

Minutes for the April 20, 2026 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on April 6, 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 \$152,007.76.

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

b. Richard Myser Village Solicitor did the third reading on Resolution #4043-A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Adopt the Complete Streets and Safe Travel Policy.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve Resolution #4043-A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Adopt the Complete Streets and Safe Travel Policy.

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

c. Mr. Myser did the third reading on Ordinance #4045-An Ordinance to Amend Codified Ordinance 143.05-Emergency Transportation Rates.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #4045-An Ordinance to Amend Codified Ordinance 143.05-Emergency Transportation Rates.

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

d. Mayor Hershberger present Council with a Memorandum of Understanding between Belmont County Commissioners and the Village for the distribution and use of the \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the Hendrysburg/Fairview Waterline Extension Project.

Mayor Hershberger asked Council to authorize him to sign the MOU.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to authorize Mayor Hershberger to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Belmont County for the CDBG funding.

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

Mr. Myser updated Council on the Hendrysburg/Fairview Waterline Extension Project. Stating it is moving forward with approximately 107 easements signed, the lift station property deed was received today, and the land from Capstone for the water filling station is expected to close soon.

Mayor Hershberger stated the goal remains for the project to be fully funded through State and grant sources, with only minimal cost to the Village, if any.

e. Mr. Myser commended Jeannie Hannahs Fiscal Office on the recent state audit.

f. Mr. Myser advised Council that a proposed amendment to the Police Department Ordinance requested by Chief Sirianni increasing the number of Officers from eight to nine and additional updates are being prepared and will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator asked Council to authorize him to participate in the ODOT salt contract and commit to 400 tons for the coming season, noting the Village currently has approximately 100-150 tons on hand.

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to authorize the participation in the ODOT Salt Contract.

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

5 Safety

a. Chief Froehlich asked for Council's approval to add Todd Rubright to the EMS Department.

Mr. Carpenter moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the addition of Todd Rubright to the EMS Department.

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

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Roger Deal informed Council that the Village and Warren Township once again applied for the J.B. Green Team Grant for picnic tables made of recycled plastic materials for the Park shelter houses, both applications were awarded in the amount of \$4,047.36 each, which is 80% of the cost. Mr. Deal "Thanked" Warren Township for partnering on the applications.

b. Mayor Hershberger recognized Community sponsors for fireworks, including Woodsfield Savings Bank, Riesbeck's Food Markets, WVU Medicine Barnesville Hospital, Hunt Engineering, and Grenadier Energy for fireworks and American 250 mural sponsorships.

Mayor Hershberger expressed appreciation for all their support.

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mr. Deal discussed with Mayor and Council the Capstone Property/Long Run Lake. He spoke with ODNR and they are willing to issue a new

agreement to include this property. Also, they would be willing to remove the Park Rotary Lake from the agreement so that a fishing license would not be required to fish there. However, they would not stock trout there anymore. He also learned that they would stock large bluegill for the Special Olympics fishing tournament and possibly the Fire Departments tournament in the future if the agreement stays in place.

Mr. Deal and Department Heads made a site visit to Long Run Lake property to investigate the road conditions, mowing needs around the dam area, litter pick-up, and other maintenance issues.

Mr. Deal to check with QVS, who currently takes care of the dam, spillway, trash rack, and monthly checks to see what all they can offer us.

Mr. Deal and Mayor Hershberger plan to meet with someone and make arrangements to mow the hay, possibly in exchange for mowing the dam.

Mr. Deal recently provided a copy of the deed to ODNR, and will have more to discuss at the next Council Meeting.

b. Mr. Deal informed Council that Andrew Atkinson has been promoted to the Crew Leader position in the Water Distribution Department.

Mr. Atkinson has been doing an excellent job and is willing to work toward obtaining licenses.

c. Mr. Deal informed Council that we are to receive five million dollars in funding from the Dupont Settlement Distribution from Governor DeWine and the Ohio EPA to relieve our system of PTA's. Fourteen grants were distributed with ours being the only one in Belmont County. There was no grant application involved. Mr. Deal credited Josh Legg of the Ohio EPA for recommending that we receive this funding and Doug Frye and the Water Treatment Plant Crew for being willing to let the US EPA get involved with us for sampling.

d. Mr. Deal informed Council that we recently had the clear well storage tanks inspected as required by an Ohio EPA violation as there were leaks. We need to recondition and seal all interior seams and glass chips, replace the anodes, clean and dispose of sediment build up on the tank bottoms, recondition and caulk all exterior seams and roofs. Mr. Deal provided Council with a proposal from Mid Atlantic Storage Systems, Inc. The total cost per tank is \$133,214 for a total of \$266,428.

Mr. Deal submitted the proposal to the Ohio EPA for review, and has not received anything back yet.

e. Mr. Deal informed Council that Essie Wilson, Asst Water Clerk has resigned from the Water Office, and the Village is currently advertising for her position as well as a cleaning position.

9 Land & Buildings

a. Mayor Hershberger presented Council with the Depot Bid Opening results. The Gildea Group presented the lowest bid in the amount of \$131,991. Mayor and Council discussed other bids and costs submitted, funding available, historic preservation method, and possibly using Depot Committee funds for additional work needed on soffit, fascia, gutters, and downspouts.

Steve Sapienza from the Gildea Group addressed Council explaining the process, warranty, projected start and completion dates.

Mr. Bruce Yarnall state they have received favorable references from the Gildea Group.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to accept the bid submitted from The Gildea Group and move forward with the Depot Roof Project.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Dalton Blackstone - 118 Pine Lane - New Metal Roof

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

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

Motion carried 6-0

10 Old Business

a. Mayor Hershberger reminded Everyone that the Warren Township and the Village of Barnesville Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Watts Center across from the Depot. Mr. Deal noted that tires and electronics will be accepted.

b. Brian Yarnall revisited concerns with the sidewalk on Shamrock Drive. Mr. Deal explained the portions of the sidewalk that are in and out of the corporation limits. Mr. Deal stated that the County Engineer intend to replace the guardrail and the Village Crews have already cleaned the sidewalk in that area. Mayor Hershberger stated the property owners are generally responsible for sidewalks, and that area is included in the future phase of the Safe Routes to School plan, and also offered information on our Sidewalk Loan Program. A discussion was held. Council to discuss options with the property owner with hopes of a quicker resolution.

11 New Business

a. Max Lum AEP Energy Representative addressed Council regarding renewal rates for the Village's electric supply contract, which expires in June 2026. Council discussed renewal options and expressed preference for a 48-month term.

Mr. Carpenter moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to renew our AEP Energy contract with a fixed price for a 48-month term.

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

Motion carried 6-0

12 Executive Session

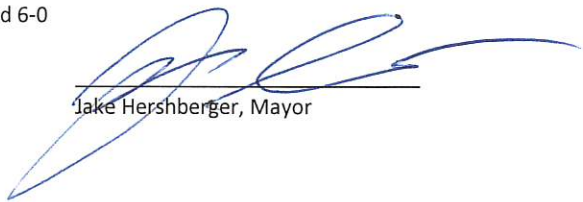
13 Adjournment

a. Ms. Dowdle moved to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. English at 8:07 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor