

Minutes for the August 11, 2025 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

Tony Johnson Council President shared a letter from former Mayor Dale Bunting "Thanking" Everyone that has helped with the West End New Ballfields. It has been a total donated effort from a lot of generous people.

2 Minutes

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on July 28, 2025.

McCort - Absent McKelvey - Aye Misner - Absent Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Mr. Hudson - Aye
Motion carried 4-0-2

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. Hudson moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$81,463.26.

McKelvey - Aye Misner - Absent Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Mr. Hudson - Aye McCort - Absent
Motion carried 4-0-2

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

Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Mr. Hudson - Aye McCort - Absent McKelvey - Aye Misner - Absent
Motion carried 4-0-2

c. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that he received the feedback from the State on the Depot Lease and they have a few requirements they need amended on the Lease Agreement. Mayor Hershberger reviewed the summary of amendments with Council.

Mr. Richard Myser Village Solicitor stated these are very minor matters to amend and he will amend the Lease Agreement for the next regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Ordinance #4012-Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a Lease Agreement so as to Lease the Barnesville Depot to the Barnesville Community Foundation and the Barnesville Depot Committee.
2nd Reading Only

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator informed Council he would like to submit a paving project to OPWC for 2026 to pave a portion of eight streets. Mr. Deal asked Council to approve Resolution #4018-Authorizing Mr. Deal to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs and execute contracts as required.

1st Reading Only

b. Mr. Deal informed Council Roger Morris and Adam Ackerman are providing drainage from the wet weather spring on Bond Avenue to the basins at the intersection of North Street. Also installing a few basins in the South bound lane and crossing over to North Street to add a basin to eliminate any standing water after a rain and replacing a basin on the North side of the intersection that has not been collecting and draining water. Mr. Deal thanked the County for the use of their traffic lights.

c. Mr. Deal updated Council on the South Chestnut/Leatherwood paving. Their plans are to begin milling this Thursday, August 14, 2025.

d. Councilman Tim McKelvey stated that we all can agree that the streets are not in the best shape and suggested budgeting more money for paving next year. He stated the Grants are great, but it costs a lot more to pave anymore.

5 Safety

a. Mayor Hershberger stated the Fire and Police Department did a tremendous job with Safety Day. There were a lot of Entities that attended and a lot of activities and demonstration for kids and adults.

Chief Sirianni seconded everything Mayor Hershberger mentioned, but especially "Thanked" Chief Hall for organizing the event.

Chief Hall added that it is a group effort. It was a good event and is growing every year, possibly making some changes for next year.

b. Council expressed their safety concerns with scooters and the lack of crosswalks. Chief Sirianni stated there has been some concern and discussion in the last few weeks with the increased number of scooters. A discussion was held. Chief Sirianni commented that there needs to be more awareness to safety and they need to follow the laws, without having to place a lot of restrictions.

c. Mr. Johnson observed how disrespectful people were with the precautions placed by our Village Employees for a water leak on East Main Street. They made it a dangerous situation with running the red lights, yelling and screaming at Village Employees, and creating a cluster while Village Employees were just trying to do their job.

d. Mr. Johnson made a public safety announcement/awareness to please do not throw any lithium batteries in the trash. The compaction can cause a chemical reaction and catch the load and truck on fire. Mr. Johnson to reach out to JB Green Team or a disposal place for proper disposal. Bruce Yarnall added that JB Green Team has two waste collection events scheduled for October 3rd and 4th.

e. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for July 2025; State received \$375, the County received \$15, and the Village received \$965.00

f. Chief Hall presented Council with the Fire and EMS Departments Report Summary for July 2025.

g. Chief Hall informed Council that the red barn in the alley behind Cherry Street will be demoed within a few weeks.

h. Chief Hall expressed his concerns with making the intersection at the corner of the AT&T Building on North Arch and East Church a 4-Way stop. Council, Chief Sirianni, and Mr. Deal expressed no objections.

i. Chief Sirianni provided Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for July 2025.

j. Mark Lucas expressed his concerns with pulling out of Euclid Avenue by the Library Annex with the flower plants. Council suggested

speaking with the Library Director.

6 Parks and Recreation

- a. Mr. Deal reminded Council that the Village Employee Annual Pool Party is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 pm.
- b. Mr. Deal informed Council that the last day of the pool for this year will be Sunday, August 17, 2025.

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Scott Gallagher - 237 Roosevelt Road - New Garage
- b. Roger Clark - 380 South Chestnut Street - Demo House

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

Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Mr. Hudson - Aye McCort - Absent McKelvey - Aye Misner - Absent

Motion carried 4-0-2

c. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that the bid opening for the Depot roof was held last Wednesday, August 6, 2025, and only one bid was submitted from The Durable Slate Company for lift and relay restoration for \$211,770. A discussion was held to include the state funding, different options, lack of a bid for an entire new roof with prevailing wages, and the need to get the project completed. Mr. Hudson stated he was not against the roof repairs, but wanted a complete new roof and doesn't want to put a used one on it for \$211,700. The State funding is available until September 30, 2026.

Mr. McKelvey made a motion to accept the bid from The Durable Slate Company, seconded by Mr. Tickhill.

Johnson - No Hudson - No McCort - Absent McKelvey - Aye Misner - Absent Tickhill - Aye

Motion tied 2-2-2

Mayor Hershberger abstained from casting the deciding vote as he is a Member of the Depot Committee.

10 Old Business

- a. Mayor Hershberger reminded Council that the Gas & Oil Bid Opening would take place at the next Council Meeting.

11 New Business

a. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that Barnesville has been selected as one of the Ohio Magazine's Best Hometowns 2025-2026. Barnesville will be one of five Communities recognized in the Nov./Dec. 2025 and July/Aug. 2026 issues.

b. Susan Lapham owner of the Blue Moon Tavern requested permission to use the West Main Street Parking Lot on October 25, 2025 for the third annual chili cook-off, with proceeds going to the State Theater and also requested permission to apply for a one-day event liquor license to allow drinking in the West Main Street Parking Lot during the chili cook-off. Jill Hissom Chamber Director would like to use the one-day event liquor license for a cornhole tournament later that evening with proceeds going to "Christmas in the Park." A lengthy discussion was held. Mrs. Lapham and Ms. Hissom both stated they would like the opportunity to try it. Mr. Myser suggested they call the Ohio Department of Liquor Control and see what all is required along with the application and the Village to check with their insurance company for any additional requirements.

Tabled until the next Council Meeting for further discussion.

c. Scott Baker informed Council that the "Eyes of Freedom" will return this year from September 21-28. Mr. Baker asked for help from the Police and Fire Department for the escort into town on Sunday, September 21, 2025. Council expressed their approval. Opening Ceremony will be held Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6 pm at the Middle School. Mr. Baker "Thanked" the Village for all their support. Council to consider changing the regular scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm to another time or day to be able to attend the Opening Ceremony. To be decided at a later date.

12 Executive Session

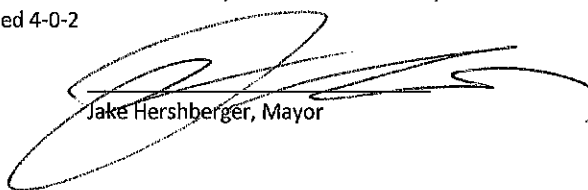
13 Adjournment

- a. Mr. Hudson made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Johnson at 8:19 pm.

McCort - Absent McKelvey - Aye Misner - Absent Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Mr. Hudson - Aye

Motion carried 4-0-2


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor