

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD MINUTES

Work Session

May 12th, 2026

ATTENDED:

Eloise Hardin- Council President	Erica Nikolic- Mayor
Norman Bliss- Council at Large	John Montello- Law*
Taunya Scruggs- Ward 1	Matt Jones- Engineer
Yvonne Evans-Warren- Ward 2	Tom Haba- Service Director*
Paggie Matlock- Ward 3	David Tapp- Fire Chief*
Mary Davis-Ward 4*	John Freeman- Police Captain
Malcom Sims, Jr. – Ward 5*	Roland Walker-CBO*
	Karen Gaither- Recreation

ABSENT:

James Climer- Law
Mark Garratt- Police Chief

*=**Late Arrival**

Meeting Called to order by Hardin 6:08

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

2024-WS-43 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CEP RENEWABLES OH, LLC FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE AS A SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT WITH ATTENDANT RECREATIONAL USES

Remains on Work Session.

2024-WS-45 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CREte119igent AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Remains on Work Session.

2026-WS-10 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPOINTING TANYA JOSEPH AS INTERIM ASSISTANT CLERK OF VILLAGE COUNCIL AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES FOR SUCH POSITION

Motion to Withdraw. Made by Evans- Warren Seconded Scruggs

Vote YES : Hardin, Bliss, Scruggs, Evans-Warren, Matlock, Sims.

Withdrawn.

2026-WS-18 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND
Intro by MCDANIEL AS FINANCE DIRECTOR AND DECLARING AN
Bliss/ Mayor EMERGENCY

Mayor Nikolic discussed the candidate for finance director Raymond
McDaniel.

Motion passed. Moved regular to session.

Motion to Move to regular session. Made by Evans-Warren Seconded by Bliss.

Vote YES : Hardin, Bliss, Scruggs, Evans-Warren, Matlock, Sims.

Moved to regular session.

2026-WS-19 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2026
Intro: Mayor/Bliss CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY PLANNING SERVICES PROGRAM
(CPSP) MASTER PLAN GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

The master plan grant was discussed county is offering technical assistance not direct funding to help develop a comprehensive community master plan the deadline is May 20. The plan will serve as a 5–10-year roadmap for the village’s future helps organize all the villages ideas and projects solar panels police station infrastructure trails etc. into a strategic plan must be created with residents, not consultants only 12-15 municipalities expected to apply; Oakwood has advantages due to low-to-moderate income census designations. If the village can’t afford the matching funds if awarded, then what will that entail. We can decline if unaffordable. Funding covers planning only; implementation is Phase 2-3. Bliss is the core team lead he emphasized the importance of follow through and the previous master plan from years ago that was never implemented this is along term operation a five-year plan will affect you for the next 50 years. A 3-minute survey has been created to gauge early community interest and priorities. A QR code available for the electronic submission; paper copies available. Council members were invited to join the core team, and all council members encouraged them to participate in discussions.

Was to be on second reading.

Motion to move to next regular session. Made by Bliss seconded by Matlock.

Vote YES : Hardin, Bliss, Scruggs, Evans-Warren, Matlock, Sims.

Moved.

2026-WS-20- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
VILLAGE ENGINEER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT
FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2026 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL

GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) AND
AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND
OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The funding for the special municipal grant program was discussed about the funding which would be up to 200,000 for road repairs (100 % coverage of construction, design, and inspection. The eligible streets must be low to moderate income or an important target area. Blackburn Avenue has the worst condition and borderline undriveable and Weber Park Drive. Other streets were mentioned but one was already funded or the streets did not meet the criteria for repair.

Motion to move to regular session made by Scruggs seconded by Matlock

Vote YES : Hardin, Bliss, Scruggs, Evans-Warren, Matlock, Sims.

Motion passed. Move.

Adjourned 6:57p

5/27/2026

Approved (date)

Eloise Hardin

Council President, Eloise Hardin

5/27/2026

Posted (date)

Nina Curry

Assistant Clerk of Council, Nina Curry