

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2025-2-11**

ATTENDANCE

Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Matt Jones, Village Engineer
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1	Tom Haba, Service Director
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	Carlean Perez, Recreation Director
Mary Davis, Ward 4	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Candace Hill, Ward 5	James Climer, Law Director
	Mark Garratt, Police Department
	Dave Tapp, Fire Department
	Brian Thompson, Finance Director

ABSENT

Erica Nikolic, President	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
Johnnie Warren, President Pro Tem	
Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	
Sam O'Leary, Assistant Law Director	

** Arrived after roll call*

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

Hardin: Thank you. Do you want to do all of the minutes, or do you want to go do them one at a time? Has everyone had an opportunity to review the minutes from January 7th or January 9th, January 14th and 22nd? It's a question. Do you want it to remain? **Hill:** I'm good. **Hardin:** Okay, can we do all of them? **Climer:** Think you need to vote one at a time. **Hardin:** That's fine.

Motion to accept minutes from January 7th, 2025, special meeting made by Davis seconded by Hill

YES VOTE: Hardin, Scruggs, Matlock

ABSTAIN: Davis, Hill

MOTION FAILED

Motion to accept minutes from January 9th, 2025, special meeting made by Scruggs seconded by Matlock

YES VOTE: Hardin, Scruggs, Matlock, Davis

ABSTAIN: Hill

MOTION PASSED

Motion to accept minutes from January 14th, 2025, council meeting made by Matlock seconded by Scruggs

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

MOTION PASSED

Motion to accept minutes from January 22nd, 2025, special meeting made by Scruggs seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

Hill: I can't remember if I was here. This is the 22nd? You sure I was here? **Joseph:** Yeah, go back to the minutes. **Climer:** Something tells me you weren't Candace, but I'm not sure. **Hill:** Okay, yes, I need to abstain from the seventh and the ninth, I was not here. **Hardin:** It doesn't change the status of the minutes. Is that correct? Of the results. Is that correct? **Climer:** Right, she just corrected her vote. **Hardin:** For the 7th and the 9th? **Climer:** We've got four in favor. **Hardin:** Okay, just for the record.

Hardin: Do we have any correspondence from the clerk? **Joseph:** Not at the moment. **Hardin:** Departmental reports. Mayor, do you want us to make you first or last? **Gottschalk:** No, I'll go first. **Hardin:** Okay, Mayor Gottschalk.

Mayor, Gottschalk | **Gottschalk:** Thank you. Without the chairman of the Economic Development Committee here, we'll just leave languishing the address until legislation, until the next meeting. Regarding the Broadway reconstruction, it's split in two phases from Richmond Road on Broadway to Pettibone, and the second phase would be from Pettibone to Tryon. And we have some very good news regarding this, both Matt Jones and Brian Thompson will give you the good news. **Thompson:** Just to start off in reviewing with the Engineer, it looks like the Village of Oakwood may not have any costs that we have to expend for the construction of Broadway. Just to review a couple variables as it relates to some of the bids coming in lower than usual. There may be some change orders, some change orders came into play. That can be a 50-50 split between the Village and the County, it is highly unlikely. And Matt can elaborate more about the situation. But we're looking like we would not have to come out of pocket on the construction cost for Broadway, thank you. Matt... **Jones:** Yes, and I did briefly talk about this during the work session as well. But yes, as we noted, it's looking like the number is zero for construction. Yeah, there will still be some money for Engineering, but again, it's very minor from us. **Hardin:** Law Director. **Climer:** Thank you. **Gottschalk:** And one more thing, but since again we only have two members here, it's an expansion of another major company in Oakwood Village. We'll hold off until we have a full house. So, that concludes my report. **Hill:** I just want to make a note of January 14th, 2025 it says special meeting, but that was a regular Council meeting. I was present, but it was not a special meeting. I was a little thrown off by that. **Hardin:** Okay, your vote is the same, but you want it noted? **Hill:** I don't want to abstain. But I also want to note for the record because it says special meeting; it was a regular Council meeting. **Hardin:** Thank you, Law Director.

Law Director, Climer | **Climer:** Thank you, madam president. In the last week or ten days, we have had an absolute slew of interest in purchasing various land bank lots around the village, which is a good thing for the village. Matt can attest I snowed him under requests to advise whether we have any municipal improvements on those lots or whether there is any reason not to

sell them. Thus far, there are no objections from the Engineering Department for that. There are a mix of lots that are buildable under our code and lots that are not. I would suggest that for those that are buildable, we obtain appraisals and sell them at the market rate. For those that are not, I would suggest that we go through our land bank protocol, which I think is to pay \$1,000 on all transaction costs and agree to consolidate it with our adjoining properties and continue to use it residentially and not split it in the future. We are in a position to begin unloading some of those. We are also taking a look at whether there is a means for us to go through and systematically identify lots, assess interest in them and get them off of our books. We are at this point generally refusing land bank lots that the county wants to send our way unless there is a good reason to take one, if it's developable or if it can be used for a municipal purpose. So that's where we are. I would anticipate that we will have some legislation coming up on these slots in the next 30 to 45 days and we'll go from there. That said, I'm happy to answer any questions. **Hill:** Are you able to share a list of parcel numbers so we know whose ward they're in? **Climmer:** Absolutely. **Hardin:** You said an onslaught of approximately how many? **Climmer:** I think right now about ten within the last ten days. **Jones:** Yeah, I would say a dozen or so. **Climmer:** Which is rather unusual. I'm not sure what's going on out there, but I used to get maybe one every six months or so. **Davis:** This is different, but can you explain work session five about the ordinance for the charter, they're starting or do we have a schedule then? I'm not seeing that yet. **Climmer:** The first meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night. **Davis:** Tomorrow night, And then? **Climmer:** And if we could actually move this to the regular agenda. **Davis:** We did. But we don't have any...Is that what we just got? Ms. Joseph? **Joseph:** No, that was wrong. **Davis:** Because I don't have...Do we have it in here? **Scruggs:** What are you looking for? **Davis:** I didn't see the actual legislation where this says how much compensation. I just had...the actual ordinances today, I didn't see it. Is it in our packet? Okay, I'm just curious. And then we have everybody's schedule and everything is ready for that? **Climmer:** The first meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. **Davis:** And who is the secretary, may I ask? Or do we find out...[inaudible]? **Hardin:** [inaudible] At the first meeting, I think. **Davis:** They'll do it? Okay. **Gottschalk:** Mr. Law Director, how many are commercial, how many residential? **Climmer:** I'm sorry? **Gottschalk:** How many commercial, how many residential? **Climmer:** Of these lots? **Gottschalk:** Yeah. **Climmer:** They're all residential, they're all in R-1, which is single family residential. **Hardin:** These are single requests, or did you get one person? **Climmer:** When one person is looking at, I think five lots and the others are single lots. Well no, one other lady wants two lots and then the remainder one or two other people. **Davis:** Do we send letters in to both the residents? If a lot is in the middle then, do we send the both residents a letter or how do they know about these two if they want to purchase? **Climmer:** The one person owns a lot right in the middle of two of the lots. That would that would be the obvious way to go there. The person is looking at five lots as four adjoining the lots that are vacant that he'd like to consolidate and build on, plus another one that meets the zoning requirements and then one that doesn't. So, he may be seeking a variance on that. **Davis:** Okay. So, these are already purchased then, or, they're guaranteed to whoever...The buyers are already [inaudible] or? **Climmer:** Nothing is guaranteed until it's signed and closed. But yes, these people have come forward and expressed

interest rather than us seeking them out. **Davis:** Okay. And so, you're going to let us know where, because I have that empty lot on Hickory Road and I don't know if that's one of those land banks or not. You don't know? **Climer:** None of these are on Hickory. **Davis:** None of these are on Hickory, okay. But you're going to let us know where these are at? **Climer:** Absolutely. What happens is ultimately, there is legislation that is brought the Council to refer the matter to the Planning Commission. Planning Commission reviews it, gives it a thumbs up or thumbs down, and then it comes back to Council, and Council decides what it wants to do. So, I will propose contracts and ordinances in front of Council in advance of the meetings. You'll have plenty of opportunity to check in. **Davis:** Okay, great. Thank you. **Hardin:** Any other questions of the Law Director? Finance...

Finance Director, Thompson | **Thompson:** Thank you madam Chairman. Just to recap, we did distribute all the hardcopy reports from year end and how the village ended in the year 2024. Just to recap from the past report, we started in our general fund about \$330,000. We ended about \$678,000, unexpended balance. When you take into account the encumbrances there at year end. We ended up after encumbrances at \$657,000 in the general fund. So, it increased approximately after encumbrances to about \$327,000 overall for all funds. We ended the year at \$1,394,000 and started the year for all \$1,037, ___ (remaining numbers inaudible). So hopefully taking this into account we can move forward. We can go through and detail everything that happened in the year. Finance is working on closing off January at this point. And of course, we put in that quarter budget, which is based on 2023 numbers, and we should have that January report for you by the next meeting here for Council. Thank you, Madam Chairman, that's all I have.

Entertaining questions. **Hardin:** If in fact we did the budget based on 2023 numbers, now that we have this, are you expecting us to review it and make any changes? **Thompson:** We can review. These are the numbers where we ended, which will be a good basis for taking some projections into 2025, considering just matters that we may discuss in our upcoming Finance Committee meetings. **Hardin:** Just for the record, and you don't have to respond, here recall I asked you for some calculations. Do you recall? **Thompson:** Yeah, we're getting those compiled and I'm working in unison with the directors. I know what you needed, which is a large portion of projected payroll. So, we put those in play with the percentages you gave. **Hardin:** Do you plan to have a special finance meeting any time soon? **Thompson:** I can collaborate with Mrs. Hill and then we can get a date out that we can get together and look at all those variables.

Hardin: That's the objective. **Hill:** All right. I'll send it out today, we're planning for March 3rd and 31st. **Hardin:** Thank you. That statement just came from the chair of finance. And would you repeat that, Madam Chair? **Hill:** March 3rd and March 31st at 5 pm. **Hardin:** For general public, those are the dates for the finance meeting, critical. **Matlock:** During that finance meeting, are we going to be taking care of the budgets of the Fire Department and the Service Department? **Hill:** You mean finishing them? **Matlock:** We need to finish and finalize. **Hill:** I haven't set the agenda if that's what you're asking. **Matlock:** Any way we can move that before March 3rd? **Thompson:** I think we went through a large portion. **Hill:** March 3rd is two weeks from today. **Matlock:** I know, I want to move it up. I want to get those off the table. I would like

to get them off the table. **Hardin:** So, you're asking for a special finance meeting, is that what I'm hearing? **Matlock:** We want to get a special meeting where we can finalize wages with Tapp, the Fire Department. And we also need a special meeting; it could be right after with the Service Department we could deal with that. **Hill:** Can you all be here before the February 25th Council meeting? **Hill:** We're more than halfway through both their budgets; I don't see a need to put aside an entire meeting. Because everyone has those, right? And has finished reviewing them? We should just be coming with questions. 5pm? **Tapp:** Sure. **Hill:** Okay. **Hardin:** Madam clerk, did you get that? **Joseph:** Before February 25th? I don't know the exact date. **Hill:** February 25th. **Hardin:** Thank you. 5 o'clock. **Hill:** Before the work session, basically. **Joseph:** Okay. **Hardin:** Thank you, Madam Chair. **Hill:** Thank you. **Hardin:** Okay. Brian, does that complete your report? **Thompson:** Yes. **Hardin:** Thank you. Any other questions of the finance director? **Hill:** I do. And I missed the last meeting, so maybe I missed them, but I know we have year-end numbers. Did we get October and November's numbers separated? **Thompson:** Yes. **Hill:** I didn't get them. **Davis:** Now... **Hill:** I'm sorry, one more question. So, did you do December by yourself or just across the entire year? Because I don't see these broken out for December. **Thompson:** Each month has broken out by itself. December is also the last month to date, and for that month is also the year end. **Hill:** Can you just get us December? Because even in the payment line report...Okay, wait, hold on. So, we just need the statement of cash for just December. You got them on one, you got it from the beginning of the year all the way through the end. If you could just give us the month of December. **Thompson:** Okay. **Davis:** May I ask a question? Mr. Thompson, What we received last meeting is the cash thing for up to October. Well, this was until October 31st. I don't remember seeing anything for November. **Thompson:** Yeah, we distributed... **Davis:** We did have November too? Okay. **Joseph:** I gave you guys both packets. **Davis:** I only have until the end of October, so...Okay, I will look again. **Hardin:** Any other questions? If not, we'd like to hear from Tom Haba, service.

Service Director Haba| **Haba:** Thank you, Madam Chair, I have no report tonight. I'll be happy to take any questions. **Davis:** We thank you for taking care of our roads. **Hardin:** We heard from the Engineer, anything else you want to add? **Jones:** I have nothing additional other than what we already discussed, I'm open to questions. **Hardin:** Okay, Fire Chief Tapp.

Fire Chief, Tapp| **Tapp:** Thank you, Madam Chair. This past week prior, Brian was able to partner with Red Cross, so we'll be able to provide smoke detectors to all seniors. The stipulation is you have to be over 55, you have to live in the village, we have to install them because they want to keep track of them since they're their smoke detectors. So, anyone who needs a smoke detector has to call the Fire Department to set up a time, but we will come out and install them and that's free of charge. We're still offering CO detectors at a \$10 rate [inaudible] to pay for, but that's a discounted rate for sale and we will install those as well. **Hardin:** Okay. How will we get that message out cheaply? Do you want to... **Tapp:** It could be put on the website if you want to, or a newsletter that went out, possibly. **Davis:** And also on the billboard, can we still get the billboard upfront to have that on please? I don't know who does it now. **Scruggs:** Could you

repeat the age again? **Tapp:** They have to be over 55 years old. We have some that year that we purchased that we can give to our residents that are in need of them, but we just can't use the Red Cross ones then, because there are stipulations for Red Cross for their smoke detectors. But anybody that needs one, we will provide one. I'm here for questions. **Hardin:** Thank you, Chief. The next person would be the Building Department. And Mayor? **Gottschalk:** Yeah? **Hardin:** I got a call just before I left that Mr. Cole still has not received what he needs for the permit. So would you make sure you get... **Gottschalk:** This is on Hyannis? **Hardin:** Yes. **Gottschalk:** All right, I'll have it taken care of. **Hardin:** Thank you. Police Chief Garratt? **Hill:** I'm sorry, since the Building Department isn't here, and Councilman Warren is not here, the SAFEbuilt will be coming in next Tuesday, February 18th, and meeting with Councilman Warren to get the Building Department transitioned. **Davis:** At 8:30 in the morning. **Hill:** So, we should have more of a plan by the next time we meet. **Hardin:** In the meantime, Mayor, someone is staffing it during the day hours, is that correct? **Gottschalk:** Say that again? **Hardin:** Someone, in the meantime, until the 18th. **Gottschalk:** Yeah, there's somebody answering the phone, eight hours. **Hardin:** All right, Thank you, Chief Garratt.

Police Chief, Garratt| **Garratt:** Thank you, Madam Chair. The safety forces, fire and police, want to update our Code Red. If you remember, we had Code Red in the past. Code Red is a free community notification system available for residents and will send you alerts concerning time sensitive or emergency information that could be missing children, could be evacuation plans, anything that occurs like that. And I know we've used it in the past, but the system has changed, and quite frankly, with all the social media and everything is outdated. They can be notified by phone, text messages, emails and social media. I'm going to pass out some of the information, but just so you know that they can come to our website and there's a link, they can fill out the information or if they want to call up here, we can enter them in, however it's easiest for everybody. And what's nice about it is, say when we had the I. Schumann notification when we had the possibility of doing evacuations or just to notify people to stay out of the area, we can put it in different areas of Oakwood like the water [inaudible] trying to remember the last thing we had. This gives us a lot of leeway. It gets community involved so they can be notified what's going on. If we're chasing somebody on foot or something else, we'd like to notify people that we're going through their backyards and what's going on and keep an eye out and all that kind of stuff. So, I'm going to pass out information. If you could maybe include it in your fliers, if you guys put out, or any other information that would help. Again, we can help them out if they're not savvy with the computer, they can call up here and we can enter their information in for any of the residents. And if anybody has any questions, they can call up here at any time. And this will be used for the fire, police and for service too if they have a water main break, road closures, whatever the case may be, so that we can help find those residents. After the water main break that we had over on Tryon, our system was not working up to par because of the outdated software and the outdated contact information. **Gottschalk:** We had one on Glenshire, too. **Garratt:** That's what I've been trying to mention. So that's all I had for my report. **Hardin:** Anybody else have questions of the Chief? Chief and Mayor, where are we with the disaster

recovery program here? Do we have an official disaster recovery plan? **Garratt:** We do. **Tapp:** It's been updated about two years ago and it's ready certified. But it's redone every 3 to 5 years, but it's updated every year. the County gets a copy of that every year. **Hardin:** Okay. That's something we'd like to also notify the general public because the question was asked if we had one and if it was updated. **Garratt:** The county goes through and does the ready certify. That way if we have a disaster here then we could pull help from everywhere else and vice versa. So, like Chief says, every year it's all to the people on top of that. **Hardin:** There was some concern, and I don't deal in rumors, but as a part of that program, are we using the community center to house individuals at any point in time? **Tapp:** The Community center was listed as one of the places. So was Mount Zion Church, the bowling alley. **Gottschalk:** There was Mount Zion, there was a hotel and then there was a community center. **Garratt:** And the bowling alley. **Tapp:** And we listed about five different places that people could go if something came up that they'd be taken care of. **Hardin:** And it would be taken care of, whatever's needed? All right, thank you. Any other questions? **Hill:** Let me just ask this question to our Council clerk. Is there a way to post both of these documents on our website? **Joseph:** Yes. **Hill:** Okay. **Hardin:** All right, the next person would be Ms. Perez for recreation.

Rec Director Perez| **Perez:** Thank you. So, Recreation and the [inaudible] has been pretty busy. Ms. Scruggs, well, I guess you'll all get out some flyers in the mail. So, our first event coming up is actually the bowling event on March 1st. We only have five sign-ups, no kids, just adults at this present moment. I know the cut off is not until the 21st, I think. But we only have five adults that have signed up for that event. At the community center right now, we have on February 20th, that would be the [inaudible]. February 24th, the community computer classroom will start. CPR has given us a date, so I will make sure that I talk with everyone tomorrow to find out who wants to sign up. You can take 10 people at a time, so they've given us a date for that. Bingo starts on the 27th. Line dancing is the first Monday of every month. Last Monday we had no power in the building, so we started it this Monday. But it'll be Zumba on the first Monday of every month. **Davis:** What time is the line dancing? **Perez:** Line dancing, it would be 11 o'clock on Monday. **Davis:** Is that before your actual exercise class? **Perez:** After the exercise, and speaking of line dancing, I did get in touch with Trudy that used to teach Zumba. She said that she's willing to come back at night to teach again. Her Zumba license has expired, but she will be able to teach another type of line dancing. Ms. Matlock gave me someone's name for ballroom dancing. I did reach out to him, he has not responded back yet. So, Ms. Matlock is also going to reach out to him also, but I will call him again. But we are looking for someone to teach ballroom dancing. **Scruggs:** I'm going to share a flyer with you too. **Perez:** Thank you, and I'm doing something with the residents, with the seniors. She had some puzzles out on the table, you may have seen them when you left the Superbowl. I borrowed a big puzzle then, it was an I Love Lucy puzzle. It was finished and I gave the person that finished the puzzle \$10. So, I'm giving them gifts to just come. If they can finish the puzzle, then they'll get a gift from me, just to give them something to do until the roundtable comes in. And that's what's going on at the community center right now. Reparations Commission has a meeting again next week. They did ask me, and I wanted to bring

this forward to you guys as Council, they did ask me about going to Chautauqua for one day. So, I did reach out to Chautauqua, they want to charge us \$150 a person to go to Chautauqua and [inaudible] whatever that's voted. So, I reached out to them myself personally. I reached out to our charter company, and I also reached out to [inaudible] Restaurant. I've stayed there, [inaudible], Museum hotel, well, they're there, and also to take you to dinner and everything that I can do. This is probably, as I work on this, probably as low as \$35 a person. So just to let you guys know, it's something that I'm working on and if this is something that you really want to do. I'll be meeting with Peninsula for the murder mystery, they have a murder mystery this time instead of going to different wine countries. Last week, I passed out some sheets on what was spent at the Amish Country and La Mafia and different places. But you wanted figures, and I will e-mail you guys this information. I finally got into the spreadsheet, but I'm not able to get that in there to email you. But you wanted to know what we spent on the Amish trip. On my list, I have 110 people, which we collected \$1,660. La Mafia there were 62 people, we collected \$1250 and La Casa was \$61 and from that we had \$915. So, I will send that information out to you guys. And if you want to know what we spent at La Casa we spent \$4,400. This under budget, all of these were under budget. La Mafia was \$4,313.95 and on Amish trip combined with Thanksgiving was \$7002.82. **Matlock:** What time is bingo? **Perez:** Bingo would be the 27th at 12 o'clock. You asked about the date on the 21st Ms. Matlock, that's the date for Crafting with Council. That's the date that Ms. Scruggs had. **Hill:** Where is Chautauqua located? **Perez:** It's In New York. **Gottschalk:** You've been there before. **Perez:** Yeah, you guys have been before as I understand. **Matlock:** and you said we talked it down from \$150 to \$35 a person? **Perez:** I could probably do it for \$35 a person. **Matlock:** \$35 a person. And that's for a bus trip, everything? **Perez:** I was able to get a bus, two buses for \$3,800. **Matlock:** Okay. And that's the charter buses? **Perez:** That's our charter buses. They sent me something yesterday, I have it here, it is \$3,800 for two passenger buses. And for dinner, I can get a buffet, I'm working on a buffet. And also, we will be...And I have information on going to a museum where they have an amphitheater there, which they have a gospel show. So, I'm looking at...They sent me the dates with that also. **Matlock:** So, with those shows and that dinner will that be, that's not included in the \$35, that's just... **Perez:** That will be included. **Matlock:** So, we're talking about a coach line. **Perez:** we can go over it... **Matlock:** A charter coach line, dinner is included... **Perez:** And a show. **Matlock:** And a show for \$35. And this is all in New York. **Perez:** And it's a two day...They mapped it out from here. It's a two hour... **Matlock:** So that's like close to Buffalo? **Perez:** Yeah. **Matlock:** Like is that close to Buffalo where... **Perez:** I stayed there before. I stayed there because I couldn't go on my regular trip and it took me like two hours to get there from Peninsula, so it's maybe a little closer here. But it's a beautiful facility, so I think it's something that you guys would probably like. That's all I have. **Hill:** And we're going to have a budget for that, is that what you're saying? **Perez:** Yes, I would like to put that on one of our budgets for 2025. **Hill:** But you're going to provide it? **Perez:** Yeah, definitely. I want to get all the figures together before I give it to you. But that's what I'm working on because it was the biggest event that we got so far. **Davis:** Did we go up in our prices at all for...Can you tell me

how much it costs to rent the community center? **Perez:** Thank you for asking, the community center is \$325 for a five-hour rental. And then after that it's \$25 for each hour extra, and you are able to rent it for over five hours. **Davis:** \$25 extra for each hour if you want it past your five hours, okay. **Perez:** And Jim and Tom, the attorney and I are working on the contract, we have been going over the contract that I want to present to you guys. I gave Candace three copies of an oral contract. There's some verbiage here that needs to change because the police used to go in and check, they don't do that anymore, it's in the old contract, so we had to take that out. We put a repass fee on here of \$100 also. **Davis:** What's the repass for? **Perez:** For funerals. **Davis:** Oh, I'm sorry, for funerals. Okay. **Perez:** I'm dealing with a lot of...with Tom and I started [inaudible] me on Sunday. This is what we had on our rental last week. **Matlock:** That was what I was going to ask him. **Davis:** What was it? **Perez:** The Mayor. You were in the bathroom. Every week there's something going on. So, we just highlighted all the stuff that you've seen on your regular contract, which is highlighted in red. I think you guys pay \$100 for events, and employees would be \$150, so we put that because that was never put in there. We also enclose here that the police do not walk in and check in, they don't do that. So basically, we put this on... **Matlock:** So, the question I have is the contract normally states no alcoholic beverages and we know that people violate the contract and they bring in alcoholic beverages. **Perez:** This is the second time. **Davis:** So, what can we do? **Gottschalk:** Police will escort them out. **Matlock:** But we don't have police on...the premises. **Hill:** Don't you have a deposit that they're [inaudible]? **Perez:** Yes, we take that deposit, you won't get any money back. None. Yes, \$150 deposit. **Hill:** so, it's \$325 plus \$150 deposit? **Perez:** No, and that's what I would like to change it to, if you want me to change it, but it should be 23, 25, plus \$150 deposit. **Hill:** If you did that, then you would have a way to penalize people. **Perez:** Yes, but right now it's \$325 and we give them \$150 back out of that \$325. So, they're getting all this for absolutely nothing, this is what they give me on the weekend. **Hill:** Well, maybe that's the conversation we need to have, trying to structure it so that if things like that happen, we have some way to hold people accountable. **Gottschalk:** You had mentioned that the repass was \$100. **Perez:** Yeah. Just \$100. **Gottschalk:** If the room is clean, they get it back? **Perez:** No. **Gottschalk:** I have a problem with that. If it's a repass and the room is clean after the police have checked it, I [inaudible] like to see that gone. **Perez:** The police don't check it. **Matlock:** Would the repass be for residents? **Gottschalk:** Yes. **Matlock:** Because a lot of times you'll have a repass for non-residents. **Gottschalk:** Well, no, if it's a repass for residents, but then there's not residents there.... **Matlock:** Then that's something different... **Gottschalk:** To me the room has to be clean or they don't get that back. **Perez:** We [inaudible] a non-resident...but she wasn't... **Haba:** She was using a resident's name and address, this happens quite often. **Gottschalk:** Let's get this resolved right now. **Matlock:** Yeah, because that's what's happening. It happens that they're renting for other individuals and they will mess your place up and there's no recourse. **Perez:** And you even said you walked in the other day and you smelled...You almost had a contact high. **Matlock:** I could just...you know, like... **Perez:** Really, the worst part of my job is baby showers and little kids' birthday parties. That's my biggest pet peeve. **Gottschalk:** All right, so a repass now has to be signed out by a resident to begin with.

But to me, again, if in fact it's a repass and the resident takes it out and it's for...Gosh, you know, it actually should be for a resident though, too. You can have other people there, but if it's a resident... **Matlock:** They should be there on the premises. If you rent that out...you, the renter, should be there on the premises. **Climer:** Doesn't really explain that in the contract. **Haba:** I think what the Mayor is saying is the deceased should be a resident and that is free. **Perez:** Is that what you're saying? **Haba:** Because you know, if someone's nephew from Massillon passes away... If a resident passes away, then maybe be free? **Gottschalk:** If they keep it clean. **Haba:** Yeah. **Hill:** How do you have that conversation? Is the deceased the resident like, I don't know if that's... **Gottschalk:** Well, no, they're going to come and sign the room to begin with, the resident. **Davis:** So, they're going to sign the contract? **Haba:** You'll know if the deceased is a resident or not. **Hill:** Do we have a committee to run this conversation through? **Scruggs:** we can do it through Fine Arts if you would like. **Hill:** Can we call a committee meeting? **Scruggs:** Sure. **Davis:** Because I'd like to have... **Scruggs:** There's going to be a call for everything if it comes through Fine Arts. **Perez:** It really should, because the fact that you know on Sundays [inaudible] everybody needs to pay, you know. **Haba:** Yeah, we get calls there about every other weekend [inaudible] cleaning. **Matlock:** Well, if you go to other facilities, just Twinsburg alone for a small room is \$800 right off the bat. **Haba:** Yeah, and you'll have to pay for security. **Matlock:** You have to pay for the security and everything else. If you go to Bedford Heights, it's \$150 an hour. So, when you're really looking at \$325 and then you get \$150 back, I mean, that's... **Haba:** That's why the budget on the address isn't there, there's a bunch of other people using it. **Davis:** I'd definitely like to have the \$325 at least for the rental and then the additional \$125 for deposit. **Perez:** And it's really hard on finance because if they just leave the bathroom dirty then I will only charge them \$25. But now, we put it in that if you do any infractions on that in the highlighted area, you don't get any money back. I don't care if you just left a piece of toilet paper on the floor, you get nothing back. Because it's really hard for them to keep doing this. **Hill:** Well, I think we need standards around that too so people understand what their deposit is going to be deducted for, because that's not clear either. **Perez:** Yeah, it's uncomfortable. **Hill:** I mean, when you talk about toilet paper [inaudible] Fine Arts Committee? **Scruggs:** Yes, we will. **Davis:** May I ask a question? Are you still allowed to bring alcohol if you hire a policeman, or you're not allowed period? **Perez:** No alcohol, period. **Davis:** Okay, because it used to be if you hired a policeman or something... **Garratt:** If it's a function that allows for alcohol, like the bowling alley, the party center, something like that. **Davis:** Okay. **Gottschalk:** Law Director, you see the points that have to be made in here, right? **Climer:** Yes. **Perez:** We already worked together on this. **Gottschalk:** Well, we made a few minor changes, you know. **Hardin:** Okay, ward reports, starting with Ward One.

Ward Reports

Ward 1, Scruggs| **Scruggs:** Ward One newsletter will be mailed this week, and we are going to test out our QR code theory on Ward One first. So, we have our QR code that is going to be given out for our residents to be able to get their information on our list, to stay connected and to

see how the residents respond in Ward One. And we also have our community engagement meetings that are going to start for the year for Ward One. Our very first community engagement meeting is going to be Tuesday, February 18th, which is next week from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. And during the community engagement meeting, it's going to give residents an opportunity to engage with us, the elected officials, to be able to discuss different events within our ward, within our community and give each of our members an opportunity to be a part of the conversation. So those community engagement meetings are going to take place throughout the year, and this will be our very first one. Also, we are interested, oh, this will be a Fine Arts house. I'll Wait for the Fine Arts Committee, so I'll pass it on to Ward [inaudible]. That concludes Ward One's report.

Ward 2, Hardin| **Hardin:** Ward Two is pairing with Ward One the same night, and that's February 18th from 6:30 to 8:00. This isn't anything new for Ward Two, years ago we did this. It's an opportunity outside of Council to meet one on one, and the fact that it's quite informal gives you an opportunity to ask questions in depth and get one-on-one responses. Also, there's a survey that will be going out soon regarding fireworks; we have introduced legislation that would impact fireworks on certain holidays. The question is, the holidays that are legal so far as the state is concerned, do we want to have those available to the residents for every holiday that's available through the state? And it's quite a few, but you'll have an opportunity to either select 1 or 2; in other words, a survey. Also, the fact that you will be meeting with your Council person one-on-one, it seems to be a better way to really get a feel for what you're interested in versus what we discussed just in Council meeting. And those meetings will be held once a month on the third Tuesday from 6:30, uh, we have Tuesday... **Perez:** Who has Wednesday? **Hill:** We have the third Wednesday. **Davis:** What about the other wards? [inaudible] **Hardin:** It will be posted on the flier that we're sending out, you'll have the specific dates for your ward.

Ward 3, Matlock| **Matlock:** Well, on my report, newsletters just went out today for Ward Three. Again, she just stated that it gives us a chance to engage with our residents in each area. On that Wednesday, which is the 19th, it will be with Ward Four and Ward Five. So, we'll be there and we may even have a little something for them, like a little spaghetti dinner. And so, you know, no people are running in from work or whatever. They can kind of like, eat a little bit while we sit down and chat on different things just happening in the area. Also, on the 26th, during this Black History Month, this is something that I didn't even know but is something that's very interesting. We're going to have a movie night where it's going to be 6888. And these are a bunch of African American women who are in the service during World War Two. And they got the service members their mail back to them. They actually researched the mailman, because a lot of the service guys were going overseas fighting and they never got anything back from their loved ones. They didn't know what was going on with them. But these women went in, and they actually pinpointed that mail and got it home to these individuals. It was kind of personal because I worked for the Postal Service, and that was something that was very amazing we never knew about. These women...last year, they got their honors for doing that service. Only two of them are living now, 100 years old. So, they finally got the honors for actually getting this mail

back home or doing it for that last mile. So, that's something we're going to do. We're going to start picking up and doing a movie night with our constituents once a month. Next month, we're thinking about doing Hamilton, the play from Disney+. So, your kids can come, it's educational, you can hear them sing and actually acting it out. But it gives them a little bit of the Constitution, it gives them a little bit of the Civil War and how everything transpired from that from Alexander Hamilton to Washington. And that is basically it. **Davis:** Why don't you talk about the Super Bowl party? **Matlock:** You know what? Just this past Sunday, we had a Super Bowl party. Look for that every year, it's just really kind of fun. I was kind of upset because Kansas City didn't win, haven't got that blowout. But I tell you what, it was very nice. It was up at the community center. We rooted, we yelled, we screamed. And then we were plenty full from the famous tuna salad, we had chicken, everything came in a chili, we had spaghetti, we I mean, we had hotdogs, had everything there. You know, everything except for... **Gottschalk:** People? **Matlock:** Right. **Davis:** We need more residents, yes. **Matlock:** Yeah. But last year, I think it was because it was accidentally booked in the parking lot, it was really kind of full. Last year, we had like 60 something people there. But it was a very good moment, even though we had small amount of... individuals came in from CMHA, you know, the apartments behind. It was still a very good time, we all had a good time. Prizes were given out. We didn't give out Eagles paraphernalia or shirts or Kansas City, but we did do the Cleveland Browns. We gave those out, so that's it. **Hill:** What time was your 6888 movie? **Matlock:** It's going to start at 6, about 6:30.

Ward 4, Davis| **Davis:** All right, Ward Four. Since my newsletter is in print at this very moment, I'm going to add if I can these, because this is good timing Mr. Garratt, I appreciate that. I'm going to have that mailed out to them at the same time, I'll just throw it in my newsletter. So, this would be wonderful because we got Ms. Joseph's printing money, and they will be out within this week if we get them done. **Joseph:** I'll bring them tomorrow. **Davis:** Okay. And that's all I have for Ward Four.

Perez: Paggie, for your 2's I see different times. I want to make sure this is correct. She has you down for 6:30 and then there's a 6 o'clock. What time do you want, 6 or 6:30? **Matlock:** Is that for, what? **Perez:** The community engagement. **Matlock:** What time do they have down? **Perez:** you have 6:30 down for a couple of them, like you have on the 18th, you have 6 to 8, and then on the 26th you have 6:30. **Davis:** 6:30 was your movie, 19th is our community engagement for Ward [inaudible] for Wards Three, Four and Five, the 19th at 6:30 to 8:00. **Matlock:** 6:30 to 8:00. **Perez:** Okay, I just want to make sure that I have it correct. **Hill:** we'll be in at 5:30. **Perez:** You want to come in at 5:30? **Hill:** Yes. **Davis:** Yes please. **Perez:** So, is that 5:30 [inaudible] then? Alright, that's fine. **Davis:** Also, Ward Four is going to have their community engagement with Ward Three and five and five on Wednesdays, the third Wednesdays and February 19th, next week. 6:30 to 8, okay. Please come. **Perez:** I don't think I have the Wednesdays in here, so someone needs to give me those things to make [inaudible]. **Hill:** For Wednesday? No, that would be... **Davis:** That's community engagement. **Perez:** I got it. **Davis:** We'll do that one.

Matlock: It's just once a month. **Perez:** Okay. **Hill:** Third Tuesdays and third Wednesdays every month.

Ward 5, Hill| **Hill:** Ward Five. And again, I just want...The Super Bowl party, the residents that did attend were super excited to be here and very grateful to have that, so kudos. Ward Five, the newsletter is being delivered to doors this week. The Charter Review Commission is in there, they meet tomorrow. Charter Review Commission meetings are open to the public, so I would like to extend an invitation for you to be there tomorrow, 6 p.m., it's here. There is a representative from every ward, so each Council person chooses a representative to serve and the Mayor chooses two. There is a committee of nine individuals. I'm sorry, and then the At-Large people also choose two representatives. So please come out and hear, it's a critical time, the charter is only reviewed and amended every five years. In my newsletter, my Ward Five community meeting dates are going to be the even months of the year. I will join in the odd months just to show up, but my meetings are even months at 6:30 p.m., third Wednesdays. That's in the flier as well. And I just want to give a shout out for the free and fresh produce that happens every first Saturday of the month. That's open to all our residents in Oakwood village. It's at the Rome Opportunity Center on Lincolnvill, right when you turn off of Broadway, past Dunkin' Donuts, the Opportunity Center sits right to the left. So that is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and you are welcome to show up and get as much as you like. And then I just want to point out that there is a primary election for wards 2 and 5 on Tuesday, May 6th, and the general election is November 4th. And that is all for Ward 5. **Hardin:** All right, next we have committee reports. Okay, Taunya.

Committee Reports

Fine Arts Committee

Scruggs: Fine Arts Committee, we have been working with our recreation commissioner on creating calendars for the residents. So, we took a stab at February for the residents to see, that was what you saw go out last week. There are also some additional copies in the back if you didn't see yours. And on these calendars, it allows us to have an oversight of what activities and which demographics we are serving throughout the month, so you're easily able to look and find activities for you, the adults, senior, family, whichever one you're looking for, they're kind of color coded. The next few months, the calendar will look a little bit different, but we still want to make sure that we submit to you what's going on so that you can properly plan to be able to attend the event. So, the Fine Arts Committee is going to continue to support the Recreation Commission in their efforts for community events. One of the events that we have put into place for the month of February for Fine Arts is a Craft with Council event and that crafts with Council is going to be a fun event for youth ages 4 to 17 to come out and have some fun with crafts. And during that time at the community center, not only will they have an opportunity to do some fun crafts, they will also be able to be in the midst and be around their Council or one of the Councils. I'm going to be there, and all of the other Councils are also welcome to come as well and hang out with the kids, take some pictures, let them post them on their social media or

whatever. So, we're inviting our youth to come out, have some fun with crafts and bring in the fine arts and get kids excited about being off of the computers for a little while. We are also pushing an initiative to get volunteers. The Fine Arts Committee wants to make sure that our recreation commission does not have to put on all of the events that they have upcoming by themselves, and that they also get the support of the community. So, we are going to do a very, very hard push to get as many volunteers as possible to volunteer in any aspect of whatever it is you're excited about. So, we will be gathering names, lists of volunteers, so be on the lookout on ways that you can support and help throughout the year. We are also helping in the initiative for one of our concert series tonight to support local artists. So if you know of a local artist that lives in the Oakwood Village area that you will be willing to share their name and information with us so that we can reach out to see if they would be willing to perform on one of our concert series nights. Please share that information with myself, Taunya Scruggs or your Council person, and they'll get it to me because we are trying to plan a local artist night. And we are also working to enhance some of the other nights as well, as the community has asked for additional themes and additional music and... **Hardin:** Genres. **Scruggs:** Genres, thank you, losing my words. So, we are working and we are in talks with the Mayor to see what that looks like. And we'll also be meeting with the Council as well during our next budget meeting to talk about what that looks like to bring forth those different dates for Council for the concerts. And that concludes our Fine Arts Report for this time. **Hill:** Quick question. **Scruggs:** Yes, ma'am? **Hill:** If they want to volunteer, do they get in contact with you or the recreation commission? **Scruggs:** Either. **Hill:** Okay.

Healthcare/HR Committee

Hardin: No report.

Utility Committee

Matlock: No report.

Safety Committee

Davis: No report.

Finance Committee and Tax Incentive Review Council Committee

Hill: I am the chair of the Finance Committee. We are still awaiting our special forensic audit investigation results. Hopefully we are nearing, but I'm not quite sure, we are still awaiting the outcome. And then there is a Finance Committee meeting on February 25th at 5 p.m., March 3rd at 5 p.m. and March 31st at 5 p.m. You are more than welcome to attend, they're open to the public, and that is all for my report.

Hardin: Okay, at this time we are opening the forum for comments from our residents. Please state your name, address, and you have five minutes for comments, thank you. Please take the podium and sign in.

Open Floor Comments

Resident, Howse| **Howse:** Karen Howse. Just a quick question, I was just looking through the agenda and had questions for the finance director for ordinance 2024-139 and 2024-140. There is no attachment to the budgets. **Thompson:** They were submitted to the clerk, I'm not sure why it's not there. **Howse:** Am I able to get that today? **Joseph:** I can print it out. **Howse:** Okay. And then you said you passed a temporary budget based on year 2023, did you mean 2024? **Thompson:** No. They instructed me to pass the appropriations with 2025 based on 2023 levels, so that's what the exhibit showed. **Hill:** Because at the time we were trying to prepare it and we were still awaiting September's report, so we had not gotten fully through the year, so we safely made a decision to use 2023 numbers since we had all the documents from that year, all the reports. **House:** So, you guys are in the process of having budget hearings for that, is that what you're doing for safety? **Hill:** Absolutely, for all our departments. The only department we got through was Police. **Howse:** Police, okay. And then the next question I have is for the entertainment, or what do you call that? **Davis:** Fine Arts. **Scruggs:** We have a local artist night. And then, you know, the other nights as well. **Hardin:** It's called Fine Arts, yes, what was... **Scruggs:** Fine Arts Committee. **Howse:** Fine Arts Committee, what dates are you tentatively thinking of as far as the local arts? **Scruggs:** They're still on the table right now. But when the Mayor and I talk... **Gottschalk:** Thursday, the 28th of August and the first Thursday in September. **Scruggs:** And we can we're still going to sit down with the Council to see if those are the dates that Council is available. **Howse:** I'm sorry, what's the what's the date again? **Gottschalk:** Thursday, the 28th of August. **Howse:** The 28th, and what was the other day? **Gottschalk:** The first Thursday in September. **Howse:** Sorry about that. **Scruggs:** September 4th. **Howse:** Okay, that's a Thursday. Hub screw. He's a local resident, I'm sure you know about that. That's it, thanks. **Scruggs:** You're welcome.

Resident, Stevens| **Stevens:** Good afternoon, my name is Shirley Stevens and I would like to say good evening to everybody, I have been asking for something that I never got, so what I have done is gone back to my old tactics. My husband always told me, if you don't ask for it in writing, you didn't ask for it. And that's one way the Internal Revenue Service gets us every time, they have everything, right? So, I have two letters here. I have been asking for the minutes, and my concern is that I wanted to look at the minutes because so much is happening up here. Our world is in a turmoil, It's scary. I work with the Internal Revenue every day and a day doesn't go by that I don't get a letter, or I'm trying to interpret a letter that's going on and it's very scary. And what's got me, because I was really tired and I didn't want to come up here. And I remember Bishop [inaudible] when she prayed over our president. Bishop Barbie, I think that was her

name...oh, Bunny, and she was so quiet and she said, who's going to say something? That was riveting. Who's going to say something about what's going on in this world? It has to be us. Just like that old saying, they came for one person, nobody said anything, they came for the second person, nobody said anything, then they came for me, there was nobody to say anything. I take taxation and government very seriously, and when things are happening in my country that I don't understand why people are getting away with it or why they're doing it, it hurts my heart. So, we have to participate, and I give you all credit that you try to participate. So, I'm up here tonight, I have been asking for the minutes. I don't want to seem as if I'm a pest, but I've been asking for the minutes because those minutes document everything that's happened up here, all the money that was spent. It protects all of us, from the budget, what was appropriated, the audience asked you a question, that lady came up here who was having all that trouble with those wires in her yard next to her. Those are public records; those records are important. If she has to do something, she should be able to come up here and say, I want the records from that minute. There's a lot of issues that people come up here, that's important, those records. So, I have two, I let her have one. I didn't even know who's Clerk of Council, so much has changed, It's about ten things. I'm glad to see we're having a charter review because I was supposed to be here. I didn't hear anything, I thought they had canceled it. **Davis:** I thought I saw your name on the list? **Stevens:** I know, I haven't got anything. **Hill:** Do you check your email? **Stevens:** What, are you kidding? Of course I check my email. **Hill:** They sent everything to your email. **Stevens:** When? I was on there today, I didn't see anything from the Village of Oakwood. **Davis:** Law Director, can you answer her question of when all the information for the charter...She's on the charter commission, when all that information went out to them? I was just told it was e-mailed. **Climer:** I believe that e-mails went out from Sam to get a convenient time for the meeting scheduled. **Hill:** I want to say that was last week. **Climer:** Yeah, I saw that e-mail. If you could give me your email. I received an email, your name is on it. **Stevens:** Well, I should have been checking because I get a lot from the IRS, I'm getting a lot of things. **Hill:** It's tomorrow at 6 p.m. here. **Stevens:** I just heard it, I'm glad I came. [inaudible] **Climer:** We'll double check it. **Davis:** Is there anybody, were they supposed to respond to you or anybody, or to Mr. O'Leary that they were coming, or that they got the e-mail or...that was not a response? **Climer:** I don't think that I asked for RSVPs. **Davis:** Okay, I'll have to check with [inaudible]. **Joseph:** Only if you couldn't make it. **Davis:** Only if you couldn't make it? And everybody else...so far as we know? **Hill:** They can ask that the date was not a good date for them to respond. **Davis:** That's right. I haven't seen it, so... **Stevens:** And so, I, again, I'm asking for those minutes. I got [inaudible] those were not minutes. And I didn't talk to anybody because I didn't want to get into, he said-she said, she came in here and said that. The last time I'm going to say I was very embarrassed when I came up here. Every time I come up here, this is the first time I've asked to speak to the Clerk of Council and they tell me, you can't talk to her, you can't go back there, you can't do that. I'm like, what? I was embarrassed to no end. And the lady was very nice who told me that, she wasn't rude or anything, but she told me, no, you have to call up here and I will transfer you back to talk to her. And I said no, you're not going to transfer me anywhere because I'm leaving. That Clerk of

