

Minutes for the December 1, 2025 Council Meeting

**1 Roll Call**

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

**2 Minutes**

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Hudson to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on November 17, 2025.

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

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 \$69,278.52.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Resolution #4027-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Program and to Execute Contracts as Required.

Mr. Myser provided the 2nd reading of Resolution #4027.

c. Mr. Myser read and explained Resolution #4028-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for, Accept, and Enter Into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Agreement on behalf of the Village of Barnesville for Construction of the Waterline Extension to Hendrysburg, Fairview and Mt. Olivett.

Mr. Myser provided the 2nd reading of Resolution #4028.

d. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #4030-An Ordinance increasing pay rates for hourly Village Employees by \$2.00 an hour.

Mr. Myser provided the 1st reading of Ordinance #4030.

e. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #4031-An Ordinance increasing the Salary for the Village Administrator.

Mr. Myser provided the 1st Reading of Ordinance #4031.

f. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #4032-An Ordinance increasing the Salary for the Fire Chief and Asst. Fire Chief.

Mr. Myser provided the 1st Reading of Ordinance #4032.

g. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #4033-An Ordinance increasing the "Per Call" Rate for Fire Calls.

Mr. Myser provided the 1st Reading of Ordinance #4033.

h. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #4034-New Starting Wage Ordinance.

Mr. Myser provided the 1st Reading of Ordinance #4034.

i. Mr. Myser read and discussed with Council Ordinance #4035-2026 Annual Appropriations.

Mr. Hudson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #4035-2026 Annual Appropriations, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

Mr. Hudson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #4035-2026 Annual Appropriations, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

j. Mr. Myser discussed with Mayor and Council a Resolution for the Village's Legal Counsel. Mr. Myser stated his contract was up at the end of November. He has been with the Village for two years. Mr. Myser stated the Village does not have an Ordinance on hiring a Village Solicitor, so we revert to the O.R.C., which states the Mayor will appoint and the Village Council will approve that appointment and approve the salary.

Mayor Hershberger stated that he has had additional interest in people wanting to be the Village Solicitor, so he thinks it would be best to advertise for that position and go through the process and see if other candidates or who is best.

All of Council spoke up and stated they are very satisfied with Mr. Myser.

Mr. Myser stated he didn't think there was any question to the position, however he and the Mayor had a conversation before Council this evening and Mayor Hershberger suggested it be discussed at the Council Meeting before the Resolution was presented.

Mr. Myser stated he is technically still our Village Solicitor until someone else is hired, and he is willing to serve in that capacity. Council discussed the Hendrysburg waterline project and how important it is to have Mr. Myser see the Village through the project. Additional discussion was held. Councilman Mr. Johnson stated Mr. Myser has been the finest representation we have had and has done a superb job and doesn't see why we would not rehire him. All of Council expressed their agreement. Councilman Terry McCort stated he doesn't know why Mayor Hershberger would leave us in that position with four Councilmen being replaced.

Councilman Tim McKelvey asked if the current Council could have a vote of confidence showing they are very happy with Mr. Myser.

Mr. McKelvey made a motion for a vote of confidence, seconded by Mr. Tickhill on behalf of Mr. Myser.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

**4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk**

a. Mr. Deal asked for Council's input on allowing horse and buggies through the tunnel anymore. Aside from not cleaning up after them, the Contractor mentioned that this creates a dip in the center of the pavement. We are building this for people to walk and exercise. A discussion was held. Council discussed preparing an Ordinance requiring them to clean up after the horses when traveling on any Village

roads.

Mayor Hershberger stated there was an issue at the tunnel with the project and meetings are being planned for this week to discuss this. This will delay the projects completion.

**5 Safety**

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

b. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for November 2025; State received \$972.50, the County received \$37.50, and the Village received \$2,390.

**6 Parks and Recreation**

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that Adam Ackerman and his Wife, and both of their Families have offered to build the new Junior Women's Club shelter house free as a donation to the Park. Adam wishes for it to remain under the name of "The Junior Women's Club."

Mr. Deal and Council expressed their appreciation for such a generous donation.

b. Mr. Deal encouraged Council and Everyone to go view the "Light up at the Park." The tunnel Rodney Wells constructed looks amazing.

Mr. Deal thanked Rodney Wells and South Central Power for their donation, along with Bill Knox and Joel Braido.

**7 Cemetery**

**8 Water and Sewer**

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with the results from the bulk chemical bid opening that was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025.

Bonded Chemical and Sal Chemical submitted the lowest bids and we have good experience with both companies.

Mr. Deal asked Council to approve the bulk chemical bids as highlighted on the bid sheet.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Bulk Chemical Bid results as presented.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

**9 Land & Buildings**

**10 Old Business**

a. Mayor Hershberger updated Council on the Capstone Property. The survey was completed and it will go to the Planning Commission and should be ready to go within a couple weeks.

**11 New Business**

**12 Executive Session**

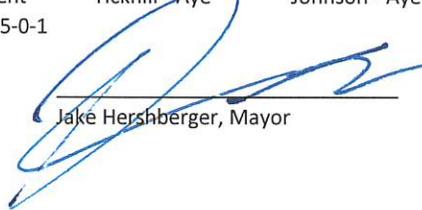
**13 Adjournment**

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Johnson at 7:34 pm.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

  
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Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

  
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Jake Hershberger, Mayor