

Minutes for the March 24, 2025 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

Mayor Hershberger presented the Barnesville Wrestlers and Coach Stephen with a Certificate of Recognition for their accomplishments:
Hines Ford-4th place at the Division III OHSAA State Wrestling Championship
Colt Carpenter--5th place at the Division III OHSAA State Wrestling Championship
Ayden King-State Runner-Up at the Division III OHSAA State Wrestling Championship. Ayden finished his senior year with a record of 51-3, and the all-time wins leader in Barnesville History at 200th career wins.
Coach Jayson Stephen-Named the Ohio Division III Coach of the Year by the OHSAA.

Mayor and Council congratulated them on all their achievements.

Mayor Hershberger updated the Planning Commission Committee, appointing Mr. Tony Johnson to replace former Councilman Steven Hill.

2 Minutes

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on March 10, 2025.

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

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$108,846.87.

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

b. 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 presented and discussed with Council the cost estimate and Phase I of the Project. The Project to be 100% reimbursed by ODOT with an estimate of \$600,000. No start date at this time.

Mr. Hudson moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Resolution #4007-Authorizing the Mayor to prepare and execute an application for the Safe Route To School funds and submit to ODOT, with suspension.

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

Mr. Hudson moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Resolution #4007-Authorizing the Mayor to prepare and execute an application for the Safe Route To School funds and submit to ODOT, motion for passage.

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

c. Mayor Hershberger provided Council with a Memorandum of Agreement to add plumbing inspection services for commercial Buildings with Southeast Ohio Building Department. The Village contracted with SEOBD in 2012 to inspect commercial buildings for everything except for plumbing, now SEOBD has a plumbing inspector on staff that can do the certification, and asked the Village to consider amending their contract to include plumbing. Residents would have the option to have the State or SEOBD do their commercial building inspections. Village Solicitor Richard Myser to review the Memorandum of Agreement and have a Resolution prepared for the next Council Meeting.

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

Village Administrator Roger Deal asked Council to authorize him to enter into an agreement with May Engineering, that has been working with him on the OPWC Paving Project with getting estimates and material for the Grant, to complete that Project in the amount of \$38,568.00

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to authorize the agreement with May Engineering to complete the Project for \$38,568.

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

Council discussed increasing the Village Administrator's spending limit of \$25,000 to \$50,000. The ORC is \$75,000. Mr. Myser to prepare an amendment to the current Ordinance to authorize the Village Administrator discretionary spending up to \$50,000 and up to \$75,000 in case of an emergency, for the next Council Meeting.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall presented Council with the Fire and EMS Departments Report Summary for February 2025.

b. Chief Hall informed Council that the Fire Department received the grant from the ODNR Division of Forestry, a 50/50 grant for \$8,500 for a new slide-in unit for the utv.

c. Chief Sirianni stated that he, Sergeant Kubat, and Lieutenant Tippie are members of the Belmont County Special Operations Branch (S.O.B.) Chief Sirianni congratulated and recognized Lieutenant Tippie for being nominated to be Asst. Team Leader of the S.O.B.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Jon Thornton expressed his concerns with the cracks on the tennis courts at the Park.

Mr. Thornton stated the current asphalt was done over seven years ago and suggested concrete as the best solution with a good base and drainage. Mr. Thornton provided painting estimates. A discussion was held. Councilman Brad Hudson asked about it not being in the budget and Councilman Les Tickhill suggested repairing the cracks at this time. Council "Thanked" Mr. Thornton for his time and hard work toward the project. Mr. Thornton stated he is still working on donations.

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal stated they are still in need of help.

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mayor Hershberger stated they are working on the WWTP upgrade. Erin Wright from OMEGA was present for any questions. Mayor Hershberger read and explained Resolution #4008-Authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Agreement for planning and design of the WWTP Improvement Project. Basically a loan from the Ohio EPA to spend on the design that can roll into construction when it gets to that point. A contract was signed with CTI Engineers, Inc. in 2018 for the WWTP Improvements that now needs to be upgraded. Fees for the updated and additional design services, bidding services, and construction administration services were discussed. Councilman Tim McKelvey asked about the Hendrysburg Project affecting funding for this Project. Ms. Wright stated that the Hendrysburg Project is on the water side of the EPA and this WWTP Project is on the sewer side of the EPA and they are making sure the funding is not double dipping into the two, she also stated that a Congressional District Spending Request will be available soon and thinks the WWTP will be nominated. This WWTP Projected is estimated to be a ten million dollar project. Council expressed the importance of getting started on this Project.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey to approve Resolution #4008-Authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a WPCLF Agreement for planning and design of the WWTP Improvement Project, with suspension.

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

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey to approve Resolution #4008-Authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a WPCLF Agreement for planning and design of the WWTP Improvement Project, motion for passage.

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

Further discussion to be held at the next Council Meeting on the CTI Engineers, Inc. contract.

9 Land & Buildings

a. Terry Conard - 719 Wiley Avenue - New Enclosed Back Porch

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the building permit.

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

10 Old Business

11 New Business

a. Sally Johnson spoke on behalf of the State Theater Group and informed Council of their summer event, Moving Magic on Main golf cart cruise-in scheduled for Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 10 am - 3 pm and requested permission to close the street on West Main from Corner Pharmacy to Dominoes and to use the West Main Street Parking lot. Council expressed their approval.

b. Councilman Terry McCort commended Devin Blair and all the performers of the High School Musical, it was fantastic.

c. Greg Batts informed Council of the date change for Airport Day, it is rescheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2025 from 10 am-3 pm.

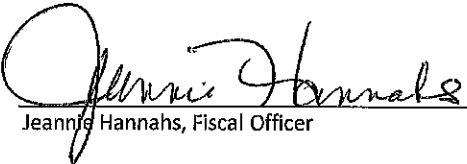
d. Mark Lucas commended the Police Department for the recent drug busts and keeping our Village safe.

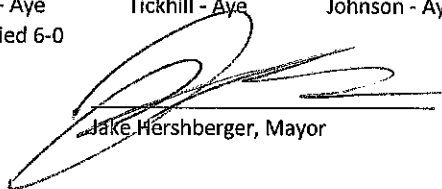
12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hudson at 7:46 pm.

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


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor