

Minutes for the March 9, 2026 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

Kevin Flanagan Candidate for Belmont County Court of Common Pleas Judge introduced himself to Council and asked for their support.
Josh Meyer Candidate for Belmont County Auditor introduced himself to Council and asked for their support.
David Schafer Candidate for Belmont County Commissioner introduced himself to Council and asked for their support.
Michael McCormick Candidate for Belmont County Court of Common Pleas Judge introduced himself to Council and asked for their support.
Jerry Campbell introduced himself to Council as the new ODOT Administrator.

2 Minutes

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on February 23, 2026.

McCort - Aye Carpenter - Aye Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye
Motion carried 6-0

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. Carpenter moved, seconded by Mr. Lucas to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$244,986.95.

Carpenter - Aye Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Aye
Motion carried 6-0

b. Ms. Dowdle moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the February 2026 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Aye Carpenter - Aye
Motion carried 6-0

c. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Ordinance #4040-An Ordinance Amending the Village Investment Policy.
Added verbiage required by the Auditor.

3rd Reading

Mrs. Misner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve Resolution #4040-Amending the Village Investment Policy.

English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Aye Carpenter - Aye Lucas - Aye
Motion carried 6-0

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator informed Council that they are replacing the 2003 International DT466 Dump Truck with the recently purchased 2025 Ram, and would like authorization to advertise the 2003 International for bid.

Mr. English made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve the 2003 International Dump Truck advertisement for bid.

Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Aye Lucas - Aye English - Aye Mr. Carpenter - Aye
Motion carried 6-0

5 Safety

a. Chief Froehlich asked for Council's approval to add Logan Shepherd, Cody Szabo, and Spencer Bliss to the Fire Department.

Mr. English moved, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve the addition of Logan Shepherd, Cody Szabo, and Spencer Bliss to the Fire Department.

Misner - Aye McCort - Aye Carpenter - Aye Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye
Motion carried 6-0

b. Chief Froehlich informed Council that the Fire Department was awarded the State Fire Marshal Grant for \$15,000 for Equipment, with no match from the Village.

c. Chief Froehlich stated they are looking into buying a 20' by 60' metal building for along side the Fire Station for \$12,500 and mentioned the 12' by 24' storage building they currently have could be sold to the Park for their need at the new ballfields. Rich Wells Park Supervisor to get a quote on a similar size storage building and further discussion to be held at the next Council Meeting.

d. Chief Froehlich mentioned that he has been looking into a third party service to bill for motor vehicle accidents, hazmat, and other chargeable incidents, with no interest in billing anyone in Barnesville, Warren or Flushing Township that already pay through a levy or fire contract. Their insurance will be billed only. A sample Ordinance was given to Mr. Myser. Mr. Myser to review it and prepare an Ordinance for the next Council Meeting.

Chief Froehlich also mentioned amending the current EMS Ordinance regarding transportation rates to give the EMS Department the ability to make billing adjustments as needed. Mr. Myser to review it and prepare an amended EMS Ordinance.

e. Mayor Hershberger on behalf of Chief Sirianni, provided Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for February 2026.

f. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for February 2026; State received \$1101.50, the County received \$43.50, and the Village received \$2876.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Lucas stated he recently visited the new ballfields and they are now equipped with fencing and ball diamonds, but they need a building for storage.

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal reminded Council that the Village is still accepting applications in the Cemetery Department.

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that the Water Office Parking Lot is in desperate need of resurfacing. Cast and Baker proposed to perform

some variable depth planning and install 1.5" of intermediate type 2 material with a 1.5" surface coat for \$35,950. We would need to lay out and restripe the parking spaces after paving.

Mr. Deal stated that the Village budgeted more money for paving this year.

Mr. McCort made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve Cast and Baker to resurface the Water Office Parking Lot.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mayor Hershberger brought up the Long Run Lake, the property that the Village signed a purchase agreement with last year, for continued discussion after the last Council Meeting.

Mr. English explained his reasoning for his abstention vote at the last Council Meeting on the motion to move forward with the closing on the property. He stated that the Resolution passed previously has the purchase price and acreage set so there is no back and forth negotiation, and the discussion from the last Council Meeting led to a bit of unrest.

Mayor Hershberger provided proof of payment from water sales to Mr. English and Ms. Dowdle as requested but was asked not to disclose this information to the public. Mr. English stated the sales amount was a substantial percentage of the purchase price.

Mr. English wanted it on record, that the Resolution that passed last year to purchase this property gave the Mayor the authority to sign any and all requested documentation to complete said transaction.

A lengthy discussion took place with the Mayor, Council, Village Solicitor, former Councilmen, and concerned Residents.

Mrs. Misner made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCort to proceed with the closing on the Long Run Lake Property.

Carpenter - Aye Lucas - No English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Aye

Motion carried 5-1-0

c. Mr. Deal informed Council that Infinity National Resources have acquired all of Antero's leases. We have an agreement with Antero for withdrawal of water from Slope Creek to begin in March. If Infinity can show proof of assignment of all assets and agreements, we could still be good to proceed. We have a conference call scheduled with them tomorrow to see what all has been acquired, however if we need an agreement with Infinity, the withdrawal is scheduled for March 17, 2026, which is prior to the next Council Meeting and we don't want to miss out on the water sales.

Mr. Deal asked Council to allow and authorize Mr. Myser, Mayor Hershberger, and himself to draft what is needed with Infinity to proceed with the withdrawal of water from Slope Creek as scheduled.

Mr. English made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to authorize Mr. Deal, Mr. Myser, and Mayor Hershberger to proceed with what is needed for an agreement with Infinity National Resources.

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

Motion carried 6-0

9 Land & Buildings

a. Ethan Travis - 122 Kennard Avenue - Addition

b. Logan Buzzard - 215 Railroad Street - Fence

c. Village of Barnesville - West Main Street Parking Lot - Mural

d. M. Muffett Contractor - 125 West Main Street (Chel's Beauty Shop) - New Metal Roof

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the building permits.

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

Motion carried 6-0

10 Old Business

a. A concerned Resident on Railroad Street questioned if the Village is behind on abatements, because it has been over 9-10 months since she has filed three separate ones. Mayor Hershberger stated He would follow-up on this. Also concerned with people using the bike path on Railroad Street as a parking lot. Officer Horne suggested making an anonymous call for obstruction.

11 New Business

a. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that the Warren Township/Barnesville 2026 Community Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 9 am -1 pm at the Barnesville Depot Parking Lot.

12 Executive Session

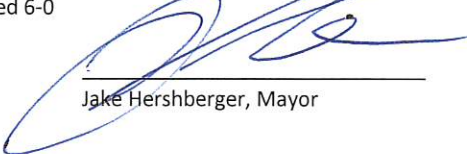
13 Adjournment

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. English at 8:30 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor