

Minutes for the February 9, 2026 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

Mr. McCort - Absent Mr. Lucas - Here Mr. English - Here Ms. Dowdle - Here Mr. Carpenter - Here Mrs. Misner - Here

2 Minutes

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Lucas to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on January 12, 2026.

McCort - Absent Carpenter - Aye Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$267,199.13.

Carpenter - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Absent Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Mr. Carpenter moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the January 2026 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Carpenter - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Absent Lucas - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

c. Mr. Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Resolution #4038-Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Annexation Agreement with the Warren Township Trustees to annex 9.443 Acres into the Village. The property of Jefferis Real Estate in the general location on St. Route 147 across from Emerald Point Nursing Home.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve the Third Reading of Resolution #4038-A Resolution authorizing the Annexation Agreement with the Warren Township Trustees to annex 9.443 Acres into the Village.

Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Carpenter - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Absent

Motion carried 5-0-1

d. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #4040-An Ordinance Amending the Village Investment Policy.

Added verbiage required by the Auditor.

1st Reading Only

e. A Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2026 at 8:00 am in Council Chambers.

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator informed Council that ODOT confirmed the paving of East Main Street this year, it will start at the intersection of Chestnut and Main and all the way to State Route 149.

Shelley & Sands were awarded the project. Mr. Deal to attend the pre-construction meeting once scheduled.

Councilman Mr. Lucas asked about the valve on Grace Avenue. Mr. Deal stated the Water Department will replace the valve at Grace Avenue on East Main prior to paving.

b. Mayor Hershberger gave a shout out to the Street Department and other Crews that helped with the recent snowfall.

He has received several calls complimenting all the guys. Mayor "Thanked" all the guys for working so hard with a lot of snow.

5 Safety

a. Bobby Froehlich "Thanked" Mayor and Council for having faith in him with the recent appointment as Fire Chief, stating it is quite an honor.

b. Chief Froehlich presented Council with the Fire Departments Report Summary for January 2026.

c. Chief Froehlich presented Council with the EMS Departments Report Summary for January 2026 and discussed the calls.

d. Chief Froehlich revisited the purchase of a new squad that was discussed at the prior meeting. He explained the idle hours on both current squads.

Councilman Mr. English asked Chief Froehlich to put together some kind of proposal and necessity for the purchase of a new squad, along with looking into all avenues.

Chief Froehlich stated he has looked at remounts, new chassis with used box for around \$200,000 with the load system.

Chief Froehlich to examine all the options and present it to Council with possibly budgeting one for next year.

e. Chief Froehlich highlighted several events coming up; Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for March 19, 2026 from 4-7 pm at the Firehouse, Fishing Tournament at the Park tentatively scheduled on July 13, 2026, and Safety Day on August 1, 2026 at the High School, with the Chicken Barbecue at the same time. Still a lot of details to work out. Just wanting to make people aware of the dates.

f. Chief Froehlich asked for Council's approval to remove Joey Sellers, Tim Hall, Jr., and Daniel Grady from the Fire Department.

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the removal of Joey Sellers, Tim Hall, Jr., and Danial Grady from the Fire Department.

Misner - Aye McCort - Absent Carpenter - Aye Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

g. Mr. Lucas asked about the issues with the steering wheel with one of the firetrucks that was talked about earlier.

Chief Froehlich stated that all of the issues have been addressed and items are fixed, except for one with the pump on the brush truck which is getting taken care of, and all the vehicles now meet DOT standards.

h. Chief Sirianni provided Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for January 2026.

i. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for January 2026; State received \$927.50, the County received \$34.50, and the Village received \$2583.

6 Parks and Recreation

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

- a. Mr. Deal informed Council that he is currently advertising for a Crew Leader and Laborer for the Water Distribution Department, due to the recent resignation from the Crew Leader.
- b. Mayor Hershberger presented Council with a report on the purchase of the Long Run Reservoir Property and welcomed any feedback. Council to review it and discussion to be held at the next Council Meeting.

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Kimberly Fuchs - 300 Morgantown Avenue - New Home
- b. Dave Wilson - Mulberry Street - New Build

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the building permits.

Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Absent Lucas - Aye English - Aye Mr. Carpenter - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

10 Old Business

11 New Business

a. Jill Hissom Chamber Director presented Council with information on upcoming Chamber events. To include Fun in the Ville dates, possible Wine Tasting from local wine maker-Torque Cork Wines, Cornhole Tournaments, Adult Trick or Treat, and DORA. (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) Ms. Hissom asked Council for their consideration on the events. Ms. Hissom briefed Council on other Cities experiences with DORA. A discussion was held.

Mr. Lucas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the Fun in the Ville dates, Wine Tasting, Cornhole Tournaments, and Adult Trick or Treat.

McCort - Absent Carpenter - Aye Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

Council to review the DORA handouts with further discussion to be held.

b. Dominic Defelice candidate for Belmont County Commissioner introduced himself to Council and asked for their support.


12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

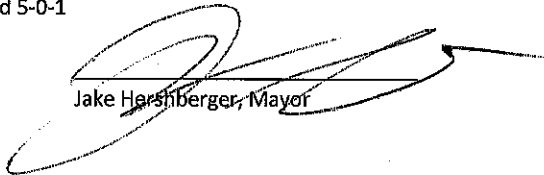
a. Mr. English made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Dowdle at 7:50 pm.

McCort - Absent Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Carpenter - Aye Misner - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1



Jeanie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer



Jake Hershberger, Mayor