Council should be available to the public. There should be no such thing as we come up here and we can't talk to the Clerk of Council. I'm not saying hold her hostage talking a long time, she has work to do. But if you have somebody, I think that, and this for you Eloise, because it took me forever to find out who she reported to because nobody was saying who she reported to. I didn't know who she reported to, and I didn't think it was a secret. I didn't ask in anger or bitterness. And everyone is just like this, just like that, and finally I found out. So, I won't be coming up to the Council meeting, this is our community. This is our community, thank you. **Hardin:** Shirley, I'll take that. Mr. Law Director? **Climer:** Yeah? **Hardin:** Could you make sure that the next memos that go out, he puts an RSVP on it, he knows that they have to...? **Climer:** Yeah. **Hardin:** Thank you. **Hill:** Is someone addressing the minutes? **Climer:** There was a request that Ms. Stevens just made for the 2023 minutes which I gave to Tanya. She can better assemble those than I can. **Hill:** Ms. Stevens, are you saying you're not being responded to when asking for the minutes? **Stevens:** I respect the young lady, she's real nice in every respect. But I have been asking for about six months for those amendments. I've got some stuff on the floor in my front room. Unfortunately, I'm the type of person who doesn't throw away anything either. So, whatever I get I hold onto it, even you and your records, I have those. I hold onto things then I look at them. But I'm not going to run down information that I feel I should have gotten by now. I don't even know if it's a matter of law that...All that information that has transpired, I'll go...And that money...There is no public record. I should be able to come up here on the Freedom of Information Act and ask for those records and get it. **Hill:** Okay, well, two things, because I know we were here in September or October, and you came in and I know we gave you minutes then. I was here and physically saw that. But also, I thought it was communicated to you that the minutes are behind because there were such extensive meetings that went for so long. But in lieu of that, we made sure the public record was available online by posting the actual recording, which meets the Sunshine Law. No one communicated that to you? **Stevens:** Yes, you did tell me that it went online. **Hill:** Okay. You just want them in writing is what you're saying? **Stevens:** I want something so I can sit down and go over it, have a complete package. Not only do I want the package, but that includes the part that the floor is open to the public. I have gotten some, but they are not minutes. They're not a minute that I can go through and see what happened in the whole thing. I do have a couple months, but that's...illegal stuff, can't do that. **Hill:** It's posted publicly, the entire recording, nothing is redacted. You can listen to every single word. Are you able to access those online? **Joseph:** I can put it on a flash drive. **Hill:** You put it on a flash drive? **Joseph:** No, I said I can give her a flash drive. **Hill:** Do you want a drive? All the information is available, you just have to listen to it, you can't read it. We're not withholding it. **Stevens:** And I offered to pay for it. I didn't come up here and say I want the minutes and you better get them to me. I said whatever I have to pay for it to get some minutes, I will pay for it. I want the written minutes, the whole thing. Look at January, the first one in January of 2023, those are minutes. I expect all the minutes to be like that, and I expect to pay. **Hill:** January 2023? **Stevens:** Yes, I have a copy of somebody... **Hill:** Or 2024? **Stevens:** No, 2023, some of my old minutes that I have. **Matlock:** That's because meetings became so long. **Hill:** But, you

know, there's a different person transcribing them now, so there's a different format. **Stevens:** No, can't be a different form. That's just telling the Internal Revenue, well, we got a new leader here, so we're going to do...Instead of using the 1040 that you know about, we have a new 1040. **Hill:** No, there's no prescribed format required for the meeting minutes, just that they either be summarized or verbatim. **Stevens:** So, the person, who did the minutes of the 2023 year? Who was doing the minutes in 2023? **Davis:** Christine Morgan we had as a Clerk of Courts. **Hill:** And those were summarized, those are not verbatim. **Stevens:** Those were good minutes. They had form format, everything. **Hill:** But they were summarized. The difference is we are requiring her to do them verbatim now so that the public can read every single word, and that wasn't happening before. **Stevens:** I don't have a problem with that. That's not what I'm saying. I'm not complaining about that, I'm saying were saying they were not complete minutes. None of them had what I was looking for when the floor was opened, what the community said, what people had to say. **Joseph:** I'm sorry, Ms. Stevens. **Stevens:** You don't have to be sorry. **Joseph:** All minutes that I complete include the floor opening, who said what, if they gave their address, what they said and when the floor closes. I include that always, in all minutes. So, I'm not sure what minutes you're referring to, but they always include [inaudible]. **Davis:** 2023. [inaudible] **Stevens:** And that's why I didn't want to come and say, because I don't want to get into, he said-she said, I know [inaudible] what I said I had. I don't do that. **Hardin:** Shirley, here's a commitment, in the next two weeks, everything will be available to the minute. The only thing we're going to do now, we're going to summarize versus have verbatim, okay? But you will have them in two weeks, I'm committed to it. **Hill:** Did we vote on that? **Scruggs:** No. **Hill:** I don't...We took a vote to decide verbatim. **Hardin:** I thought we did. **Davis:** That was back in [inaudible]. **Hill:** I may have missed it at the last meeting. **Davis:** Ms. Morgan did the minutes in 2023, So that's why we did that. **Hill:** We took a vote to make it verbatim, so we should [inaudible]. **Hardin:** I queried Council, she sent out a memo. She sent out a memo, and everybody said...Better yet, let's do it publicly, no problem. Thank you, Shirley, we can do it publicly. Is there anybody else that would like to come up, if not, the floor is closed? **Gottschalk:** One other matter that I want Ms. Stevens to hear. If Ms. Joseph is tied up, she has a note on her door saying I'm busy. Like, a resident should be able to come in the door and see Ms. Joseph, oh, she's not here, rather than waiting in the lobby being told whatever you've been told. **Hardin:** Let's go on record Mayor, we don't want to resolve that here, okay? The resident made her comment and we'll talk, we'll deal with it. **Gottschalk:** All right. **Hardin:** Anything else? All right, the floor is closed for public comment. Mr. Law Director...before we read the legislation, question came on the floor regarding...Madam Councilwoman, do you want to have that vote or do we have open discussion in meetings? How do you want to deal with that? **Davis:** No, she's asking for 2023's and that was Ms. Morgan, Morgan did it back then. Also, she only summarized it back then. **Joseph:** from July to December of now; July 23rd is when I got there. **Davis:** Okay. **Joseph:** So, anything before that was summarized minutes. **Matlock:** And who was it after, that was like Debbie... **Davis:** Christine Morgan. **Hardin:** But we do have these minutes already prepared, is that what you're saying for 2023? **Hill:** Yeah, those are done. **Hardin:** Okay, all

right. We'll make sure that she gets them within the next... **Joseph:** she asked for 2024. **Hill:** Right, she's not [inaudible]. **Davis:** She said 2023, she kept saying 2023. **Hardin:** She wants 2024? **Joseph:** Yeah. **Hardin:** Okay, I thought this said 2023. **Davis:** Yeah, I heard 2023 too, I'm sorry. **Climer:** I got the letter, it says 2023. **Davis:** Yes, the letter says 2023. **Hardin:** She wants 2023? **Stevens:** I want 2024, the year that just closed. **Hill:** Did she get 2023? **Hardin:** Okay, you got 2023 on your letters? **Stevens:** I did see it on my letters, uh-huh. **Hardin:** So, you'll get them Shirley, you'll get something. **Davis:** What's the next thing? **Hardin:** Legislation.

Legislation

Climer proceeds to read...

**** Second Proposed amendment to Resolution 2024-128 to be voted on by Council****

2024-128	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH
Introduced 10-22-24	FINANCIERE ESTEREL d/b/a TRESICAL, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF A JOB
By the Mayor and	CREATION GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Council as a whole	
1 st read 10-22-24	
2 nd read 11-4-24	
3 rd read 11-26-24	
Tabled 2-11-25	

2024-129	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH
Introduced 10-22-24	FINANCIERE ESTEREL d/b/a TRESICAL, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF A NON-
By the Mayor and	REFUNDABLE NET PROFITS TAX CREDIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Council as a whole	
1 st read 10-22-24	
2 nd read 11-4-24	
3 rd read 11-26-24	
Tabled 2-11-25	

Climer: First item of this ordinance, 2024-128, That's been read three times and it's presently on the table. I think the Mayor wants that to remain on the table. **Hardin:** That's fine. **Climer:** Next time on this ordinance. 2024-129. That has also been read three times and is present on the table. I think the Mayor made the same request that remain on the table. **Hardin:** fine.

Climer continues reading...

2024-137	AN ORDINANCE TO PREPARE FOR TRANSITIONS IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Introduced 12-28-24	OCCURRING AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025 AND REQUESTING THE MAYOR PROVIDE
Council as a whole	ADEQUATE NOTICE TO ALL BUILDING DEPARTMENT POSITIONS AND
1 st read 12-28-24	DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
2 nd read 12-30-24	
3 rd read 1-14-25	
Tabled 1-14-25	

Hill: And I'll stop there please, because I believe we were supposed to make changes to that, and in lieu of that... Yeah, Council, if you look at sections one and three. **Hardin:** I'm sorry, which one are you on? **Hill:** 2024-137, been sitting here for a while. **Hardin:** You said section three? **Hill:** One, three and four need up-to-date dates. So, section one says January 1st, 2025, what are we changing that day to? **Scruggs:** I thought we said February 15th? **Davis:** Yes, that's what we said at the last meeting, February 15th. **Hill:** Are we going to change to March 1st now, or are we keeping it? **Matlock:** I think we should move it to March 1st, the 15th, because he's coming in here Monday, I say March 1st. **Davis:** Because we have to restore that transition. **Hill:** They're just coming next week? Okay, March 1st. Section three. So, is that going to be February 28th? **Davis:** What is section three? I'm sorry. **Hill:** Authorizing health care. **Hardin:** Okay, section three shall authorize health care expenses. **Davis:** Well, he doesn't receive health care, correct? **Hill:** It says currently authorized. I don't know who's authorizing them. **Davis:** The only one we have there is Mr. Marinucci. He's part time, so he doesn't [inaudible]. **Thompson:** No health care. **Hill:** No one in the building. **Davis:** Nobody else is there. No, because a person answering phones is from the service, right? **Hardin:** Everyone's gone? So, this is in effect? **Thompson:** The ones that are there do not get health care. **Hardin:** Okay, so we don't need section three then Mr. Law Director? **Climer:** I guess not, actually. **Hardin:** They don't get health care, so we don't need to address that. So, four becomes three? **Hill:** And five becomes four. **Climer:** Those are the only two changes other than... **Hill:** Section three? **Climer:** Yeah, one and three. **Hill:** The new three. **Climer:** I understand, we'll renumber everything, but... **Hill:** The new three needs [inaudible]. **Climer:** One, three, and the present one are the only two changes, correct? **Hill:** Yeah. One and the new three, yeah. **Climer:** I haven't heard this before so that's... Okay. **Hill:** Does three need to come out? Are you all looking at number three? **Hardin:** I'm looking at it, so what's the question? **Hill:** This is what we agreed upon originally, things have changed. Are we altering this information here? Because we need to make the edits and pass it. **Climer:** I mean, [inaudible] if there's nobody in the department receiving benefits, that's... **Hill:** No one is receiving... No, number three is for pay, the one we just renumbered to three. **Davis:** But he works full time. **Climer:** Oh, the new three, present four. **Hill:** Correct. **Hardin:** Could you read that, Mr. Law Director, out loud? **Climer:** Council, I hereby authorize this appropriations for Building Department employees to receive no more than two weeks' severance pay at the rate currently authorized, and each employee's payment ordinance to be issued during the last pay period of 2024. And the finance director to provide a written report to Council documenting any said payouts no later than the first regular Council meeting of 2025. So that would need... **Hill:** Do we need to access it now, is everybody gone? **Davis:** No, Mr. Marinucci is still there, but he's not full time, but he's still there, correct? We still have two weeks of severance? **Climer:** If the intention is to pay two weeks' severance pay... **Davis:** Yeah, he would still have to be paid but a change of date instead of being... **Climer:** Right, so it would be... **Hardin:** If we're doing a March 1st. **Climer:** ...The last pay period of March 2nd, 2025. **Hill:** No, we just said beginning March 1st, we weren't authorized, so it's the last pay period in February. **Climer:** Oh, I'm sorry, yeah. **Davis:** Of 2025. **Climer:** And the first regular Council meeting of March [inaudible]. **Hill:**

Yes. **Davis:** March, the first one in March. **Hardin:** So, three is March 1st? Just three March? **Hill:** No, three is...February 2024 is going to be February 2025, and at the very last where it says 2025 is going to say March 2025. Law Director, I can send you the original file so it doesn't have to be rewritten. **Climer:** I think I've got it. **Hill:** Oh, you have it too, right. **Climer:** If I can't convert it, I'll call. **Hardin:** So, we're not going to deal with it, we're going to wait until those corrections are made since those dates are important? We have time, right? We don't have to make a change? All right. **Climer:** I'm sorry. I'm just finishing my notes. **Hill:** We've made too many changes to amend this right now and pass it, right? **Davis:** Yes. **Climer:** Yeah, it should really be written in. **Hill:** Okay. **Davis:** So, we will need it by our next meeting, correct? **Hill:** We'll need it before that, actually. We may have to call a special for that, because our next meeting is February 25th. This is supposed to happen before the end of the month. We need to call a special meeting. **Hardin:** We're going to be here for a day already. **Hill:** 25th. **Hardin:** All right, we can deal with that. **Hill:** 25th is too late, that's what we're saying. **Matlock:** We need to do something. **Hill:** We're going to have to go into session. **Hardin:** Okay, yeah, you're right. You make the changes, and then... **Climer:** And spend the next day or two...

Climer continues reading...

<p>2024-139 Introduced 12-30-24 By Mayor and Council as a whole 1st read 12-30-24 2nd read 1-28-25</p>	<p>AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, OHIO FOR THE YEAR 2025</p>
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Joseph: That's third reading today. **Hardin:** This is third reading? **Hill:** But there's no attachment. **Hardin:** Madam clerk, what are you saying? **Joseph:** I have to see what attachments he has to send to me because I only have one present, I think the legislation you passed. **Thompson:** [inaudible]. **Joseph:** [inaudible]...I wasn't here. **Thompson:** Yeah, you weren't here and Johnny was doing a meeting, so... **Hardin:** Okay, so we're going to table this? **Davis:** No, it's third reading. So, we'll just leave it here. **Hill:** It's on third reading tonight or second reading tonight? **Climer:** It's been read twice. **Hardin:** So, this is just a third reading? Okay, third reading, no problem. **Climer:** So, you're tabling it? **Hardin:** Yeah. **Davis:** No, we're just, oh, you want to table it? **Hardin:** Mmhmm. **Climer:** Alright, next item, ordinance 2024-1... **Hill:** Don't we have to make motion to table it, or no? **Climer:** You probably should. **Hardin:** Yeah. The fact that...third reading, we have to do something with it, so we're going to table it. **Climer:** All right, do you want to call it then?

Motion to table Ordinance 2024-139 made by Hardin seconded by Hill
YES VOTE: Hardin, Scruggs, Matlock, Davis, Hill
MOTION PASSED

2024-140 **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-36, AS AMENDED, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSE OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND MAKING NECESSARY TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**
Introduced 12-30-24
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read 12-30-24
2nd read 1-28-25

Davis: Make a motion to table because we don't have the attachment.

Motion to table Ordinance 2024-140 made by Davis seconded by Scruggs

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

MOTION PASSED

2025-02 **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REAFFIRMING THE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST DISCHARGING, IGNITING OR EXPLODING FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 1519 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE**
Introduced 1-28-25
By Councilwoman Hardin
1st read 1-28-25
2nd read 2-11-25

Davis: Do we need to table it? **Hardin:** Until we get to surveying, yes. **Davis:** I make a motion to table 2025-... **Hill:** That's on second reading. **Davis:** Well, it says...Okay. **Scruggs:** We need to do the survey. **Davis:** So, we're okay? **Climer:** 2025-02's, it says it's been read twice. **Hill:** No, today's date is the second reading. **Davis:** Yeah, that's today's date. **Climer:** Oh, I'm sorry, I misread that.

2025-13 **A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF CURTIS TIGGETT**
Introduced 2-11-25
By Mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read 2-11-25

Davis: I make motion to approve. **Hill:** To suspend. **Climer:** We can't suspend, we don't have sufficient people. **Davis:** That's a shame. **Hardin:** So, it's just first reading. Okay, it goes on a second reading.

2025-15 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD TO ALLOW FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Introduced by 2-11-25
By mayor and
Council as a whole
1st read 2-11-25
*previously was 2025-WS-2025-WS-08

Hardin: Question, does that office current...Chief, it currently exists, is that what you're saying?

Tapp: Yes. The position exists, the ordinance was just never changed. **Hardin:** And how long has that been in effect? How long has that person been in that position? **Tapp:** Well, they're

sworn in the same day, so last June. **Hill:** Council Clerk Joseph, 2025-WS-05 became 2025-14?

Joseph: Yes ma'am. **Hill:** and 2025-WS-08 became 2025-15? So, we can't suspend or pass either of those. Is it possible for you to get the changes for 2024-137 to us tomorrow so we could call a

special for Thursday and put all three together? **Climer:** Yeah, I think I can. **Hill:** I mean, I can send it to you tonight. **Climer:** I might not be able to be here Thursday, but I believe I can get

these changes made. **Hill:** I could just send them to you tonight and then you can review them [inaudible]. **Hardin:** Ok. Chief, a little more background. Who made that appointment? How did

that happen? Help me with that. **Tapp:** Well, on the night they swore me in as Chief, they swore in both Assistant Chiefs as well. **Hardin:** I remember that, but who said we had to? **Tapp:** That

was just the way it...They asked how we wanted to run the department after Chief Schade had left, and that's what we decided we needed to do. **Hardin:** They being? **Tapp:** Me and the

Mayor, I think Brian was involved in the conversation. **Hill:** So, this is why it was never put into [inaudible]. **Hardin:** That's why, because we didn't know it wasn't... **Matlock:** we never knew.

Hardin: So, it was created at that point in time? **Tapp:** Yes, right after Department Chief Schade left, correct, which was three years ago. **Hill:** So, nobody ever knew. So, it's technically not

authorized, but was there a reason you all chose to move from one to two? **Tapp:** Just the way our schedules work, constantly we were guaranteed somebody would be here every day

throughout. **Matlock:** Is that because of the fact that you weren't yet...I know all you guys were at different fire stations. **Tapp:** We're all full time somewhere else. **Matlock:** Right, and that was

the reason why you put that one position in there, so it would be covered. **Tapp:** Everything is covered every day, so one of the three of us is here [inaudible]. **Matlock:** So, let me ask you a

question now, since you are now the Fire Chief; does that position still need to be in existence? Because now you should be able to be full-time here, we wouldn't need that other extra person.

Before, we were just covering you because of the fact that all of you guys were full time and we didn't have a Fire Chief supposedly, and then everything was probably chaotic because we don't

know what took place over there. Do you understand what I'm saying? At that time, you guys were trying to cover that position because all three of them have had full-time positions

somewhere else. We no longer had a Fire Chief, but now, since he is the full-time Fire Chief there, and this is your position, you should no longer need that position because you're going to

be here. You're not covering any positions anymore. You have yours, the Assistant Fire Chief is there, everything should be lined up now. **Tapp:** Administratively though, with 70 people, if you

were to follow it out, you should have two Assistant Fire Chiefs along with two captains and eight lieutenants to handle the amount of people. **Hill:** So, it's not...At first as you said it was an

issue of covering time to make... **Tapp:** It was never an issue of covering, that's just the way the department should be run. It was never run correctly. **Hill:** Originally you said you were trying to

cover, make sure they have someone here all the time. Now you're talking about managing the amount of people. So, do you still need two to cover the amount of...so that someone's there all

the time? Or now that you're here full time, that problem is solved? **Tapp:** We still need two Assistant Chiefs. **Hill:** And you're full-time? **Tapp:** Yes. **Hill:** Okay, listen to my question though. If you're full-time and you have one Assistant Fire Chief, does that cover someone being there all the time, the first thing you stated? **Tapp:** Well, yeah. I mean, I'm here Monday through Friday, but the other two Assistant Chiefs are full time somewhere else, so they break up their days. They're still only here 20 hours a week each, but they all do an administrative part. One handles all fire business, one handles our fire prevention, our CPR classes, everything else. So, one is more of education and fire prevention, and the other one handles all the fire side of it. **Hill:** And is that Assistant Chief also the Fire Prevention Officer? I thought you have one of those too. **Tapp:** He is in charge of the fire prevention here and he handles all our education. **Hill:** I thought that was another position. **Tapp:** We have a Fire Prevention Officer to do the inspections, but Brian is in charge of the whole Fire Prevention Department: inspections, fire investigations, all our CPR, all of our building part and stuff, the [inaudible] and stuff like that. So, he handles all that side of it. **Hill:** So, the fire prevention, and I don't have your job descriptions in front of me, the Fire Prevention Officer only does inspections? **Tapp:** Inspections. **Hill:** Okay. **Matlock:** So really, the hierarchy went... Your organizational chart, where you're the Chief or the Chief was there, you have one assistant, two captains originally. This is when Schade was here. **Tapp:** Correct. **Matlock:** Two captains, and underneath that you have 70 fire... **Tapp:** We had eight lieutenants [inaudible]. **Tapp:** We're allowed up to 71 members, I think we're at 64 right now. But we're allowed up to 71 members by ordinance. **Hill:** So, before we go back into our next budget conversation, do we have all of their job descriptions so that we can review that? **Matlock:** I think he has everything in here. This is it, right? **Tapp:** Yeah. **Hardin:** Brian, bottom line, when we swore the two in, did that create another expense? **Thompson:** For the time frame to cover these departments, yes. **Hardin:** Okay. And so, I'm a little... Just wait for me to catch you. So, the fact that... What changed? You became the Chief, and so what changed? **Tapp:** So, when I was Assistant Chief, I would be working anywhere from 40 to 60 hours every pay period. So, I was averaging almost 30 hours a week as Assistant Chief. But now Chris and Brian can't do 30 hours a week. They're only doing, like, 40 hours between the two of them. It's not really incurring any more expenses to us because they broke up that position between the two. So, they came off of shifts working 12 hours and came in doing administrative work during the day and running things around the department. So, it really did not incur any more money [inaudible]. **Thompson:** Okay. Thanks for the correction. **Tapp:** Well, it didn't incur anymore payroll, it just split up division and like jobs over there. **Hill:** So, what will help us see that in real time is if we get 2023? I'm sorry, Schade was on payroll for so long that, so... Before Schade left, we can get that year's numbers? With what the fire... I'm talking to you, Finance Director. **Thompson:** Oh, yeah. **Hill:** If we can get the pay break out because you have those totals, those years that closed out, for the Fire Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief, and then after he left, what those amounts look like in those years for us. So, if we can get payroll registrars, we'll find a number. **Tapp:** They came in under payroll. **Hill:** That would be helpful. **Tapp:** They came in under payroll last year by quite a bit of money, so it definitely did not cost [inaudible].

Hill: And we meet February 25th. **Hardin:** So Chief, the things that we talked about regarding these pay adjustments, you'll have all that ready? **Tapp:** It's all on the budget, yeah. **Hardin:** Okay. **Davis:** I have a question on this, though. It doesn't say...It just says Assistant Fire Chief not to exceed two. But it doesn't say, for example, he said they're splitting up 30 hours part time/part time, 20 hours each. Should we not have that in there? Because otherwise it just allows for two Assistant Fire Chiefs and they could make it whatever. **Hardin:** It could be full time. **Davis:** Yeah, it could be full time. So, it should be listed as part time. **Tapp:** I obviously don't have any other full-time positions on there other than Fire Chief. **Davis:** Okay...The Fire Chief is the only full-time and...So, does it say in the job descriptions that they're part time too? The officers, besides Fire Chief, or not? **Tapp:** I believe the station handbook does. The Chief is the only full-time position I have. **Climer:** I think it would be best handled in the job descriptions and/or the budget. **Hill:** And I think that's why she's asking that, because if we legislate this, it will have budget implications. So, full-time hours in your department are what? **Tapp:** Full time is 40 a week. **Hill:** Not 30? **Tapp:** No, full time is 40. **Hill:** Full time is 40. So, anything up to 40 could be considered part time, then. **Tapp:** It is considered part time. I mean, we work 12-hour shifts. **Hill:** So, her point is very valid, what she said, they could both end up working 35 hours each. **Tapp:** Yeah. I mean, if we get a fire in there, they have to be here for more time than that. Yeah, there is that chance. But they're also doing the job of other people in here doing that then. Like they're covering a shift that they came in to work for. **Hardin:** Right. So, they would be entitled to it because they're there physically. **Tapp:** And somebody didn't come to work, so they're filling in for them. So, it's not costing the village any more money, they're replacing somebody else. If they came into work a shift there, somebody to called off, we were short a person. They just took that person's position, so it doesn't accrue anymore money. **Hill:** Okay. I think those are the types of things we need to explain. **Tapp:** And we will. **Hardin:** Thank you, Chief. **Davis:** Are we done? **Matlock:** So, we're not going to kick the can down the road anymore? **Hardin:** All right, finished with the legislation? **Climer:** Yeah.

Motion to adjourn council meeting made by Davis seconded by Matlock

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

MOTION PASSED

Adjourned at 8:49pm

Approved 12.9.25



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