

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2, 2024

Monday Council Meeting/Work Session: Our meeting next Monday begins at 6 p.m. in the second-floor training room. Our 7:30 p.m. regular session will take place in the council chamber and will be conducted in person and via Zoom. The agenda is as follows:

PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING

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Status Reports:

- 2024 State of the City Address: Bill will deliver his annual address.
- Citizen Committee Appointments: We will discuss this in work session on Monday and make appointments during the regular meeting. Bill will ask for a vote to appoint Kevin Hill to the Planning Commission and Christine Yankel to the BZA, and to reappoint Dr. Tom Hardy to the ADA Compliance Committee; Katy Dalrymple and Nancy Drozd to the Beautification Committee; Nick Endsley to the BZA; Dave Dickerson, Jeff Woeste, William Meyer, Bill Rieger, John Gray, Beth Ritzert, Mike Ruetschle and Mark Risley to the BRC; and Kathy Luckett to the Property Maintenance Board.
- Council Policy Update: The enclosed policy regarding the process for work sessions and executive sessions will be presented for Council's approval.

Visitors: None scheduled.

Legislation:

- An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 1313 Far Hills Avenue. This is a second reading of an ordinance to authorize me to sell the property at 1313 Far Hills so it can be returned to use as a single-family home site.
- A Resolution to approve appointments to the Countywide 9-1-1 Program Review Committee. This resolution supports the appointment of Bill to the 9-1-1 committee and Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton as his alternate.

- An Ordinance to provide a supplemental appropriation to purchase a power load cot for Medic 27. This is the first reading of an ordinance to make funds available for the purchase of a second power load cot system for replacement Medic 27. We recommend waiving the second reading.

Enclosed are suggested “Introductions for Legislation.”

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

February 5, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
 February 26, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
 March 4, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
 March 16, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – New Resident Breakfast (OCC)
 March 18, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
 April 1, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
 April 15, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
 May 6, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
 May 14, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC Meeting (30 Park)
 May 18, Saturday – “That Day in May”
 May 20, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)

BUSINESS UPDATE:

CITY MANAGER

- Monday Work Session: Enclosed is our agenda for the 6:30 p.m. work session. We will meet in the second-floor training room.
- Committee Needs: Enclosed is the list of 2024 committee needs. We will discuss this in work session on Monday.
- City Meetings: Enclosed is a *DDN* article announcing our upcoming public meetings.
- Walter Schaller: Enclosed is Walter’s obituary. He lived on E. Schantz Avenue for about 50 years. His wife Susan still lives there. Walter was a very nice man, and very accomplished. I got to know him through the Oakwood Rotary Club. Before meeting at the DCC, the Rotary Club met at Neil’s Heritage House on W. Schantz. The Rotary old-timers would say that those were the glory days of the club. As the obituary reports, Walter was one of 14 children. One of Walter’s remarkable achievements was marathon running. As I recall, he took up the sport in his 50s. In 2007, at the age of 68, Walter was featured on the “Faces in the Crowd” page of Sports Illustrated magazine... for running two marathons on two continents on two consecutive days (see enclosed). Truly amazing!

FINANCE

- Income Tax Collections: Enclosed is the January report showing that gross receipts are 2.15% below last year, and net receipts are 1.91% below.
- BRC Minutes: Enclosed are the draft minutes from our November 28, 2023 BRC meeting.
- 2024 Budget Book: The book is now posted on our city website. Big kudos to Cindy for the many, many hours of diligent work it takes to produce this comprehensive document.
- 2025 Budget: Enclosed is the timeline for preparing our 2025 city budget.

- 2.41 Mill Property Tax: Enclosed are drafts of: 1) the BRC letter to be delivered to all Oakwood addresses on or about February 19; and 2) the message from City Council to be printed in the March 6 *Oakwood Register*. We will discuss these in work session on Monday.
- Delinquent Property Taxes: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Senate Bill 186, a proposed law that would make it harder to sell properties with delinquent property taxes. In the article, it says: “The *Dayton Daily News* was unable to identify any organized opposition to the proposed legislation.” That is rare... and indicates to me that this is a no-brainer! Fortunately, we do not have a big problem with delinquent property taxes in Oakwood.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- No report.

LEISURE SERVICES

- No report.

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

- Debris Drop-off: Our monthly drop-off event is from 8 – 12 noon tomorrow.
- Rotary Hazardous Waste Collection: The quarterly event is tomorrow. We have 44 properties registered for a pick-up. Enclosed is a *Register* article.
- Water Main Breaks: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about a large number of water main breaks in the Dayton and Montgomery County water systems over the last few weeks. We had our first break of the year on Wednesday.

LAW

- No report.

PLANNING & ZONING/PROPERTIES

- Home Sales: Enclosed is the list of January sales showing that 71% of the properties sold above appraised value.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

ENCLOSURE LIST

TENTATIVE AGENDAS FOR MONDAY

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Legislation

Introductions to Legislation

Council Policy Update

2024 Committee Needs

DDN article re: City Meetings

Walter Schaller Obituary

Income Tax Collections

BRC Draft Minutes

2025 Budget Timeline

2.41 Mill Property Tax Drafts

DDN article re: Delinquent Property Taxes

Register article re: Rotary Hazardous Waste Collection

DDN article re: Water Main Breaks

January Home Sales

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NEXT REGULAR SESSION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 4, 2024

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- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Court Liaison, Mrs. Turben
 - Fees and Court Costs
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - 2.41 Mill Levy
 - Law & Minutes, Mrs. Jackson
 - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Public Properties, Mrs. Turben
 - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
 - Trash and Recycling Containers in Business District
 - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
 - Community Relations/Promotion/Appointments, Mayor Duncan
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - MVCC, Mr. Stephens
 - MVRPC, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Mayors & Managers, Mayor Duncan
 - First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - Planning Commission, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Beautification Committee, Mr. Stephens
 - Annual Beautification Awards
 - Sister City Association, Mrs. Turben
 - Historical Society, Mrs. Jackson
 - Board of Health, Mayor Duncan
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - EA Wellness Program

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PROPERTY MATTERS

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JANUARY 2, 2024

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Monday, January 2, 2024 in the second-floor meeting room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the City, William Duncan, presided.

Council members in attendance were William Duncan, Steve Byington, Rob Stephens, Leigh Turben and Healy Jackson. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and Law Director Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the regular session this evening. Thereafter, he led a discussion on the following work session agenda items:

- REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
 - Mayor and Vice Mayor Election: Mayor Duncan noted that the regular session this evening will begin with the bi-annual organization meeting and will start with a swear-in ceremony for him, Steve Byington and Healy Jackson. Thereafter, City Manager Klopsch will call for a motion for nomination for the positions of Mayor and Vice Mayor. After the motion, second and vote, Mr. Klopsch will present the gavel to the elected mayor.
- STATUS REPORTS:
 - Council Committee Assignments: Mayor Duncan mentioned that Council will vote at the regular session this evening to confirm the 2024 council committee assignments.
- VISITORS:
 - State Representative Andrea White: Mayor Duncan mentioned that Representative White will present a proclamation from the Ohio Statehouse recognizing the Oakwood Finance Department's Excellence in Financial Reporting. Finance Director Cindy Stafford, CPA will be present.
 - Holiday Decorating Awards: Mayor Duncan noted that he will recognize award winners as pictures of their homes are displayed.
- LEGISLATION: Council discussed the following legislation scheduled for presentation at the regular session this evening:
 - A Resolution recognizing Anne Hilton, Mayor Duncan
 - An Ordinance imposing a 1-year moratorium on marijuana in Oakwood, Vice Mayor Byington
 - An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 1313 Far Hills Avenue, Vice Mayor ByingtonMr. Klopsch commented on a meeting he had recently with Oakwood residents Cheryl and Andy Lloyd to discuss ideas on recognizing the work of Joseph Desch during World War II. The Lloyds understand that 1313 Far Hills Avenue will be returned to use as the site of a single family home.

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - 2.41 Mill Property Tax Levy: Mr. Klopsch noted that the March 19 ballot issue will be promoted via: 1) the February/March 2024 *Oakwood Scene* newsletter; 2) an *Oakwood Register* letter to the editor from City Council; and 3) a letter from the Budget Review Committee to be mailed to all Oakwood residential and business addresses.
 - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
 - HAZMAT Fee: Mr. Klopsch reported that the latest version of the updated plan being prepared by the Montgomery County Solid Waste District includes a new fee for disposal of hazardous waste material. If approved, the fee will begin in 2026.
 - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Right-of-Way Management: Mr. Klopsch noted that the two citations written for tenants at 303 Wonderly Avenue are now in the court system.
 - April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse: Mr. Klopsch commented on the impacts the solar eclipse is expected to have on the Dayton region, in terms of public interest.
 - Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
 - Harman Boulevard Median: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that staff will work on this project in late spring or summer.
 - Far Hills Crosswalks: Mr. Klopsch reported that ODOT will not permit the city to modify Far Hills Avenue crosswalks as part of the 2024 roadway resurfacing project.
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Executive Director: Mr. Klopsch noted that the Dayton First Suburbs group may need to find a new executive director to replace Jack Jensen. Mr. Jensen has served as executive director since the creation of the group in 2005. He is dealing with family health issues.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Committee Appointments: Council briefly discussed citizen committee appointments.
 - Work Sessions and Executive Sessions: Mr. Klopsch noted that the January 22 work session agenda will include a discussion about a new city council policy addressing work sessions and executive sessions.
 - Annual Report: Mr. Klopsch noted that staff plans to follow the same format for the 2023 Annual Report as was used previously.
 - Emails and Weekly Newsletters: Mr. Klopsch confirmed with City Council that they are comfortable with the volume and content of informational emails and weekly city manager newsletters.

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the work session and Council moved to regular session.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
JANUARY 2, 2024

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:30 p.m. in the second-floor training 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 meeting was streamed live from the Oakwood city website, telecast live on Cable Access Channel 6 and was available via remote teleconferencing utilizing the Zoom.com platform.

City Manager Norbert Klopsch opened the meeting and asked all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of Council were present:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN
MRS. HEALY JACKSON

Officers of the City present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
Mrs. Cindy Stafford, Finance Director
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following in-person visitors registered:

State Representative Andrea White
Georgiana Nye, 16 Ashridge Road
Lynn Seery, 16 Ashridge Road
Dan Turben, 204 Forrer Boulevard
Tom Jackson, 118 Lonsdale Avenue
Judy Cook, 927 Far Hills Avenue #4
Chip & Allie Shaw, 223 Harman Boulevard
Ali Gantt, 515 Shafor Boulevard
Amy & Greg Gantt, 515 Shafor Boulevard
Bethany & Aaron Reiff, 601 Hathaway Road
Carol Enns, 340 Oak Forest Drive
Nancy Drozd, 237 Telford Avenue
Al Weisbrod, 111 Park Road
The Hilton Family, 900 Harman Avenue
Sanja Borchers, 111 W. Thurston Boulevard
Jim Case, 111 W. Thurston Boulevard
Marc & Liz Georgin, 156 Hadley Road
Vince & Arlene Branick, 605 Kling Drive
Barbara Kedziora, 409 Ridgewood Avenue
Mark Guerrero, 431 Monteray Avenue
Jon & Erica Williams, 124 Beverly Place
D. Stuber, 118 Lonsdale Avenue
The O'Connor Family, 1306 E. Schantz Avenue
Kristi Hale, Wright Library
Sam & David Shuster, 147 Lonsdale Avenue
Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*

The following Zoom visitors attended via remote teleconference:

341042 (no name provided)
17042879565 (no name provided)
Carol Pucci
Conroy (no first name provided)
Eggenberger (no first name provided)
Eileen Eggenberger
Kate Jackson
Kathy Jackson
Kelsey (no last name provided)
Mary Health
Patricia (no last name provided)
Anne Hilton

Mr. Klopsch shared that according to Section 2.09 of the Oakwood City Charter, an organizational meeting is held every two years. The meeting includes administering the Oath of Office to the newly elected or re-elected Council Members; and then Council selects a Mayor and Vice Mayor to serve for a two-year period. Mr. Klopsch reviewed the term history of Mr. Duncan and Mr. Byington, noting that Mr. Duncan has served on City Council since 2003 and Mr. Byington since 2008.

Mr. Klopsch asked the City Attorney Rob Jacques to swear in the re-elected and newly-elected Council Members.

Mr. Jacques administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Council Members William Duncan and Steve Byington, and newly elected Council Member Healy Jackson.

Thereafter, Mr. Klopsch asked Ms. Stacel to call the roll.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTONPRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....PRESENT
MRS. LEIGH TURBENPRESENT
MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....PRESENT

Mr. Klopsch then asked for nominations for Mayor and Vice Mayor.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Turben that Mr. Duncan be reappointed as Mayor and Mr. Byington be reappointed as Vice Mayor.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBENYEA
MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....YEA

Mayor Duncan continued with the council meeting.

Mrs. Turben advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the December 4, 2023 regular session, work session and executive session. Mrs. Turben reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Turben and seconded by Mr. Stephens 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

Council Committee Assignments – Mayor Duncan explained that City Council members are assigned to several committees of Council that consist of two members that meet as needed to discuss various topics. The committee assignments are as follows:

2024 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	
William Duncan, Mayor	Steve Byington, Vice Mayor
Court Liaison	Leigh Turben, Chair Healy Jackson
Finance	Steve Byington, Chair William Duncan
Law and Minutes	Healy Jackson, Chair Steve Byington
Planning and Zoning	Steve Byington, Chair Healy Jackson
Public Properties	Leigh Turben, Chair Rob Stephens
Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer	Leigh Turben, Chair Rob Stephens
Safety and Traffic	Rob Stephens, Chair Healy Jackson
Streets and Alleys	Rob Stephens, Chair Healy Jackson
Community Relations/Promotion & Appointments	William Duncan, Chair Steve Byington

Regional Agencies - Council Representation

Miami Valley Communications Council	Rob Stephens
	Leigh Turben, Alternate
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Committee	Steve Byington
EMA Regional Advisory Council	William Duncan, Alternate
	William Duncan
	Norbert Klopsch, Alternate
First Suburbs Consortium	Steve Byington
	Norbert Klopsch
	Leigh Turben, Alternate

Boards, Commissions and Citizen Ad Hoc Committees

Planning Commission	Steve Byington
Beautification Committee	Rob Stephens
Sister City	Leigh Turben
Historical Society	Healy Jackson

Note: The Mayor also serves as ex-officio member of each Council committee.

It was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the aforementioned appointments be confirmed. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

2024 Committee Appointments – Mayor Duncan explained that there are several vacancies on the citizen committees. City Council and city staff are in the process of identifying citizen volunteers for future appointment.

VISITORS

State Representative Andrea White – Representative White presented a proclamation from the Ohio Statehouse recognizing the Oakwood Finance Department’s Excellence in Financial Reporting. Mayor Duncan congratulated Finance Director Cindy Stafford and the Finance Department for receiving the award for seven consecutive years.

Holiday Decorating Awards – Mayor Duncan announced the following holiday decorating award winners as the images of their homes were displayed via a PowerPoint presentation and certificates were presented to those at the meeting:

DAYTIME WINNERS

- Area 1 – Kiersten & Brandon Cahill, 260 Ridgewood Avenue
- Area 2 – Erica & Jon Williams, 124 Beverly Place
- Area 3 – The O’Connor Family, 1306 E. Schantz Avenue
- Area 4 – Beth & Jeremy Wilson, 324 Peach Orchard Avenue
- Area 5 – Gracey & Al Weisbrod, 111 Park Road
- Area 6 – Brad & Whitney Gibson, 1101 Ridgeway Road
- Business – Lula Bell, 23 Park Avenue

NIGHTTIME WINNERS

- Area 1 – Julie & Jonathan Lamb, 437 Volusia Avenue
- Area 2 – Bethany & Aaron Reiff, 601 Hathaway Road
- Area 3 – Allie & Timothy Shaw, 223 Harman Blvd
- Area 4 – John & Vail McGuire, 360 East Drive
- Area 5 – The Beecher Family, 25 Grandon Road
- Area 6 – The Jerele Family, 814 Harman Avenue
- Business – The Spicy Olive, 2510 Far Hills Avenue

LEGISLATION

A RESOLUTION

BY MAYOR DUNCAN NO 1917

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF ANNE HILTON AS A MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD.

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

Mayor Duncan read the following:

*TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION
FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF ANNE HILTON AS*

*A MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF OAKWOOD.*

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2009 Anne Hilton was elected by the citizens of Oakwood to serve on City Council, the governing body of our fine city; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2010 Anne Hilton was sworn into office; and

WHEREAS, during her 14 years in elected office, Anne Hilton served Oakwood with distinction as she worked to maintain the wonderful attributes of our city and always kept an eye out for ways in which we could improve; and

WHEREAS, during Anne's 14 years as a member of City Council, she served as Council's liaison to the Oakwood Sister City Association and Oakwood Municipal Court, and as chair of the Council committee for Law and Minutes; and

WHEREAS, during Anne's 14 years of active and consistent involvement on Council, the city of Oakwood completed the following significant projects:

- Approved the Oakwood Athletics & Recreation Master Plan;*
- Constructed and dedicated the Creager Field Dog Park;*
- Purchased parking lot on Orchard Drive behind the Oakwood Club;*
- Approved opening of the Grace Learning Academy at St. Paul's Church;*
- Signed reciprocal lease with UD for use of Old River fields and tennis courts;*
- Installed Far Hills Business District decorative streetlights;*
- Navigated the financial challenges associated with the elimination of the Ohio estate tax;*
- Aided in creation of the Oakwood Farmers' Market;*
- Approved construction of the Routsong Retail Center;*
- Approved opening of the Top of the Hill Preschool at Lutheran Church of Our Savior;*
- Completed Far Hills Business District Street Tree Replacement Project;*
- Partnered with the Oakwood City Schools on construction of Lane Stadium;*
- Accepted donation of the Virginia Hollinger tennis facility;*
- Settled a property use dispute leading to construction of 84 condominiums at Pointe Oakwood;*
- Approved business office uses at Sugar Camp;*
- Approved multiple amendments to the Pointe Oakwood development master plan;*
- Approved construction of the Russell Total Wealth and Wellness office building at Sugar Camp;*
- Constructed and dedicated Cook Park at Oakwood Avenue and Schenck Avenue;*
- Completed the Shroyer Road Reconstruction project, including "road diet;"*
- Reconstructed the Shafor Park tennis facility, in partnership with the Oakwood City Schools;*
- Constructed the Oakwood Community Center (OCC) parking lot;*
- Oversaw CenterPoint's multi-year project to rebuild the natural gas distribution infrastructure;*
- Established the Oakwood Citizen Police Academy;*
- Established the "Assisting and Contributing to Oakwood Resident Needs" (ACORN) Program;*
- Implemented the online registration system at the OCC;*
- Constructed the Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-off Facility;*
- Converted an Orchardly Park tennis court into two pickleball courts;*
- Improved the Creager Field Dog Park parking lot;*
- Completed major improvements at Gardner Pool, including replacement of the concrete deck;*
- Completed a comprehensive study of the traffic signal system;*
- Analyzed and considered building a roundabout at the Five Points intersection; and*

WHEREAS, during her entire 14 years of service, Anne consistently based her public policy decisions on what was best for the community, yet always heavily considered the impact of those decisions on individual Oakwood citizens, businesses and on Oakwood neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Anne distinguished herself through her consistent willingness to hear from any and all citizens, for as long as necessary, in order to provide everyone the opportunity to express their feelings and opinions on issues; and

WHEREAS, during her service on City Council, Anne was always a staunch supporter of projects and programs that improved the environment and living conditions for all citizens in Oakwood and in the Miami Valley; and

WHEREAS, Anne always made decisions that recognized the reality and necessity of change yet stressed the importance of retaining the charm and storied history of our unique community; and

WHEREAS, during her public service career Anne was a responsible guardian of the public checkbook and participated in the operation and adoption of 14 annual city budgets, and consistently attended regular meetings with the citizen’s Budget Review Committee (BRC); and

WHEREAS, throughout her entire public service career, Anne respected the Council-Manager form of government prescribed by Oakwood City Charter and was a stalwart advocate for empowering and supporting city staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

The Council of the city of Oakwood accords special public recognition to Anne Hilton for her 14 years of exemplary service as a member of the City Council of the city of Oakwood.

SECTION II.

Fellow members of Council, members of the city staff, and all Oakwood residents will miss the special way in which Anne Hilton made every citizen feel they were an important part of the community.

SECTION III.

Through this resolution the City Council hereby declares and expresses sincere gratitude and appreciation of the citizens, public officials, and employees of the city of Oakwood for the 14 years of dedicated public service that Anne Hilton has rendered to this community.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the resolution be passed.

Mrs. Hilton thanked City Council for the recognition.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENSYEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBENYEA
MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4991
AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON
THE ISSUANCE AND PROCESSING OF ANY PERMITS RELATING
TO RETAIL DISPENSARIES, CULTIVATORS, OR PROCESSORS OF
ADULT USE MARIJUANA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Vice Mayor Byington explained that at the November 7, 2023 election, Ohio voters passed State Issue 2, which effectively legalizes recreational marijuana. The new law took effect on December 7, but it was adopted as a voter-initiated statute rather than a constitutional amendment. That means it can be amended at any time by the state legislature, and a number of changes are being debated right now in both the Ohio House and Senate.

The law provides for a newly created Ohio “Division of Cannabis,” and authorizes that department to come up with rules and licensing requirements for retailers, cultivators, and processors of marijuana. The state has nine months to issue these standards which do not currently exist.

The legalization of marijuana is a major change in the law, particularly when it comes to the potential impact of marijuana business operations on a small residential community. It is important for Council to carefully consider appropriate regulations to promote the orderly implementation of the law. This will preserve the public health, safety, and welfare, as well as the community character valued in Oakwood.

This moratorium ordinance will preserve the status quo for up to one year, allowing time for the legal landscape surrounding this new law to become more settled. This will give the State time to come up with appropriate rules and standards for the licensing and operation of marijuana businesses, and it will give Council time to consider these issues and adopt appropriate regulations here in Oakwood.

The moratorium only affects permits for marijuana business operations. It does not have any effect on adult marijuana use and possession, which are now legal as provided by state law.

This ordinance is being introduced as an emergency measure to ensure that it takes effect before the state begins issuing any rules, procedures, or state licenses for retail dispensaries, cultivation or processing.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mrs. Turben that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENSYEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBENYEA
MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....YEA

Mayor Duncan noted that four yes votes are required to waive the second reading of the ordinance.

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4992
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN
REAL PROPERTY WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL
PURPOSES.

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

Vice Mayor Byington explained that a few years ago, the city acquired a single-family home located at 1313 Far Hills Avenue. It was purchased in the planning stages of the 2023 Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project, and a critically important section of failing sewer culvert was located directly beneath that house. The house had to be demolished to facilitate the project, which has been ongoing for the last few months.

In planning the project, the replacement pipe was specifically engineered and designed in such a way as to ensure that 1313 Far Hills Avenue could be reused for the construction of a new single-family home. Council believes that is the appropriate use for this property because it allows the city to partially recoup the public funds invested to purchase and demolish the home, helping to offset costs associated with this major storm sewer project. A residential use is also desirable when considering the existing use of adjacent properties and the mid-block location of 1313 Far Hills Avenue.

This ordinance will authorize the City Manager to sell the property at fair market value for residential use upon conclusion of this major storm sewer project.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Vice Mayor Byington made no motion.

AN OAKWOOD MOMENT

Mrs. Turben highlighted the Oakwood Public Works Department for their hard work during the leaf collection season. She also read a thank you note commending the actions of Streets Foreman Dave Shuey and other Public Works employees in responding to a driver who drove into a load of freshly poured concrete pavement in the Far Hills Business District.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS

Mr. Klopsch reported that the leaf collection season officially ended on Friday, December 15, but the Public Works Department will continue to collect existing leaves over the next few weeks.

Green Oakwood volunteers will be collecting Styrofoam at the Public Works Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on January 6, 2024.

The construction work on Far Hills Avenue will be complete once a few remaining stormwater inlets are repaired. Over the next few weeks and weather permitting, the only construction along Far Hills Avenue will be on the storm sewer project.

While the holiday weeks are usually a time for employees to relax or take time off, since the city’s fiscal year coincides with the calendar year, the Finance Department has been very busy closing out 2023 finances. Mr. Klopsch recognized Finance Director Cindy Stafford and the Finance Department for their excellent work.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Jackson shared that she is happy to be on City Council and looks forward to working with everyone.

Mrs. Turben congratulated Mrs. Jackson on her election. She hopes for peace in 2024 and asked that the Oakwood community be kind to each other to help lead the way towards a better world.

Mr. Stephens congratulated Finance Director Cindy Stafford and her staff, and Mrs. Jackson on her election to City Council.

Vice Mayor Byington welcomed Mrs. Jackson to City Council. He noted that he has worked with Mrs. Jackson for many years on the Oakwood Planning Commission and believes that she will be a great addition to the team. He congratulated Mayor Duncan on his re-election and reappointment as mayor; the holiday award winners for finding festive and legal ways to celebrate the holiday season; and Tony Klepacz and Bruce Duke from the city of Kettering on their retirement from city council and wished them the best of luck.

Mayor Duncan thanked City Council for re-electing him as mayor and Mr. Byington as vice mayor. He then recognized Public Safety Officers Ross Green and Josh Wells for being formally commended at the annual Tactical Crime Suppression Unit banquet for their involvement in the March 31 apprehension of a subject for fraudulent postal theft; Lieutenant Justin Slone for recently graduating from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) program; and Public Safety Officer Dustin Mitchell for recently graduating from the Sinclair Criminal Justice Training Academy.

The public meeting concluded at 8:21 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JANUARY 22, 2024

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Monday, January 22, 2024 in the second-floor meeting room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the City, William Duncan, presided.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Rob Stephens, Councilmember Leigh Turben and Councilmember Healy Jackson. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch, City Attorney Rob Jacques, Finance Director Cindy Stafford, Clerk of Council Lori Stacel and IT Consultant Josh Flannery.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 5 p.m. City Council began the meeting by setting up their oakwoodohio.gov email accounts on their devices to address issues with automatic email forwarding and to establish additional security measures when accessing their city email.

At 6:16 p.m., Mrs. Stafford, Ms. Stacel and Mr. Flannery finished assisting with the IT work and departed the meeting. Thereafter, Mayor Duncan led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Court Liaison, Mrs. Turben
 - Court Finances: Mr. Klopsch commented on the spreadsheet sent last Friday to City Council providing a history of court revenues and expenses. Staff will conduct a survey of fees and court costs in Dayton area courts to see if Oakwood increases are warranted. Mr. Jacques noted that the Judge must authorize any changes; Council cannot do this.
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - 2024 Budget: Mr. Klopsch referenced the 2024 City Manager Budget Message given to City Council last Friday. Mrs. Jackson recommended a minor edit which will be made.
 - 2.41 Mill Levy: Mr. Klopsch reviewed the schedule of tasks/events in preparation for placing the 2.41 mill property tax levy on the March 19, 2024 ballot.
 - Property Tax Valuation: Mr. Klopsch commented on a comparison of property valuations from last year to this year showing a 27% increase in Oakwood property values.
 - Law & Minutes, Mrs. Jackson
 - Marsy's Law: Mr. Jacques commented on a recent Dayton Daily News article about the Kettering Police Department and Marsy's Law. He provided an overview of Marsy's Law regarding victim confidentiality and public records.
 - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Right-of-way Management: Mr. Klopsch reported that the Safety Department sent letters today to three property owners in Oakwood informing them that they must remove basketball hoops placed on public roadways. Mr. Klopsch also reported on the disposition of one of the two public right-of-way violation cases involving the tenants at 303 Wonderly. The first case resulted in a \$20 fine plus court costs. The second case will be adjudicated sometime in the next few weeks.

- Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
 - On-street Parking: Mr. Klopsch discussed an email from a new Oakwood resident regarding on-street parking. Mr. Jacques will contact the resident to discuss the matter.
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - MVCC, Mr. Stephens
 - Natural Gas Aggregation: Mr. Klopsch provided an update on MVCC's proposal from one natural gas supplier and the subsequent withdrawal of the proposal.
 - First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Vice Mayor Byington, Mrs. Turben and Mr. Klopsch will attend the monthly meeting this Wednesday. Vice Mayor Byington and Mr. Klopsch will also attend the executive committee meeting this Thursday.
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - Historical Society, Mrs. Jackson
 - Joe Desch Recognition: Mr. Klopsch provided an update on the Oakwood Historical Society's pursuit of identifying ways to recognize Joe Desch and other notable Oakwood innovators. The OHS is working with Oakwood residents Cheryl and Andy Lloyd on this project.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Citizen Committees: Council discussed the status of addressing 2024 committee needs and developed a plan for contacting candidates.
 - Policy on Work Sessions and Executive Sessions: Council discussed the draft policy that will be included on the February 5 council agenda.
 - Cybersecurity: Mr. Klopsch reported that Mark Flannery, the city's lead IT consultant, will attend the February 26 work session to discuss cybersecurity.

At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the work session and adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

AN ORDINANCE

BY: _____ NO. _____

TO AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 4912, adopted April 6, 2020, the city acquired a parcel of real estate located at 1313 Far Hills Avenue (the “Property”) and subsequently demolished the single-family home thereon in order to facilitate a major capital improvement known as the 2023 Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project was specifically engineered and designed in such a way as to ensure that the Property could be utilized for the construction of a new single-family home upon its completion; and

WHEREAS, upon conclusion of the Project, Council intends to sell the Property in order to (1) partially recoup the public funds invested in its acquisition and demolition, and (2) ensure that it is returned to single-family use, which is the highest and best use for this residential location;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

Pursuant to Section 151.02(B), it is hereby found and determined that the real property located at 1313 Far Hills Avenue is no longer needed for municipal purposes, with the exception of a utility easement that shall be retained over the location of a storm sewer pipe installed as part of said Project, such determination to take effect upon conclusion of the 2023 Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project. A copy of the legal description for said real estate is attached as Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by this reference.

SECTION II.

At such time as Section I shall take effect, the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to offer and sell the real property described on Exhibit A upon such terms and conditions as, in his managerial judgment, are deemed to be the most practical and beneficial to the city, provided that in doing so, he shall be guided by the fair-market value as determined by a licensed appraiser or realtor, and shall retain for the city an appropriate utility easement for the future maintenance and replacement of the storm sewer pipe installed upon the property.

SECTION III.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, if required, in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio R.C. 121.22.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall take effect as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

TO THE CLERK:

Publish the foregoing Ordinance in the summary form set forth below.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

LEGAL NOTICE

Ordinance _____ of the Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio was passed on the ____ day of _____, 2024. Said ordinance was enacted to provide for the disposition of a parcel of real property when no longer needed for municipal purposes.

LORI STACEL
CLERK OF COUNCIL

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

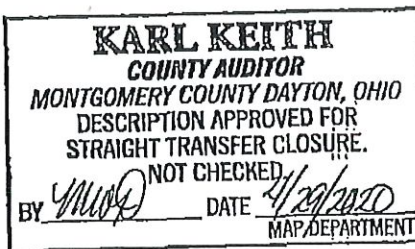
I, Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly published in summary form in The Oakwood Register, a newspaper of general circulation in said city of Oakwood, and that said publication occurred on the following date:

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

For APN/Parcel ID(s): Q71-00807-0006 and Q71-00807-0007

Situate in the City of Oakwood, County of Montgomery and State of Ohio, and being Lot Numbered Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Three (3353) excepting ten (10) feet taken by parallel lines of the south side, and Lot Numbered Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Four (3354) of the consecutive numbers of lots on the plat of the said City of Oakwood, Ohio.



A RESOLUTION

BY: _____

NO. _____

APPOINTING WILLIAM D. DUNCAN TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY 9-1-1
PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 128.06(A)(5) OF
THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 128.06(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, a member of the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee shall be a member of the legislative authority of a municipal corporation in the county selected by the majority of the legislative authorities of municipal corporations in the county pursuant to resolutions they adopt; and

WHEREAS, William D. Duncan is a member of this Council for the city of Oakwood, Ohio, duly elected according to law, thereby meeting the qualifications and eligibility requirements for service upon the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee, as per Section 128.06(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, considers William D. Duncan to be eminently qualified to serve as a member of the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee and wishes to appoint him to serve thereon; and

WHEREAS, Council further wishes to designate an alternate to serve on the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee in the event that William D. Duncan should become ineligible to do so; and

WHEREAS, Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton is a member of the City Council for the city of Centerville, Ohio, thereby meeting the qualifications and eligibility requirements for service upon the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee, as per Ohio Revised Code Section 128.06(A)(5), and is qualified and willing to serve thereon in the event that William D. Duncan should become ineligible to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

Pursuant to Section 128.06(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, Council hereby selects and designates William D. Duncan, a member of this Council duly elected according to law, to serve as a member of the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee.

SECTION II.

In the event that William D. Duncan should become ineligible to serve as a member of the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee, Council hereby selects and designates Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton, a member of the City Council for the city of Centerville, Ohio, duly elected according to law, to serve as the first alternate member of the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee.

SECTION III.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION IV.

This resolution shall take effect as of the day of its passage.

PASSED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:
No publication is required.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

AN ORDINANCE

BY: _____

NO. _____

TO AMEND SECTION I, 2024 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 4985, AND ANY EXISTING SUPPLEMENTS THERETO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF:

1. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$40,000 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE GENERAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POWER COT FOR MEDIC 27.

FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, in December 2023, the Public Safety Department applied for a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation to assist with the purchase of a power load cot system for a city ambulance known as Medic 27; and

WHEREAS, the power load cot system was not included in the 2024 budget due to the timing of the grant application, as it was unknown whether a grant would be awarded and if so, the amount thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Department was awarded and recently received grant funding in the maximum available amount, which is \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to adopt a supplemental appropriation in order to add this amount to the 2024 budget and proceed with the purchase of the power load cot system for Medic 27;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

To provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of the said city of Oakwood during the period commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, the following revised sums shall be and they are hereby set aside and appropriated as follows, with added material in **bold** type and deleted material in ~~strike-through~~ type:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
308 General Equipment Replacement Fund	\$754,500	\$794,500

SECTION II.

The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to draw warrants for payments from any of the foregoing appropriations upon receiving proper certificates and vouchers therefore, approved by this ordinance of Council to make the expenditures; provided that no warrants shall be drawn or paid for salaries or wages except to persons employed by authority of and in accordance with law or ordinance.

SECTION III.

This ordinance, as an appropriation to meet current expenses of the City, takes effect immediately upon its passage as provided by Section 3.04 of the City Charter.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this 5th day of February, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

TO THE CLERK:

Please publish the foregoing Ordinance in the summary form set forth below.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

LEGAL NOTICE

Ordinance _____ of the Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio was passed on the 5th day of February, 2024. Said ordinance was enacted to make a supplemental appropriation for current expenses of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, for the period ending December 31, 2024.

LORI STACEL
CLERK OF COUNCIL

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly published in summary form in The Oakwood Register, a newspaper of general circulation in said city of Oakwood, and that said publication occurred on the following date:

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

**Introductions for Legislation
2/5/2024 Council Meeting**

Vice Mayor Byington

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

This is the second reading of an ordinance to authorize the sale of 1313 Far Hills Avenue.

A few years ago, the city acquired a single-family home located at 1313 Far Hills Avenue. At the time we were in the planning stages of the 2023 Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project, and an important section of failing pipe was located directly beneath that house. The house had to be demolished to facilitate the project, which has been ongoing for the last few months.

In planning the project, the replacement pipe was engineered and designed in such a way as to ensure that 1313 Far Hills could be reused as a single-family home site. Council believes that is the appropriate use for this property because it allows the city to partially recoup public funds invested to purchase and demolish the home. The existing use of adjacent properties and the mid-block location of 1313 Far Hills also make it appropriate for single-family use.

This ordinance will authorize the City Manager to sell the property at fair market value for residential use upon conclusion of this major storm sewer project.

Motion: I move that Council adopt this ordinance tonight.

Mr. Stephens

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM D. DUNCAN TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 128.06(A)(5) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

State law requires every county to have a 9-1-1 Program Review Committee. The purpose of the committee is to adopt and implement a plan for operation and support of the countywide 9-1-1 system, and to update the plan from time to time.

The composition of Montgomery County's committee is mandated by Section 128.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. It must consist of six voting members. One of these must be a member of the legislative authority of a municipal corporation in the county; in other words, a member of a city or village council from somewhere within Montgomery County. That person must be selected by a majority of all city and village councils within Montgomery County.

Our Mayor, Bill Duncan, has offered to serve on the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee, and Centerville's mayor, Brooks Compton, has offered to serve as his alternate. The resolution I am introducing would appoint them both: Mayor Duncan as the committee member and Mayor Compton as the alternate. A similar resolution is being introduced by other councils throughout

Montgomery County and we hope to see these appointments to the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee confirmed very soon.

Motion: I move that Council adopt this resolution tonight.

Vice Mayor Byington

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1. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$40,000 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE GENERAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POWER COT FOR MEDIC 27.

FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

This is a supplemental appropriation ordinance to make funds available for an equipment purchase that was not included in the 2024 budget.

In December of last year, the Public Safety Department applied for a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. If approved, the grant was intended to purchase a power load cot system for one of our ambulances, Medic 27.

Due to the timing of the grant application, the power load cot system was not included in the 2024 budget. We did not know whether a grant would be awarded and if so, the amount that might be approved. However, the Public Safety Department was awarded and recently received the maximum grant available, which is \$40,000.

In order to proceed with this purchase, Council needs to appropriate the \$40,000 from the General Equipment Replacement Fund.

Motion: I move that Council waive the second reading and adopt this ordinance tonight.

COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

This policy sets forth the process by which agendas are set for city council work sessions and executive sessions. It also sets forth the process to be followed in regard to extending invitations to any persons other than City Council and city staff to attend work sessions or executive sessions.

Chapter 111.08 of the Administrative Code reads as follows:

111.08 AGENDA; DUTIES OF MANAGER.

To enable the Council to review a proposed order of business, the City Manager at each meeting shall furnish the Council a written agenda for that meeting. The agenda shall list business expected to come before Council at that meeting in the order in which it is to be taken up as required by Section 111.13. A reasonable number of copies of the agenda shall be available for use by persons attending public meetings of Council.

The City Manager has the discretion to include on work session and executive session agendas any and all business that he deems necessary, pertinent and timely to address the needs of the city. City Council members interested in adding items to work session and executive session agendas may do so by notifying the City Manager by any method desired. This may be done with or without the consent of other City Council members.

Work sessions are public meetings and anyone may attend in an observational capacity, whether on their own initiative or by invitation of a City Council member or the City Manager. However, for persons other than City Council members and city staff, work session attendance in a participatory capacity, and executive session attendance in any capacity, shall require (a) the invitation of a City Council member or the City Manager and (b) the consent of a majority of City Council. Such consent shall be obtained in a work session or executive session.

Adopted on February 5, 2024

2024 COMMITTEE NEEDS

February 5

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Appt</u>	<u>New Term</u>	
					<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
ADA Compliance Committee	3	Tom Hardy	937-307-2008	3/2020	X	
Beautification Committee	3	Katy Dalrymple	937-474-2667	2/2005	X	
		Nancy Drozd	937-294-6266	6/2011	X	
Board of Zoning Appeals	5	Nick Endsley	952-210-7253 937-222-2500 (o)	11/2018	X	
Budget Review	4	(A) Dan Ferneding	937-293-0046 937-294-1755 (o)	2/1996		
		(B) Dave Dickerson	937-294-8451 937-528-4000 (o)	12/1987	X	
		(B) Jeff Woeste	937-299-3400	5/2011	X	
		(F) William Meyer	937-298-9405	5/2011	X	
		(F) Bill Rieger	937-776-5369 937-296-1711	9/2016	X	
		(G) John Gray	937-293-9313 (o)	5/2003	X	
		(G) Beth Ritzert	937-903-0127 937-626-5393	6/2011	X	
		(H) Mike Ruetschle	937-461-5390 (o)	5/2011	X	
		(H) Mark Risley	937-750-3569	6/2016	X	
Property Maintenance Board	5	Kathy Luckett	937-294-8925	3/2008	X	

Planning Commission

Kevin Hill will replace Healy Jackson.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Christine Yankel will replace Kevin Hill.

Need new member to replace Kip Bohachek.

Budget Review Committee

Need new member from Precinct D to replace Heidi Edwards.

OAKWOOD

City sets public meeting schedule

Oakwood City Council: The next meetings are on Monday, Feb. 5 at 30 Park Ave. The Work Session begins at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor training/community room), and the Regular Session at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Planning Commission: The Wednesday, Feb. 7 Planning Commission meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Board of Zoning Appeals: The Thursday, Feb. 8 BZA meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is Thursday, March 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

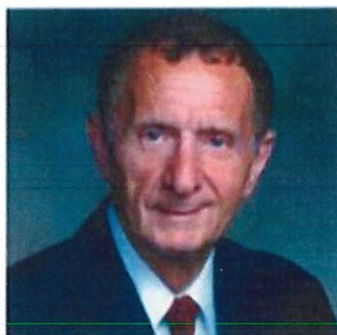
Board of Health: The next meeting is Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Board of Health meetings are generally held once every two months.

Records Commission: The next meeting is Tuesday, July 23 at 2 p.m. in Council Chambers at 30 Park Ave. Records Commission meetings are held in January and July.

For additional information, contact Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council, at 937-298-0600.

SCHALLER, Walter

Age 87, of Oakwood, a leading restaurateur and philanthropist, peacefully passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2024, with his beloved family by his side. Born in Zeneggen, Switzerland, he was 1 of 14 children raised in an alpine village near the Matterhorn. At 20, he served in the Swiss military, but hospitality was always in his heart. Walter trained at hotel school in Bern and worked in several 5-star hotels in Basel, Gstaad, Montreal, and Bermuda before settling in Ohio.

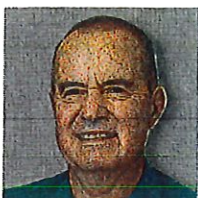


Although Walter's first and last job in Ohio was at Dayton Country Club, he was most proud of owning and operating Neil's Heritage House for 30 years. As a Rotarian, he was always eager to be of service to others. His charitable work included the American Red Cross and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Walter enjoyed running, mountain climbing, skiing, sailing, and gardening. One of his cherished achievements was being a Dayton area torchbearer for the 2002 Olympics. Walter was preceded in death by 9 of his siblings. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Susan Osweiler Schaller; children, Suzanne (Garry) Shumaker and Christian Schaller (Thanh Lu), and Heidi Schaller (Morgan Thompson); grandchildren, Nicholas and Greta Shumaker, Roxanna and Felix Thompson; four siblings, Kathrin Andreas-Schaller, Sr. Marianne Schaller, Hans Schaller, Anton Schaller; and many wonderful nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Oak Creek Terrace of Kettering for their friendship and loving care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://www.alz.org/dayton/donate>). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11AM on Tuesday, April 30 at Holy Angels Church, 1322 Brown St, Dayton. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be made at www.routsong.com.

SPORTSMANSHIP EDITION

Faces in the Crowd

In the tradition of Sportsman of the Year, SI periodically pays tribute in this space to men and women who embody the ideals of sportsmanship.



Ed Mauro

PROVIDENCE

Mauro, 72, a retired businessman and former state amateur golf champion, is the founder of the Button Hole Golf Course and Teaching Center, which offers educational programs about golf and general life lessons aimed mostly at minority children. Last year the Center signed up more than 1,000 new Button Hole kids.



Dede Moore

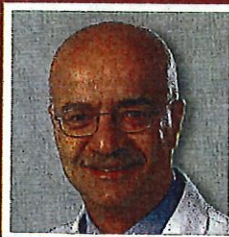
REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.

Moore, 45, a family physician, took a year and a half off from her practice to organize and produce the Redondo Beach Triathlon. The event, which had 520 competitors and 200 volunteers, raised \$24,000 for Cheer for Children, a 21-year-old local charity that helps acutely ill children.

Rafat Abonour

ZIONSVILLE, IND.

Abonour, 46, an oncologist and researcher at Indiana University Cancer Center, ran and cycled more than 120 miles between Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, Ind., raising \$105,000 for Miles for Myeloma, an event planned by his patients and their families to raise money to fight multiple myeloma.



Walter Schaller

DAYTON

Schaller, 68, a restaurant owner, ran two marathons on two continents in two days and raised more than \$40,000 for the Dayton Chapter of the American Red Cross. He completed the London Marathon and 24 hours later finished the Boston Marathon. Since 1997 his marathoning has raised \$343,000 for the Red Cross.



Halsey Copp

POLAND, MAINE

Halsey, a senior and member of the Poland Regional High golf team, assessed himself a one-stroke penalty when his ball rolled from its original spot as he was preparing to putt during the state championship—even though the roll was unnoticed by competitors and officials. His team lost the Class B state title by one stroke.

● To submit a candidate for Faces in the Crowd, go to SI.com/faces.



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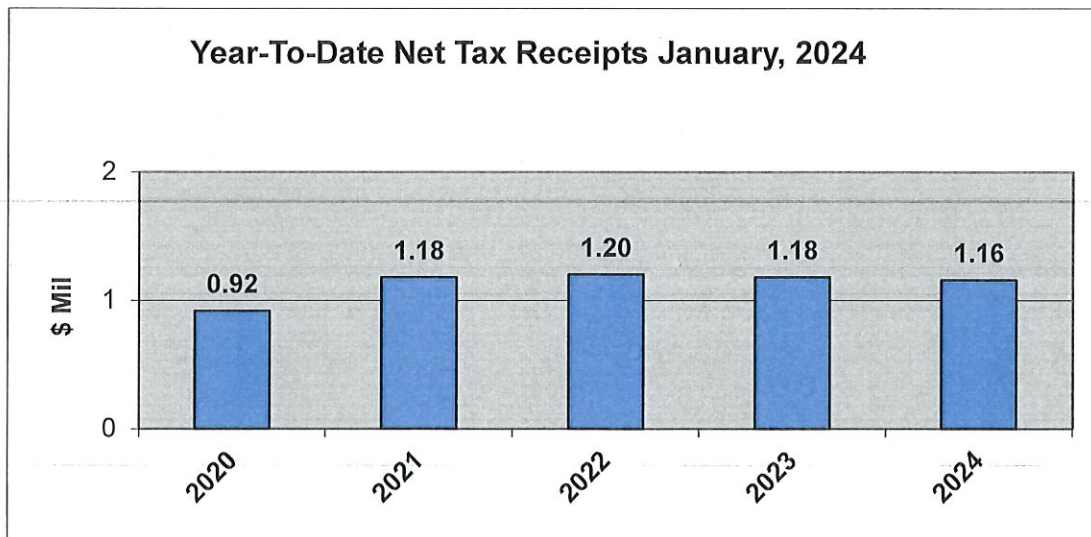
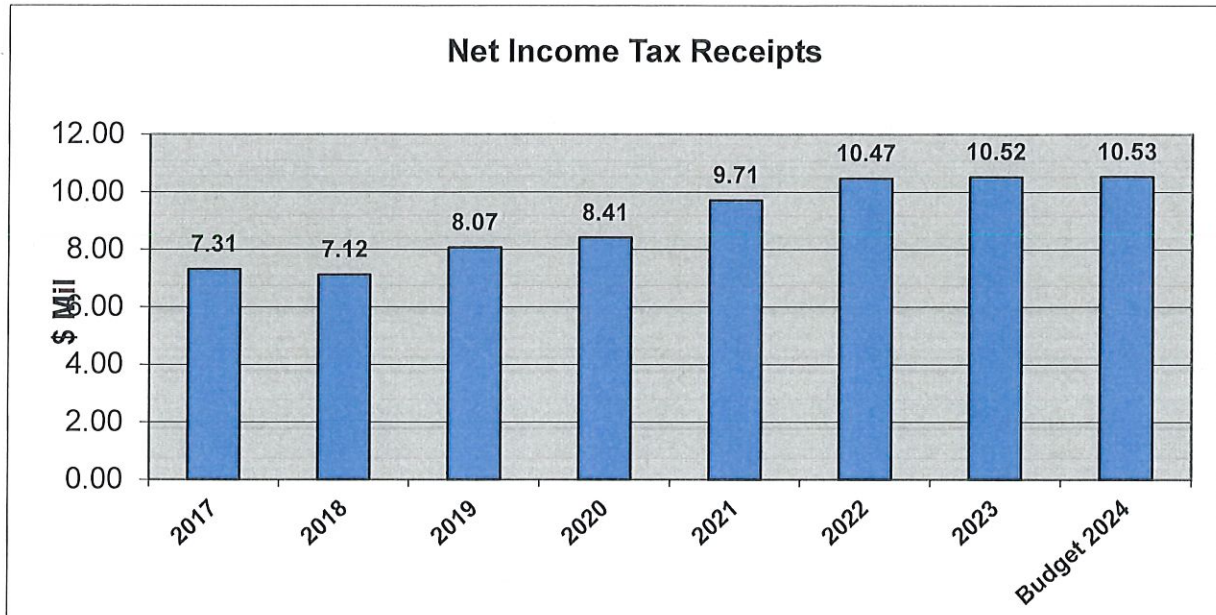
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TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS

2024

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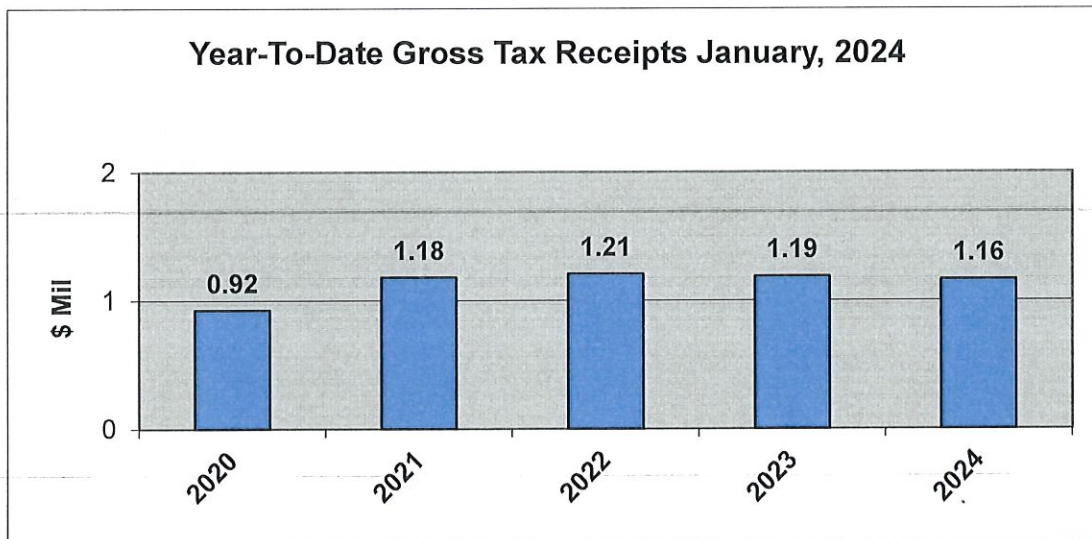
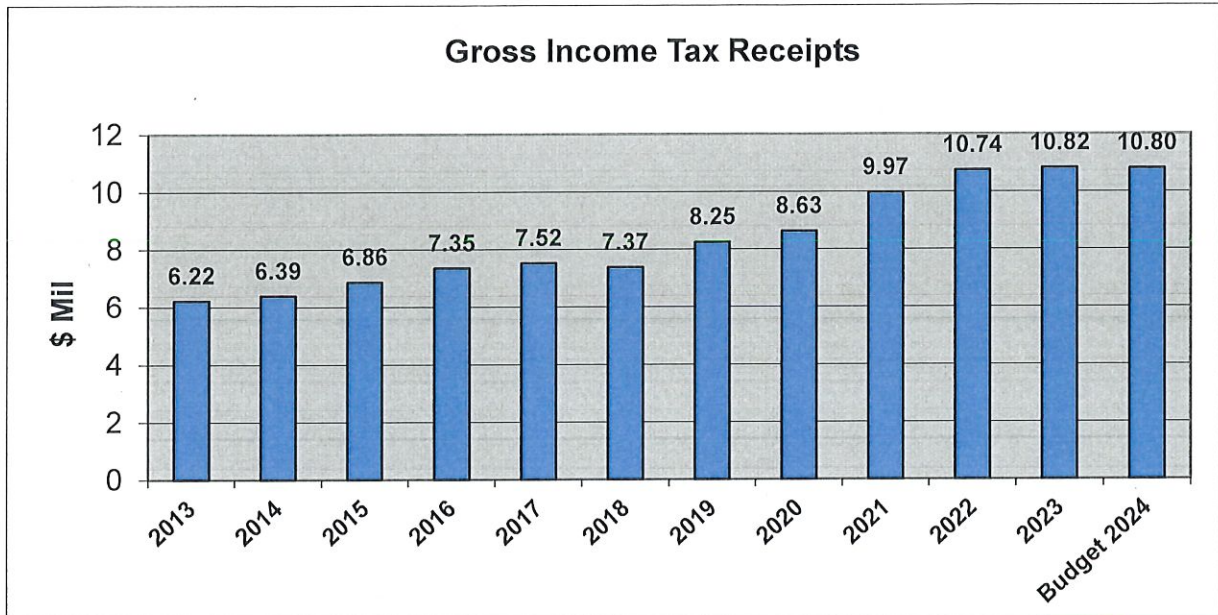
Year-To-Date Net Collections vs Prior Year

2023	\$1,180,011.77
2024	\$1,157,531.69
Change	-1.91%

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2024

The following graphs depict total income tax receipts and do not include tax refunds issued.



Year-To-Date Gross Collections vs Prior Year

2023	\$1,187,541.97
2024	\$1,162,004.79

Change	-2.15%
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INCOME TAX COMPARISON - GROSS RECEIPTS						
	2022 through 2024					
				DAILY	MONTHLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
	2022	2023	2024	INCR / DECR	INCR / (DECR)	INCR / (DECR)
JANUARY	\$1,206,895.03	\$1,187,541.97	\$1,162,004.79	<<<MONTH-TO-DATE	(\$25,537.18)	(\$25,537.18)
FEBRUARY	\$589,786.40	\$704,541.69		N/A		
MARCH	\$774,848.77	\$700,349.49		N/A		
APRIL	\$1,525,835.38	\$1,616,405.65		N/A		
MAY	\$1,439,747.23	\$1,606,605.06		N/A		
JUNE	\$1,049,802.24	\$779,738.25		N/A		
JULY	\$622,825.88	\$736,266.50		N/A		
AUGUST	\$778,874.65	\$611,330.64		N/A		
SEPTEMBER	\$789,166.14	\$764,411.27		N/A		
OCTOBER	\$820,891.56	\$934,516.00		N/A		
NOVEMBER	\$646,466.31	\$597,648.50		N/A		
DECEMBER	\$494,045.92	\$581,402.63		N/A		
TOTAL	\$10,739,185.51	\$10,820,757.65	\$1,162,004.79			
				DAILY	MONTHLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
JANUARY	2022	2023	2024	INCR / (DECR)	INCR / (DECR)	INCR / (DECR)
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	18,269.65	31,971.86	55,166.21	\$23,194.35	\$23,194.35	\$23,194.35
4	68,494.17	3,917.64	45,669.27	\$41,751.63	\$64,945.98	\$64,945.98
5	10,934.15	72,642.65	118,648.29	\$46,005.64	\$110,951.62	\$110,951.62
6	13,572.32	13,370.78	0.00	(\$13,370.78)	\$97,580.84	\$97,580.84
7	133,172.39	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$97,580.84	\$97,580.84
8	0.00	0.00	36,009.82	\$36,009.82	\$133,590.66	\$133,590.66
9	0.00	48,461.21	48,740.30	\$279.09	\$133,869.75	\$133,869.75
10	28,558.18	28,995.78	21,916.87	(\$7,078.91)	\$126,790.84	\$126,790.84
11	41,395.44	122,863.41	17,697.64	(\$105,165.77)	\$21,625.07	\$21,625.07
12	97,968.91	57,401.49	139,439.14	\$82,037.65	\$103,662.72	\$103,662.72
13	47,890.22	256,276.19	0.00	(\$256,276.19)	(\$152,613.47)	(\$152,613.47)
14	82,086.80	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$152,613.47)	(\$152,613.47)
15	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$152,613.47)	(\$152,613.47)
16	0.00	0.00	77,404.95	\$77,404.95	(\$75,208.52)	(\$75,208.52)
17	0.00	50,905.85	99,146.30	\$48,240.45	(\$26,968.07)	(\$26,968.07)
18	155,037.03	114,968.36	73,184.75	(\$41,783.61)	(\$68,751.68)	(\$68,751.68)
19	120,440.58	52,043.67	109,650.41	\$57,606.74	(\$11,144.94)	(\$11,144.94)
20	133,703.49	77,668.41	0.00	(\$77,668.41)	(\$88,813.35)	(\$88,813.35)
21	60,143.82	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$88,813.35)	(\$88,813.35)
22	0.00	0.00	345.00	\$345.00	(\$88,468.35)	(\$88,468.35)
23	0.00	85,159.59	171,972.24	\$86,812.65	(\$1,655.70)	(\$1,655.70)
24	7,481.12	87,348.57	66,585.49	(\$20,763.08)	(\$22,418.78)	(\$22,418.78)
25	73,992.29	3,470.62	30,948.77	\$27,478.15	\$5,059.37	\$5,059.37
26	37,800.48	2,258.75	15,614.20	\$13,355.45	\$18,414.82	\$18,414.82
27	2,888.45	14,462.33	0.00	(\$14,462.33)	\$3,952.49	\$3,952.49
28	24,875.87	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$3,952.49	\$3,952.49
29	0.00	0.00	17,007.69	\$17,007.69	\$20,960.18	\$20,960.18
30	0.00	1,060.26	3,617.70	\$2,557.44	\$23,517.62	\$23,517.62
31	48,189.67	62,294.55	13,239.75	(\$49,054.80)	(\$25,537.18)	(\$25,537.18)
				NEED		
TOTAL	\$1,206,895.03	\$1,187,541.97	\$1,162,004.79	\$25,537.18		
				TO MATCH		
				JANUARY '22		

Oakwood, Ohio
November 28, 2023

The Oakwood citizen Budget Review Committee (BRC) met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. The meeting took place in the council chambers at the city building, 30 Park Avenue, and was available via the Zoom remote teleconferencing platform.

The following people attended:

Budget Review Committee

In-person:

Howard Boose
Jeanne Boozell
Cait Botschner
Fred Dudding
Ellen Fodge
Bill Frapwell, Vice Chair
John Gray
John Jervis
Megan Kavanaugh
Doug Kinsey
William Meyer
Bill Rieger
Mark Risley
Raya Whalen

Via Zoom:

Dave Dickerson, Chair
Susie Elliott
Ella Himes
Kristina Marcus
Jim Vaughn

Oakwood City Council

In-person:

Mayor Bill Duncan
Vice Mayor Steve Byington
Councilmember Rob Stephens
Councilmember Anne Hilton
Councilmember Leigh Turben
Councilmember-elect Healy Jackson

City Staff

In-person:

City Manager Norbert Klopsch
Leisure Services Director Carol Collins
Finance Director Cindy Stafford
Public Safety Director Alan Hill
Law Director Rob Jacques
Public Works Director Doug Spitler
Human Resources Manager Sangita Anand

Mayor Bill Duncan opened the meeting with a welcome and asked the committee members to do self-introductions. He asked if there were any suggested edits to the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting. There being no edits, Mayor Duncan asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Motion to approve by Mrs. Himes; second by Mr. Risley. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Mayor Duncan invited Mr. Klopsch to make opening comments and to deliver the meeting presentation.

Mr. Klopsch mentioned that he meets with other city managers regularly and there is often discussion on finances and budget processes. From these discussions, it is clear that there are no other communities that have a budget committee (or financial advisory committee) that is as robust as Oakwood's.

Mr. Klopsch discussed the following recent events and city projects:

Mr. Klopsch commented on holiday decorations in Oakwood. He shared that residents may decorate their private property, but decorations cannot be placed in the public right-of-way. He discussed locations where decorations are being placed in the public right-of-way and shared how the city is addressing it. He noted that Mr. Jacques will comment later in the meeting about the public right-of-way and why it is important to carefully manage it.

The Montgomery County Solid Waste District (MCSWD) is considering imposing a fee for the drop-off of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) material to begin in 2026. The County Commissioners seem to be opposed to the fee and are asking their staff to seek ways to stabilize the budget without imposing the fee.

The city received a notice from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding the resurfacing of Far Hills Avenue. The project is programmed for next summer with 80% of the project to be funded by ODOT and the remaining 20% to be paid by the city as a local match. A supplemental appropriation will be presented to Council at the December meeting to finalize city's portion of the project funding.

Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday of Lights Ceremony at Shafor Park at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 10.

Mr. Klopsch invited Mr. Jacques to comment on the holiday lights display on Wonderly Avenue located in the public right-of-way.

Mr. Jacques shared that as a general rule, the city does not regulate Christmas lights. The issue on Wonderly Avenue is that the decorations extend across the sidewalk which is the public right-of-way. The right-of-way is regulated through the Traffic/General Offenses Code, Streets & Public Service Code and the Oakwood Zoning Code. Mr. Jacques briefly discussed the specific regulations in these codes. The commonality of these is that they are an exercise of what the law calls the city's police power and they arise from statutory and common law duties that the city has to keep the public right-of-way open and safe for public use.

Mr. Klopsch reported on the following 2023 highlights:

- Gardner Pool Improvements: Gardner Pool improvements began in the fall of 2022 and were completed in the spring of 2023. All of the construction was done on time and Oakwood residents were able to enjoy a summer of fun at the pool.
- LED Street Lights: About 96% of the street lights in Oakwood have been converted to LED fixtures. City staff is working on a plan to replace the remaining lights.
- Far Hills Storm Sewer and Structure Improvements: The work along Far Hills Avenue is moving along. The construction is expected to be completed by the end of November or the beginning of December. This is all being done in advance of the repaving of Far Hills Avenue next summer.

- Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance: Two additional employees were added to the Public Works Department about a year ago for the main purpose of keeping up with routine cleaning of roughly 39 miles worth of underground sanitary sewer piping in Oakwood. It is ideal to clean the entire piping system every other year, especially in areas where the land is flat because the pipes have shallow slopes and backups occur more easily. In 2023, the Public Works Department cleaned well over half of the sewer system.
- 2023 FINANCIALS THROUGH OCTOBER: Finance Director Cindy Stafford presented the following financial data:
 - General City Services receipts through October are at 92.60% of budget, while disbursements and encumbrances are at 83.01% of budget. Mrs. Stafford anticipates ending the year with expenses around 97% of what was budgeted.
 - Refuse Fund receipts through October are at 84.06% of budget and disbursements and encumbrances are at 82.88% of budget.
 - Water Utility Fund receipts through October are at 90.70% of budget and disbursements and encumbrances are at 73.11% of budget. There is a good chance that receipts may come in higher than anticipated due to the dry summer and associated heavy irrigation water use.
 - Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund receipts through October are at 84.72% of budget and disbursements and encumbrances are at 72.08% of budget.
 - Stormwater Utility Fund receipts through October are at 98.34% of budget and disbursements and encumbrances are at 93.02% of budget. This includes \$985,000 transferred from the General Fund for the Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project.

Mr. Klopsch reported that at the end of 2023, the city will have continued to provide comprehensive public services and, based on current projections, will have:

- \$764,607 less in our General City Services funds.
- \$40,890 less in our Refuse funds.
- \$451,947 less in our Water funds.
- \$319,284 less in our Sanitary Sewer funds.
- \$45,967 less in our Stormwater funds.

All of the shortages will be covered by existing cash reserves.

- MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES: Income Tax collections through November are about -0.8% less than 2022 receipts. Income tax receipts are starting to level out. A slight increase is budgeted for 2024.

Mrs. Stafford explained the city's plans to begin using Fifth Third Bank as our tax filing/payment processing center in 2024. Tax payments and returns will no longer be sent directly to the Oakwood city building. They will be directed to Fifth Third's tax processing center. The payments will go to a lockbox where they are then opened, sorted and directly deposited into the city's account. This change streamlines the process and saves the city both time and money.

Mrs. Boozell asked how much this service costs.

Mrs. Stafford said that is it \$600 per month and will be used year-round.

- **PROPERTY TAX:** Of the total property tax bill that Oakwood residents pay in 2023, only about 8% is received by the city to pay for city services. The 2023 Residential Real Estate Tax breakdown consists of 70.1% to Oakwood Schools; 1.7% to Montgomery County; 0.3% to Developmental Disabilities; 1.8% to Five River MetroParks; 12% to Human Services; 3.5% to Sinclair; 8% to the city of Oakwood; and 2.6% to Wright Library.

Mr. Klopsch stated that the proposed 2024 Budget will show that expenses exceed revenue by \$1,481,814. This is primarily due to \$1.1 million in property taxes that will not be collected in 2024 because of the expiration this year of the 3.75 mill levy issue. Council is placing a new replacement levy on the ballot in March of 2024. Based on strong property values in Oakwood, the new levy will be around 2.4 or 2.5 mills. This will generate the same amount of revenue as the expiring levy, meaning it will not raise property taxes above what is paid today.

- **2024 GOALS & OBJECTIVES:** The following goals and objectives will be included in the 2024 budget book:
 - KHN Property, Sugar Camp Western Lot and Randall Residence Property
 - Water System Master Plan for Capital improvements
 - Far Hills Infrastructure Improvements
 - Sanitary Sewer System Maintenance/Capital Improvements Plan
 - Traffic Signal Master Plan for Capital improvements
- **2024 BUDGET OVERVIEW:** Below, in millions, are 2024 budgeted expense figures:

➤ General City Services:	\$18.13
➤ Refuse Operations:	\$ 1.54
➤ Water Utility:	\$ 1.95
➤ Sanitary Sewer Utility:	\$ 2.79
➤ Stormwater Utility:	<u>\$ 0.61</u>
Total:	\$25.02 million

Mr. Klopsch commented on the line item budgets for General City Services, Refuse Operations, Water Utility, Sanitary Sewer Utility and Stormwater Utility. At the end of 2024, the city will have continued to provide comprehensive services and will, based on the budget, have:

- \$1,340,448 less in our General City Services funds.
- \$299,868 less in our Refuse funds.
- \$300,676 less in our Water funds.
- \$454,339 less in our Sanitary Sewer funds.
- \$161,826 less in our Stormwater funds.

Mr. Klopsch noted that \$100,000 for asphalt rejuvenation was added to the final capital budget since the last committee meeting. He then played a video demonstrating how a manhole leveling machine functions. The Public Works Department is purchasing the machine and will begin a manhole improvement program in 2024.

Mr. Klopsch asked for a motion to recommend approval of the 2024 budget. Motion by Mr. Dudding; second by Mr. Risley. Upon a viva voce vote, motion passed.

Mayor Duncan noted that several committee members have terms that are expiring at the end of December. Council will be contacting them about renewing their membership on the committee.

Mayor Duncan shared that he is keeping an eye on recommendations at the state level to raise the employer contribution to the Ohio public pension funds. There is also a subcommittee studying whether the Ohio Property Tax should be reformed.

Mayor Duncan commented on the holiday decorations on Wonderly Avenue and how city employees are being accused of slanderous things. As representatives on the council committee for safety and traffic, he and Mr. Stephens met with City Manager Norbert Klopsch, Law Director Rob Jacques, Public Safety Director Alan Hill, Public Works Director Doug Spitler, and Planning & Zoning Manager Ethan Kroger. This impressive group of public servants came together to discuss next steps to ensure compliance with city ordinances and the safety of city employees. He thanked Mr. Klopsch for his leadership and service in advising Council on running a great city.

Mayor Duncan recognized that this will be Councilmember Anne Hilton's last Budget Review Committee meeting. He thanked her for her public service.

There being no other business, at 6:49 p.m. Mayor Duncan thanked the committee members for their service and the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

2025 BUDGET PREPARATION

TIMELINE	
Preliminary Dates	
ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
Tuesday, May 14@ 5:30 PM • Budget Review Committee meets with City Staff for a city and financial update, and special topics.	City Manager, Senior Staff Heads, Council and Budget Review Committee
Tuesday, June 25 @ 2:00 PM • Staff meeting - City Manager and Senior Staff convene to review and discuss 2025 Capital Improvement Program	City Manager
Friday, July 26 • 2025 Projected Expenditure Worksheets for Capital Improvement Items are due to Finance Director.	Senior Staff
Monday, June 24 - Friday, July 26 • Senior Staff and key staff review needs, collaborate and complete required budget packet materials.	Senior Staff and key personnel
Friday, August 2 • All budget packet materials delivered to Finance Director.	Senior Staff
Monday, August 5- Friday, August 23 • City Manager and Finance Director work together to review and refine budget requests. • City Manager and Finance Director meet with staff as required.	City Manager and Finance Director
Tuesday, September 10 @ 5:30 PM • Budget Review Committee meets with City Staff for a financial update and to discuss the 2025 Capital Improvement Program.	City Manager, Senior Staff, Council and Budget Review Committee
Friday, September 13 • City Manager delivers preliminary budget requests to City Council.	City Manager
Tuesday, October 15@ 5:30 PM • Budget Review Committee meets with City Staff for a financial update and to discuss preliminary 2025 Budget.	City Manager, Senior Staff, Council and Budget Review Committee
Wednesday, October 16 • Proposed budget draft figures provided to Senior Staff for final review.	Senior Staff and key personnel
Friday, October 18 • Senior Staff provide final additions, deletions, modifications or corrections (approved by CM, if different than original request) to Finance Director.	Senior Staff
Monday, October 21@ 5:00 PM • Council, City Manager and Senior Staff meet for 2025 Budget Retreat	City Manager, Senior Staff and Council
Tuesday, November 19 @ 5:30 PM • Budget Review Committee meets with City Council and staff to review final budget document and make recommendation.	City Manager, Senior Staff, Council and Budget Review Committee
Monday, December 2 @ 7:30 PM • City Council meets to take action on the 2025 Budget.	City Manager, Chair of Budget Review Committee and Council



City of Oakwood

February 19, 2024

Budget Review Committee

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Council

William Duncan, Mayor
Steve Byington, Vice Mayor
Rob Stephens
Leigh Turben
Healy Jackson

Administration

Norbert Klopsch, City Manager

Dear Neighbor,

I am the chairperson of Oakwood's Budget Review Committee and am sending this letter to provide you with information about the 2.41 mill property tax levy that will appear on the March 19 ballot.

This tax issue replaces a 3.75 mill issue that expired last year and that had been in place over the past ten years. The 2.41 mill value is set so that the new tax issue will cost the same to property owners as did the expired issue.

The money generated by this levy pays for Oakwood public services including such things as police, fire & emergency medical services; street maintenance; and parks, recreation and leisure services. The levy provides the city with approximately \$1.1 million annually and costs about \$84 per year for each \$100,000 in property valuation.

Our Budget Review Committee (BRC) is a group of 33 Oakwood citizens representing each of our eight voting precincts. The Committee meets with City Council, City Manager Norbert Klopsch and the city's senior staff several times each year to receive detailed information about city finances and to provide budget and financial guidance and oversight. Our city leaders are dedicated to maintaining a high level of city services. The BRC commends the city's efforts to manage spending in a prudent and cost effective manner, and we believe the funds raised by this levy are essential to ensuring that the citizens of Oakwood continue to enjoy a safe environment in which to live, and continue to receive outstanding city services and well maintained streets.

Although we choose to live in Oakwood for different reasons, we all enjoy a level of service and community ambiance that is unmatched in the Dayton area. Money generated from this levy renewal will help us keep Oakwood the most desirable community in the area.

Sincerely,

Dave Dickerson, Chair
Budget Review Committee

c: Oakwood City Council
City Manager Norbert Klopsch

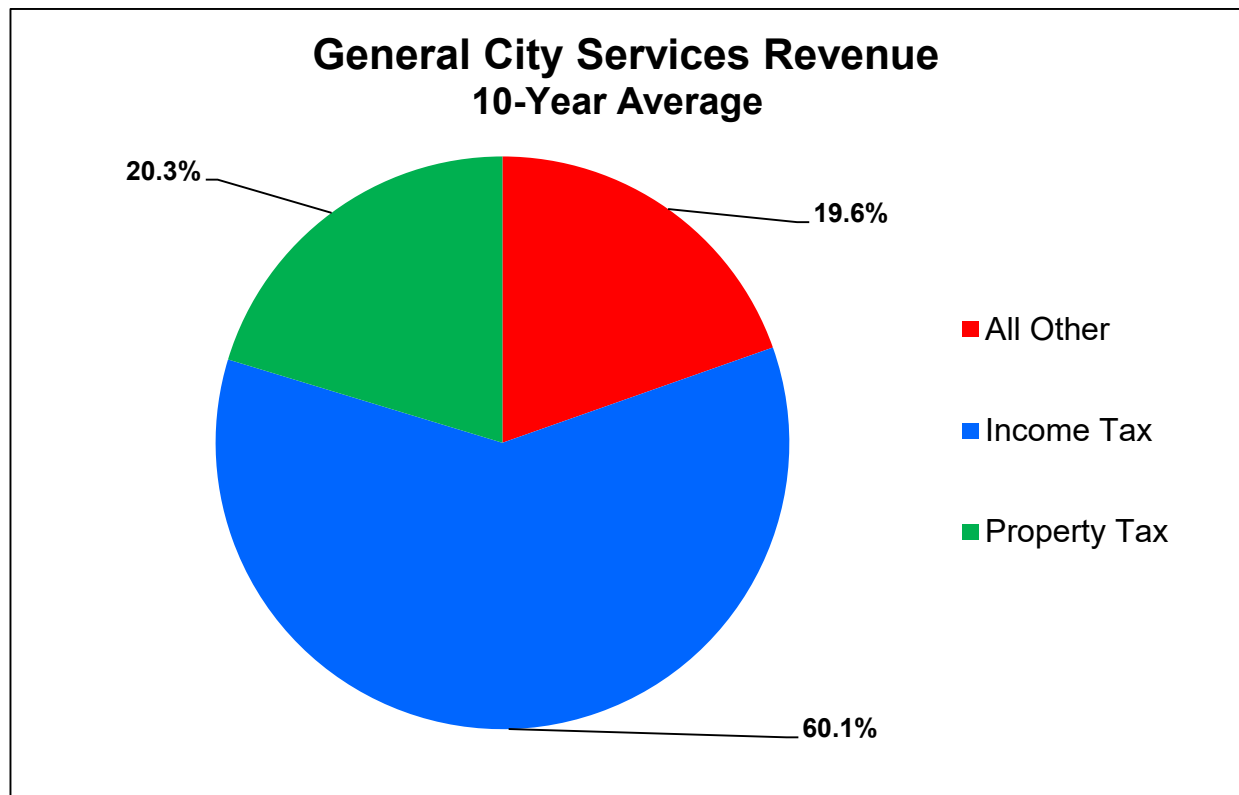
PROPERTY TAX RENEWAL

A MESSAGE FROM OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL

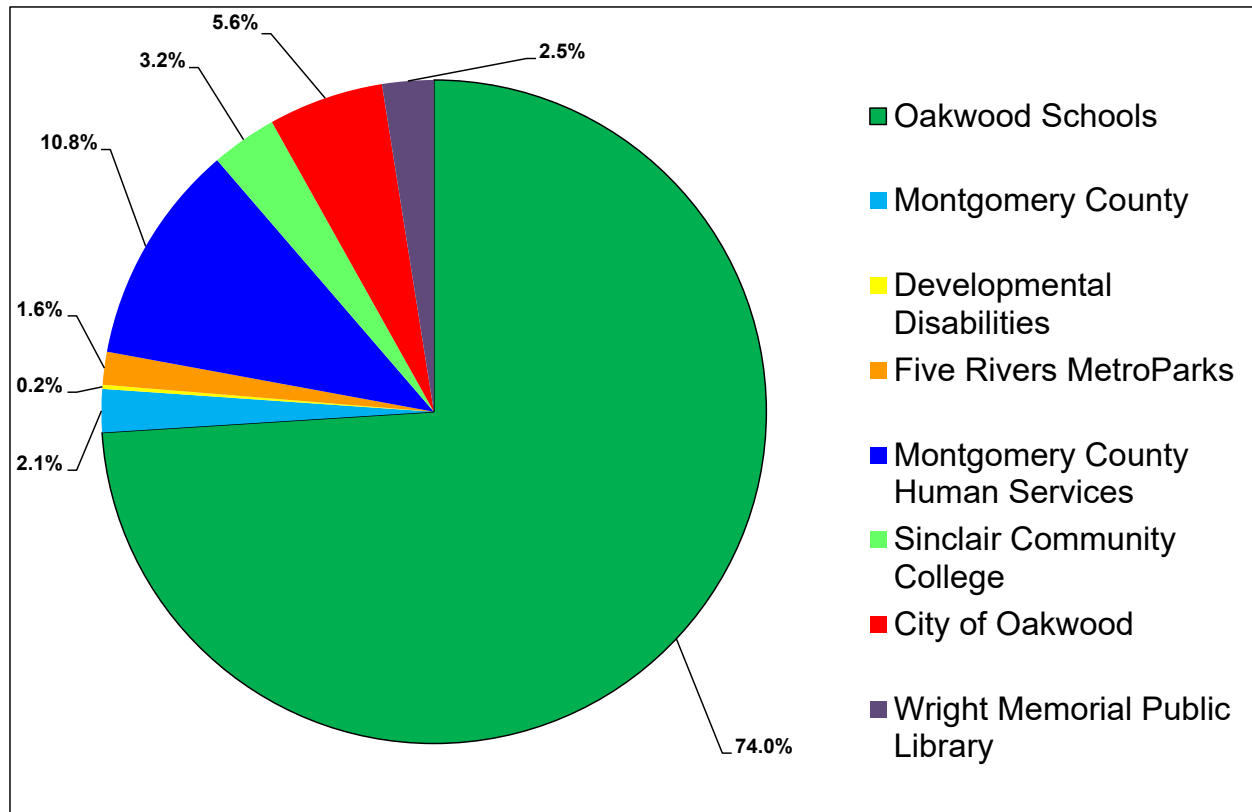
On March 19, Oakwood residents will vote on a 2.41 mill property tax issue to provide funding for police, fire & emergency medical services; street maintenance; and parks, recreation and leisure services. This tax issue replaces a 3.75 mill issue that expired last year and that had been in place over the past ten years. The 2.41 mill value is set so that the tax issue will cost the same to property owners as did the expired issue. The new issue will raise about \$1.1 million annually and will cost about \$84 per year for each \$100,000 in residential property valuation.

One of the primary responsibilities of City Council is to ensure that your tax dollars are spent wisely. The five of us, as your elected city officials, take this responsibility very seriously. We spend a significant amount of time overseeing how our city government spends money, and we use a 33-member citizen budget review committee to assist us in this effort. The committee includes residents representing each of our eight voting precincts. These citizens come from a variety of professional backgrounds and have a good understanding of what makes Oakwood special. As representatives of their respective precincts, they bring to our meetings their personal opinions and also the voices and opinions of their neighbors. The citizen budget review committee supports this replacement levy.

The pie chart below shows the three primary categories of revenue that are needed to pay for our city services. As you can see, the property tax is a critically important component.



The chart below depicts how our total property taxes are distributed among the various agencies.



We all choose to live in Oakwood for different reasons, yet all enjoy our first-class city services. Please help us to continue providing these outstanding city services by voting YES on Issue #9, our Oakwood property tax.

Mayor William Duncan
Vice Mayor Steve Byington
Council Member Rob Stephens
Council Member Leigh Turben
Council Member Healy Jackson

TOP STATE STORY

Bill would force payment of back taxes before sale

Supporters say Senate Bill 186 would help fight housing blight, close loopholes for bad actors.

By **Cornelius Frolik**
and **Sydney Dawes**
Staff Writers

Scores of local properties owe delinquent taxes, and county treasurers across the region and state say they are powerless under current state law to get people to pay back taxes before properties are sold and transferred.

But new proposed state legislation would require buyers to pay delinquent taxes and assessments before properties are transferred or subdivided.

The bill also would generally prohibit tax-delinquent property owners from buying tax-foreclosed properties.

"Should Senate Bill 186 pass, it will have a tremendous effect in bringing more integrity and accountability to a certain class of real estate transactions," said Montgomery County Treasurer John McManus during testimony before the Ohio Senate Ways and Means Committee last week.



Montgomery County Treasurer John McManus, shown on May 31, 2023, McManus said SB 186 would bring integrity to real estate transactions in the state. CORNELIUS FROLIK / STAFF

Montgomery County saw about 1,598 delinquent property transfers last year, and about two-thirds of the properties were in the city of Dayton, according to data from the Montgomery County Auditor's office.

Taxes continued on A5

Taxes

continued from A1

The delinquent parcels that were transferred owed nearly \$9.4 million in delinquent taxes.

The Dayton Daily News was unable to identify any organized opposition to the proposed legislation.

Mike Frye, president of the Greater Dayton Real Estate Investors Association, said the proposed bill probably won't affect serious real estate investors very much.

"Greater Dayton REIA teaches responsible, ethical investing and educates to be prepared for the unexpected and avoid tax delinquency situations," he said. "Greater Dayton REIA will continue to monitor S.B. 186 and it will be a topic of our legislative committee meeting next month."

The proposal

Ohio Senate Bill 186 would prohibit properties from being transferred or subdivided unless all property taxes are paid up front, said Ohio Sen. Louis Blessing III, a Republican representing portions of Hamilton County.

Also, under the bill, buyers at public auctions would be required to sign an affidavit that essentially declares they have no delinquent tax issues throughout the state, said Blessing, who is primary sponsor of S.B. 186, along with Sen. Catherine Ingram (D-Cincinnati).

If buyers have delinquent

taxes, they would have to state in an affidavit that those issues are in the process of being resolved or they were the result of local government errors or they had other legitimate reasons for delinquency that can be backed up with supporting documents, Blessing said.

Making false statements in the affidavits would be a first-degree-misdemeanor criminal offense of falsification and there could be civil liability.

S.B. 186 is badly needed legislation that would give county treasurers new tools to fight tax delinquency and blight, said Cuyahoga County Treasurer Brad Cromes, who is 1st vice president of the executive committee of the County Treasurers Association of Ohio.

The bill would help treasurers collect delinquent taxes while closing loopholes that far too often are exploited by real estate speculators and investors to avoid taxation, Cromes said.

Treasurers say abandoned and blighted properties depress property values, discourage investment and attract criminal activities.

Passing S.B. 186 into law would be a "fundamental shift" toward accountability in real estate in Ohio, said Montgomery County Treasurer McManus.

"As we speak, there are untold amounts of money being made by individuals who exorbitantly enrich themselves through the sale and transfer of tax-delin-



This home on Hoch Street in East Dayton was sold in January 2023 for \$1,000. More than \$8,400 in delinquent taxes is listed for the property. CORNELIUS FROLIK / STAFF

quent properties," he said. "This conduct is a profound disrespect to the millions of law-abiding Ohioans who dutifully pay their property taxes, especially those who struggle to do so while trying to make ends meet in a difficult economy."

Montgomery County saw 24,115 property transfers last year, and nearly 7% were delinquent transfers, according to auditor data.

Total tax delinquency in the county was about \$227 million last year.

McManus said his office has significantly reduced the tax-delinquent parcel count in the last several years, but delinquencies remain a major concern and problem.

Clark County Treasurer Pamela Littlejohn said the bill would protect people who may lack knowledge or expe-

rience in the homebuying process and may not think to complete a title search of a property.

"The way the process is done now, too many people are victimized," she said.

Littlejohn's office recently heard from a woman who had a property with delinquent taxes who was approached by a buyer who offered to help with the delinquency.

The woman completed a quit claim transfer to the buyer, believing she would be able to buy her property back on a land contract. The buyer then sold the property — without paying the back taxes — to another person, forcing the woman out of her home.

"With the housing crisis and the delinquencies within the inner city (of Springfield); what we have seen

recently is that we have a lot of predators," Littlejohn said. "We're seeing an influx of people taking advantage of others and quickly turning those properties."

Greene County Treasurer Kraig Hagler said tax delinquencies are not a major problem in Greene County, considering that less than 2% of parcels owe back taxes.

But Hagler said he understands that some counties have high delinquency rates and he supports legislation to help treasurers in those communities.

Hagler said he has no issue with requiring delinquent taxes to be paid before transfer, but he does not support a provision to require current-year taxes to be estimated and paid.

"Stick with just the delinquent taxes and leave any taxes that have not been calculated or levied against the property out of the calculation," he said.

In Miami and Butler counties, the treasurers' offices do not commonly see properties transferring with unaddressed tax delinquencies. But officials from both offices believe that the bill would help prevent tax delinquency and protect communities.

Butler County Treasurer Michael McNamara said that during his career, he's seen "bad actors" evading real estate taxes to increase the profits they receive from their properties.

"Is 'bad-actor delinquency' widespread in Butler County? No," he said. "Is

this practice devastating to neighborhoods where bad actors thrive? Absolutely.

"Senate Bill 186 sends a message that Ohio will not be a permissive environment for tax scofflaws who feel that they are exempt from the law and provides a tool for collection of delinquent taxes while also preventing tax delinquent property owners from purchasing more real estate," McNamara said.

"The fact that it can happen allows for transactions and profits made on sales to go forward without fixing the issue and kicking the delinquency down the road," Miami County Treasurer Jim Stubbs said.

"Our experience has been that back taxes usually reflect a property in decline and therefore, current or future blight, let alone someone being able to skip out on the shared costs of running a community while their neighbors are supporting those things."

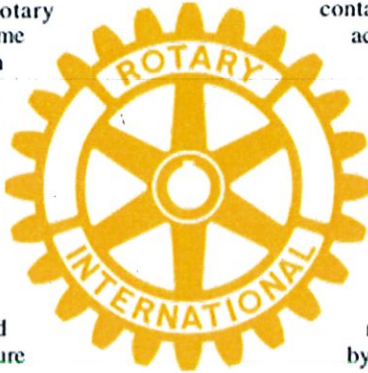
County Treasurers Association of Ohio Executive Director Kevin Futryk said this bill is the association's top priority for this year.

Futryk said this should not be controversial legislation because it's aimed at addressing the growing problem of tax-delinquent properties remaining that way because they are being purchased by parties that already have properties saddled with delinquent tax bills.

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Rotary offers residential pickup service Feb. 3

Oakwood Rotary volunteers will come to your home on Saturday, Feb. 3, to collect materials that cannot be picked up by weekly trash and recycling routes. Those items include paint cans, stains, thinners, pesticides, and batteries. Please ensure



containers are easily accessible, not leaking, with secure lids. If you have pick-up items, please call 296-5155 and leave your name/address before 12 noon on Friday, Feb. 2. Items to be collected need to be ready by 9 a.m. on Feb. 3.

the Oakwood Rotary is unique in providing this service for the community. No other Miami Valley community is afforded this service. While there's no charge for the pickup, those using the service are encouraged to make a tax-deductible donation to the Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation and leave that with the items in a well-marked envelope. Or mail a check to P.O. Box 512, Dayton, OH 45409. All donations support the Oakwood Rotary charitable projects and community events.

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Water main breaks on rise in Montgomery County



Montgomery County crews work to repair a water main break at West Third Street and Ohio 49, near Trotwood, Jefferson Twp. and the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, on Wednesday. County crews have responded to 60 breaks this month. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

**Dayton official says
rash of breaks in pipes
is unlikely to end soon.**

**By Kristen Spicker
and Sydney Dawes**
Staff Writer

City of Dayton and Montgomery
County workers have responded

to more than 80 water main break
calls this month, and more than
130 dating back to December.

Water main breaks disrupted
traffic at prominent intersections
last week. The intersection of
Fifth and Main streets in down-
town Dayton, near the conven-
tion center, was shut down by a
water main break for much of
the day Thursday.

Another water main break at
the huge West Third Street-U.S.
35-Trotwood Connector inter-
section affected traffic near the
Dayton-Trotwood-Jefferson Twp.
border for hours Wednesday
morning.

Aging and damaged pipes can
be affected when there is a stretch
of days with freezing tempera-
tures.

City of Dayton Water Utility
Field Operations Manager David
S' de said the run of water main
breaks is not likely over, because
as temperatures start to warm
back up and pipes thaw after a
freeze, it's not unusual to have
more breaks.

Montgomery County Environ-

Water continued on B2



City of Dayton crews work to repair a water main break that closed the intersection of Main and Fifth streets, downtown Dayton, on Thursday. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

Water

continued from B1

mental Services spokesperson Megan O'Leary said Friday the county department has responded to roughly 60 calls for water main breaks so far this month.

December saw another 52 calls, according to Montgomery County Environmental Services. The county water provider asks residents to

report any water they may see bubbling out from pavement or grass, as this could indicate a leak. The 24-hour emergency number is 937-781-2678.

O'Leary urged residents to drive slowly and safely, as crews have been out working.

"In these freezing temperatures, the water can quickly turn to ice," she said. "We salt the area, but extra precaution is always a

good idea when approaching workers on site."

Shade said city of Dayton crews had already responded to 22 water main breaks this month as of late last week. That compares to 10 in January 2023, 15 in January 2022 and 12 in January 2021.

Shade said it's more likely to have water main breaks with multiple freezing days in a row, like we had last week. In January 2023, Dayton reached at least 32 degrees

on 30 of 31 days and never saw the temperature drop below 15.

People concerned about pipes bursting in their homes are encouraged to open their cabinets to get more heat on them, Shade said. Running a steady tiny trickle of water from taps in the coldest weather can also help prevent pipes from freezing.

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JANUARY 2024 OAKWOOD PROPERTY SALES

SALES ABOVE APPRAISED VALUE					
<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE SOLD</u>	<u>SALE PRICE</u>	<u>DATE LAST SOLD</u>	<u>LAST SALE PRICE</u>	<u>COUNTY APPRAISED VALUE</u>
246 FORRER BLVD	1/4/24	\$ 365,000	10/10/23	\$ 260,000	\$ 281,230
235 RUBICON RD	1/22/24	\$ 350,000	11/16/22	\$ 270,300	\$ 287,940
2 ACACIA DR	1/2/24	\$ 258,000	10/27/05	\$ 147,500	\$ 182,610
2000 SHROYER RD	1/23/24	\$ 213,000	11/2/15	\$ 83,900	\$ 149,450
2200 FAR HILLS AVE UNIT 11	1/9/24	\$ 99,500	9/27/21	\$ 82,000	\$ 74,280
71% ABOVE APPRAISED VALUE					
SALES BELOW APPRAISED VALUE					
<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE SOLD</u>	<u>SALE PRICE</u>	<u>DATE LAST SOLD</u>	<u>LAST SALE PRICE</u>	<u>COUNTY APPRAISED VALUE</u>
348 DELLWOOD AVE	1/26/24	\$ 343,000	3/2/23	\$ 303,500	\$ 393,520
301 TELFORD AVE/1720 HATHAWAY RD	1/18/24	\$ 302,000	4/22/22	\$ 265,000	\$ 336,200
29% BELOW APPRAISED VALUE					