



VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2026

7:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Council President -Eloise Hardin	Mayor -Erica L Nikolic
President Pro Tem -Norman Bliss	Law -J Climer/J Montello
Ward 1 Council -Taunya Scruggs	Interim Finance -Karen Howse
Ward 2 Council -Yvonne Evans-Warren	Service -Tom Haba
Ward 3 Council -Paggie Matlock	Fire -Dave Tapp
Ward 4 Council -Mary Davis	Building -Vacant
Ward 5 Council -Malcolm Sims, Jr.	Engineer -Matt Jones
	Recreation -Karen Gaither
	Police – John Freeman

4. Minutes
  - A. June 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting
5. Correspondence- Clerks Office
  - A. Clerks training to date
    - Council members received (Handout) of Clerks Completed Training
    - Legislations Spreadsheet
    - Attendance Voting Record
6. Departmental Reports

MAYOR – ERICA NIKOLIC	FIRE-DAVE TAPP
LAW-J CLIMER/J MONTELLO	BUILDING-VACANT
INTERIM FINANCE-KAREN HOWSE	SERVICE-TOM HABA
POLICE-JOHN FREEMAN	ENGINEER-MATT JONES
RECREATION-KAREN GAITHER	

7. Ward Reports & Committee Reports

8. **Open Floor Comments from the Village Residents** (comments in general- please state your name, address, and you wish to discuss for the record. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes. Thank you. Please sign in to speak.)

Executive Session (if warranted).

To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employee or official.

9. Legislation

**2026-50 AN ORDINANCE REORGANIZING THE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE**

Introduced by  
Council as a whole  
1<sup>st</sup> read  
2<sup>nd</sup> read Amended

10. Adjournment

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

WORK SESSION

6:00 PM

JUNE 23, 2026

1. Call meeting to order
  2. Discussion by Mayor and Department Heads of Matters to be brought to the attention of Council if present.
  3. Questions of Mayor and Department Heads concerning Legislation or potential Legislation to be considered at future Council meetings.
  4. Discussion of items of draft Legislation or potential Legislation to be considered at future Council meetings.
  5. Executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employee or official.
  6. Matters Deemed Appropriate.
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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

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

2026 –WS- 51      AN ORDINANCE RETAINING JAMES A. CLIMER AND PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES IN TRANSITIONING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO THE PERSONS APPOINTED AS THE INTERIM LAW DIRECTOR AND/OR REPLACEMENT LAW DIRECTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
Introduced by  
Council as a whole  
1<sup>st</sup> read 6/23/26

2026 –WS- 52      A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2026 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2027 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
Introduced  
By Mayor  
1<sup>st</sup> read 6/23/26

2026 –WS- 53      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ENGINEER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2027, AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
Introduced by Mayor  
And Council as a whole  
1<sup>st</sup> read 6/23/26

2026 –WS- 54      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ENGINEER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) FOR 2027, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
Introduced  
By Mayor  
1<sup>st</sup> read 6/23/26

2026 –WS- 55      AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FUNDING UNDER THE NATUREWORKS PROGRAM FOR THE GLORIA WAINWRIGHT PARK IMPROVEMENTS  
Introduced  
By Mayor

7. Adjournment

Reminder to set date(s) for:	Hardin
Council Education Courses	Hardin
Clerk of Council	Hardin
Municipal complex	Hardin
Disaster Recovery Plan	Hardin
Human Resources	Hardin
Five Year Plan	Hardin
Recreation Budget & Events	Scruggs

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-WS-43

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR

**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**

WHEREAS, the Village of Oakwood and CEP Renewables OH, LLC ("CEP") deem it advantageous to each of them to enter into a Development Agreement for the redevelopment of certain property generally known as the former Silver Oak Landfill and more fully described as Permanent Parcel Nos. 795-41-005, 795-42-001 and 795-43-001 for purposes of a solar energy project with attendant recreational uses; and,

WHEREAS, Oakwood and CEP have agreed in principle to the terms of said Agreement as set forth in the document attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and marked Exhibit 1.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a Development Agreement with CEP substantially in the form attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit 1.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2024 - was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024 - was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers in the locations and manner provided in the Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibit 1

### DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

THIS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is executed as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 ("Effective Date") by and between the Village of Oakwood, an Ohio municipal corporation and political subdivision ("Village"), and CEP Renewables OH, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company with an address of 331 Newman Springs Road, Building 1, 4th Floor, Red Bank, NJ 07701, or any of its assignees ("CEP"). Village and CEP are referred to individually each as a "Party" and, collectively, as the "Parties."

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, CEP has executed an agreement to acquire the property known as approximately 46.54 acres of vacant land in Oakwood Village, Ohio, whose Cuyahoga County tax parcel numbers are 795-41-005, 795-42-001 and 795-43-001 (hereinafter the "Property"), from the Cuyahoga Land Bank ("Land Bank") pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement with an effective date of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 ("Purchase Contract"); and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the sale of the Property, the Land Bank may seek evidence that the local community in which the Property is situated has reviewed and approves of the development plan that CEP put forth as part of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, one or more environmental covenants, including but not limited to the environmental covenant recorded as AFN 201507220442 in the Cuyahoga County Records ("Environmental Covenants"), place restrictions on the use of the Property for commercial or industrial purposes; and

WHEREAS, as evidence that the community has reviewed and approves CEP's development plan for an approximately 7 MW-dc, 5.5 MW-ac solar power generation facility at the Property, including, without limitation, the right to construct a ballasted solar photovoltaic system, together with all appurtenant facilities, including but not limited to cables, conduits, transformers, concrete pads, poles, wiring, meters and electric lines and equipment, and to convert the solar energy into electrical energy and to collect, store, sell and transmit the electrical energy so converted, together with any and all necessary and permitted activities related thereto (collectively, the "Solar Energy Project"), and as evidence that the community approves of the use of the Property for Solar Energy Project purposes, CEP and Village have executed this Development Agreement wherein CEP shall set forth and represent to Village the development representations which CEP made to the Land Bank.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the Purchase Contract, and other good and valuable consideration received by CEP, CEP hereby agrees as follows:

1. No Preemption. Unless otherwise provided for specifically herein, this Agreement shall not be deemed to waive, preempt or make unnecessary any applicable municipal or governmental process, including but not limited to zoning, variances, brownfield and economic incentives, assessments or fees and that the CEP and/or any Property user will be required to submit and partic-

ipate in any appropriate process as provided in Village's ordinances, rules and/or regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Village agrees to use its best efforts, subject to Council approval and limitations on the use of public funds to support ballot measures as well as other legal restrictions, to support and advocate for any necessary land use, zoning and regulatory approvals as are necessary for CEP to construct and operate the Solar Energy Project on the Property.

2. Zoning and Land Use. The development activities at the Property shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable portions of Village's zoning ordinances, as may necessarily be amended or varied from in order for CEP to construct and operate the Solar Energy Project. Village agrees, subject to Council approval and limitations on the use of public funds to support ballot measures as well as other legal restrictions, to assist CEP in the amendment of any zoning ordinances, or CEP's pursuit of variances therefrom, necessary for CEP to construct and operate the Solar Energy Project. Village agrees to assist CEP in the amendment of Environmental Covenants necessary for CEP to construct and operate the Solar Energy Project.

3. Intended Use. CEP intends to use commercially reasonable efforts to design, install, maintain and operate the Solar Energy Project. CEP also agrees to coordinate with the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District and Village to plant flora and construct and maintain a trail, with educational kiosks, connecting the parking lot off Solon Road with the Solon Club Apartments and extending to connect to the trail off Hawthorne Parkway consistent with the conceptual renderings and descriptions attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A". The actual location and design of the trail will be finalized prior to closing.

4. Capital Expenditure. CEP has budgeted approximately \$12 million to \$14 million for capital improvements to design, procure, and construct the Solar Energy Project.

5. Jobs. The project expects to result in part time employment of a maximum of 80 temporary construction jobs. Additionally, the long term operations and maintenance of the facility will result in annual contracting of approximately three part-time individuals for regularly scheduled activities.

6. Term. Except to all matters that relate to zoning approvals, which terms shall remain in effect for applicable periods required by law, this Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force or effect five (5) years from the Effective Date if, despite the best efforts of the parties, necessary approvals and permits for the Solar Energy Project described hereinabove are not granted. Once all approvals have been secured for the Solar Energy Project, including but not limited to interconnection approval, CEP anticipates a construction period of approximately six to 12 months.

7. Effect of Invalidation. If any declaration is held to be invalid by any Court, the invalidity of such provision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions hereof.

8. Stipulation of Consideration. The parties to this Agreement hereby acknowledge and stipulate to the mutual promises contained herein as good and sufficient consideration for this Agreement.

9. Force Majeure. CEP shall not be liable for loss, damage, destruction or delay, nor be deemed to be in default for failure to comply with this Agreement when prevented from compliance or fulfillment of any obligation by causes beyond its reasonable control including but not limited to acts of war (declared or undeclared), acts of God, fire, strike, labor difficulties, acts or omissions of any governmental authority, compliance with government regulations, insurrection or riot, embargo, delay or shortages in transportation or inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, or manufacturing facilities from usual sources or from defects or delays in the performance of its suppliers or subcontractors due to any of the foregoing enumerated causes. In the event of delay due to any such cause, the date of performance will be extended by a period equal to the delay plus a reasonable time to resume performance.

10. Assignment by CEP. CEP may freely assign this Agreement to an affiliate or subsidiary of CEP of equal or greater financial, technical and other ability as CEP to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

11. As capacity is free and available for new subscribers, CEP agrees to provide or arrange for electricity discounts of 10% to 15% to CEP subscribers who are residents and/or commercial customers located in the Village as permitted by state and local laws and regulations at the time the Solar Energy Project becomes operational and/or as permitted by subsequent amendments to said laws and regulations.

12. Miscellaneous. This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts (or with counterpart signature pages) which, taken together, shall constitute a fully executed Agreement and shall be considered a single document. For purposes of this Agreement, a pdf or electronic copy shall be deemed to be an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals and/or have caused their corporate seal to be affixed hereto the day and year first above written.

**VILLAGE:**

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, AN OHIO  
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to legal form:

\_\_\_\_\_

Law Director/Assistant Law Director

**CEP:**

**CEP RENEWABLES OH, LLC, A NEW  
JERSEY LIMITED LIABILITY COM-  
PANY**

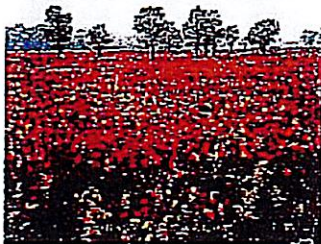


By: Gary R. Cicero  
Managing Member

Date: September 4, 2024

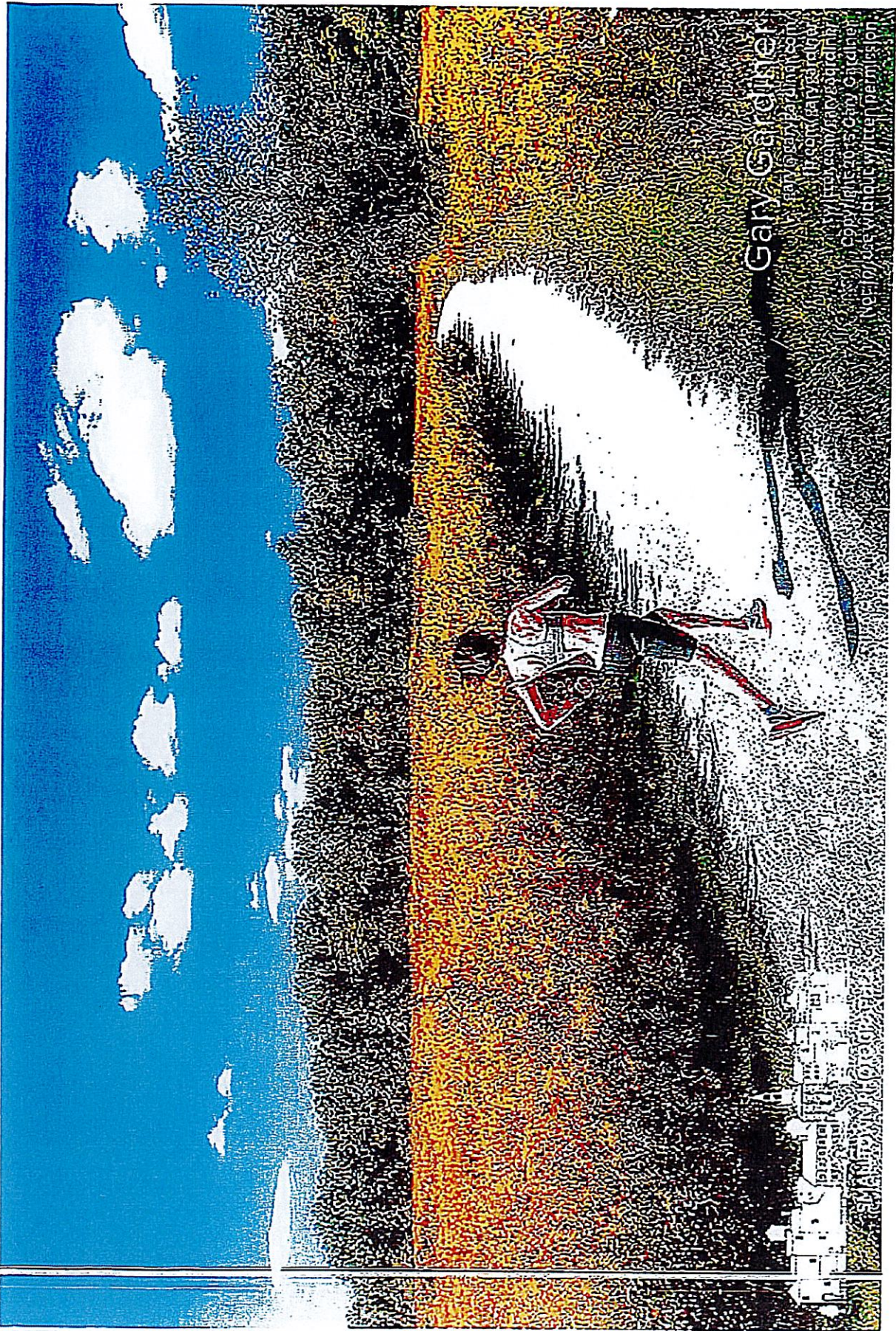
• **ANDREW L. SPARKS AND ASSOCIATES, INC.** •  
• *Landscape Architecture* •  
30303 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH 44092  
CELL 216-469-5252 PHONE 440-833-0163 FAX 440-943-9593

Landscaped Recreation Trail for site of Seneca Engineering 26 Acre Solar Energy Project



This "park-like" trail will have a groundcover canvas of varying shades, textures, and heights of green and blueish native grasses. This will be the background for an array of durable and ornamental native prairie and meadow re-seeding annuals and perennials, shrubs, small trees and evergreens planted along the trail. As the path winds along the watershed on the north, then over and down the mounding hills, and along the wooded area adjacent to Richmond Rd., vibrant and pastel annual and perennial flower colors and shapes will appear seasonally in large drifts and intense colonies with whisps of small flowering and berrying trees and shrubs in groupings, and be punctuated by a few larger evergreens and trees (far enough east and north to not interfere with the sun angle) to accomplish an invigorating and educational display for the hiker, runner, wanderer, and sight-seer. Beginning and ending at Solon Road and Richmond Road it will be a fine diversion from the views of the solar panels beyond, and an eye-catcher for even those traveling the roadways. There will be environmental benefits far beyond that present on the site now, for those residents and employees who make the effort; and for the birds and insects and our four-footed friends. Naturally provision will be made for their breakfast, lunch, and dinner as well, which should be tolerated. Perhaps a bridge at one spot for crossing at a Solon Club trail tributary. And rock outcroppings made from material raised on site. Exact points of beginning and ending have not been determined yet, but could result in a 2,500 foot to 3,000 foot trail.

Exhibit "A"



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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-WS-45

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILPERSON NIKOLIC

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER  
INTO A CONTRACT WITH CREtelligent AND DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Village Oakwood has received reports of various illnesses suffered by residents in the vicinity of Wright Avenue in the Village; and,

WHEREAS, Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and the health and well-being of its residents, visitors and persons working within the Village to investigate potential environmental sources of said illnesses to determine what if any further steps should be taken;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with CREtelligent substantially in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being the urgent need to determine potential environmental sources of reported illnesses in the vicinity of Wright Avenue in the Village, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2024 - was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024 - was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT A



2717 S. Arlington St., Suite C  
Akron, OH 44312  
E: [f.hamilton@cretelligent.com](mailto:f.hamilton@cretelligent.com)

January 8, 2024

Ed Hren  
Engineer  
Village of Oakwood  
24800 Broadway Ave  
Oakwood Village, Ohio 44146

Via email: [hren@cvefimited.com](mailto:hren@cvefimited.com)

Re: Proposal  
Preliminary Assessment  
Environmental Conditions  
Wright Ave, Oakwood Village

Dear Ed:

CREtelligent (CREt) is pleased to present this proposal for a preliminary assessment of environmental conditions along Wright Ave.

### INTRODUCTION

During a recent meeting at your office, we heard concerns from Council President-elect Erica Nikolic regarding possible contamination of soil along Wright Ave associated with nearby industries. This proposal has been prepared to begin gathering data that might be able to help better understand that concerns raised.

### SCOPE OF WORK

We have developed a scope of work that includes the following specific services:

#### INTERVIEWS

We are proposing to interview residents along Wright Ave and other nearby streets to better understand their concerns. During these interviews we will gather basic demographic data (age, gender, etc.). We will ask residents questions about where they have lived and worked now and historically. We will also attempt to gather information about other habits that might affect exposure to environmental contaminants. We will also ask residents to describe any concerns they have related to local environmental conditions. We will also ask residents if they have any health concerns. Response to any and all interview questions will be voluntary.

A questionnaire will be developed and used so that consistent and uniform information is collected. Residents will be requested to complete this, or another, questionnaire prior to the interview. It is likely that we will walk the neighborhood, particular properties of residents who have agreed to interviews prior to in person interviews. That reconnaissance will help guide the interview process.

Interviews will be conducted a location convenient for residents. We would propose a location at the Village Hall or even your office. Audio and/or video recording of the interviews might be conducted.

#### **DESKTOP RESEARCH**

After the interviews are completed and results reviewed and compiled, we will continue our research to understand possible sources of environmental contamination in the area. We will use an outside data contractor to compile a list of properties/businesses within a to be determined radius of the affected area. These data will include a list of businesses that have activity that has been reported to state, federal and local environmental authorities. The search area will be developed using an understanding of prevailing winds. We will also perform a visual reconnaissance from public roadways in the area to assess completeness of the data provided by the data vendor.

#### **SAMPLING**

CREtelligent is proposing to collect representative soil samples from the neighborhood to begin to develop an understanding of existing conditions. Soil samples will be collected from the near surface and from a depth of approximately 12 inches at each location. The study area will initially focus on properties east and west of Wright Ave between Forbes Road and North Lane. The study area may be adjusted based on the results of interviews and research described above.

This proposal includes costs for collection of two samples from each of 15 locations. Samples will be collected using properly decontaminated tools into laboratory supplied and prepared containers appropriate to the proposed analytical program. Samples will be maintained in an iced cooler under strict chain of custody until delivered to the analytical laboratory.

It is anticipated that samples will be submitted to Summit Environmental in Cuyahoga Falls Ohio. At this time, we are proposing to request samples be analyzed for the following metals via EPA Method 6010D:

- Selenium
- Vanadium
- Arsenic
- Tin
- Barium
- Lead
- Hexavalent Chromium
- Trivalent Chromium
- Copper

This list is subject to change based on the results of our research and interviews. The parameters listed above are, however, typically what one might expect to be discharged to air from the types of industries in the area.

Sampling locations will be restored by placing soil back into the excavation/hole. Topsoil and grass seed will be spread over each location. We are not proposing any ongoing maintenance or watering of samples areas.

### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING**

At the conclusion of the work described above we will prepare a report. The report will include a summary of work completed and detailed review of the results. The report will not name any resident specifically but will refer to interviewees in a generic sense. The report will include photographs, figures and other exhibits as appropriate.

We will also include recommendations. As discussed during our meeting, should our results suggest that there is some widespread impact we would recommend that the results be provided to the County Board of Health and/or the Ohio EPA.

### **ESTIMATED COST <sup>1</sup>**

CREt has prepared the following budget for this project, based on the scope of work described herein:

Task	Estimated CREt Cost	Estimated Expenses	Estimated Laboratory Cost	Total Estimated Task Cost
Interviews	\$6,000			\$6,000
Desktop Research	\$1,000	\$500		\$1,500
Soil sampling	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$7,000	\$10,000
Reporting and project management	\$5,000			\$5,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST</b>				<b>\$22,500.00</b>

This budget includes the following assumptions:

- Interviews will be conducted at a location to be provided by the Village. Two full days have been budgeted for interviews.
- Soil sample locations will be marked in the field. We expect the Village Engineer will provide us a drawing for our report documenting sample locations.
- If, after completing interviews, modifications to the list of laboratory analytes seems appropriate we will prepare a modified scope of work and advise any budgetary impacts prior to proceeding.

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All work will be completed in accordance with the attached terms and conditions.

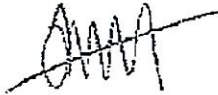
#### SCHEDULE

We are prepared to begin scheduling interviews immediately upon receipt of authorization to proceed. We will also commence the desktop research task immediately upon receipt of authorization to proceed. Soil sampling will be scheduled once the interviews and research are completed. Soil sampling will require snow and frost-free conditions. The soil sampling will take approximately one week to complete. Once the soil samples are collected, laboratory analysis will require approximately one week. Altogether, it is anticipated that this project will take 6 to 8 weeks to complete, contingent upon weather and other conditions beyond our control.

CREtelligent appreciates the opportunity to propose on this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments.

Regards,

CREtelligent



Fraser K. Hamilton, Sr PG EP  
Director, Environmental Consulting

1. The cost to the client shall not exceed the estimated cost without the client's prior written consent.



**CREtelligent  
General Conditions**

**1.0 BILLING**

1.1 Invoices will be issued with the report, unless the work extends for more than 1 month, in which case invoices will be issued every four weeks. All invoices will be payable upon receipt, unless otherwise agreed.

1.2 Interest of 1 and 1/2% per month (but not exceeding the maximum rate allowable by law) will be payable on any amounts not paid within 15 days. Payments will be applied first to accrued interest and then to the unpaid principal amount of invoices. Any attorney's fees or other costs incurred in collecting any delinquent amount shall be paid by the Client.

1.3 In the event that the Client requests termination or suspension of the work prior to completion of a report, CREtelligent (the "Company") reserves the right to charge the Client for work completed and charges incurred by the Company as of the date of termination, including a charge to complete such analyses and records as are necessary to place its files in order and, where considered by it necessary to protect its professional reputation, to complete a report on the work performed to date. The Company reserves the right to impose a termination charge to cover the cost thereof in an amount not to exceed 30% of all charges incurred up to the date of termination.

**2.0 WARRANTY AND LIABILITY**

2.1 Company will provide services in accordance with the specifications prescribed by its Clients, in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions. The Company hereby disclaims any warranties or representations, either expressed or implied, other than as expressly stated in the Company's proposals, contracts or reports.

2.2 The Company, its employees, subcontractors and agents shall not be liable for indirect or consequential damages, including without limitation loss of use, loss of value and loss of profits.

2.3 In addition to the limitations provided in 2.1 and 2.2, and notwithstanding any other provision herein, the liability of the Company, its employees, subcontractors and agents shall be limited to injury or loss to the extent caused by the negligence of the Company, its subcontractors and/or agents hereunder; and the liability of the Company for injury or loss arising from professional errors shall not exceed the lesser of (a) the total amount billed by the Company for the services rendered to Client, or (b) \$10,000. In no event shall the Company, its subcontractors or agents be liable for injuries or losses pertaining to environmental impairment, pollution, radiation, nuclear reaction or radioactive substances or conditions.

2.4 The Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its employees, subcontractors and agents against and from any claim, liability, attorneys' fees or other defense costs incurred because of (i) injury or loss caused by the acts and omissions of the Client, its employees, agents, contractors or subcontractors, and (ii) any third party claim arising from the performance of services hereunder by the Company, its agents or subcontractors with respect to claims that do not arise solely from the negligence or willful misconduct of the Company, its agents or subcontractors.

2.5 In the event that the Client asserts a claim against the Company that causes the Company to incur defense costs, and a court of law or arbitration panel rules in favor of the Company, the Client shall reimburse the Company for all costs, including attorney's fees, incurred by the Company in defending itself against such claim.

**3.0 GOVERNING LAW:**

These terms and conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California (without regard to its conflicts of law's provisions). The parties hereto hereby agree that venue of any action under these T&Cs shall be exclusively in Sacramento County, California, and that these terms and conditions are performable in part in Sacramento County, California.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 –WS-51

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN ORDINANCE RETAINING JAMES A. CLIMER AND PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES IN TRANSITIONING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO THE PERSONS APPOINTED AS THE INTERIM LAW DIRECTOR AND/OR REPLACEMENT LAW DIRECTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, James A. Climer previously announced his retirement of Law Director effective April 30, 2026 which has been extended to May 31, 2026 and June 30, 2026; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the retirement of James A. Climer will go into effect on June 30, 2026; and,

**WHEREAS**, an Interim Law Director and permanent appointment of a replacement Law Director have not yet been appointed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the lack of the foregoing appointments has prevented the transition of Law Department business to the Interim and new Law Director during the term of James A. Climer and it is anticipated that the services of James A. Climer will be necessary after his retirement in order to make the said transition in an efficient and orderly manner;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** The services of James A. Climer are hereby retained effective July 1, 2026 at a rate of One hundred eighty-nine and 00/100 Dollars (\$189.00) per hour to assist and to effectuate the transition of Law Department activities to the Interim and/or newly appointed Law Director.

**SECTION 2.** The fees for the foregoing services shall be billed on a monthly basis and shall not exceed the total amount of Fifteen thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) without the prior consent of Council and the Mayor.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the transition of Law Department activities and business in an efficient and orderly manner is necessary to the effective operation of the Village for the benefit of its citizens, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Erica Nikolic

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2026 - was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2026 - was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers in the locations and manner provided in the Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – WS-52

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2026  
TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2027 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, R.C. Sec. 5705.30 requires that municipalities as well as other government subdivisions submit to the County Budget Commission on or before July 20 of each year an estimated budget for the next calendar year so that the tax rate for such year may be determined by said Budget Commission; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing has been advertised on such budget as required by law and was held;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the proposed budget of estimated income and expenditures for the tax year 2027, as presented by the Interim Director of Finance attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “A” be, and the same is hereby accepted and approved, after a public hearing on same was held.

**SECTION 2.** That the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward said tax budget for the calendar year 2027, to the Auditor of Cuyahoga County for presentation to the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the said tax budget must be adopted on or before July 15, 2026 and submitted to the Auditor on or before July 20, 2026 to avoid forfeiture of the Village’s share of the undivided local government fund for 2027, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Erica Nikolic

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2026 - was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

### POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2026 - was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers in the locations and manner provided in the Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION

Political Subdivision: **Oakwood Village, Ohio -Cuyahoga County**

EXHIBIT "A"

For the Fiscal Year Commencing: January 1, 2027

Interim Fiscal Officer Signature: *Karen A. Howse*

Date: June 23, 2026

**COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA**

Background

Substitute House Bill No. 129 (HB129) effective June 3, 2002, was enacted by the 124th General Assembly in part to allow a county budget commission to waive the requirement that a taxing authority adopt a tax budget for a political subdivision or other taxing unit, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.281.

Under the law in effect prior to June 3, 2002, the budget commission could only waive the tax budget for a subdivision or other taxing unit that was receiving a share of the county undivided local government fund or the county undivided local government revenue assistance fund under an alternative method or formula pursuant to ORC Sections 5747.53 and 5747.63. Thus, tax budgets could be waived only for counties, municipalities, townships, and park districts. This restriction is now removed.

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.281

Under the amended version of this section pursuant to HB 129, a county budget commission, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the commission, including an affirmative vote by the county auditor, may waive the tax budget for any subdivision or other taxing unit. However, the commission may require the taxing authority to provide any information needed by the commission to perform its duties, including the division of the tax rates as provided under ORC Section 5705.04.

County Budget Commission Duties

The county budget commission must still certify tax rates to each subdivision or other taxing unit, by March 1 for school districts and by September 1 for all other taxing authorities under ORC Section 5705.35, even when a tax budget is waived. Also, the commission is still required to issue an official certificate of estimated resources under ORC Section 5705.35 and amended official certificates of estimated resources under ORC Section 5705.36.

Therefore, when a budget commission is setting tax rates based on a taxing unit's need, for purposes of ORC Sections 5705.32, 5705.34, and 5705.341, its determination must be based on that other information the commission asked the taxing authority to provide under ORC Section 5705.281, when the tax budget was waived. Also, an official certificate must be based on that other information the commission asked the taxing authority to provide.

County Budget Commission Action

On October 11, 2002, during the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission meeting, the commission with an affirmative vote of all members waived the requirement for taxing authorities of subdivisions or other taxing units (including Schools) to adopt a tax budget as provided under ORC Section 5705.281, but shall require the filing of this Alternative Tax Budget Information document on an annual basis.

Alternative Tax Budget Information Filing Deadline

For all political subdivisions excluding school districts, the fiscal officer must file one copy of this document with the County Fiscal Officer on or before July 19th. For school districts the fiscal officer must file one copy of this document with the County Fiscal Officer on or before January 20th.

**DIVISION OF TAXES LEVIED**

(Levies Inside & Outside 10 Mill Limitation, Inclusive Of Debt Levies)  
 (List All Levies Of The Taxing Authority)

I Fund	II Purpose	III Authorized By Voters On MM/DD/YY	IV Levy Type	V Number Of Years Levy To Run	VI Tax Year Begins/ Ends	VII Collection Year Begins/ Ends	VIII Maximum Rate Authorized	IX \$ AMOUNT Requested Of Budget Commission
General Fund	Inside				2026	2027	2.90	\$435,000.00
Police Pension	Inside						0.30	\$47,000.00
Bond Fund	Inside						0.60	\$88,000.00
Totals								\$570,000.00

OAKWOOD VILLAGE, OHIO

SCHEDULE 2

2027 ESTIMATE STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
FUND	BEGINNING ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE	PROPERTY TAXES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE	OTHER SOURCES RECEIPTS	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES	ENDING ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE
DESCRIPTION	FUND BALANCE	REVENUE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES	BALANCE
101 GENERAL FUND	850,000.00	599,350.00	10,435,650.00	11,885,000.00	11,000,000.00	885,000.00
201 SCMR	100,000.00	-	800,000.00	900,000.00	700,000.00	200,000.00
202 PERMISSIVE AUTO FUND	0.00	-	45,000.00	45,000.00	40,000.00	5,000.00
203 STATE HIGHWAY FUND	0.00	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
204 RECREATION FUND	500.00	-	180,000.00	180,500.00	175,000.00	5,500.00
205 BEAUTIFICATION FUND	66.38	-	-	66.38	-	66.38
207 POLICE SEIZURE FUND	1,608.00	-	-	1,608.00	-	1,608.00
208 SENIOR CENTER	7,000.00	-	4,000.00	11,000.00	8,000.00	3,000.00
209 FURTHERANCE OF JUSTICE	436.67	-	-	436.67	-	436.67
210 POLICE PENSION	615.14	47,000.00	-	47,615.14	47,000.00	615.14
211 HOLIDAY FUND	168.88	-	-	168.88	-	168.88
212 POLICE EVENTS	200.52	-	-	200.52	-	200.52
213 MEMORIAL FUND	279.30	-	-	279.30	-	279.30
214 ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION	50,000.00	-	35,000.00	85,000.00	75,000.00	10,000.00
215 INDIGENT DRIVERS	7,104.00	-	-	7,104.00	-	7,104.00
216 CONFISACTED PROPERTY	4.19	-	-	4.19	-	4.19
217 AMBULANCE BILLING	200,000.00	-	310,000.00	510,000.00	315,000.00	195,000.00
218 MAYOR'S COMPUTER FUND	2,000.00	-	1,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
219 COURT INDIGENT DRIVE	849.00	-	-	849.00	-	849.00
225 3% STATE/BUILDING OBBS FUND	500.00	-	200.00	700.00	350.00	350.00
250 CARES ACT	736.05	-	-	736.05	-	736.05
251 OPIOID SETTLEMENT	30,000.00	-	8,000.00	38,000.00	30,000.00	8,000.00
252 ARPA COMM GRANT	27,298.50	-	-	27,298.50	-	27,298.50
301 G.O. BOND RETIREMENT	500.00	88,000.00	1,181,175.00	1,269,675.00	1,181,175.00	88,500.00
401 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT	500.00	-	500,000.00	500,500.00	400,000.00	100,500.00
402 TIF SWIFT FILTERS	12,000.00	-	3,000.00	15,000.00	-	15,000.00
403 TIF-MAINES W7D OAKWOOD	28,941.11	-	12,000.00	40,941.11	-	40,941.11
404 TIF-THERMO	8,897.44	-	-	8,897.44	-	8,897.44

OAKWOOD VILLAGE, OHIO


SCHEDULE 2

405							
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	
FUND	BEGINNING ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE	PROPERTY TAXES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE	OTHER SOURCES RECEIPTS	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES	ENDING ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	
DESCRIPTION							
405	TIF-FAMILY DOLLAR	69,000.00	14,000.00	83,000.00	-	83,000.00	
406	TIF-OAKWOOD HOSPITALITY	49,202.00	15,000.00	64,202.00	-	64,202.00	
407	COMMUNITY CARE	28,960.64	14,000.00	42,960.64	-	42,960.64	
408	TIF0BUCKEYE DEVELOPMENT	22,228.74	4,500.00	26,728.74	-	26,728.74	
409	TIF- DUNKIN	42,593.87	9,000.00	51,593.87	-	51,593.87	
410	TIF-PETTTTI	50,561.80	21,000.00	71,561.80	-	71,561.80	
411	TIF-OAK CENTER(MCBEE)	17,617.04	35,000.00	52,617.04	-	52,617.04	
412	TIF-MEDUSA (VET CENTER)	3,453.44	3,400.00	6,853.44	-	6,853.44	
501	S/A BOND RETIREMENT	68,121.23	228,937.00	297,058.23	228,937.50	68,120.73	
602	SANITARY SEWER REV	75,425.32	150,000.00	225,425.32	60,000.00	165,425.32	
801	MAINT.BOND DEPOSIT	36,697.66	-	36,697.66	-	36,697.66	
803	SENIOR CENTER RENTAL	150.00	15,000.00	15,150.00	10,000.00	5,150.00	
804	MEADOWS HOMEOWNERS INS	825.20	-	825.20	-	825.20	
805	P.C. DEPOSIT	1,627.81	-	1,627.81	-	1,627.81	
806	CLEARING FUND	4,998.49	-	4,998.49	-	4,998.49	
999	PAYROLL CLEARING	-	-	-	-	-	
Total All Funds:		1,801,668.42	734,350.00	14,027,862.00	16,563,880.42	14,273,462.50	2,290,417.92







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Proposed Legislation

Baldwin's Ohio Revised Code Annotated
Title LVII. Taxation (Refs & Annos)
Chapter 5705. Tax Levy Law (Refs & Annos)
County Budget Commission; Budgets

R.C. § 5705.30

5705.30 Public inspection of budget; hearing; notice; submission to county auditor; failure to submit on time  
due to ministerial error

Effective: September 30, 2025

Currentness

This section does not apply to a subdivision for which the county budget commission has waived the requirement to adopt a tax budget under [section 5705.281 of the Revised Code](#).

At least two copies of the budget shall be filed in the office of the fiscal officer of the subdivision for public inspection not less than ten days before its adoption by the taxing authority, and such taxing authority shall hold at least one public hearing thereon, of which public notice shall be given by at least one publication not less than ten days prior to the date of hearing in the official publication of such subdivision, or in a newspaper having general circulation in the subdivision. The budget, after adoption, shall be submitted to the county auditor on or before the twentieth day of July, or in the case of a school district or the city of Cincinnati, by the twentieth day of January. The tax commissioner may prescribe a later date for the submission of a subdivision's tax budget. Any subdivision that fails to submit its budget to the county auditor on or before the date prescribed by this section or a later date prescribed by the commissioner shall not receive an apportionment from the undivided local government fund distribution for the ensuing calendar year unless the commissioner determines that the budget was adopted by the subdivision on or before the fifth day before the date prescribed by this section for submitting the budget, but was not submitted by the date so prescribed or the later time prescribed by the commissioner because of ministerial error by the subdivision or its officers, employees, or other representatives.

**CREDIT(S)**

(2025 H 96, eff. 9-30-25; 2012 H 487, eff. 9-10-12; 2002 H 129, eff. 6-3-02; 1995 H 194, eff. 3-5-96; 1986 H 428, eff. 12-23-86; 1984 H 747; 1983 H 260; 1980 H 413; 1976 H 920; 1969 S 114; 1953 H 1; GC 5625-22)

R.C. § 5705.30, OH ST § 5705.30

Current through File 73 of the 136th General Assembly (2025-2026), and 2025 Statewide Issue No. 2 (May election) (2024 H.J.R. No. 8). File 37 is 2025 S 50, which was fully vetoed and so is not included.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-WS-53

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ENGINEER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2027, AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 714.02 of the Cuyahoga County Code, there is created the Cuyahoga County Community Supplemental Block Grant program to be administered in conjunction with and using the same grant process as the County Community Development Block Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant (“CDSG”) program shall be administered by the Cuyahoga County Executive through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDSG program shall be funded through the County Casino Revenue Fund as established in Chapter 709 of the County Code. Fifteen percent (15%) of the funds transferred into the Casino Revenue Fund annually shall be used to fund projects approved through the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, CDSG funds are available to eligible municipal corporations to fund projects meeting a community development need related to the health or welfare of the community, which projects include: a) community master plans; b) housing and commercial demolition; c) infrastructure; d) public safety; e) streetscapes; f) parks and playgrounds; or g) community and senior centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood is a municipal corporation eligible to receive CDSG funding for an eligible activity through the Municipal Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor and Engineer have advised Council that CDSG funds may be available through the 2027 Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant program in an amount not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), to fund the Gloria Wainwright Park Playground Improvements project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor and Engineer are hereby authorized and directed to make application, sign and file all necessary contracts and documents with the Cuyahoga County Department of Development for CDSG funding through the 2027 Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant program for the following project:

**Gloria Wainwright Park Playground Improvements**

**SECTION 2.** The Mayor be and he is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance and further upon the recommendations of the Village Engineer, and approved as to form by the Village Law Director, in accordance with all authority granted to and limitations upon the Village Director of Finance.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that it is necessary to timely submit the application therefore, provided it receives two thirds (2/3) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Erica L. Nikolic

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2026-xx was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2026 - xx was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers and in not less than five (5) of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of the said Village.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2026-WS-54**  
**INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Erica L. Nikolic**  
**MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:**  
**CO-SPONSORED BY:**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ENGINEER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) FOR 2027, AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, Cuyahoga County, as an Urban County designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), receives and administers an annual entitlement from the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) program through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Development carries out various housing and community development activities with Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds including funding eligible activities carried out by other units of local government through the County’s Municipal Grant Program, which eligible activities include: a) community master plans; b) housing and commercial demolition; c) infrastructure; d) public safety; e) streetscapes; f) parks and playgrounds; or g) community and senior centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood is a local government eligible to receive CDBG funding for an eligible activity through the Municipal Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor and Village Engineer have advised Council that CDBG funds may be available through the 2027 Community Development Block Grant program through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development in an amount not exceeding One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$150,000.00), to fund road improvements in the Village of Oakwood.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio that:

**Section 1.** The Mayor and Village Engineer are hereby authorized and directed to make application, sign and file all necessary contracts and documents with the Cuyahoga County Department of Development for CDBG funding through the 2027 Municipal Community Development Block Grant program for the following project:

**Gloria Wainwright Park Playground Improvement Project**

**Section 2.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting on the date indicated below, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such

formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the City, and to timely submit the grant application, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Erica L. Nikolic

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2026-54 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Nikolic, Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2026 - 54 was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers and in not less than five (5) of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of the said Village.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-WS-55**  
**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ERICA L. NIKOLIC**  
**MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FUNDING UNDER THE NATUREWORKS PROGRAM FOR THE GLORIA WAINWRIGHT PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oakwood desires financial assistance under the NatureWorks Grant Program to make improvements to the playground at Gloria Wainwright Park on Wright Avenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1:** The Village of Oakwood approves filing this application for financial assistance.

**Section 2:** The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

**Section 3:** The Village of Oakwood does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.

**Section 4.** The Council of the Village of Oakwood hereby authorizes and directs the Finance Director to amend the appropriations as required for the expenditures outlined within this Ordinance:

**Section 5.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in open meetings of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including the Village's Charter and Codified Ordinances and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance is hereby determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village and for the further reason that the grant application must be submitted by July 15, 2026. It shall therefore become effective upon its passage by the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members of Council and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall become effective at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eloise Hardin, Council President

Presented to the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica L. Nikolic, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Climer, Law Director

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

I, Carol Jackson, as Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of **Ordinance No. 2026-XX**, adopted by the Council of said Municipality on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

### POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2026 - was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers in the locations and manner provided in the Village Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

ATTENDED:

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

ABSENT:

James Climer-Law
John Montello-Law

\*=Late Arrival

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Meeting opened: 7:00 By Hardin

1. Meeting came to order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call

*Minutes*

Motion to approve minutes of May 26, 2026, made by Bliss seconded by Sims.

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

Approved.

Motion to approve minutes of May 30, 2026, made by Davis seconded by Bliss.

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

Approved.

Motion to approve minutes of June 2nd, 2026, made by Sims seconded by Scruggs.

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

Approved.

### *Clerk Correspondence*

Shred Day event recap (48 cars, 38 bins shredded). Announcement of September shred day coming.

### *Departmental Reports*

Mayor Nikolic- Summer Camp: Camp is underway with 52 campers. Kids going to United States tomorrow. Looking forward to a great summer. Communication Issue: Apologized for not communicating camp information well. Previously hung signs on mailboxes, but this stopped after elections due to complaints. Service department no longer does this. Didn't budget for mass mailing for camp. Going forward: Will budget for mass mailing to notify everyone in advance. Registration is now closed Oakwood Reading Corner (Pilot Program): Success: Pilot month program at Central Elementary School. Participants: Police, fire, and senior volunteers read with children. Activities: Children had choice boards for extended learning at home with parents Details: Police read to students. Fire read to students. Seniors read every week (except when they went downtown for senior day). All grade levels participated. Future Plans: Hope to expand to other elementary schools. Goal: Support early literacy ratings in the community. Monthly Town Halls: Format: Showcase of a different department each month (or special guest). Timing: Last Wednesday of each month. Purpose: Learn tips, ideas, and what departments have going on. Next Topic (This Month): Data Centers and Climate Action: Will discuss what data centers are. Residents can ask questions, share thoughts, concerns. Goal: Inform community before any data center proposals come to Oakwood. Described as "a really hot topic". Key Quote: *"So if there's ever a data center that comes to Oakwood, we'll already be informed about whether or not it's something we want to do here."*

### Police

Freeman- Summer safety tips: July 4 fireworks only 8-11 PM. Garbage can violations (residents not bringing cans back in). Vacation safety: lock doors/cars, don't post vacation plans on social media. Vacation checks available upon request. Three guns were stolen from unlocked vehicles.

### Fire

Tapp- CPR classes offered to employees (10 attended). Planning public CPR classes for fall.

### Service

Haba- Trash/garbage can issues being addressed through community policing. Water main break on Richmond and Forbes (being repaired). Flowers and mulch are being planted around village. Telephone poles leaning—will report to utility company.

### Recreation

Gaither- Summer activities are running well. Day trip to Put in Bay planned for Friday. Community center transformed into a PlayStation gaming event. Concern Raised: Lack of female counselors at camp; residents requested at least one female counselor for girls' personal needs.

## Engineer

Jones- Arbutus project paving complete; restoration and final walkthrough pending. Try-on Phase 2 striping complete. First Place Phase 2 and Garden Hickory projects out to bid. 2026 Road Program (Millburn, Red Fox Trail, Winterberry Crossing, Wigtail Run) to be advertised Friday.

## *Open Floor comments*

Deb Hladky- Thanked council for resolving a records problem. Very relieved and grateful. Said it fixed "a great problem". Thanked the council clerks for their work.

Sharon Matthews- Issue: Lack of female counselors at summer camp. Concern: Girls need female counselors for personal/hygiene issues. Specific Problem: If a girl has her period or personal needs, she won't feel comfortable going to male counselors. Request: Need at least one female counselor. Worry: What happens if the female recreation director (Karen Gaither) is unavailable? Response from Council: Councilperson Scruggs defended the male counselors as "phenomenal" and mature. Mayor Nikolic suggested putting feminine products in bathrooms and having "girl talks" with female staff. Council agreed to work with recreation director to find solutions (possibly having Karen Gaither available as backup)

Lucretia Maloney- (directly across from vacant property) Issues: House stripped with debris left in yard for 7-8 months. Grass is overgrown. Windows open. Property transferred/in foreclosure, and debris needs to be picked up. Question: Why don't they just tear it down? Response from Service Department (Tom Haba): Owner was contacted, debris will be picked up this week, grass will be cut, and building inspector issued violations for grass and debris. Follow-up scheduled for 6-11-26.

Barry: Why is the clerk's position reorganization classified as an "emergency"? Questions Raised: Did the village lose a bunch of money? Did a big business leave? Why is this urgent? Shouldn't it go through normal legislative process (3 readings)? Resident's Request: Remove the emergency clause. Outcome: Council voted to remove the emergency clause.

A vote was taken to remove the emergency clause from 2026-50 the motion was made by Matlock and seconded by Scruggs.

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

Motion passed.

A letter from that was given to the mayor was read by Police Captain Freeman

Letter from Clerk of Court Office: A letter was read in the record from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of Mayor's Court. Their Position: Two full-time employees are necessary because: No checks and balances with one person, no one to help clarify problems, no one to assist with

phone calls, can't answer emails timely, case backlog issues, and need coverage for vacation, sick leave, emergencies. Request: Council gives mayor support to revisit and secure proper personnel

### *Legislation*

2026- WS-50

Intro by council as a whole

## AN ORDINANCE REORGANIZING THE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE

A motion to suspend the rules for 2026-50 was made by Hardin and seconded by Evans-Warren.

Vote YES: Evans-Warren, Sims, Davis, Scruggs

Vote NO: Bliss and Matlock.

Motion has not passed. There will be a second read at the next meeting.

Emergency Clause Removal At resident request, council voted to remove the emergency clause the motion was made by Matlock and seconded by Scruggs.

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

Motion passed

First Reading:

Because rules were NOT suspended, the ordinance went to First Reading only: The ordinance was read into the record with amendments. Status: Passed first reading

Current Status: Work Session 2026-50 is now Ordinance 2026-50 and is in the legislative pipeline awaiting second and third readings before final passage.

Motion to go into executive session made by Davis and seconded by Bliss.

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

Motion passed to go into executive session at 8:18pm.

Motion to get out of executive session made by Davis and seconded by Sims.

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

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Sims and seconded by Bliss.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:53.

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Approved (date)

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Council President, Eloise Hardin

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Posted (date)

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Assistant Clerk of Council, Nina Curry