

# VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Regular Meeting Minutes – July 18, 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	X		
Bob Parr	X		
Doit Roberts	X		
Ferrell Stroh	X		
Robert Wright	X		

## RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Anita Wright came to the board regarding the sidewalk in front of her house. Mayor McArty explained that the Public Works Dept. has been evaluating the sidewalks within the village and will be sure to provide the department with her address.

Jan Hill asked the board for an update on the speed signs. Mayor McArty reported the signs had been returned, and the Public Works and Police departments have been working with IDOT to figure out a more permeant solution.

Jim Trask thanked for the help that Heather and Julie provided in providing a letter explaining the former church building next to him is a residential rental and not commercial because of the water rates.

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mayor McArty asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Lindsey Light motioned to approve June 13, 2022, Special Meeting minutes.

Seconded by Ferrell Stroh.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nays						
Abstained						

Motion Carried

Lindsey Light motioned to approve June 20, 2022, Budget Executive Meeting minutes.

Seconded by Robert Wright.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nays						
Abstained						

Motion Carried

Lindsey Light motioned to approve June 20, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes.

Seconded by Ferrell Stroh.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nays						
Abstained						

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$ 62,232.17	<b>POLICE</b>	\$ 12,216.88
<b>EMERGENCY RESCUE</b>	\$ 6,367.09		

Mayor McArty asked for a motion to approve the monthly bills.

Ferrell Stroh made a motion to approve bills as presented.

Seconded by Lindsey Light.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nays						
Abstained						

**VILLAGE HALL REPORT**

Mayor McArty reported the office is winding down its audit.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Bob Parr asked for an update on the concrete around the village hall. Mayor McArty reported Dustin is working on rewriting the bid so bids could be collected. The department is taking care of all that needs to be done.

**POLICE REPORT**

A monthly report of activities was provided.

**EMERGENCY RESCUE REPORT**

A monthly report was provided. Mayor McArty reported there was an ambulance that was hit by a deer that is being fixed.

**APPOINT TIF CONSULTANT & TIF LEGAL**

Mayor McArty presented to the board an ordinance allowing Jacob & Klein, Ltd. authorization to enter into a professional services agreement for the administration of the Oakwood Interstate Tax Increment District. The mayor explained this is required to be approved through ordinance because it is being paid through TIF funds. B. Parr asked if any other municipalities have utilized this Ltd. Mayor McArty responded that they come highly from several municipalities. L. Light asked about the part of the agreement that they would not represent the village legally and wondered why we would pay without any representation. C. Fritz stated it would be nice to have an attorney present who can research and explain questions the board has.

R. Wright asked if quarterly meetings could be focused on TIF requests, which would allow for a study session. Mayor McArty reminded the board that all TIF projects are brought to the board and voted on by the board. She also explained tabling this ordinance would put a hold on the current TIF requests that have been received.

F. Stroh stated if the board had people not agreeing, then maybe this needs to be tabled and discussed at a study session and to appoint someone to get more information to make an informed vote.

Ferrell Stroh motioned to table this ordinance so it could be discussed at a study session.

Seconded by Lindsey Light.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nays						
Abstained						

Motion Carried

**WATCHFIRE SIGN**

Mayor McArty updated the board on the sign approved by the board in April. R. Wright provided the board with a diagram of adding a block on the more significant top that would cap off the top and allow for wording such as "Generations of Pride." It adds a decorative finish to the sign. He explained that Jameson Steel is willing to utilize onsite materials and did not see this cost any more than \$400.

C. Fritz had asked about possibly moving the sign to the village entrance. R. Wright explained this would make the structure smaller because of decreasing the size. Another suggestion was to have the sign at the intersection of 150 and the fire station. B. Parr felt the sign needed to stay by the Rail Trail that was voted on by the board. D. Roberts wanted to see if there would be any cost savings moving it. Mayor McArty said the board has already approved the location for installation by the Kickapoo Trail Rail.

Ferrell Stroh motioned to approve the addition of the sign's cap not exceeding \$500.

Seconded by Lindsey Light.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	
Nays						
Abstained						X

Motion Carried

Mayor McArty asked for a motion to go into executive session.

Robert Wright motioned at 7:11 pm to go into the executive session.

Seconded by Lindsey Light.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nays						
Abstained						

Motion Carried

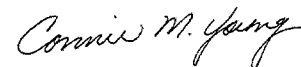
Cathy Fritz made a motion at 9:33 pm to adjourn.

Seconded by Lindsey Light.

	Cathi Fritz	Lindsey Light	Bob Parr	Doit Roberts	Ferrell Stroh	Robert Wright
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nays						
Abstained						

Motion Carried

Submitted by,



Connie Young  
Clerk

Approved 8/15/2022