



Oakwood is required by law to pass three pieces of legislation in order to carry out this program and assess the sidewalk costs. The first piece is this resolution, which declares the necessity of sidewalk repairs in these parts of the city. Mr. Stephens shared that he will also be introducing as a first reading tonight the second piece, the "Ordinance to Proceed" for the project, but Council will not vote on that ordinance until the April 4 meeting. After the project concludes, there will be a third piece of legislation, an ordinance to levy assessments for certain sidewalk costs.

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

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON.....	YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....	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 MR. STEPHENS NO 4820

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

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

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2016 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. This year's program will cover all streets within the area bounded by Far Hills Avenue, Springhouse Road, Irving Avenue, Acorn Drive and Patterson Road.

This was a first reading of this ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion at this time.

RESOLUTION

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 1813

DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

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

Mr. Stephens explained that this is another annual resolution that is the first step of the 2017 street lighting program. Like the sidewalk resolution, Oakwood is required by law to pass three pieces of legislation to provide street lighting each year. The first is this resolution, declaring the necessity of street lighting throughout the city. Mr. Stephens shared that he will also be introducing as a first reading tonight the second piece, the "Ordinance to Proceed" for the project, but Council will not vote on that ordinance until the April 4 meeting. The third piece of legislation, an ordinance to levy assessments for certain street light costs, will be introduced as a first reading at the April 4 meeting.

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

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON.....	YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....	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 MR. STEPHENS NO 4821  
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

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

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2017 street lighting program. It is the ordinance that authorizes the city to proceed with the project.

This was a first reading of this ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion at this time.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4822  
AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO.

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

Mr. Stephens explained that this ordinance is the final piece of last year's Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project, and assesses the sidewalk costs that have not already been paid directly by affected homeowners.

This was a first reading of this ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion at this time.

A RESOLUTION

BY MAYOR DUNCAN NO 1814  
A RESOLUTION TO GRANT APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED MASTER PLAN FOR THE POINTE OAKWOOD RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, AFFECTING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID DEVELOPMENT.

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 explained that the February 22 meeting included public hearings on two applications to amend the Master Plan for the Pointe Oakwood development. At the conclusion of those hearings, Council deliberated and voted on each application.

The Law Director has prepared written legislation consistent with Council's deliberations and Council's February 22 votes, and Council needs to adopt these resolutions to formalize the decisions. This first resolution will formalize the decisions to approve "The Pointe," a 32-unit condominium to be built on the corner of West Schantz and Far Hills Avenues.

Mr. Byington recused himself as he resides near the proposed condominiums.

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

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN..... YEA  
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS..... YEA  
MRS. ANNE HILTON..... YEA  
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY..... YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

A RESOLUTION  
BY MAYOR DUNCAN NO 1815  
A RESOLUTION TO DENY AN AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED  
MASTER PLAN FOR THE POINTE OAKWOOD RESIDENTIAL  
DEVELOPMENT, AFFECTING THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF  
SAID DEVELOPMENT ALONG OLD RIVER TRAIL.

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 explained that this is the second resolution arising from the February 22 meeting. Again, this was prepared by the Law Director, consistent with Council’s deliberations and Council’s February 22 votes.

This resolution will formalize Council’s decision to deny “The Trails” proposal and an increase in the overall project density. The Trails proposal would have located 84 condominium units in two buildings along Old River Trail.

Mr. Byington recused himself as he resides near the proposed condominiums.

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

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

- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
- MRS. ANNE HILTON.....YEA
- MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

There being four (4) 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 4823  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION I, 2016 ORIGINAL  
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 4816, TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
APPROPRIATION OF: AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$34,749.71 TO  
BE EXPENDED FROM THE FIRE INSURANCE TRUST FUND AS A  
RELEASE OF SECURITY FOR THE REPAIR OF RESIDENTIAL  
PREMISES DAMAGED BY FIRE; FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD,  
STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER  
31, 2016.

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 this is a supplemental appropriation ordinance that is necessary to handle some fire insurance proceeds that came into the city’s possession after Council adopted the 2016 budget and appropriation ordinance.

As required by the State of Ohio, Oakwood established a Fire Insurance Trust Fund in 1981. The fund functions much like an escrow account except that it is non-interest-bearing. When a property in the city is damaged by fire, the property owner’s insurance company sends a portion of the insurance proceeds to the city. Oakwood holds it in the Fire Insurance Trust Fund until repairs are completed, and then it is turned over to the insured property owner, minus any costs the city might incur to secure or make the structure safe before repairs are completed.

In November, there was a fire at 322 Orchard Drive that resulted in an insured loss, and the city recently received \$34,749.71. This money went into the Oakwood Budget and this appropriation will allow the City to now pay it back out to the property owner.

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

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

- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
- MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
- MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
- MRS. ANNE HILTON.....YEA
- MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

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

#### STAFF REPORT

Safety Department Update Presentation: Chief Alex Bebris, Public Safety Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the following topics: Crime Trends; Identity Theft; EMS/Medical Trends; and Shroyer Road Safety Study.

Chief Bebris reported that Part I crimes, major crimes and burglaries have dropped from 2012 to 2015. The ongoing efforts of the Public Safety Department continue to deter people from engaging in criminal activity in Oakwood. However, there has been a significant increase in forgery, fraud and counterfeiting relating to identify theft. Unfortunately, the vast majority of the individuals stealing data are from outside the Oakwood area, and even outside the country. The Bureau of Justice Statistics bulletin, Victims of Identity Theft, reports that multiple statistics portray continued growth of this crime in the country and our community. Chief Bebris then reviewed some tips to help prevent identify theft.

Medic runs increased almost 25% from 2011 to 2015. The Public Safety Department is currently evaluating data to determine if there is a single factor driving this increase, or if it is driven by a combination of factors.

The Shroyer Road Safety Study has determined that multiple accident categories are statistically higher than other similar roadways in Ohio. A speed study indicates that average speeds are over the posted speed limit of 35 mph. Chief Bebris shared that each public safety officer is being placed on speed enforcement around the Shroyer area for 30 minutes per day, per shift. The safety study recommends a countermeasure involving conversion of Shroyer Road from four lanes to three lanes with center medians, left turn lanes and bike lanes. In addition to seeing a reduction in the average speed of the traffic on the roadway, it is estimated that the countermeasure would reduce traffic crashes by up to 30%.

Mr. Stephens asked Chief Bebris if the speed enforcement would occur at during different times of the day.

Chief Bebris answered that it would occur at various times through the day and night.

Mr. Stephens asked if the speed enforcement would occur at different areas along Shroyer or if there was a certain focal point.

Chief Bebris responded that public safety officers would be located at various places all along Shroyer.

Mr. Stephens asked if there were a lot of medic runs to Brookdale Place.

Chief Bebris said that approximately 17-20% of the medic calls are to Brookdale, but that medic calls to that location have remained consistent over the years.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Mr. Klopsch shared that there will be a formal presentation on the Shroyer Road Traffic Study, which was conducted by CMT Engineers, at the April 4 City Council meeting. Information is currently posted to the city website. Citizen comment forms are being accepted until Friday, March 25.

The Ohio state auditors have been at the city building over the past two weeks completing the first part of the 2015 audit. So far everything appears to be in order. They will be back in mid to late April to complete the second part of the audit. The final audit report will be available in June.

The Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project is currently advertised for bid, which will be opened later this month. Notices will be hand delivered next month to the residents who are responsible for repairing the damaged sidewalks. More information will be provided at the April 4 City Council meeting.

On April 4, a report will be given on the 2016 Street Programs.

The Old River Athletic Facility Project is currently out to bid. The Oakwood City Schools is managing the bid process, but Oakwood city staff, specifically City Manager Norbert Klopsch and Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher, has been heavily involved in the design work over the last few months. The bid opening is currently scheduled for April 12.

With the mild winter, the streets have held up well. Fortunately, the city does not have extensive street deterioration that winter freeze thaw cycles can cause. The city salt supply is more than adequate.

Mayor Duncan asked for an update on this year's mulch supplier.

Mr. Klopsch shared that a special visit was made late last week to the supplier and this year's mulch was physically inspected. A different supplier than last year is being used and it is the same ground up leaf mulch as previously offered, but not what was available last year.

Mayor Duncan inquired how residents can obtain mulch.

Mr. Klopsch shared that information will be available on the website as well as the upcoming Oakwood Scene newsletter with details on how to obtain mulch. From April 11 to May 9, it is available on Saturdays for free if picked up at the public works yard or for a charge, it can be delivered.

Mayor Duncan mentioned that he is amazed by the amount of cardboard out at the recyclable containers each weekend.

Mr. Klopsch explained that the city actually gets money back for the cardboard recycled in the cardboard only containers versus cardboard being co-mingled with recyclables. He encouraged citizens to drop off cardboard whenever possible.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Hilton thanked Ms. Stacel for her work on the minutes from the February 22 meeting. She reminded people about the city community calendar that is available on the city website.

Mr. Stephens thanked Chief Bebris and his staff. The city of Oakwood is lucky to have such a wonderful Public Safety Department. It is evident that all of the officers truly care about the city and the residents.

Vice Mayor Byington thanked city staff for all of their work with the New Resident Breakfast. He shared that it is one of his favorite events. New residents come together and learn about the city. It is a great opportunity for them to learn about how great the community of Oakwood truly is. He shared that he read a news article in the *Columbus Dispatch* about the Jobs Ohio CEO's salary increase that now has him earning three times what the current Ohio governor earns. The article further reported that other senior staff also received large raises. This story interested him because it is just another example of the State having the "do as I say and not as I do" mentality and it is something that citizens need to be aware of. The State should be helping local governments do the things that we need to do. The Administration has basically decided that the money citizens send to the State does not need to come back to local governments. It is important to keep up on things, especially during an election cycle. Mr. Byington reported that he attended the National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. with over 2,000 local elected officials. It was a good chance to have productive conversations on what is being done in different communities. He shared that other communities were very interested in how Oakwood's Public Safety Department is trained in all three skill sets. Mr. Byington asked that everyone be safe celebrating St. Patrick's Day. On Thursday, Texas Tech (Mr. Byington's alma mater) plays Butler in NCAA basketball, so he will be cheering for Texas Tech. In closing, Mr. Byington urged everyone to vote on Election Day.

Mayor Duncan urged everyone to vote in Tuesday's election. The Wright Memorial Public Library Levy is on the ballot, and he encouraged residents to support the fine library system.

The public meeting concluded at 8:17 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL