

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
APRIL 3, 2017

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of Council responded to their names:

- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....PRESENT
- MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....PRESENT
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....ABSENT
- MRS. ANNE S. HILTON.....PRESENT
- MR. CHRISTOPHER B. EPLEY.....ABSENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

- Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
- Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
- Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

- Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*

It was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the absence of Mr. Stephens and Mr. Epley be excused. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the March 6, 2017 regular session and work session, and the March 20, 2017 special, executive and work sessions. Mrs. Hilton reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the minutes of the sessions of Council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORTS

Proclamation – Mayor Duncan read a proclamation designating April as “Autism Awareness Month.”

Mayor Duncan shared that the 2017 Budget includes a \$550,000 reduction in income tax revenue to anticipate the negative effects of Ohio House Bill 5. There will also be a reduction in tax receipts because of numerous surrounding cities increasing their income tax rates. Through the first three months of 2017, Oakwood’s actual income tax receipts are \$272,000 lower than what they were in 2016. This is possibly the worst quarter for income tax receipts that Oakwood has ever seen. Most of the annual receipts are received in April, so Mayor Duncan will be providing an update at the May City Council meeting.

Oakwood and numerous other cities and villages across Ohio oppose and denounce Governor Kasich’s proposed centralized collection of municipal income tax returns and other tax provisions that would be detrimental to local governments. The Ohio Society of CPA’s (OSCPA) supports the centralized collection, but several CPA’s have written comments at the OSCPAs website against centralized collection of net profit tax returns. The Oakwood Citizen Budget Review Committee will be meeting on Monday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss this issue. Senator Peggy Lehner and State Representative Jim Butler have been invited to this meeting.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE

BY MRS. HILTON NO 4838

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE REPAIRING OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, AND PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mrs. Hilton explained that this is an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2017 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. It was introduced with a first reading at the March 6 Council meeting. This year's program will cover the west side of Far Hills Avenue and all city streets west of Far Hills.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the ordinance be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA

There being three (3) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
BY MRS. HILTON NO 4839
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE
IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN
TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE
SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mrs. Hilton explained that this is an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2018 street lighting program. It is the ordinance that authorizes the city to proceed with the project. It was introduced with a first reading at the March 6 Council meeting.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the ordinance be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
MRS. ANNE HILTONYEA

There being three (3) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
BY MRS. HILTON NO 4840
LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF
CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY
OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH
ELECTRICITY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mrs. Hilton explained that this is the third and final step of our 2018 street lighting program. It allows for the costs of street lighting to be certified to the Montgomery County Auditor for assessment.

This is a first reading of the ordinance, so Mrs. Hilton made no motion.

STAFF REPORT

Public Works Update: Mr. Klopsch shared that a letter was mailed to over 600 Oakwood residents/tenants along the Shroyer corridor providing an update on the Shroyer Road Project. The construction is planned between May and October of this year. The city will conduct two open house events in April to provide information about the project and to address citizen questions. The meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The open house events are scheduled for Thursday, April 20 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 25 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This project will be a major improvement and will improve the safety performance of Shroyer Road for all transportation types. A section of sanitary sewer pipe along the east side of Shroyer Road between Hadley Avenue and Corona Avenue will be replaced. It will involve replacing approximately 225 feet of old sewer pipe. Property owners impacted by this work have been sent a letter with additional information. The city will be meeting with Barrett Paving next week to discuss pre-construction topics for the roadway project. The contractor will be required to place message boards on both ends of Shroyer Road alerting motorists of construction activity.

There is \$50,000 in the budget for the Asphalt Rejuvenation Program. Residents impacted by the work will receive a postcard with additional information.

Notices for the 2017 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project were delivered last week to the residents who are responsible for repairing the sidewalks. Residents have the option to do the work themselves, or they can have the city's contractor complete the work.

The focus of the 2017 concrete street repair is at the north end of Ridgeway Road. The old steel street light poles along Ridgeway Road will be replaced as well.

The leaf mulch program, where the leaves collected in Oakwood last fall were processed and turned into mulch, will begin on April 15 and continue through May 13. Mulch picked up at the public works yard is available at no cost to Oakwood citizens. For those who want mulch delivered, the city offers 3 cubic yards for \$90 and 6 cubic yards for \$130.

The 2017 Vectren project is scheduled to take place over the summer when school is out of session. The work occur in the Smith School vicinity. This is a continuation of a multi-year project to replace all of the underground gas distribution lines in Oakwood. Oakwood residents personally affected by the work will receive detailed information from Vectren. Although this is not a city of Oakwood project, Public Works Inspector/Foreman Tom Long will be overseeing the project and helping with any resident needs that may arise.

Mr. Klopsch encouraged citizens to continue recycling as much as possible, and reminded residents that recyclables can be co-mingled together in the same container. The city pays \$18 less per ton to dispose of co-mingled recyclable materials than for regular landfill trash. Oakwood citizens can also utilize the monthly debris drop-off at the Public Works Center on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. – noon, and dumpster containers are available 24/7 at Creager Field.

Mayor Duncan asked Mr. Klopsch to relay their appreciation to Mr. Long for his excellent work in assisting with the Vectren Projects.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Hilton commended Mr. Klopsch for his excellent communication to City Council in keeping them informed of all city business. She shared that Dayton History at Carillon Park has a nice display of the 1913 Flood and of WWI.

Mayor Duncan shared that Tuesday, May 2 is Election Day. The Wright Library will have a property tax renewal issue on the ballot that will not increase taxes. Also, he believes the Oakwood School District has a school renewal levy on the ballot, which he fully supports. There is information on the city's website about all of the businesses in Oakwood. The city will work to maintain this list as businesses change. Mayor Duncan shared that he spoke with Mr. Richard Graeter of Graeter's Ice Cream and he indicated that Graeter's plans on staying in Oakwood for the foreseeable future, although sales in the Oakwood store have not been as high as the Beavercreek and Centerville stores. Mayor Duncan encouraged people to visit the Oakwood Graeter's to enjoy some ice cream. In this month's *Oakwood Life* magazine, Vice Mayor Byington wrote an article titled, "Say Hello To Your Oakwood Neighbors – Beth & Steve Byington". It is the most incredible history of Vice Mayor Byington and his wife that Mayor Duncan has read, until he got to the end of the article and realized it was fiction. Mayor Duncan asked that the article be incorporated into the minutes.

"Say Hello To Your Oakwood Neighbors – Beth & Steve Byington by Steven Byington

Born into the Byington Novelty Piñata Empire, Steve grew up in the lap of luxury. He and his sisters split time between family homes in San Antonio, Mexico City, and Zihuantanejo, and were educated in the finest private schools that pesos could buy. Beth, on the other hand, came from a very modest hardscrabble upbringing, with parents who sharecropped a small piece of land on the east side of Long Island. It was this "digging in the dirt" childhood that would ultimately lead to her lifelong interest in archeology.

Though being groomed to take over the family piñata business, Steve traveled to Ireland right after college to work as a sheep wrangler in the rolling hills of County Kerry, but was soon fired for not knowing a single thing about sheep wrangling. Fortunately, he quickly got hired at O'Connor's Pub, where, conversely, he did have a great deal of experience. It was here that he met Beth, who at the time had been excavating artifacts from an ancient Celtic burial site as part of her archeology doctorate from the University of Kilkenny. After a whirlwind courtship and several hundred pints of Guinness, they quickly fell in love and were soon married in a beautiful Druid wedding ceremony on the Cliffs of Mohr.

Homesickness eventually overtook them, and it wasn't long before they made their way back across the pond to the United States. It was then that the couple

moved to Nevada when Beth got a curatorial job at a top secret military installation in the desert outside of Groom Lake. As jobs were pretty scarce in this desolate part of the country, Steve was forced to work for Big Roy's Reptile Farm and Pharmacy, where he "milked" venomous snakes to make life-saving antivenins. Unfortunately, Steve didn't have very steady hands, so much of the antivenin had to be used on him. On the bright side, he still holds the world record for the most Copper-head bites without suffering permanent paralysis. Meanwhile, although Beth was enjoying her time in Area 50 of the base, she decided to apply for a transfer when they wouldn't consider her for a promotion to the next higher Area on base.

The couple ultimately relocated to Oakwood when Steve was asked to head up Wright Patt's Herpetological Zero Gravity Training Program, which involved teaching snakes to perform complex scientific maneuvers aboard the International Space Station. Eventually, the program came to be known as Snakes in Space, and their inspirational and heart-warming story spawned a major motion picture starring Samuel L. Jackson.

Beth took a job with the Dayton Dragons as their chief concessions scout. She travels around the minor leagues in search of the next big break-out star from the world of ballpark cuisine. She was highly instrumental in signing the Walking Taco to a long-term contract at 5/3 Field and is actively working to ink a deal with Krispy Kreme to bring the Double Donut Bacon Burger to Dayton. Local cardiologists follow her career with great interest.

As for Steve, after a long and storied career in Herpetology, he has recently decided to work with a different kind of snake and has thrown his hat into the political arena. After an unsuccessful run for the politically charged and often blatantly partisan position of County Coroner, he decided that his skills are probably better utilized on the national stage. He is currently being considered for an Under Secretary position within the Department of One-upmanship in the Trump administration.

Beth and Steve live quietly on their sprawling Oakwood estate, with their dogs, Buzz and Chloe, and their miniature unicorn, Pokey. They enjoy traveling the world while claiming to be Mr. and Mrs. Fodor, eating amateurly-prepared Puffer Fish, and collecting "Murder, She Wrote" memorabilia.

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If you've made it this far, congratulations on being one of the 7% of Americans who actually have the attention span to read an entire magazine article from start to finish. And, Happy April Fool's Day!"

The public meeting concluded at 7:56 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL