

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD MINUTES

Work Session (Community Ctr.)

May 26, 2026

6:00pm

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
	Robert Stephens-NewInspector

ABSENT:

James Climer- Law
Mark Garratt- Police Chief

*=Late Arrival

Meeting Called to order by Hardin 6:06
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-22 AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE OAKWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER THE GARY V. GOTTSCHALK COMMUNITY CENTER

Intro by
Matlock

Motion PASSED: Move to regular session. Made by Evans-Warren Seconded Davis

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

2026-WS-22 became legislation, according to the meeting audio the next numerically number provided by the Clerk was in error. This legislation is not 2026-41 instead the assigned correct number posted is 2026-45

2026-WS-23 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$915,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF (i) IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE VILLAGE BY RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING, CONSTRUCTING STORM SEWERS AND RELATED FACILITIES AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, (ii) ACQUIRING, REMODELING, RENOVATING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A BUILDING TO HOUSE VILLAGE SERVICE DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS AND IMPROVING ITS SITE, AND (iii) RESURFACING FORBES ROAD FROM NORTHFIELD ROAD TO BROADWAY AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Hardin

Motion to Adopt and Move to regulars session. Made by Davis Seconded by Sims.

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

Moved to regular session.

Matthew A. Stuczynski stated we met a number of weeks ago and chatted about the note legislation that council must consider. MAS mentioned paying down the current vote that's outstanding is \$1,265,000. That was issued in 2025.

The \$915,000 of bond anticipation notes that the... The Village is going to consider to pay off a portion of the notes that are coming due. MAS explained that the interest due on the notes is \$60,087.50, bringing the total amount owed on June 11 to \$1,325,087.50. So on June 10th there's going to be a wire out of The Village of Oakwood for \$1,265,000 plus interest. MAS emphasized that the full payment amount must be appropriated in the budget to ensure the bill can be paid, regardless of how much revenue will later be used to offset or supplement the payment. Matthew A. Stuczynski said the \$915,000 comes due next year in June 27, of 2027 then The Village of Oakwood does the same thin, pay down \$350,000 and renew it at the lower amount.

Mayor Erica Nikolic has signed the agreement and Fiscal Officer's Certificate that is set in place.

2026-WS-24 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF A NO-COST FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR AN ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH LEOPARDO EFFICIENCY AND PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS, AND VILLAGE STAFF TO ASSIST IN THE COORDINATION OF SITE VISITS AND DATA COLLECTION

Intro by

Sims

Motion To Adjourn the WS meeting 6:52pm-7:00pm. Moved to regular to next scheduled council meeting agenda

**Motion to Suspend the Rules, Rules Suspended Made by Davis Seconded by Sims.
Vote YES : Hardin, Bliss, Scruggs, Evans-Warren, Matlock, Sims, Davis.**

**Motion to Adopt Made by Evans Seconded by Davis
Vote YES : Hardin, Scruggs, Evans-Warren, Matlock, Sims, Davis.
Vote No : Bliss Motion
Motion Passed to Adopt**

Hardin mentioned that she heard the Mayor say, "as a part of the five-year plan, they would like to pass this legislation so as we develop the five year plan, this would be one of the companies used."

**Motion To Adjourn the WS meeting
6:52pm-7:00pm.**

June 10, 2026
Approved (date)

6-10-2026
Posted (date)

Eloise Hardin
Council President, Eloise Hardin

Carol Jackson
Clerk of Council, Carol Jackson