

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Study Session Minutes – September 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Heather McArty called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Cathi Fritz	X		
Lindsey Light	Via phone		
Bob Parr		X	
Doit Roberts	X		
Ferrell Stroh	X		
Robert Wright	X		

RESIGNATIONS

Mayor McArty opened the meeting and presented a letter of resignation to the board effective September 12, 2022, at 6:36 pm. Farrell Stroh gave the board a resignation letter effective September 12, 2022, at 6:37 pm. Both immediately exited the board room.

R. Wright recommended having a special executive meeting before the next scheduled meeting on September 19, 2022.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Attorney Andrew Mudd was in attendance to introduce himself to the board. He stated if the board ever wants him to attend an executive meeting, give him a heads up. By attending open meetings, if something were to happen, he wouldn't be able to represent the village because he would be considered an eyewitness. He also stated the municipal codes are very lengthy and something he usually must refer to and respond later. He feels his attendance at the meeting is not cost-effective as he will still need to go to the office and do the research. Providing an answer to all questions on the spot is not feasible. He recommended the board collect questions and send them ahead of the meeting so he could respond. He was asked if he could be available by FaceTime and stated he would prefer to be in person.

INVESTMENTS

R. Wright reported that First Farmer's has offered 2.4% for 12 months on a CD if the village would reinvest the money. He was unsure if that was for more than one year or just a one-year requirement. L. Light stated this rate seemed very good compared to what has been given to the board in the past several months of research. He prefers to keep the money local at First Farms.

R. Wright stated he would also like the board to develop a 1-5 year strategic plan which will help determine what money would be needed for projects.

TIF REQUESTS

R. Wright reported that paperwork is being finished on the project request north of town. R. Wright stated that to his knowledge, the business downtown hasn't provided the board with any updated plans since the last time they attended a board meeting. Heather was last in contact with both applicants, and he'd follow up with them to resume discussions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

C. Fritz reported that she reached out to Caroline and did a ride-along. She said it was very eye-opening to learn about all that they provide to the village residents. Their off-road vehicle is in the shop as someone filled it with diesel fuel. R. Wright mentioned that this is not acceptable. The ambulance that someone filled with gasoline instead of diesel was just fixed. Bob Parr stated that there is now a sticker on the off-road vehicle that states "Gasoline Only".

D. Roberts reported he has several additional ideas for the restrooms at the park. C. Fritz stated she contacted the engineer that the board had already approved to see if he had any updates. He said he sent the mayor an email needing more information months ago and never heard back from her. The plan is for C. Fritz and D. Roberts to meet with him this week and possibly have an update at the next meeting. D. Roberts also reported he had additional ideas for the inside of the building that he would run by the engineer. D. Roberts also stated he would like the board to discuss refinishing the floors as discussed in the past. R. Wright said his only concern with finishing the bathroom floors was that the cleats would tear into the finished product.

R. Wright asked that the discussions they have with the engineer also include the status of the building plans as it sits now. C. Fritz stated that the engineer has not done anything waiting on a response. So, we are starting from the beginning.

PUBLIC WORKS

B. Wright reported that Dustin and Allen are trying to keep up with current projects. Inviting Lisa Lashway to look into what is still needed on sidewalks. The Watchfire sign project is underway, and brick would be done this week. The intention is to have this project done by the Homecoming Parade.

IMRF

There was a packet of information provided to the board about IMRF. They work with local government units to provide public employees retirement, disability, and death benefits. There must be a cost study report completed that costs \$735. This is required to determine the costs to participate. IMRF was brought to the board's attention by Julie, but done so for Ron due to recent conversations about hiring an SRO.

POLICE

At the last meeting, R. Wright was asked to review how the vehicle is part of the police chief benefit package. According to the IRS, the individual benefits are around \$3,700. There is a tax exemption to this is if the vehicle is marked or if the board states within ordinance that the chief must drive the vehicle to be able to get to emergencies quicker. R. Wright recommended we mark the black Tahoe to be identified as an Oakwood Police vehicle like the F150.

Cathy Fritz motioned at 7:10 pm to move out of the executive session

Seconded by Doit Roberts.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	Via phone		X		X
Nays						
Absent			X		X	

Motion Carried

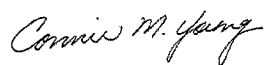
At 7:43 pm, the board moved out of the executive session. There was no action to be taken.

Robert Wright motioned at 7:44 pm to adjourn.

Seconded by Doit Roberts.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	Via phone		X		X
Nays						
Absent			X		X	
Motion Carried						

Submitted by,



Connie Young, Clerk

Approved 10/17/22