

Minutes for the June 15, 2026 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

Ms. Dowdle moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on May 18, 2026.

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. Carpenter moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$258,911.17.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the May 2026 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

c. Chris Mellinger Asst. Fiscal Officer asked Council to approve the July 2027 Budget and to advertise a Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Monday, June 29, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Council Meeting.

Mr. English moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the 2027 Budget and authorize the Public Hearing advertisement.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Michelle McLaughlin approached Council with water concerns on Law Street and Sleepy Hollow Drive. Several Street -Alley - Sidewalk Committee Members and School Officials have visited the area of concern and are working on a resolution. Mayor Hershberger and Mr. Deal along with the School Officials, will meet at the site on June 25, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. Council is welcome to attend.

b. Roger Deal Village Administrator informed Council that the Street Improvement Program for 2026 is currently being advertised until June 23, 2026, with the bid opening scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in Council Chambers. Award date after the grant agreement is received on July 1, 2026.

c. Mr. Deal updated Council on the East Main Street Paving. The intermediate layer has been placed and will continue to State Route 149 then return to apply the top coat. The project will be completed in approximately three weeks to a month.

d. Mr. Deal commended the Street Department for completing the Downtown Streetscape Decorations despite equipment issues and Mayor Hershberger thanked Tony Johnson and his wife for regularly watering the flowers.

e. Mayor Hershberger announced that the Village will host an America 250 parade and Fireworks celebration on Sunday, July 5, 2026. Lineup to begin at 1:30 pm with the parade beginning at 2:00 pm at the Depot and route was announced. Council expressed their approval for the event and road closure.

f. Mayor Hershberger reported that the Village was awarded a grant for a new traffic signal at Church and North Chestnut Streets. Details will be shared as the project progresses.

5 Safety

a. Chief Froehlich distributed the Fire and EMS reports for May 2026. He also reported that the Youth Fishing Tournament was a great success with the largest turnout he can recall.

b. Chief Froehlich requested Council's approval to add Mary Perkins and Carter Litzenberger to the EMS Department.

Mr. Carpenter moved and seconded by Mrs. Misner to add Mary Perkins and Carter Litzenberger to the EMS Department.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

c. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that he appointed Kenneth Castello as an auxiliary Police Officer, at Chief Sirianni's request. Chief Sirianni also stated that Mr. Castello had previously worked for the Village and he just got recertified.

d. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for May 2026; State received \$587, the County received \$21, and the Village received \$1535, for a total of \$2,143.

6 Parks and Recreation

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal commended the Cemetery Department for having all cemeteries looking excellent for Memorial Day, despite the rain and being short-handed.

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that they have filled the Water Office Assistant Clerk position.

b. Mr. Deal discussed with Council the need for the Water Treatment Plant Clear Well Storage Tanks Rehabilitation. Mr. Deal reminded Council that we recently had the clear well 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, and recondition and caulk all exterior seams and roof. The total cost for both tanks is \$266,428 plus disposal of sediment costs. Replacement cost would be

approximately \$1.5 to \$2 million. Mr. Deal recommended funding the work from raw water sale proceeds currently due from Infinity Resources. Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve the WTP Clear Well Storage Tanks Rehabilitation.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

c. Mr. Deal presented Council with the feedback received from the Village's website regarding the Water and Sewer Rate Increases. A lengthy discussion was held. Council agreed to invite RCAP to a work session on June 29, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. for additional discussions. No rate action was taken at this time.

9 Land & Buildings

a. Sandy Ridge Property Management - 220 North Chestnut Street - New Commercial Building

b. Adam Ackerman - 414 Morgantown Avenue - New Home

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d. Dustyn Basham - 223 Hunts Avenue - New Metal Roof

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

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

e. Mr. Deal presented Council with two HVAC proposals for the Bohandy Building , including connecting the existing AC units and replacing the electric furnace with gas. A discussion was held about making the building more usable and reducing electric costs.

Mr. English moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve both estimates from Rumer Loudin to upgrade the air conditioning in the Bohandy Building for an estimated cost of \$19,580.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

f. Brock Roger from the Depot committee provided an update on the Depot Roof Project. He reported that the roof project is complete and that the building is dry. The Committee is obtaining quotes for gutters and future brick repair.

10 Old Business

11 New Business

a. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that Belmont County is helping Barnesville submit an Opportunity Zone 2.0 Nomination.

This could offer new Businesses into the area get tax benefits, at no cost to the Village.

b. Greg Batts thanked all the Village Departments for all the help and support on Airport Day, despite the weather challenges they provided 60 airplane rides and about 450 people attended the event.


12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

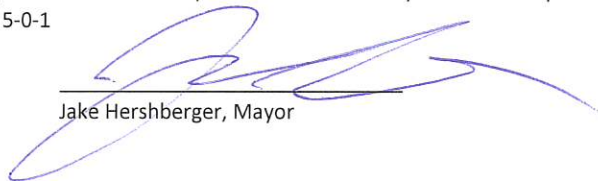
a. Mr. English moved to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Dowdle at 7:55 pm.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1



Chris Mellinger, Asst. Fiscal Officer



Jake Hershberger, Mayor