

Minutes for the March 23, 2026 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

Mayor Hershberger presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Shamrock Varsity Boys Bowling Team for capturing the championships at the Baker Tournament, the Eastern Ohio Bowling League, and the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, while completing an undefeated regular season. They continued their historic run by earning Division II Sectional and District Championships and becoming the first bowling team in school history to qualify for the State Tournament in Columbus.

Mayor Hershberger presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ladyn Hines for winning the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament 115-pound State Championship. Finishing her remarkable Freshman season with an impressive 39-4 record, and becoming Barnesville High School's first female wrestler to both qualify for and win a State Championship.

2 Minutes

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the minutes from the Work Session and Council Meeting on March 9, 2026.

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

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$164,501.65.

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

b. Mayor Hershberger asked Council to appoint Denise Kozak to the Board of Appeals 1381.05 (d) left vacant by the recent passing of a Board Member. Mayor Hershberger explained that the Board hears appeals related to code and building matters.

Ms. Dowdle moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the appointment of Denise Kozak to the Board of Appeals with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

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

c. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and Mayor Hershberger explained Resolution #4043-A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Adopt the Complete Streets and Safe Travel Policy. Mayor Hershberger explained that the policy would strengthen future transportation and sidewalk grants including the Safe Routes to School.

1st Reading Only

d. Mr. Myser read and Fire Chief Froehlich explained 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 provided "Exhibit A" listing the current mitigation rates.

1st Reading Only

e. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #4045-An Ordinance to Amend Codified Ordinance 143.05-Emergency Transportation Rates. Chief Froehlich stated changing the language would allow EMS transports to be billed at reasonable and customary industry standards.

1st Reading Only

f. Mr. Myser informed Council that the Capstone Property closing has been completed and deed recorded.

g. Mr. Myser updated Council on the Waterline Extension Project to Hendrysburg and Fairview. He stated progress continues with easement signings, Capstone's donation of approximately one acre to put in a water station, and acquisition of the property for the lift station. Construction to begin mid-June.

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator reported that the East Main Street Paving is scheduled to begin with repairs on May 11, 2026. Shelley & Sands is expected to start at the main intersection and proceed East. Downtown parking spaces will need remarked after the project is finished.

5 Safety

a. Chief Froehlich continued discussion with Mayor and Council on the purchase of a metal building for along side the Fire Station and selling the storage building they currently have to the Park for the west end ballfields.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Lucas to purchase the storage building from the Fire Department for the Park and approved the purchase of the metal building for the Fire Department, transfer based on the recommendations of Jeannie Hannahs Fiscal Officer.

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

b. Chief Sirianni requested the creation of an additional full-time police officer position to allow for a future high school resource officer with the upcoming retirement of Mr. Norris. He stated this would allow for better coverage on weekends, more flexible schedule and assistance with code enforcement in the months school is out.

Council expressed their approval. Mr. Myser to prepare the necessary Ordinance increasing the number of full-time Officers from eight to nine for future consideration.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Deal commended Richie Wells Park Supervisor and the Park Crew for preparing the ballfields for a game on Saturday despite the wet conditions we have had.

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal reminded Council that the Village is still seeking additional seasonal mowing Employees and that adult workers are especially needed during the heavy spring mowing season.

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with the 2025 Annual Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report and advised that it will be made available to water customers.

b. Mr. Deal reported that Infinity Natural Resources executed the necessary ratification documents to continue under the original Antero water withdrawal agreement, prior authorization from Council was given to Mr. Deal, Mayor Hershberger, and Mr. Myser to draft what was necessary to proceed as scheduled. Water sales are currently underway with Infinity.

c. A Water & Sewer Committee Meeting along with R-Cap was scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 2:00 pm in Council Chambers to review the completed water and sewer rate studies.

9 Land & Buildings

a. Greg & Patricia Williams - 220 Bethesda Street- New Addition

b. Joel Braido - 771 East Main Street - Demo House

c. Min Yu Lin - 635 East Main Street - New Concrete Porch

d. Kenneth MacMillan - 808 East Main Street - 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

e. Mayor Hershberger presented Council with a letter from Boardwalk Pipelines, LP, asking for permission to survey two parcels in the watershed area of Slope Creek to evaluate a possible pipeline route. The request was limited to survey work only.

Mayor Hershberger noted the parcels in consideration are not part of the Clean Ohio Funds.

Mr. Carpenter moved, seconded by Mr. Lucas to authorize Mayor Hershberger to sign the Permission to Survey forms with Boardwalk Pipelines, LP.

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

f. Mayor Hershberger commented on a slip repair on Railroad Street that Belmont Gig fixed promptly and did a good job.

10 Old Business

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with a copy of the bid advertisement for the depot roof. Bid opening will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 10:00 am in Council Chambers.

11 New Business

a. Brian Yarnall asked whether there had been any interest in purchasing the Bohandy Building within the last year.

Mayor Hershberger stated there were casual comments made, but no one has approached him.

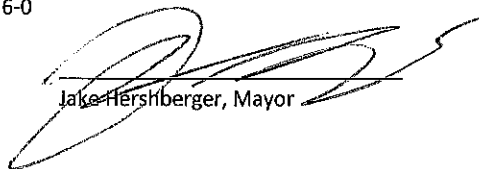
12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

a. Ms. Dowdle moved to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. English at 7:47 pm.

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


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor