

**Minutes for the March 10, 2025 Council Meeting**

**1 Roll Call**

Mrs. Misner - Here    Mr. Tickhill - Here    Mr. Johnson - Here    Mr. Hudson - Here    Mr. McCort - Here    Mr. McKelvey - Here

Richard Myser Village Solicitor administered Oaths of Office to newly nominated Councilmen Tim McKelvey and Brad Hudson with a term date of December 31, 2025.

Mayor Hershberger Congratulated Mr. McKelvey and Mr. Hudson for their willingness to serve the Community.

Mayor Hershberger updated the Committees.

Mayor Hershberger presented the Shamrock Cheerleaders with a Certificate of Recognition for their accomplishment at the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship and at the OAC State Championship. The Team claimed the OVAC 3A Championship and earned State Champion and Game Day State Champions at the OASSA Cheer State Championship.

**2 Minutes**

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on February 24, 2025.

McCort - Abstain    McKelvey - Abstain    Misner - Aye    Tickhill - Aye    Johnson - Aye    Hudson - Abstain  
Motion carried 3-3

**3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance**

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$126,836.81.

McKelvey - Aye    Misner - Aye    Tickhill - Aye    Johnson - Aye    Hudson - Aye    McCort - Aye  
Motion carried 6-0

b. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the February 2025 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

Johnson - Aye    Hudson - Aye    McCort - Aye    McKelvey - Aye    Misner - Aye    Tickhill - Aye  
Motion carried 6-0

c. Mayor Hershberger provided Council with an updated Local Government fund distribution proposal submitted by the Belmont County Auditor. Council discussed the current and proposed calculations.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the Proposed Calculation.

Hudson - Aye    McCort - Aye    McKelvey - Aye    Misner - Aye    Tickhill - Aye    Johnson - Aye  
Motion carried 6-0

d. Mr. Myser read and explained Resolution #4006-Accepting a gift of land from CCU Coal and Construction, LLC and the Village providing a survey of the property.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Resolution #4006-Accepting a gift of land from CCU Coal and Construction, LLC and the Village providing a survey of the property, with suspension.

McCort - Aye    McKelvey - Aye    Misner - Aye    Tickhill - Aye    Johnson - Aye    Hudson - Aye  
Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Resolution #4006-Accepting a gift of land from CCU Coal and Construction, LLC and the Village providing a survey of the property, motion for passage.

McCort - Aye    McKelvey - Aye    Misner - Aye    Tickhill - Aye    Johnson - Aye    Hudson - Aye  
Motion carried 6-0

Mayor and Council "Thanked" CCU Coal and Construction, LLC for their generous gift and "Thanked" Dale Bunting, TJ Jefferies, Ohio West Virginia Excavating Company for all their volunteer hours and dedication to the ballfields.

e. Mayor Hershberger read and explained Resolution #4007-Authorizing the Mayor to prepare and execute an application for the Safe Route To School funds and submit to the State of Ohio Department of Transportation. Mayor Hershberger and Council recommended waiting on the completed cost estimate and funding before taking any action on Resolution #4007.

f. Councilman Mr. McCort would like to revisit the Business Loan Program and provided an overview. A discussion was held with regards to keeping the process simple, restrictions, and repayment. Mr. Myser to provide the previous Ordinance and further action to be taken at the next Council Meeting.

**4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk**

a. Zach and Jake Leach provided Council with the Barnesville Vision Center Site Plan at 220 South Chestnut Street and requested a variance from the 10' set back required by Ordinance from the property line. A discussion was held. Mr. Myser stated that according to the Ordinance, the Code Enforcement Officer may deviate from the Ordinance if necessary. Mr. Myser also added that coming to Council and providing an Engineer's map and giving the Village Administrator advanced notice and knowledge of what is going on, certainly meets our requirement for showing necessity and hardship.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to grant the variance to the Barnesville Vision Center, seconded by Mr. Tickhill.

Tickhill - Aye    Johnson - Aye    Hudson - Aye    McCort - Aye    McKelvey - Aye    Misner - Aye  
Motion carried 6-0

b. Roger Deal Village Administrator stated they would be sweeping the streets soon, weather permitting.

c. Mr. Deal informed Council that he attended a pre-construction meeting last week and the South Chestnut Street paving is scheduled for May 9, 2025.

d. Councilman Tony Johnson asked about how much salt we had left. Mr. Deal stated approximately 200 tons left with 50 more tons to purchase to satisfy our contract.

**5 Safety**

- a. Chief Hall reminded Council that the Fire Department will hold a spaghetti dinner on Thursday, March 20, 2025 from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Fire Station. Eat in or take-out will be available.
- b. Chief Sirianni provided Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for February 2025.
- c. Chief Sirianni shared with Council the recent pursuit that resulted in the K-9 vehicle being hit head-on and destroyed by fire for a total loss. Chief Sirianni asked for Council's permission to purchase a new 2025 Explorer upfitted as a K-9 unit vehicle for approximately \$66,000. Chief Sirianni stated that the insurance process has started on the destroyed vehicle. Council expressed their concern for the safety of the Officers and K-9 Croc.

Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the purchase of a new K-9 Unit Vehicle.

Johnson - Aye          Hudson - Aye          McCort - Aye          McKelvey - Aye          Misner - Aye          Tickhill - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

d. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for February 2025; State received \$417.50, the County received \$16.50, and the Village received \$1,231.

**6 Parks and Recreation**

- a. Jon Thornton expressed his concerns with the cracks on the tennis courts at the Park and presented Council with several estimates to redo the courts. Mr. Thornton stated the current asphalt was done over seven years ago, and thinks concrete is the way to go for playability and longevity. Mr. Thornton also mentioned asking The Friends of the Park for donations. Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Thornton for his hard work.
- b. Mr. Deal informed Council that he is applying for the J.B. Green Team Grants for the Village and Warren Township to purchase four handi-cap accessible picnic tables and four benches all made of recycled plastic materials. Both entities match would be approximately \$947 each.
- c. Mr. Deal informed Council that ODNR will release trout this Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at the Park Lake (Reservoir #4)

**7 Cemetery**

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that he is in need of mowing help, and at this time he has a crew of four.

**8 Water and Sewer**

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with the 2024 Edition of the Village's Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report. The annual report is required by the Ohio EPA regarding our water quality.

**9 Land & Buildings**

- a. William Smith - 228 Henderson Street - Demo Garage
- b. Robyn Marshall - 124 East Main Street - New Metal Roof
- c. Brad English - 321 West Main Street - Demo Garage
- d. Brad English - 321 West Main Street - New Garage
- e. Aaron Stout - 111 Washington Street - Handi-cap Ramp

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey to approve the building permits.

Tickhill - Aye          Johnson - Aye          Hudson - Aye          McCort - Aye          McKelvey - Aye          Misner - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

f. Mary Sidwell and several Board Members from the Watt Center presented Council with quotes for exterior work needed done at the Watt Center Building that the Village owns. Mrs. Sidwell informed Council that it has been eleven years since the exterior wood or windows have been painted or glazed. Council discussed replacement windows, grants, and the Village's responsibility to help maintain the building. Mrs. Sidwell asked the Village to split the estimate cost of approximately \$36,000 with the Watt Center and if any grant is received, the funding would come off of their share.

Mr. McKelvey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to pay \$18,000 to the Watt Center toward the exterior repairs.

McKelvey - Aye          Misner - Aye          Tickhill - Aye          Johnson - Aye          Hudson - Aye          McCort - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

**10 Old Business**

**11 New Business**

- a. Mr. Deal made Council aware of Issue 2 Renewal that will be on the ballot on May 6, 2025. Mr. Deal stated that this is what funds OPWC and provides funding for all of our paving projects and many other infrastructure needs. Mr. Deal expressed the importance of its passage.
- b. Mr. Deal asked Council to consider increasing the allowable amount for meals in the Village's Travel & Meal Expense Policy.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to increase the meal allowance to \$15 for breakfast, \$25 for lunch, and \$35 for dinner.

Misner - Aye          Tickhill - Aye          Johnson - Aye          Hudson - Aye          McCort - Aye          McKelvey - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

c. Mr. Deal presented Council with the Spring newsletter. Council stated that Derek Deal does a fantastic job with it.

d. Mayor Hershberger made mention that he would like to advertise for the Village Administrator's position if no objections, with the upcoming retirement of the current Village Administrator.

**12 Executive Session**

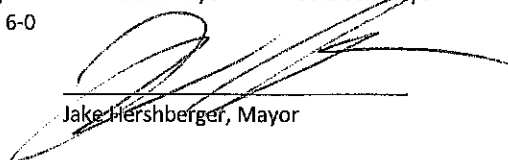
**13 Adjournment**

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Johnson at 8:18 pm.

McCort - Aye          McKelvey - Aye          Misner - Aye          Tickhill - Aye          Johnson - Aye          Hudson - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

  
Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

  
Jake Hershberger, Mayor