

**Nikolic:** Agenda item number four, no minutes to review this meeting. Agenda Item number five, do you have a clerk correspondence? Joseph: Not at the moment. **Nikolic:** Thank you, moving on to agenda item number six, departmental reports. May we hear from our law director? Law Director Climer| **Climer:** I'm happy to answer questions. **Nikolic:** Any questions for our law director? Hearing none, may we move on to our service director.

Service Director Haba| **Haba:** No real report, I just had a call an hour and a half ago. The recycling on, I had none of the trash picked up on Forbes, I guess on the north side. We're talking back tonight, but I'm going to step out, give a call. See if the contractors get in the morning, move the stuff from the north side to the south side. So the roaster can pick it up first thing in the morning. If not, we'll do it, if not, we can't do it. But usually that's taken care of, (inaudible). I told them we would handle it some way. And maybe they can get an oversight over it, or maybe the contractors can do it. Most of the time the contractors are on a job like this, the contractors will do it, move stuff over, and back when it's empty. Hopefully they'll do it in the upcoming weeks. And that's all I have, I'll take any questions. **Warren:** Yeah, you know, I was going to call you before because we have an excessive amount of trash after the holiday. That's for some reason because I was just looking at the garbage cans and they're all overflowing. And I saw that waste management didn't pick up some. Because people use these supplemental devices because of the fact that they can't get it all in the garbage can because of their volume of trash. And waste management deal leaves them. **Haba:** (inaudible) stick to the rules, that they laid out. **Warren:** Right, we got to reinforce them, but sometimes it's just you just got way more trash than you expect, and it's nothing for them. It's not incumbent upon them to pick it up. But we'll have to let you know so that we can figure alternatives means. Because we can't have it sitting out there night after night because then it brings rotants. **Haba:** Yeah, here's the thing, you know, one time of year residents can take to a transfer station on their own. Show an ID that you're an Oakwood

resident, and they will take it free of charge. **Warren:** Okay. **Haba:** The other thing is you could purchase another can, I believe it's \$4... **Warren:** \$6, I think. **Hardin:** Piggy backing off of the statement made. I also noticed on the way here that they were on their way, as I stated when I called, but the truck is full. Are they going send another truck out? because it's full, you can tell it's full. **Haba:** Yeah, I don't know, they were just, I had to call the supervisor for another matter, you know, about half hour, 45 minutes after I got to talk to you from another resident. He was mistaken, he was on the road when he said they picked up the recycling zone. They checked the camera, they did, and he walked out there and it wasn't empty. The kid told them the wrong information, but whatever the case. They were just getting off Lynbrook at that time. So, it may have been done, I don't know. But like I said, they didn't get Forbes because they couldn't get over that lane. **Hardin:** But what happens if the truck is full? **Haba:** Well, it's too late at night, the guys were too much overtime, it was too late at night. They can't get to the transfer station because if that closes at some point, I don't even know what time it is right now. But then they would finish first thing in the morning. **Hardin:** Got it, okay. And I think we're going to, each one of us, on our next newsletter, we'll send out a reminder. Yeah, we should, you know. Residents are getting a little, you know, a little lax, and they're sitting bags and stuff out. **Haba:** Yeah, like you said, it's not all the residents fault. Because they did, waste management, trying to be nice, did for the last few years pick up extra stuff. **Warren:** They're nice enough to pick it up. It's supposed to be closed, but I had two bags that I stuffed on top and they went and picked it up. And a lot of the other residents, as long as it was in the can and if it didn't cause them to drop it on the floor. If you pack it right, they'll take it. If they don't have to get out of the truck. **Nikolic:** Any other questions for our service director? Hearing no further questions, may we hear from fire department?

Assistant Fire Chief Chris Manzo| **Manzo:** I'm Assistant Chief Chris Manzo, I'm here on behalf of Chief Tapp, who couldn't be here tonight. Nothing to report, I can take any questions if you have. **Nikolic:** One quick question, do you have any rough idea about how much if we put the existing fire truck on govdeals.com, how much we could get for it? **Manzo:** So we actually started that process with, there's two ways to go. Atlantic, who the new truck is being purchased from, gave us some good insight, GovDeals is an option. There's a company called Brinley Mountain, and I started that whole process this week. They have a meeting on Monday, a week from yesterday. And they're going to give us an idea of what that truck can be worth. We can recoup some value out of it. They will either one, purchase the truck straight from us, or two, list it for us. So, they would basically do like a gov deals and advertise the truck. They work across the country so if they know there's a volunteer company that the existing truck fits their needs, slower company, everyone comes from home. They will work their hardest to get the most out of that truck. So, that process is started. I can't give you a number, he will get back to me, a ballpark. **Nikolic:** No, that's fair. **Haba:** I think we've worked with those at GovDeals too. I mean that company, the guys can set a minimum. Whatever they give, say they'll give \$15,000, then they can go to Gov Deals, set the minimum at \$15,000 and you might get \$19,000 or \$22,000. Whatever the case, so it's a good idea they're going for a second source of that. **Manzo:** GovDeals is an option, the way it was explained to me through the rep at Brinley was, because of the demand right now. They've been having really good high-value numbers come out of some of the used trucks because of their demand. **Warren:** The question I have is that when they give you those numbers it's all speculative. Because now it's going to take us a year almost to get our truck so that truck's going to be another year or a year older. Would that have a significant

impact or maybe you can ask them that. Would that have significant impact on the value of the truck? **Manzo:** So it's a good question, we're not the only ones going through it. So, this brand specializes in this and they understand that it's two to three year bill based on manufacturer. So, that number they give you is based on delivery of that truck. Another option is if they get a high value or someone who's like, I want the truck, I want to truck, they can up that value. We come off the truck a little bit earlier and maybe go down to the spare. That's something we got to look at down the road. But it's... I don't want to say it's a luck thing, but it really is a supply and demand. If someone really wants it, and willing to paid top dollars, they'll do it. **Warren:** We just stopped because of the fact that we couldn't get rid of it. Because of the the fact our first priority is safety. And so we can't compromise that with the deal or the money. But give us an idea and we'll see what we... I appreciate it, if you could get it to the Council Clerk and then she can send us an email if that's okay. **Manzo:** Yeah, will do. **Nikolic:** So the other thought is, is there a possibility to get a letter of commitment? So we could incorporate that dollar amount into financing. Meaning we only finance the amount minus what we could get a Letter of Commitment for? **Manzo:** Yes, I will find that out. My understanding is there's no pre-payment penalty on that financing, depending on how we go through. So even if that money came in and it went towards the principal. I'll get all of those exactly figured out from that. **Nikolic:** Any further questions for fire? Hearing none, may we hear from our Police Captain?

Police Captain Freeman| **Freeman:** Okay, first of all, we're going to talk about 4th of July weekend week. It was actually a pretty slow week. From June 29th until last night, we've only had eight fireworks calls. And only one of them was really outside of the time that you can let fireworks off. One was around 11:30pm at night, so you can only do them from 4pm to 10pm. We had about eight calls and most of them were actually people just didn't know that you can write off fireworks until 11 o'clock at night on the 4th of July and the day before. So we took care of that, we advised them, hey, it's 11 o'clock, you got to shut it down with the fireworks. And most people complied, we did have to come back one time and let the guy know you can't let them off in the street. You have to do them in your yard and that was handled. We had a couple of OVIs this weekend, a road rage incident, a guy was on his motorcycle. Got mad that some guy jumped off and broke his window. So we're investigating that right now. But other than that, that was it. **Nikolic:** Any other questions or comments for our police captain?

**Freeman:** I got one more thing, just to tell you guys, we do have a lot of training coming up. We also have this big training coming out in September. It's about our missing persons unit and all the missing persons unit from around the area will be coming to Oakwood. But right now, if you guys haven't been on our Facebook, I'm going to pass them out to you. We have a missing juvenile, she's 15 years old, she stays over in the Arbutus area by the church. She's been missing since the 7th of July. Now, we have been in contact with her, she just don't want to be found. So she's talked to the officers, yeah, I'm okay, don't worry about me. She's talked her mom, I am fine, I just ain't coming home. She's still missing, we're going to keep her in the computer as a missing juvenile. Just in case something goes wrong, we still want to make sure that she's going to come home. So I'm going to pass out some flyers, and then we'll go from there. But it is on our Facebook if you want to take a look at it. Any questions for me? **Scruggs:** I got a lot of Facebook friends that posted her picture missing, missing, help us find, help us find. When you see those and then you have the actual report from you saying that she's okay. Is it okay for us to say to them she's okay, or do we just leave them alone? **Freeman:** That's why we didn't put nothing on there. Because I want people to still be looking for her. I mean if I say yeah she talked

to us last night ,she's okay. Then people would stop looking for her. So, I kind of wanted to keep it out there like we still want her to come home. She blocked the officers now, we can't even get in contact with her. So she's you know she's trying to stay away for a little bit. But I didn't want to update it like that just (inaudible). **Nikolic:** Any further questions or comments for our captain? If not, may we hear from our building director?

Building Director Marinucci| **Marinucci:** I have no report and I'm just here for questions.

**Matlock:** The individual on Tryon Rd... **Marinucci:** With all of the trash in the back? **Matlock:** Have you sent out some type of notice? **Marinucci:** Yes, the letters out, we gave them, we typically give them like 10 days, 2 weeks. **Matlock:** Okay. **Warren:** May I make a request that going forward, if there's no imposition. That when you have sent a letter as it relates to any of the five ward representatives. That you copy the council clerk so that she can provide that ward person. Because if the residents complain they say well the letter went out and this is a copy of it. So if you can copy the clerk so she can forward it. **Nikolic:** Any other questions for our building director? Hearing none, moving on to agenda item number seven, ward reports.

#### *Ward Report*

**Councilperson Scruggs:** No report.

**Councilperson Hardin:** No report.

**Councilwoman Matlock:** No report.

**Councilwoman Davis:** No report.

**Councilwoman Williams:** No report.

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

#### *Committee Report*

##### ***Fine Arts Committee***

**Councilwoman Scruggs:** We do not have any reports from the Fine Arts Committee, but there have been events that have already started for the year. Our summer camp is just about over, and then we also have the actual Michael Jackson show that's going to be coming up. So, a lot of people are excited about that. And I believe the... What is it, the murder mystery event took place. So, there have been some fun events so far for the youth as well as for the adults. And our goal is to try to, once we are securing what our budgeting is. Make sure that the residents are aware of all of the events that are going to take place for that fall. So, once council comes back from recess, we are in works to try and make sure the residents have way more communication of knowing what's going on. Not just hearing it at the council meeting or just getting a flyer on your door. So, we are actually in worse to make sure that that is happening.

##### ***Health Care/ HR Committee***

**Councilwoman Hardin:** No report.

### *Utilities*

**Councilwoman Matlock:** No report.

### *Environmental Committee*

**Councilwoman Nikolic:** Hi, good evening, environmental, this week, the environmental committee will begin drafting the climate action plan for the village. We're meeting with Power Clean Ohio to begin the draft. That will include a fleet analysis of our village to see which vehicles would potentially be best to electrify going forward. Also a letter is going out to the EPA in regards to environmental testing in the Wright Avenue and Free Avenue area. This is in regards a legislation that's currently on the books that we're waiting to discuss. But this letter is going out to see if we can get the EPA to do any preliminary testing in that area as regards to soil, air, and water. If there's any type of contamination we should be concerned about. So, we'll start with this letter to the EPA. And once we hear back from them whether or not they can do any type of free testing. Then we will move on to the legislation, which is with the consultant that is a little bit more costly. So, we'll start with this letter to the EPA and then once that's addressed, we can then look at legislation in the report.

### *Economic Development/Grants Committee*

**Councilman Warren:** No report.

### *Safety Service Committee*

**Councilwoman Davis:** No report.

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

**Councilwoman Williams:** I am the Finance Committee Chair. We're currently working through three different audits. So we're in our regular audit, which takes place every other year and covers a two-year period. We are working through a fraud investigations, where they look into specific actions. And we are working to a special forensic audit investigation, where they take a deeper look into our finances about specific line items and expenses. We recently amended the budget for the village and we'll pass that soon. And we meet every Monday at 5.30 p.m. and they're open to the public, that is all for the Finance Committee.

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

### *Open Floor Comments*

Jessica Felix, Richmond Rd| **Felix:** Hello everyone, I'm Jessica Felix, and I am not sure which ward, ward one. I just had a question, so, uh and it might be with what you were talking about with the EPA. What testing were you talking about? **Nikolic:** So, with the EPA, we're going to, right now, here you can read the letter, you can pass the letter around for everyone to see. But it's initial testing of soil, water, and air in the village to see if there's any connection between industrial activity and illnesses that have been in the area. So it's just initial testing. **Felix:** Is that

because of the water? Because the pipes are being replaced, the ones that have they found lead in down the street? **Nikolic:** No, that's not, no, this is specifically to the Free, Wright area. **Felix:** Okay. **Nikolic:** Ward Council one, are there pipes in your area? **Haba:** I think what they're doing right now is, Sewer & Water Department is paying a company to replace the lines. **Felix:** Well, yeah, just the people that were out there working said that like they were replacing it if they found lead in it. So, like what testing should we do to make sure we weren't getting like lead poisoning? **Nikolic:** Okay, Tommy, you said that they're replacing the pipes? **Haba:** Yeah, the Cleveland Water Department has advertised this for the last couple of years. They were start all around the area in Northeast Ohio, replacing lines. So I didn't know they were testing it as they were doing it. But that's what I believe they're doing, is replacing the water lines. **Warren:** Part of that, or what they're doing is, they identify, especially the areas that have galvanized lines. Because those are the ones that are more susceptible to lead or anything like that. But and then they replace them with copper. They've been doing that all over the country. But more specifically, in Cuyahoga County, it's been done throughout the counties to replace the galvanize lines with copper. **Felix:** Yeah, well it's just like, we've been here a year now. We've been using those pipes so like like or is there anything being sent... **Warren:** Well, they do randomly test them anyway for harm. So if there was something that they found on a lead hazard that exceeded the norm, then they would notify that community. And then we could notify the residents. But I think this is more proactive than reactive. **Felix:** Okay, alright. **Nikolic:** Tommy, is there communication with the village with this process? **Haba:** No, there has not been, the day you started it, yesterday. A week before that, they were working on the valves. That's where they tore up the little six by six foot areas all along Richmond. They we're placing the valves, when they do that, then we have to, it's just the way it is, we got to pay to fix it. But what they're doing right now, they are doing that whole lead replacing. They have to repair the rope, because they cut through it quite a bit today. They have to replace the new part. But there's been no correspondence to it being a valuable check. In fact, I was surprised the company that was out there. Because usually Terrace Construction has been doing the work for Cleveland Water Department. But this was a different company doing the works, so they must have subcontracted this company. **Nikolic:** Okay, could you get a contact from them and then find out what the lead testing is. And get the correspondence to council so we know what's going on in terms of the lead testing. Did they say they tested it and there was lead there? **Mr. Felix:** They were, they were humping out, like in the yard where it's got that connector to the water. They were pumping water out of it. And when he left, he said they had found that they found lead in the (inaudible). He couldn't give me a time frame, he just said there was lead present. So he was going to replace the box in the ground. **Warren:** Does your house sit back? **Mr. Felix:** Yeah, it's a couple hundred feet from the road. **Warren:** Well, yeah, that's what happens is they put that box in as a supplement. Usually they'll do a direct line. But if your house is sits back more than 90 feet, then they have to put that boxing in. And I don't know if it's to help the pressure. That's what you're saying, because you live in one of the older homes. Because it's on Richmond Road and at that time they did use lead piping and things like that. So they strategically replaced those pipes. **Nikolic:** So, if you could give your information to the clerk. Once we have communication from our service director, we'll follow up with you. **Felix:** Okay. The floor is still open for comment. (Unknown resident, unknown address| Unknown resident: I just want to know if the village of Oakwood offers branch chipping? **Haba:** No, we don't, what you can do if you take it down. You can get one of our trucks on a Friday. We do that every Friday, our dump trucks, and if you have range control on it, the truck will (inaudible). Right now, we always have a place to

(inaudible), but right now we do the last 10 years we do, but that could end. But right now, no problem, if you put it on the truck. **Warren:** So, make your reservation for this Friday coming up. **Nikolic:** Do you know the process for reserving the truck? **Unknown Resident:** No, I know that there's like rentals available. **Haba:** You just go to Village Hall, there's no charge for one time. Just go to Village Hall, sign it out and a release form. We'll drop it off there on a Friday, somewhere around three o'clock. And you have to be able to pick it up Monday morning, seven/eight o'clock in the morning. **Unknown resident:** Okay, thank you very much. **Nikolic:** Any other questions or comments from the floor? The floor is still open...

Bernice Butler, Lynbrook drive| **Butler:** My question is, they built a new walking trail that goes back where the trash is dumped. Has that been certified safe for us to walk in? **Haba:** It's open, Glenwillow opened it, it says it's not for motorized vehicles or (inaudible). **Butler:** But has it been certified by whom? **Haba:** I'm sure it's certified... **Butler:** No, no, no, trash has been dumped back there for years. **Haba:** Yeah, well, I can get back there, but I don't think you are even that close to that, are you? **Butler:** But there are a lot of seniors over there and we walk those trails. And so I want to know before I get on the trail that it's safe to walk back there. They've been dumping trash back there for years. That dump is continually climbing so could you get it certified. **Haba:** Well I couldn't, it's the City of Glenwillow. But I will check with them if you wish. **Butler:** And give us a message that it's safe to walk there. **Nikolic:** And your concern is in terms of like maybe noxious gasses or something that may be coming off of the landfill? **Butler:** Something in the ground itself, so, the trail is beautiful. But would any of you walk right there knowing that they've been dumping trash back there all those years? I think safety for all of us is very important. **Nikolic:** I agree, we will definitely follow up, thank you. **Nikolic:** Any further comments? Hearing no further questions or comments from the floor. The floor is now closed. Moving on to agenda item number 10, legislation Law director.

### *Legislation*

<b>2023-55</b> Introduced 12-22-23 By Mayor and Council as a whole 1 <sup>st</sup> read 12-22-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> read 1-9-24 <b>Tabled 1-23-24</b> **remains tabled	<b>AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROSS CIRINCIONE AND JOHN MONTELLO TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR/PROSECUTOR WITH THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD</b>
<b>2024-39</b> Introduced 7-9-24 By Mayor and Council as a whole 1 <sup>st</sup> read 7-9-24	<b>A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF J.C. BLADE</b>

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-39 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock  
**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-39 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

<b>2024-40</b>	<b>A RESOLUTION FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD POLICE AND FIRE</b>
Introduced 7-9-24	<b>DEPARTMENT SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED TO RESPONDING TO THE</b>
By Mayor and	<b>COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY</b>
Council as a whole	
1 <sup>st</sup> read 7-9-24	

Motion to add Exhibit A to 2024-40 made by Hill seconded by Hardin

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-40 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-40 made by Hardin seconded by Warren

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

<b>2024-41</b>	<b>A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE VILLAGE OF</b>
Introduced 7-9-24	<b>OAKWOOD, OHIO TO DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AS HAVING</b>
By Mayor and	<b>BECOME OBSOLETE, UNNECESSARY OR UNFIT FOR VILLAGE USE</b>
Council as a whole	<b>THROUGH INTERNET AUCTIONS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> read 7-9-24	<b>AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY</b>

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-41 made by Matlock seconded by Scruggs

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

Motion to adopt legislation 2024-41 made by Hardin seconded by Matlock

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**

<b>2024-42</b>	<b>AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 706 "RECREATIONAL</b>
Introduced 7-9-24	<b>MARIJUANA" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF</b>
By Mayor and	<b>OAKWOOD CONCERNING THE SALE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA</b>
Council as a whole	<b>AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> read 7-9-24	

Motion to suspend rules for 2024-42 made by Hardin seconded by Scruggs

**YES VOTE:** Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Hill  
**MOTION PASSED**



Motion to adopt legislation 2024-42 made by Hardin seconded by Scruggs

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**Nikolic:** Any further questions or comments from council? Our finance director is here. Were there any questions or comments for our finance director? **Warren:** Wasn't it about some attachments to the legislation that we were expecting? **Nikolic:** Oh, right. Finance director, we did, we looked at the legislation for the fire truck apparatus. And we received one quote for financing from Chief Tapp. But we were curious if we could receive two more quotes of financing from two additional financing institutions for the analysis of the fire truck. **Thompson:** Okay. **Nikolic:** And also, I'm not sure if this would be you, but I'm assuming yes. But the contracts with other municipalities, such as Glenwillow, all of the other municipalities that we service. We'd like to review the contracts in order to see where their fees are. So, we can establish whether or not we will be increasing fees based on the purpose of the new fire truck. Was there anything else? **Matlock:** Do you know what was the interest rate for the last fire truck that we had? Because these are pretty low, you presented us with less than 4%. **Thompson:** Yeah, and it had to be, I think it's probably in the five to seven percent range, it's been some time since they bought it. **Matlock:** Because we were just looking at the interest rates that you have right now with this Freedom Company. And they look, they are pretty low, like 3.4%, 3.7%. **Thompson:** They were very competitive as I discussed with the fire department. This company is like really familiar with financing those fire trucks. So, that gave it a competitive edge as well to oppose the quote. But I'll get two more. **Nikolic:** Just two more, just for process purposes. **Matlock:** Okay, can we get that as soon as possible? Because I think what you said in September, those trucks start growing up, correct? **Manzo:** In three weeks, they were slated for July 1st, they extended it to July 19th. **Matlock:** So, we need to add as soon as possible to make decisions. **Warren:** As soon as you find out, I would just ask, as soon as you find, let us know because then we have to make arrangements to have a special meeting. **Hill:** Have you followed up on everything so that we need the debt schedule? We need to know how much debt this is going to add to our current debt. And then we will need to talk to bond counsel about what that debt looks like for our village side. So making sure all those things happen very quickly. **Thompson:** Okay. **Nikolic:** And I just spoke to Assistant Chief about the potential of whether or not if we got a letter of commitment from someone who was going to purchase the existing truck. If that amount could be reduced from the financing. **Thompson:** Yeah, he mentioned that briefly, Chief Tapp. They felt that they may be able to sell the vehicle better, to trade it in to get it better. **Manzo:** They won't accept trade-ins, but they will sell the truck and get the truck sold for us. **Nikolic:** But regarding financing, so when you go to finance the amount, if you had a letter of commitment for a certain amount, would you reduce the financing by that amount? Or would you just for the total amount and then just pay it off on the back end? **Manzo:** The total amount. **Nikolic:** And then once it's sold... **Manzo:** Pay it off in the back end. **Warren:** So we're specific, just for the record, we're specific in the fact that we will pay off whatever the balance, whatever we get from the older truck towards the new truck and not put it in a general fund. **Manzo:** Correct.

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

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Enter executive Session at 7:44P.M

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

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Exited executive Session at 7:30P.M

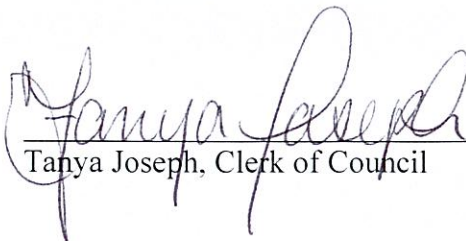
Motion to adjourn made by Warren seconded by Hardin

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

**MOTION PASSED**

Adjourned at 9:01p.m.

Approved 9.23.25

  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

  
Johnnie Warren, President of Council