

Council Minutes
September 29, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm, followed by the pledge.

Attendance: Terry Seibert, Seth Seibert, Bruce Rickard, Amanda Crouch, Brian Webb, Chelsea Stickrath, Blake Frank, Josh Kinney, Jackie Cox, Lanny Hammitt, Kristina Boroff, Erin Gardner, Marilyn Sheets, Veryl Sheets, Benjamin Rife, Rachel Sipe, Ryder Brown, Sheperd Bragg, Cody Coffman

Mayor: They will be bringing a new recycle bin for the paper due to the weight. It will be a little while before the new bins arrive.

Solicitor: Unable to attend.

Benjamin Rife was present to introduce the Responsible Fatherhood Initiative. This program is run by WOCAP and funded by grant money. There are many other programs available from WOCAP that can assist our residents. The Responsible Fatherhood Initiative is a program to assist fathers with practical tools and resources to support their fatherhood journey. There are six classes available for fathers or a shorter workshop type class. This program is available for fathers and father figures. This program is driven by that fact that children imitate their fathers. This will impact future generations for years to come. There are no age limits or income qualifications to be eligible. Ben will send us some flyers, there are also some available at the library. Council thanked Ben for his time.

Minutes: There was a motion by Seth to waive the reading of the minutes, seconded by Brian roll call: Chelsea- yea, Amanda- yea, Bruce – yea, Brian- yea, Blake -yea, Seth- yea. There was a motion by Bruce with a second by Seth to approve the minutes, roll call: Chelsea- yea, Amanda- yea, Bruce – yea, Brian- yea, Blake -yea, Seth- yea.

Street Commissioner:

Josh was present to discuss the solar speed limit signs for the ends of the village. We think that these might help with the speeding. There was a motion by Bruce and a second by Brian to approve the purchase of one solar speed limit sign for the village at a cost of \$3,850.00 from Kleem, roll call: Chelsea- yea, Amanda- yea, Bruce – yea, Brian- yea, Blake -yea, Seth- yea.

Zoning:

New Business:

There is a parking issue with Jessie Williams parking in the easement. That is creating a problem with traffic driving through the Boroff yard. You are not able to park in a village easement. The neighbors are frustrated with the situation. Can we have the vehicle towed? The mayor stated that the village needs to send a letter to Christina Mays, the property owner, stating the violation at 315 Jon Street. The mayor will speak to Ross about the issue. Council approved sending a letter and then towing the vehicle if nothing is done.

The house on Jon Street has a trailer loaded with trash. This is causing a rodent problem. Three neighbors have called the health department and they are set to visit them by the end of the week.

The Heck property needs to be cleaned up. The property belongings that are in the front yard need to be removed. There are rodents at this property as well. The health department should be called on this property. These items have been sitting here for over a month. This must be cleaned up. We need to figure out who threw the belongings on the yard. The mayor needs to speak with Ross about how to proceed.

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Chelsea to approve giving \$400 to the Christmas Committee for the Santa house gifts, roll call: Chelsea- yea, Amanda- yea, Bruce – yea, Brian- yea, Blake - yea, Seth- yea.

Old Business:

Fall clean up day is set for Saturday, October 10th at 8:00am.

Legislation:

Guests:

Marylin Sheets gave an update on the clean up at 213 South Wayne Street. He failed to meet the cleanup deadline. The health department will be having a meeting concerning how to proceed with the matter.

Jackie Cox asked about why the village would mow a property. When a property goes back to the bank, they will pay for it.

BB Lawncare was present to advertise their lawncare business. They are interested in mowing the village if council decides to put it out for bid. The mayor thanked them and told them that the project will probably go out to bid in 2027. They are fully insured and have a small crew.

Mr. Hammitt issued a junk vehicle violation to Cody Coffman. There has been no paperwork on this issue brought before council.

There are no court dates scheduled at this time as far as council knows.

Rachel Sipe was present as a representative of the Christmas Committee. She asked if council would be able to help with some property cleanup. There are some dead shrubs in front of the building. They would like to improve the curb appeal. Could the pillars in front of the building be painted? The village will call A & A for the landscaping. We will contact a company to paint the pillars. There was a motion by Amanda with a second by Chelsea to update the landscaping and paint the pillars in front of the building, roll call: Chelsea- yea, Amanda- yea, Bruce – no, Brian- yea, Blake -yea, Seth- yea. This will all be completed in accordance with the Ohio Historical Register guidelines for the town hall. Rachel also offered to help with any grant opportunities or serve on any committee that the village may have concerning town hall improvements.

Cody Coffman was present to state that Mr. Hammitt gave him a paper stating the zoning ordinance on compliance with junk vehicles. Mr. Coffman stated that it was unprofessional how the paper was given to him. Mr. Coffman has moved two cars and would like that to be taken into consideration. Mr. Hammitt has not reassessed the situation. The mayor said as long as he is making an attempt to correct the situation then council is happy. It is Mr. Hammitt's job to hand out compliance violations. Mr. Coffman was asking for clarification. Council stated that as long as he continues to work on it, they are fine with that. Mr. Coffman felt that he was being singled out. The mayor assured him that he isn't

being singled out. The mayor told Mr. Coffman that he has handled the situation correctly. Council thanked Mr. Coffman for taking care of it.

There was a motion by Bruce with a second by Brian to approve the checks and purchase orders, roll call: Chelsea- yea, Amanda- yea, Bruce – yea, Brian- yea, Blake -yea, Seth- yea.

There was a motion by Chelsea with a second by Brian to approve the financial statements, roll call: Chelsea- yea, Amanda- yea, Bruce – yea, Brian- yea, Blake -yea, Seth- yea.

There was a motion by Bruce with a second by Blake to approve the mileage, roll call: Chelsea- yea, Amanda- yea, Bruce – yea, Brian- yea, Blake -yea, Seth- yea.

There was a motion by Amanda with a second by Seth to adjourn.

Terry Seibert – Mayor

Seth Seibert– President

Kristina Boroff – Fiscal Officer