

Minutes for the June 16, 2025 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on June 2, 2025.

McCort - Aye McKelvey - Aye Misner - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Mr. Hudson -Absent
Motion carried 5-0-1

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$105,046.79.

McKelvey - Aye Misner - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Mr. Hudson -Absent McCort - Aye
Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the May 2025 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Mr. Hudson -Absent McCort - Aye McKelvey - Aye Misner - Aye
Motion carried 5-0-1

c. Chris Mellinger Asst. Fiscal Officer asked Council to approve the July 2026 Budget and to advertise a Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Council Meeting.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the 2025 Budget and authorize the Public Hearing advertisement.

Johnson- Aye Mr. Hudson -Absent McCort - Aye McKelvey - Aye Misner - Aye Tickhill - Aye
Motion carried 5-0-1

d. Mayor Hershberger discussed with Council the Alternative Apportionment Formula for Undivided Local Government Funds. Martins Ferry's population has dropped and state law permits the Budget Commission to proceed without its approval. The Alternative Formula would distribute Local Government Funds by population for Villages and Cities and by road miles for Townships. To move forward with adoption of the Alternative Formula the Village needs to approve the exclusion of Martins Ferry from the formula approval process, by motion.

Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the exclusion of the City of Martins Ferry from the formula approval process.

Mr. Hudson -Absent McCort - Aye McKelvey - Aye Misner - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye
Motion carried 5-0-1

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator informed Council that he spoke with Cast and Baker regarding the Rails to Trails and Tunnel Project and they are planning to bring in an additional crew to have Railroad Street open for the weekend of Pumpkin Festival.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall asked for Council's approval to add Robert Stover to the EMS Department.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. McCort add Robert Stover to the EMS Department.

McCort - Aye McKelvey - Aye Misner - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Mr. Hudson -Absent
Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Chief Hall made mention of the Youth Fishing Tournament this past Saturday, it was a huge success with over 60 kids and every kid left with a prize. He Thanked everyone for all the donations and help .

c. Chief Sirianni asked Council for their blessing to make the Elementary School Resource officer a fulltime position. Council stated that they didn't see any problems with it, but the Village has an Ordinance that states we can only have 8 full time Officers. Richard Myser Village Solicitor asked Chief Sirianni to send him a copy of the Ordinance and he would look into it for the next Council Meeting.

d. Chief Sirianni also asked Council if he could apply for a JAG grant its a 75% / 25% grant so village match would be 25% if awarded. He would like to lease 2 or 4 Flock LPR (License Plate Reader) Cameras a year would be \$12,000, a year and we may not always get the grant.

Mr. McKelvey moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to apply for the grant for four cameras.

Johnson- Aye Mr. Hudson -Absent McCort - Aye McKelvey - Aye Misner - Aye Tickhill - Aye
Motion carried 5-0-1

e. Chief Hall discussed with Council the drainage problems at the Fire House. A camera showed the clay pipe under the Fire House is all busted up and needs repaired this year or next. The concrete alone is going to be \$35,000. Councilman Tim McKelvey suggested having it done now, as the cost will only go up, and asked Chief Hall to get a total and further discussion to be held at the next Council Meeting.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator reminded Council that the fireworks display is scheduled for Saturday, July 5, 2025. Rain date will be Sunday, July 6, 2025. Baseball tournaments scheduled from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, July 3-July 6. Free swim on July 5 from noon to 6:00 pm and live music beginning at 5:00 pm.

b. Mr. Deal made Council aware that the steps going down over the hill from the Mother's Club Shelter to the T-Ball field have deteriorated and no longer safe for use. They are currently taped off as they are not safe. A discussion was held. Council suggested the Park Board look at them and report back to Council.

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

- a. Mr. Deal informed Council that the Ohio EPA has approved a \$70,000 planning loan forgiveness grant to rid our public water system of PFAS contaminants.
- b. Mr. Deal provided Council with the original Switzerland of Ohio Water Contract, along with all the amendments, that will expire on September 26, 2025. Council reviewed and discussed. They want to have a meeting with Switzerland Board, then Roger will send the Contract to Mr. Myser.

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Jackie Huntsman - 480 South Highland Avenue - New Wooden Deck
- b. Mike Seibert - 172 Pine Lane - Solar Panels.

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

Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Mr. Hudson - Absent McCort - Aye McKelvey - Aye Misner - Aye
Motion carried 5-0-1

- c. Michael Tolweitz - 219 Railroad Street - Pouring a small foundation to put a rebuilt shed on. Chief Hall asked Council to do this one by itself because Chief Hall got a call from Beth Teague, a concerned neighbor, who stated that he's building two feet from the property line not ten as the Ordinance states. Chief Hall to visit the property before Council approves the permit.

10 Old Business

- a. Mayor Hershberger reminded Council that the 2nd Public Hearing on the proposed Barnesville North Waterline Extension to Hendrysburg, Mt. Olivett, and the Village of Fairview is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Pennyroyal Opera House. Mayor asked Village Administrator if he could be at the meeting as they need him to answer questions, he stated that he couldn't be there.

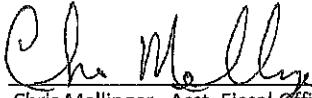
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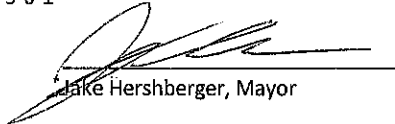
- a. Mayor Hershberger stated that the next two Council Meetings, June 30 and July 14, will both begin at 5:00 to enter directly into Executive Session so that Council can interview for the New Village Administrator.

13 Adjournment

- a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Johnson at 7:47 pm.

McCort - Aye McKelvey - Aye Misner - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Mr. Hudson - Absent
Motion carried 5-0-1


Chris Mellinger, Asst. Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor