

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Fegett, Cathi Fritz, Lindsey Light, Bob Parr

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lindsey Light motioned to approve September 11, 2023, study session and executive meeting minutes as presented.

Bob Parr seconded.

	ELLIOTT	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X	
NAYS						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT						X

Motion Carried

Scott Fegett motioned to approve the September 18, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented.

Bob Parr seconded.

	ELLIOTT	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X	
NAYS						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT						X

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bob Parr motioned to accept the bills as presented.

Lindsey Light seconded.

	ELLIOTT	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X	
NAYS						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT						X

Motion Carried

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

VILLAGE HALL

No updates to report.

FINANCES/TREASURER

LOCIS is still having payroll issues. Mayor Wright told the board he would like the office and L. Light to start looking at other software as the contract with LOCIS renews in February. The board felt it was a good idea to move forward and start looking at other options.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Mayor Wright reported the sidewalk to the park is almost finished. At one of the activities at the park, cars were parked on the new sidewalk. Dustin will look into putting parking blocks along the sidewalk.
- Southern Tire Mart is about 75% finished.

- The Box has started its expansion and should be done by November.
- Bob Parr reported that Tullie’s project is progressing slowly. He does not see the project being done by November. They finally got an electrician in to redo all the electrical within the building. They plan to submit a reimbursement list.
- Sidewalk repairs around town are complete until the next phase starts next year.
- The installation of the village generator is still on schedule for November.
- C. Fritz reported she is so happy with the energy and excitement of Oakwood on the Move committee. They will be setting goals, which will then create committees to accomplish goals. Residents participating is really needed for the next phase of goal implementation.
- Plans for the pavilion along the Rail Trail have been sent to see what they think of the idea that has been drawn up.

EMERGENCY RESCUE

It was reported that the fundraiser was a success, and the plan is to continue with it next year.

SUBJECTS REQUIRING ACTION/DECISION BY THE BOARD

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mayor Wright reported that the past attorney decided not to represent the Village. He recommends the Board formally adopt Marc Miller as legal representation for the Village.

Lindsey Light motioned to accept the bills as presented.

Bob Parr seconded.

	ELLIOTT	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X	
NAYS						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT						X

Motion Carried

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Mayor Wright presented an ordinance to purchase 246 and 247 Lee Street to the board. The cost will also cover clearing the trailers off the property, providing three properties all together. The proposed ordinance would allow the mayor latitude on the purchase based on negotiations with the sellers.

Bob Parr motioned to approve the proposed ordinance to purchase 246 and 247 Lee Street properties.

Lindsey Light seconded.

	ELLIOTT	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X	
NAYS						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT						X

Motion Carried

PURCHASE OF SECOND AMBULANCE FOR EMS

Mayor Wright presented to the board a recommendation to purchase a second ambulance for the department. He said with the age of the second ambulance and the department's problems with the unit, he recommends the department purchase this second unit. It would be just like the recently purchased unit, which is currently on the assembly line. The quote came in at \$199,993, similar to the newly purchased unit, and would be available quickly. This price also does not offer a trade-in on the old unit. S. Fegett asked if the old unit could be used as a service vehicle.

C. Fritz asked if this was put into the budget and, if not, where the funds would come from. Mayor Wright stated it could come from the general fund, and the department could pay it back next year. L. Light stated the money slated for the park bathroom upgrades could be used for this unit. B. Parr stated with the addition of two additional full-time employees, there will be an increase in revenue.

Lindsey Light made a motion to approve the purchase of a second unit for the EMS department not to exceed \$200,000. Bob Parr seconded.

	ELLIOTT	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES		X		X	X	
NAYS						
ABSTAIN	X		X			
ABSENT						X

Motion Carried

IMFR AUTHORIZING

At last month’s meeting, the board approved the participation in IMFR. L. Light told the board that an ordinance authorizing a point of contact needs to be approved to start the process. She recommends appointing the office manager as this point of contact.

Jason Elliot motioned to approve the ordinance authorizing the office manager to be the point of contact for the IMFR system. Bob Parr seconded.

	ELLIOTT	FEGETT	FRITZ	LIGHT	PARR	TRIMMELL
YES	X	X	X	X	X	
NAYS						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT						X

Motion Carried

AGENDA REQUESTS

Mayor Wright asked the board and the audience in attendance if there were any agenda requests. C. Fritz asked if the board could look into the Open Land Access Grant to help with improvements at the park. B. Parr asked that any information be provided beforehand so there is time to review it. There were no requests. Jim Trask asked about the recreation center going south of the village and if the village was selling the village park. Mayor Wright told J. Trask that he would need to refer his questions regarding the recreation center to the school board and that the village has no plans to sell the village park.

Having no further business, at 7:09 p.m., Lindsey Light motioned to adjourn, seconded by Scott Fegett.

Submitted by,



Connie Young, Village Clerk
 Approved 11/20/23

