

Oakwood, Ohio
May 17, 2016

The Oakwood Citizen Budget Review Committee (BRC) met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. The meeting took place in the city council chambers, 30 Park Avenue. The following people attended:

Budget Review Committee

Howard Boose	Brian Huelsman
Steve Brooks	Doug Kinsey
Charlie Campbell	Pete Luther
Phil Chick	William Meyer
Dave Dickerson	Skip Ordeman
Fred Dudding	Mark Risley
Michael Hayes	

Oakwood City Council

Vice Mayor Steve Byington
Councilmember Rob Stephens
Councilmember Anne Hilton

City Staff

City Manager Norbert Klopsch
Finance Director Cindy Stafford

Vice Mayor Steve Byington opened the meeting with a welcome and self-introductions. Vice Mayor Byington then asked Mr. Klopsch to provide a briefing on city finances and current projects.

Mr. Klopsch provided an overview on the following topics:

- 2015 FINANCIALS:
 - Total Non-Enterprise spending in 2015 was \$12 million. This was up from \$11.44 million in 2014, but was the first year since 2008 that non-enterprise spending was higher than the previous year.
 - 2015 Non-Enterprise Operations finished with revenues at about \$600,000 more than expenses.
 - 2015 Water Operation expenses were about \$275,000 more than revenue.
 - 2015 Sewer Operation expenses were about \$90,000 more than revenue.
 - 2015 Stormwater Operation expenses were about \$ 50,000 less than revenues.
 - 2016 beginning year balances: Non-Enterprise Funds were \$9.8 million; \$900,000 for Water Funds; \$950,000 for Sanitary Sewer Funds; and \$150,000 for Stormwater Funds.
- 2015 FINANCIAL AUDIT: Finance Director Cindy Stafford mentioned that the Auditor of State has completed all required field work and is in the process of preparing the 2015 audit report. A “clean” opinion is anticipated. The total cost of the audit was about \$24,000.

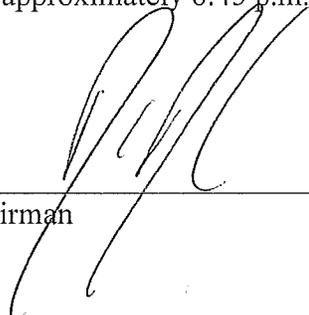
- 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT -- THRU APRIL: Mr. Klopsch explained that year-to-date receipts through April 2016 are at about 50% of budget; disbursements are at about 27%. For the three Non-Enterprise Funds, receipts are at about 32% and disbursements at about 24%.
- 2.72 MILL PROPERTY TAX ISSUE: Mr. Klopsch provided an overview of the two outside millage property tax issues that provide money to pay for city services. This includes the 2.72 mill property tax issue first approved in November 1991 and the 3.75 mill issue first approved in May 2013. Both issues have five year terms. The 2.72 mill issue raises about \$460,000 annually and expires at the end of 2016. Mr. Klopsch announced that he is recommending that the issue be placed on the November 2016 ballot as a renewal... meaning no new taxes. All of the committee members present concurred with this proposed action. The 3.75 mill property tax issue generates about \$1,050,000 annually and expires at the end of 2018. Mr. Klopsch also reported that the current income tax rate of 2.5% has been in place since 1984. Approximately 52% of the total municipal tax paid by Oakwood residents is remitted to other jurisdictions. Oakwood continues to give 100% credit for municipal taxes paid to other jurisdictions.

Mr. Klopsch then reviewed a timeline for promoting the proposed renewal of the 2.72 mill property tax. This would include a resolution of necessity from City Council at the July public meeting and a resolution to place the issue on the ballot at the August public meeting. The issue would be promoted through Oakwood Scene newsletter articles, a letter to all citizens from the Budget Review Committee, and postcard reminders sent to all citizens. The postcards would be broken down by each of the seven voting precincts, with BRC members names on those postcards. BRC members suggested that the city will need to carefully promote the tax renewal, particularly given some unrest throughout the community relating to the Pointe Oakwood development, the proposed Verizon Cell Tower and the proposed changes to Shroyer Road.

- OLD RIVER ATHLETIC FACILITY: Bid proposals were received for this project on April 12. The Oakwood Athletic Boosters have raised funds needed to build the stadium project. Work continues on securing an agreement for public access to the facility, and for the required parking spaces. Concern was expressed regarding the ongoing maintenance of the stadium facility and future capital costs to replace the artificial turf field and the track. Mr. Klopsch noted that the costs will be paid by the Oakwood Schools or perhaps through additional fundraising by the Athletic Boosters.
- SHROYER ROAD PROJECT: At the April public meeting, City Council approved the 2017 project to convert Shroyer Road from a 4-lane section to a 3-lane section with dedicated left turn lanes at each intersection, and northbound and southbound bike lanes. Also included in the project will be two enhanced pedestrian crossings, and improvements to the bikeway crossing north of Dellwood Avenue. Four BRC members expressed concern about the pending Shroyer Road conversion.
- 2016 STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECTS: Both projects have been bid. Concrete street repair work is underway on E. Schantz Avenue. The asphalt mill and overlay work is expected to take place in July and early August. The sidewalk repair will begin in early July.

- SHAFOR PARK TENNIS COURTS: The city hired MSA Sport to assist in developing a plan for complete rebuilding of the Shafor Park Tennis Courts. This project will likely be proposed for construction in 2017.
- SUGAR CAMP AND POINTE OAKWOOD: The city is currently addressing appeals of two decisions made at the March city council meeting. One appeal relates to approval of the 32-unit condominiums at the corner of W. Schantz Avenue and Far Hills; the second appeal relates to the denial of the 84-unit condominium along the west end of Old River Trail.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.



Chairman