

COUNCIL AGENDA MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 - MEETING TO BE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. ROLL CALL

Certificate of Recognition - Shamrock Cheerleaders

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

3. MINUTES

a. Council Minutes-February 9, 2026

4. FINANCE-CONTRACT-ORDINANCE

- a. Pay Payment Listing in the amount of \$171,856.08
- b. Ordinance #4040-Amending the Investment Policy
2nd Reading
- c. Resolution #4041-Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget for 2026 & Certifying them to the County Auditor
- d. Resolution #4042-Application for Safe Route to School Project

5. STREET-ALLEY-SIDEWALK

a. Mowing Tractor

6. SAFETY

a. Request for Safety Meeting on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 8:00 am at the Fire Station

7. PARK & RECREATION

- a. Seasonal Park Maintenance Employee
- b. Seasonal Employees

8. CEMETERY

- a. Seasonal Employees
- b. Annual Cemetery Clean-Up

9. WATER & SEWER

a. Long Run Lake

10. LAND & BUILDINGS

- a. Village of Barnesville/Adam Ackerman - Fair Street - Jr. Women's Club Shelter House - Demo & New Build
- b. Depot Roof

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

a. Request for Work Session on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Fire Station prior to Council Meeting

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ORDINANCE NO. 4040

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
VILLAGE INVESTMENT POLICY
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE, OHIO:

Barnesville Codified Village Ordinance 3731, pertaining to The Village of Barnesville Investment Policy, which currently reads as follows:

VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE INVESTMENT POLICY

1. SCOPE

This written policy shall apply to all financial assets, including but not limited to, the active, interim, and inactive moneys of the Village of Barnesville.

2. OBJECTIVES

The following investment objectives will be applied in the management of the funds of the Village of Barnesville.

- A. Ensure the preservation of capital and the protection of investment principal.
- B. Maintain sufficient liquidity to meet the fiscal operating requirements of the Village of Barnesville.
- C. Strive to attain the best and safest return or yield on active, interim, and inactive moneys of the Village of Barnesville.
- D. Diversification of investments to avoid incurring unreasonable and avoidable risks regarding specific financial institutions or obligations guaranteed by the U. S. Government.
- E. Investments shall be made with the exercise of that degree of judgment and care, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs not for speculation but for investment, considering the safety of their capital and the income to be derived.

3. VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This Committee shall consist of five members: The Mayor of the Village, the Village Solicitor, Council President, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the Village Fiscal Officer.

The Committee shall elect its own chairman.

The Committee shall establish written investment policies and shall meet at least once every twelve months or at the call of its chairman.

4. INVESTING AUTHORITY

The Investing Authority for the Village of Barnesville shall be the Village Fiscal Officer. The Fiscal Officer may retain the services of an investment advisor, provided the advisor is licensed by the Division of Securities under R. C. 1707.141 or is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and possesses experience in public funds investment management, specifically in the area of State and local government investment portfolios.

5. INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS

The Fiscal Officer may invest in the following instruments, as detailed in Section 135.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, at a price not to exceed the fair market value of the specific investment instrument.

1. The Ohio subdivision's fund (currently Star Ohio) and STAR Ohio Plus
2. United States treasury bills, notes, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States. This includes negotiable Certificates of Deposit.
3. Bonds, notes, debentures or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, and government national mortgage association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities.
4. Bonds and other obligations of this state, or the political subdivisions of this state, provided that, with respect to bonds or other obligations of political subdivisions, all of the following apply:
 - a) The bonds or other obligations are payable from general revenues of the political subdivisions and backed by the full faith and credit of the political subdivision.
 - b) The bonds or other obligations are rated at the time of purchase in three highest classifications established by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and purchased through a registered securities broker or dealer.
 - c) The aggregate value of the bonds or other obligations does not exceed twenty percent of interim moneys available for investment at the time of purchase.
 - d) The treasurer or governing board is not the sole purchaser of the bonds or other obligations at original issuance.

No investment shall be made under division (4) of this section unless the treasurer or governing board has completed additional training for making the investments

authorized by this section. The type and amount of additional training shall be approved by the treasurer of state and may be conducted by or provided under the supervision of the treasurer of state.

5. No-load money market mutual funds per ORC.
6. Bankers acceptances of banks that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and that mature no later than 180 days after purchase.
7. Up to forty percent of interim moneys available for investment in either of the following:
 - a) Commercial paper notes issued by an entitle that is defined in division (D) of section 1705.01 of the Revised Code and that has assets exceeding five hundred million dollars, to which notes all of the following apply:

The notes are rated at the time of purchase in the highest classification established by at least two nationally recognized standard rating services.

The aggregate value of the notes does not exceed ten percent of the aggregate value of the outstanding commercial paper of the issuing corporation.

The notes mature not later than two hundred seventy days after purchase.

The investment in commercial paper notes of a single issuer shall not exceed in the aggregate five percent of interim moneys available for investment at the time of purchase.

- b) Bankers acceptances of banks that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and that mature not later than one hundred eighty days after purchase.

No investment shall be made pursuant to division (7)(a) - 7(b) of this section unless the fiscal officer or governing board has completed additional training for making the investments authorized. The type and amount of additional training shall be approved by the treasurer of state and may be conducted by or provided under the supervision of the treasurer of state.

6. MATURITIES

Investments made must mature within five (5) years from the date of settlement unless they are matched to a specific obligation.

7. DIVERSIFICATION

It will be the policy of the Village of Barnesville to diversify its investments to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of Village funds in a specific maturity or a specific financial institution.

The Fiscal Officer shall be given authority to seek the best available rate on all investments as long as a reasonable amount is maintained in the principal institution where the payroll and general check accounts are kept.

8. COLLATERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPOSITS

Guidelines will be followed as detailed in the Ohio Revised Code Section 135.18.

9. AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES

The Village of Barnesville shall designate each public depository every five (5) years in accordance with Section 135.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Any eligible institution described in Section 135.01 of the Ohio Revised Code that has an office located within the Village of Barnesville and approved by the Village of Barnesville is eligible to become a public depository of the active moneys of the Village of Barnesville.

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12. REPORTING

The Fiscal Officer of the Village of Barnesville shall submit monthly, to the Council, a report detailing the total of all investments during the previous month, including descriptions of the securities, amount, yield, term, and names of the financial institutions where the investments were placed.

13. DISTRIBUTION

The Fiscal Officer shall distribute a copy of the Investment Policy and any revisions or

updated versions to each of the public depositories desiring to do business with the Village of Barnesville.

A copy of this policy shall be filed with the Auditor of State and all financial institutions giving advice or recommending transactions for the Village shall sign the Investment Policy indicating they have received, read and will abide by its contents.

14. POLICY ADOPTION AND REVISIONS

The Council for the Village of Barnesville may adopt this Investment Policy on the recommendations of the Village of Barnesville Investment Advisory Committee.

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SHALL BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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15. INTEREST EARNED FROM MOTOR VEHICLE FEES

Interest earned on money derived from fees, excises and taxes relating to the use, operation or registration of motor vehicles or to fuels for propelling such vehicles must be credited to the special fund to which the principal belongs. Such interest may not, therefore, be paid into the general fund of the political subdivision notwithstanding Ohio Rev. Cod 135.21.

FURTHER, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the residents of the Village of Barnesville.

PASSED at a regular meeting of Council of the Village of Barnesville, held this ____ day of _____, 2026, by a vote of a majority of the members of Council.

Jake Hershberger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE

RESOLUTION #4041

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

The Council of the Village of Barnesville, Belmont County, Ohio met in regular session on the ____ day of _____, 2026 with the following members present:

Mr. McCort ____ Mr. Lucas ____ Mr. English ____ Ms. Dowdle ____ Mr. Carpenter ____ Mrs. Misner ____

_____ moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

_____ seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. McCort ____ Mr. Lucas ____ Mr. English ____ Ms. Dowdle ____ Mr. Carpenter ____ Mrs. Misner ____

WHEREAS, This Council in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026; and **WHEREAS**, The Budget Commission of Belmont County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Council together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Council, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill tax limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Council of the Village of Barnesville, Belmont County, Ohio that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Village the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

			Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
General Fund		\$220,250	3.2	
Fire Levy	\$32,000			0.5
EMS Levy	\$95,000			1.5
Police Pension		\$22,000	0.3	
TOTAL	\$127,000	\$242,250	3.5	2

SCHEDULE B

LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to be Levied	County Auditor's Estimated of Yield of Levy
Fire Levy Fund: Levy authorized by voters in 2023		
Not to exceed five years	0.5	\$32,000
EMS Levy Fund: Levy authorized by voters in 2017		
Continuing	1.5	\$95,000

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Council is and she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest: _____
Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

Jake Hershberger, Mayor

RESOLUTION NUMBER # 4042

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION
TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT (SRTS)
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has set aside monies for Safe Routes to School Project (hereinafter SRTS) funds through the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Barnesville can apply for SRTS funds and be selected for funding by the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the SRTS, hereinafter referred to as the Project, is a transportation activity eligible to receive federal funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Barnesville that:

Section 1. The Village Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Village of Barnesville to prepare and execute on behalf of the Village an application for SRTS funds for the stated described project and to submit the same to the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation.

Section 2. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$570,000, of which the Village of Barnesville, if awarded the SRTS funds, agrees to pay One Hundred Percent (100%) of the construction cost over and above the maximum amount provided by the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation.

Section 3. Upon completion of the described Project, and unless otherwise agreed, the Village shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the described project in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, 23 USC 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for the maintenance of the described Project; (3) if necessary, maintain the right-of-way, keeping it free of obstruction; and (4) if necessary, hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

Section 4. If the application is approved for the SRTS funds, the Mayor of the Village of Barnesville is hereby empowered on behalf of the Village to enter into a contract with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation necessary to complete the above described project.

Section 5. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the residents of the Village of Barnesville as it is necessary to protect the public interest, promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the community, and to otherwise benefit the village.

PASSED at a regular meeting of Council of the Village of Barnesville, held this ____ day of _____, 2026, by a vote of a majority of the members of Council.

Jake Hershberger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

PENDING