

Minutes for the August 10, 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 Mr. Lucas to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from July 27, 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 Ms. Dowdle to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$158,883.54.

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

b. Mr. English moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the July 2026 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

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

c. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Resolution #4050-Request for New Debt Service Fund #3302 for the 2026 Paving/Street Improvement Project.

2nd Reading Only

d. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #4052-An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance #4035 to Book the OPWC Loan for the 2026 Street Improvement Program.

2nd Reading Only

e. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #4053-An Ordinance Abolishing and Replacing Section 925.03 Water Rates.

The Ordinance reflects the recommended increases of 15%, 15%, and 10% over three years, followed by annual CPI adjustments.

Council Member Mark Lucas presented figures to Council recommending an alternative 5% increase per year for ten years, then to be reviewed after five years, rather than the proposed 15%, 15%, and 10% increases. Mr. Lucas stated his concern about burdening the Residents.

In discussion, it was noted that rates must remain at certain levels for the Village to qualify for grants and loans, operating deficits, and the future cost of wastewater-treatment plant improvements.

2nd Reading Only

f. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #4054-An Ordinance Abolishing and Replacing Section 929.02 Sewer Rates.

The Ordinance reflects the recommended increases of 15%, 15%, and 10% over three years, followed by annual CPI adjustments.

Mr. Lucas commented that the resulting increase by 2028 is not reasonable. Mayor Hershberger responded that the Village's rates are intended to cover costs, not generate a profit.

2nd Reading Only

g. Mayor Hershberger and Jeannie Hannahs Fiscal Officer discussed with Council the Village's healthcare coverage renewal with the HealthPlan. The Village shopped alternative plans through our Broker-The Schwendeman Agency. Comparative plans came in at 13%-23% over current rates, so the proposed 7.4 increase with our current plan was still the best option.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the HealthPlan renewal for the Village's healthcare coverage.

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

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator reported that materials are being received for the South Broadway Project and that the storm pipe and stone are on site.

Mr. Deal and Adam Ackerman reviewed the scope of Project with Council: The failed storm culvert is the primary problem, it has rotted to the point of being essentially a dirt hole with water running through it, and its failure may be contributing to recurring waterline breaks. The replacement will be upsized to 15" culvert on both sides. There are approximately 15 gas lines that cross the route, which will most likely force us to put the new culvert beneath them depending on the depth. We will spot dig to physically locate the gas lines and get a path that we know will work. With going under the gas lines, we will run into all the service taps for the waterline on that side, and I would like to replace those lead lines with new plastic taps from the curb box to the existing waterline. This will allow us to never undermine the culvert in the future.

Council discussed replacing the main waterline, since the road will already be dug up for the taps and culvert. Mr. Deal noted the need for a full road reconstruction to follow once this is done and the costs to exceed the budgeted \$200,000.

Council directed Mr. Deal to prepare a complete estimate for the expanded scope and bring back to Council for review.

b. A Street-Alley-Sidewalk Committee Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 4 p.m. in Council Chambers.

5 Safety

a. Chief Froehlich presented Council with the Fire & EMS Departments Report Summary for July 2026.

b. Chief Froehlich reported that Safety Day was a success with about 150 people attending, and "Thanked" Council for their donation.

c. Lieutenant Matthew Tippie "Thanked" Council for the opportunity to serve as Police Chief and He looks forward to learning the administrative side of the position.

d. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for July 2026; State received \$744, the County received \$30, and the Village received \$2,229.00

6 Parks and Recreation

- a. Mr. Deal reported that the new Junior Women's Club Shelter is framed and under roof.
Mr. Deal and Council commended Adam Ackerman for the generous donation.

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Sandy Sligar - 409 North Lincoln Avenue - Enclose Porch/New Patio and Roof.

Mr. Carpenter moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle 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

11 New Business/Public Comment

12 Executive Session

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

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to enter Executive Session at 7:42 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 8:12 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 Ms. Dowdle at 8:13 pm.

McCort - Aye

Lucas - Aye

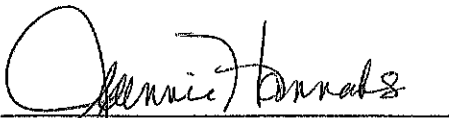
English - Aye

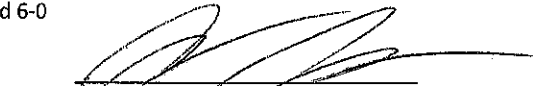
Dowdle - Aye

Misner - Aye

Carpenter - Aye

Motion carried 6-0


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor