

Minutes for the June 29, 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

Ms. Dowdle moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on June 15, 2026.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Lucas to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$103,771.45.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mayor Hershberger read and explained Ordinance #4048-An Ordinance Approving the Budget Amendment for the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Deal stated that the JB Green Team is a two-county recycling partnership that assists the Community with recycling bins and the annual clean-up day, and this is a annual approval.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approved Ordinance #4048-An Ordinance Approving the Budget Amendment for the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority, with suspension.

Lucas - No English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Misner - Aye McCort - Aye Carpenter - Aye

Motion carried 5-1

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approved Ordinance #4048-An Ordinance Approving the Budget Amendment for the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator reported that a local Trash Hauler had concerns about the larger heavy trash compactor trucks being used in Village alleys. Mr. Deal stated a Local Hauler uses a pick-up truck for these pick-ups, but is also concerned that he is doing this at a cost, while other utilize their trash compactors in the alleys. Mr. Deal asked Council to consider regulations on alleys due to the damage from the heavier trucks. Council discussed the possibility of limiting vehicle size or weight in alleys and the hardships on residents, particularly for elderly Residents, with curbside pick-ups. No action was taken.

b. Council discussed the ongoing Laws Street and Sleepy Hollow Drive drainage issue. Several Members and School Officials visited the site to come up with a resolution. Mayor Hershberger confirmed that the Village's 24" culvert is ample to handle the water, the challenge is directing the runoff to the storm drain. The School has cleared the ditch, made adjustments, and has been fully cooperative in working together. The Village to clear the storm drain.

c. Councilman Mark Lucas discussed getting started on the South Broadway Project with the monies already allotted in the budget. Mr. Deal stated it is in poor shape with failing drainage and a collapsed culvert pipe. Council discussed replacing the infrastructure in sections and doing the project in-house.

Mr. Lucas made a motion, seconded by Mr. English to authorize Mr. Deal to proceed with the South Broadway Street Project using the budgeted funds.

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

Motion carried 6-0

5 Safety

a. Chief Froehlich reported that Safety Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the High School Parking lot. The event will feature numerous safety stations and several activities. The chicken barbecue has been canceled, however hot dogs and popcorn will be provided.

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

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Deal informed Everyone that the Independence Day Celebrations festivities will be held at the Park on Sunday, July 5, 2026 with a rain date for the fireworks on Saturday, July 11, 2026. The pool will be offering a free swim from noon until 6:00 pm. The concession stand will be open to purchase a variety of foods. Several food vendors/trucks will also be available at the Park. Three bands will perform at the amphitheater beginning at 3:00 pm. Fireworks at dusk. Mr. Deal provided Council with a detailed flyer of all the events.

Mr. Deal "Thanked" all the Sponsors and Mayor Hershberger for all his help with getting the sponsorships.

Mayor Hershberger reminded Everyone that the American 250 parade will begin at 2:00 pm at the Depot.

b. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that at a previous vision study, one of the leading themes was the desire for walkability and trails. The recent Tunnel and Railroad Street Project addressed part of that need. Another idea raised was a walking trail running from the Depot to Wiley Avenue, through the Village-owned Watts Center Property. Mayor Hershberger recently met with the Mayor's Partnership for Progress team about Technical Assistance (TA) funding for recreational projects. Through this program, they will cover the planning costs directly, currently estimated at \$45,000 and the Village carries no monetary obligation. They believe grant funding will be available for construction once the trail is designed. Mayor Hershberger provided Council with the Barnesville Trail Plan Project Proposal.

No action from Council was required. Mayor Hershberger to keep Council informed as it progresses.

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

- a. Mayor Hershberger noted that Council held a work session before the regular Council Meeting this evening regarding proposed water and sewer rate increases. No action was taken, further discussion to follow.
- b. Councilman Brad English asked for an update on the tanks at the Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Deal confirmed that the clear well storage tank rehabilitation project will need advertised due to the amount, which will take a month or so, and it is looking like a fall project.

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Kelsey Howler - 119 East Main Street - Repaint Commercial Building Frontage
- b. Jessica Clary - 116 Laws Street - New Metal Roof

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

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

10 Old Business

11 New Business

- a. Scott Baker informed Council that the "Eyes of Freedom" will return this year during the Pumpkin Festival. Mr. Baker asked for help from the Police and Fire Department for the escort into town on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at approximately 6:00 pm. The Display will be at the Middle School on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 24-26, 2026 from noon to 7:00 pm and Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mr. English to approve the request for the Police and Fire Department to assist with the escort.

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

Mr. Baker "Thanked" the Village for all their support.

12 Executive Session

- a. Executive Session under Section 121.22 G (1) of the Ohio Revised Code to consider the promotion of a Public Employee.

Mr. English moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to enter Executive Session at 7:43 pm.

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

- b. Mayor Jake Hershberger returned Council to Regular Session at 8:17 pm.

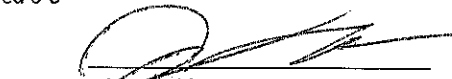
Misner - Aye McCort - Aye Lucas - Aye English - Aye Dowdle - Aye Carpenter - Aye
Motion carried 6-0

13 Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Misner moved to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. McCort at 8:19 pm.

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


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor