

Minutes for the April 6, 2026 Council Meeting

**1 Roll Call**

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

Cindi Henry Belmont County Auditor and candidate for re-election, introduced herself to Council and asked for their support.

**2 Minutes**

Mr. English moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on March 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. English to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$99,398.45.

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

b. Ms. Dowdle moved, seconded by Mr. Lucas to approve the March 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 Resolution #4043-A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Adopt the Complete Streets and Safe Travel Policy.

2nd Reading Only

d. Mr. Myser read Ordinance #4044-An Ordinance Establishing and Implementing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Fire Department for Services Provided/Rendered by/for the Barnesville Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Froehlich explained that the billing program is intended primarily for interstate and other non-levy responses, with charges billed to insurance when applicable.

Mr. Carpenter moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve Resolution #4044-An Ordinance Establishing and Implementing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Fire Department for Services Provided/Rendered by/for the Barnesville Volunteer Fire Department, with suspension.

Dowdle - Aye      Misner - Aye      McCort - Aye      Carpenter - Aye      Lucas - No      English - Aye  
Motion carried 5-1-0

Ms. Dowdle moved, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve Resolution #4044-An Ordinance Establishing and Implementing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Fire Department for Services Provided/Rendered by/for the Barnesville Volunteer Fire Department, motion for passage.

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

e. Mr. Myser read Ordinance #4045-An Ordinance to Amend Codified Ordinance 143.05-Emergency Transportation Rates.

2nd Reading Only

f. Mr. Myser updated Council on the Waterline Extension Project to Hendrysburg and Fairview. He stated it is progressing well with over 100 deeds of easement signed. Construction to begin in mid-June with completion approximately eight months later. Mr. Myser noted this is a multi-million dollar project that will greatly benefit the Hendrysburg and Fairview area.

g. Mayor Hershberger presented a request from Gulfport Energy to allow Gulfport to adjust one drilling unit under the Village's existing lease from the 640 acres maximum to 693 acres near Slope Creek. The 53-acre adjustment was described as necessary to maximize the yield of the unit.

Mr. English moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the Gulfport Energy request.

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

**4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk**

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator reported that crews are sweeping streets and patching potholes.

**5 Safety**

a. Chief Froehlich presented Council with the Fire Departments Report Summary for March 2026.

b. Chief Froehlich presented Council with the EMS Departments Report Summary for March 2026.

c. Chief Froehlich asked for Council's approval to add Aaron Wells to the Fire Department, add Andrew Johnson to the EMS Department, and remove Shawna Arick from the EMS Department.

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve the addition of Aaron Wells to the Fire Department, the addition of Andrew Johnson to the EMS Department, and the removal of Shawna Arick from the EMS Department.

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

d. Chief Froehlich mentioned the Fire Department will be holding its annual youth fishing tournament on Saturday, June 13, 2026, and will be reaching out to local businesses for donations.

e. Chief Sirianni provided Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for March 2026.

f. Chief Sirianni informed Council that he is purchasing a lightly used 2020 patrol vehicle with approximately 50,000 miles for around \$18,000 from Chicago Motors, and with upfitting costs the total expected to be about \$30,000. Chief Sirianni stated he would like to try this to help keep the mileage down along with wear and tear. Each vehicle can be assigned to each shift or individual Officer. If it doesn't work out, we will go back to buying new for about \$65,000-\$70,000.

g. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for March 2026; State received \$1,182.50, the County received \$46.50, and the Village received \$3,271.

**6 Parks and Recreation**

a. Mayor Hershberger reported that the west end ballfields are looking good with the grass growing and the new black fence.

**7 Cemetery**

a. Mr. Deal reported that the Cemetery Department currently has six Employees, however one is only working a few hours a day. He is still seeking additional help, ideally would like to have seven Employees.

**8 Water and Sewer**

a. Mr. Deal discussed with Mayor and Council the Capstone Property/Long Run Lake. He reported the purchase to the Village's Insurance carrier and notified ODNR Division of Dam Safety. He is working on updating the Emergency Action Plan for the dam and develop an inspection log. Mr. Deal and Department Heads to inspect the access road, assess the fallen trees, change the gate lock, and see what maintenance is needed. Mayor Hershberger is working on an arrangement for someone to mow the dam.

Mr. Deal presented the existing ODNR hunting and fishing agreements covering the Park Lake and the Village's reservoirs. He noted the Village currently allows fishing under ODNR control at all bodies of water and allows hunting everywhere except Park Property.

Mr. Deal asked Council for direction on whether to allow hunting and fishing on this property. A lengthy discussion was held.

Mayor Hershberger reported that neighboring property owners and Township Trustees have expressed concerns about public hunting on the property. However, he stated the property is public and should be treated similarly to Slope Creek, with ODNR regulations.

Council Members expressed their support for allowing hunting and fishing, noting it is public property purchased with public money.

Council Members agreed to call it Long Run Lake consistent with its local name.

Mr. Deal to speak to ODNR and report back to Council.

b. Mayor Hershberger reported that R-Cap has given recommendations on water and sewer rates and is preparing documents to present to Council for future discussion.

**9 Land & Buildings**

a. Mr. Deal reminded Council that the bid opening for the Depot Roof Project will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 10:00 am in Council Chambers.

**10 Old Business**

**11 New Business**

a. Mayor Hershberger reported that He and Mr. Deal conducted a site visit regarding a water issue on Pine Lane but were unable to make contact with the Property Owner. The matter will be followed up upon further contact.

b. The Economic Development Committee scheduled a meeting for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

c. Councilman Mark Lucas expressed concern with the sidewalk and guardrail on Shamrock Drive.

Mr. Deal stated he has already submitted a quote for a new guardrail. Mayor Hershberger stated that sidewalks are generally the responsibility of the property owners, but noted this area is included in the Safe Routes to School plan for possible future grant funding.

d. A Resident expressed his concerns about the condition of sidewalks throughout the Village. Mayor Hershberger acknowledged the concerns and mentioned the Village's sidewalk loan program and offered local contractor's information.

**12 Executive Session**

**13 Adjournment**

a. Mr. Carpenter moved to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Dowdle at 7:52 pm.

McCort -Aye

Lucas - Aye

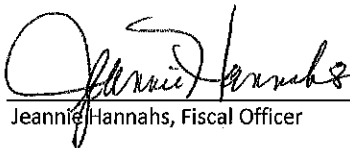
English - Aye

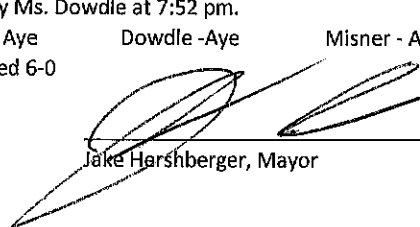
Dowdle -Aye

Misner - Aye

Carpenter - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

  
Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

  
Jake Hershberger, Mayor