

Minutes for the May 4, 2026 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer, Council observed a moment of silence in honor of Tim Rockwell, recognizing his significant contribution to the Barnesville Pumpkin Festival and the Community.

2 Minutes

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on April 20, 2026.

McCort - Aye Carpenter - Absent Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye
Motion carried 5-0-1

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$182,113.06.

Carpenter - Absent Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Aye
Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Ordinance #4046-An Ordinance Amending and Removing Certain Provisions in Chapter 141 of the Codified Ordinance relating to the Police Department.

Chief Sirianni explained the need for the increased number of full-time Officers and the need for the omissions as they no longer apply. Council and Chief Sirianni discussed the hiring process timeline and whether the position must be advertised.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #4046-An Ordinance Amending and Removing Certain Provisions in Chapter 141 of the Codified Ordinance relating to the Police Department, with suspension.

Lucas - No English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Aye Carpenter - Absent
Motion failed 4-1-1

After additional discussion, Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to reconsider and suspend the rules for Ordinance #4046-An Ordinance Amending and Removing Certain Provisions in Chapter 141 of the Codified Ordinance relating to the Police Department.

English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Aye Carpenter - Absent Lucas - Aye
Motion carried 5-0-1

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve Ordinance #4046-An Ordinance Amending and Removing Certain Provisions in Chapter 141 of the Codified Ordinance relating to the Police Department, motion for passage.

English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Aye Carpenter - Absent Lucas - Aye
Motion carried 5-0-1

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator reported that the East Main Street paving preparations are underway, with repair work expected to begin the week of May 11, 2026.

b. Mr. Lucas asked for an update on the Shamrock Drive sidewalk. Mr. Deal informed Council that the County Engineer has agreed to replace the guardrail but no timeline was given. Mr. Deal provided Council with a map of the area outlining what portions are within the corporation limits and noted that some sections of the sidewalk need attention, although the entire sidewalk does not need replaced.

5 Safety

a. Chief Froehlich asked for Council's approval to add Derek Stewart to the EMS Department and remove Jeffrey Lucas from the Fire and EMS Departments.

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the addition of Derek Stewart to the EMS Department and the removal of Jeffrey Lucas from the Fire and EMS Departments.

Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Aye Lucas - Aye English - Aye Mr. Carpenter - Absent
Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Chief Sirianni provided Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for April 2026.

c. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for April 2026; State received \$862.50, the County received \$34.50, and the Village received \$2509.

d. Council and Fire Chief Froehlich discussed long-term planning for the replacement of Fire and EMS Department vehicles and equipment, including fire apparatus service life, NFPA compliance and liability considerations, and scheduling a work session once Chief Froehlich gathers additional information.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Deal noted that preparations for the pool season will begin soon as Memorial Day approaches and the summer season nears.

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mayor Hershberger provided Council with a draft letter prepared by RCAP in reference to the recent Water and Sewer Rate Study results and the proposal to increase the water and sewer rates. Council discussed several approaches for public engagement, including a town hall meeting, holding a regular Council Meeting at the Youth Center to accommodate larger attendance, and providing a public comment intake form on the Village's website.

Mayor Hershberger stated He would like to provide some direction to the Residents with the letters.

Council agreed to send the letters out and collect feedback on the Village's website, and then use the feedback received to determine the appropriate next step for public discussion.

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Carly West & Kristal Hunkler - 971 Shamrock Drive - Addition
- b. Paul Clark - 428 West Main Street - New Metal Roof
- c. Woodsfield Savings Bank - 201 North Chestnut Street - Addition
- d. DenMike Properties - 125 East Main Street - New Awning and Windows
- e. Charles Dlesk - 301 Henderson Street - New Metal Roof

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

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

f. Mayor Hershberger presented Council with a map of a parcel of land that Belmont Savings Bank would like to donate to the Village located between Railroad Street and East Main, across from Riesbeck's. The Barnesville High School Class of 1975 would like to build a public pavilion on the property and the Village to maintain thereafter.

Mr. English moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to accept the land donation from Belmont Savings Bank.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

10 Old Business

a. Jimmy Gear stated that the Warren Township and Village of Barnesville clean-up day went well. They had approximately 190 vehicles. He thanked the Village Employees and Volunteers for their help. Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation to the Township.

11 New Business

a. Brian Yarnall expressed his concerns with the timing of the East Main Street paving and the effects on school traffic. Mr. Deal stated traffic control will be used and repairs and paving to begin as scheduled.

12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

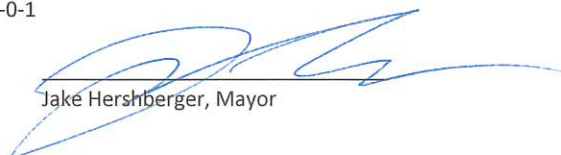
a. Ms. Dowdle moved to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. English at 7:50 pm.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1



Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer



Jake Hershberger, Mayor