

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Regular Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	DOIT ROBERTS	ROBERT WRIGHT
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lindsey Light motioned to approve April 17, 2023, minutes as presented. Doit Roberts seconded.

	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	DOIT ROBERTS	ROBERT WRIGHT
YES	X	X		X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN			X		

Motion Carried

Lindsey Light motioned to approve April 24, 2023, minutes as presented. Cathi Fritz seconded.

	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	DOIT ROBERTS	ROBERT WRIGHT
YES	X	X		X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN			X		

Motion Carried

VILLAGE WEBSITE

Mayor Wright provided a preview of the new village website currently being developed. The website is scheduled to be done by the end of May and will be shown once completed. The hope is it is more modern and payment options are available along with submitted forms.

LANDBANK COMMITMENT

Last month a representative came and provided an overview of what the Landbank can do for the village. It requires a cost, but it is only paid if a grant has been received for the town to utilize. C. Fritz asked if all this had been presented to the village attorney to make sure everything was good to use. Mayor Wright stated yes it has, and many other municipalities are using this to help with revitalization within their city limits.

Bob Parr motioned to approve the village to commit to using the Landbank if grant monies are available for the town to utilize. Lindsey Light seconded.

	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	DOIT ROBERTS	ROBERT WRIGHT
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					

Motion Carried

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRACT

B. Parr stated he would like to add additional poles for decorations to be added. The board was in favor of the extra poles.

Bob Parr motioned to approve the contract for Christmas lights to be put up with ten additional poles for a total of 37 poles for \$3,700. Cathi Fritz seconded.

	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	DOIT ROBERTS	ROBERT WRIGHT
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					

Motion Carried

PUBLIC WORKS ADDITIONAL SUMMER HELP

The Public Works department has requested two additional part-time workers to help with the mowing and other duties to help the department.

Bob Parr motioned to approve the request for two additional part-time help for the Public Works Dept. Lindsey Light seconded.

	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	DOIT ROBERTS	ROBERT WRIGHT
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					

Motion Carried

MFT APPROPRIATIONS

Lisa Lashuway provided an overview of the \$98,168 proposed MFT appropriations at the last study session. These appropriations are for general maintenance.

Bob Parr motioned to approve the proposed appropriations for the MFT that have been presented. Cathi Fritz seconded.

	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	DOIT ROBERTS	ROBERT WRIGHT
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					

Motion Carried

POLICE VEHICLES

At the last study session, the proposal for approving the Tahoe transmission repair was provided to the board of consideration.

Bob Parr motioned to approve the Tahoe transmission repair not exceeding \$8,000. Robert Wright seconded.

	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	DOIT ROBERTS	ROBERT WRIGHT
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					

Motion Carried

At the last study session, the board was presented with a request from the police department to purchase a Charger. The cost for the car to be fully ready with the Tahoe trade-in would be \$45,000. All the electronics can be transferred over, and there is no need for any additional equipment.

Cathi Fritz motioned to approve the request to purchase a Charger with the Tahoe trade-in.

Lindsey Light seconded.

	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	DOIT ROBERTS	ROBERT WRIGHT
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					

Motion Carried

JULY 4TH EVENT PERMIT REQUEST

At the last study session, the resident committee putting together events for the July 4th celebrations requested an event permit. The board also thanked those residents that have stepped up in the planning process. Between meetings, very little had changed. The committee was planning to forego the bounce houses and still planned for OSF Wrestling to hold the commode races on their own. Brett Harrison stated that he'd talked to Brian Obenland(not in attendance) and per Brett, Brian requested he be able to use his business driveway for customers outside the parade timeframe, but otherwise was not going to have a car show or need any space on S. Main St. for any activities. There was no discussion on any requests by the bank to have the exit of their parking lot open or allow customers using the ATM to exit on Finley St. Mayor Wright stated that Jamie Pasquale at the Vermilion County Conservation District approved the use of the rail trail property for parking as long there would be no vehicles driving or parking on the trail itself. There was no overhead layout of the downtown area showing the events and vendor locations, but Brett explained that the bags tournament would be on Scott St. between THE BOX and the Village Hall, food vendors would be on S. Main along with craft vendors, and he was checking with the Jeep club about a Jeep show on the S. Main north of THE BOX and Sunset Funeral. Brett confirmed that all vendors would be operating on their own electrical, water, gas, etc. and would be cleaning up their own areas. Brett last stated that he was arranging for the Porta Potties and would update the board at the next meeting.

Lindsey Light motioned to approve the event permit for the July 4th planning committee.

Cathi Fritz seconded.

	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	DOIT ROBERTS	ROBERT WRIGHT
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					

Motion Carried

LIQUOR ORDINANCE REVISION

At the last study session, a request to adjust the times on the current liquor ordinance was requested from The Box. The request is to extend the hours for the sale of alcohol on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday till 1:00 am, with the business closing down and all patrons gone from the premises by 1:30 am. There was concern regarding the noise of bands, and Harrison stated this additional time would not be for bands. Harrison also requested the addition of 3 additional special events that may not happen on one of the proposed days.

Bob Parr motioned to approve the request to extend the sale of liquor till 1:00 am on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Cathi Fritz seconded.

	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	DOIT ROBERTS	ROBERT WRIGHT
YES	X	X	X	X	
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					X

Motion Carried

SWEARING IN ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Village Clerk performed the swearing-in of the following elected officials:

- Robert Parr – Oakwood Village Trustee – Unexpired term (2 yrs.)
- Scott Fegett - Oakwood Village Trustee – 4-year term
- Lindsay Light - Oakwood Village Trustee – 4-year term
- Matthew Trimmell - Oakwood Village Trustee – 4-year term
- Robert Wright – Oakwood Village Mayor – Unexpired term (2 yrs.)

Mayor Wright also presented Doit Roberts with a plaque for his recognition of service to the village from 2022 to 2023. Doit thanked everyone for trusting him to help guide the village in the right direction.

MONTHLY BILLS

The monthly bills were presented to the board for approval.

Bob Parr motioned to approve the monthly bills as presented.

Lindsey Light seconded.

	SCOTT FEGETT	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	MATT TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					

Motion Carried

RECOGNITION OF VILLAGE RESIDENTS

Sherri Wendell came to the board with concerns about the cement curbs on Kelley. There is a tree that has interrupted the drainage of water. Mayor Wright stated he would have the public works department look at it to see if anything could be done.

Raymond Myers on Dolbee Street came to the board with concerns about the dust that occurs when cars drive down the road due to the previous fall's tar and chipping. Mayor Wright will check with Public Works to see if anything can be done.

Terry Hume voiced his concern about not seeing the total road patcher that has been purchased used on the streets. The department will be asked for an update.

Lindsey Light motioned at 7:14 pm to move into executive session.

Bob Parr seconded.

	SCOTT FEGETT	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	MATT TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					

Motion Carried

At 8:26 pm, the board moved back into open session.

Lindsey Light motioned at 8:28 pm to adjourn.

Bob Parr seconded.

	SCOTT FEGETT	CATHI FRITZ	LINDSEY LIGHT	BOB PARR	MATT TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					

Motion Carried

Submitted by,



Connie Young, Village Clerk

Approved 6/19/23