

Minutes for the September 8, 2026 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

Ms. Dowdle moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2026.

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$200,988.62.

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

b. Mr. English moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the August 2026 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

c. Resolution #4056-A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of the New Fire Chief and Assistant Chief was tabled.

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator reported that the 2026 Street Paving was completed today. They are completing joint sealing along all joints and curbs in the new asphalt. Mr. Deal to meet with Mid-Atlantic Maintenance to go over the traffic markings.

b. Mayor Hershberger reported on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Church and North Chestnut Street Signal Replacement Project. The RFQ was advertised and May Engineering was the only firm that responded. The score tabulation was completed and the firm was found qualified and capable of performing the work. Council discussed the Project, preliminary estimates, grant funding and the Village's match, safety concerns, electrical service to the existing signal and the strain on the pole, and the new signal equipment to match the Village's other two signalized intersections.

The next step is to negotiate the contract, fees, and scope of the Project.

Mr. English moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to accept the RFQ from May Engineering.

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

c. Mayor Hershberger, on behalf of the Pumpkin Festival Committee, requested the use of the Village Parking Lots and Streets and Street closures for the Pumpkin Festival. Council expressed their approval.

5 Safety

a. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for August 2026; State received \$450, the County received \$18, and the Village received \$1,317.

b. Chief Tippie presented E-Bike and E-Scooter safety flyers prepared by Derek Deal, along with pamphlets from the State to Council for their review. Chief Tippie stated the material is posted on the Village's website and Facebook page.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that He and Rich Wells Park Supervisor applied for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Grant (MWCD) for an outdoor jumping pillow enclosed with a safety fence, ballfield fencing, and a set of bleachers. The total project cost is approximately \$103,000, with the grant covering approximately \$88,000, the Village's labor and equipment to count as an in-kind match, leaving the Village's match at approximately \$12,000. Award notification is expected by November, 2026.

b. Mayor Hershberger provided an update on the Watt Center Trail Project, a potential trail from the Depot through the Watt Center property toward Wiley Avenue. Their first step is gathering public input, and they will be in town on Saturday, September 26, 2026, which is Saturday of the Pumpkin Festival, near the 5K starting area then possibly moving downtown or the Depot in the afternoon, to survey residents and visitors on trail options. Mayor Hershberger encouraged Council Members and the Public to stop by and share their input.

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mr. Deal reported on the WTP Clear Well Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project. Mid-Atlantic Storage Systems plans to begin working on tank one on September 29, 2026, and work to follow on tank two on October 19, 2026. Preparations are underway.

b. Adam Ackerman provided Council with an update on the South Broadway Project. The new water line is slightly over halfway complete and progressing well. Pressure test is expected by the end of the week. After Doug Frye WTP Superintendent clears the line, they will start moving the services to the new line. Once all the services are transferred, the old main will be removed and the Project will be ready for road repair decisions. The Project will not be completed before the Pumpkin Festival, however there will be no open excavations or no work performed during the Festival, and the road will be safe but rough.

c. Mayor Hershberger noted that the Hendrysburg-Fairview-Mt. Olivett Waterline Extension Project is very close to advertising for bid, targeted for September.

9 Land & Buildings

a. Kim Krone - 208 Walton Avenue - New Metal Roof

b. Garna Corbin - 316 North Chestnut Street - New Metal Roof

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

c. Mayor Hershberger provided Council with an update on the Bohandy Building HVAC work. The previously approved work is complete. The new furnace and one A/C unit were installed and working well, and the second furnace has been repaired. When connecting the second A/C unit, a leak was found in the older coil and given the age and refrigerant type, He and Mr. Deal authorized replacement of that unit for approximately \$8,900 rather than repairing it. Work to be done by Rumer Loudin.

d. Mayor Hershberger reported that the survey for the Railroad Street parcels has been completed, approved, and filed. Belmont Savings Bank and Riesbeck's donated the land to the Village for the Class of 1975 pavilion project. Richard Myser Village Solicitor is preparing the paperwork for the Village to accept the donation.

10 Old Business

11 New Business/Public Comments

a. Mr. Deal distributed the Village newsletter and highlighted page 8, announcing the Village's new centralized property maintenance and code enforcement process. At the end of August, property maintenance complaints and property abatements were centralized through the Barnesville Police Department, with a dedicated page and online reporting form on the website for Residents to report their concerns. Centralizing complaints with the Police Department is intended to streamline the process, improve communication, and provide better follow-up.

Mayor Hershberger credited Derek Deal for building the system.

Council "Thanked" Derek Deal for the informative Newsletter.

12 Executive Session

a. Council Member Mr. Lucas requested Executive Session under Section 121.22 G (1) of the Ohio Revised Code to Consider the Employment of a Public Employee.

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to enter Executive Session at 7:35 pm.

Misner - Aye

McCort - Absent

Lucas - Aye

English - Aye

Dowdle - Aye

Carpenter - Absent

Motion carried 4-0-2

b. Mayor Jake Hershberger returned Council to Regular Session at 8:19 pm.

Misner - Aye

McCort - Absent

Lucas - Aye

English - Aye

Dowdle - Aye

Carpenter - Absent

Motion carried 4-0-2

13 Adjournment

a. Mrs. Misner moved to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lucas at 8:21 pm.

McCort - Absent

Lucas - Aye

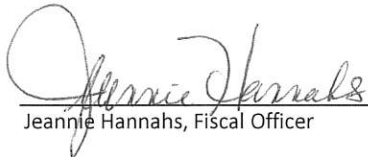
English - Aye

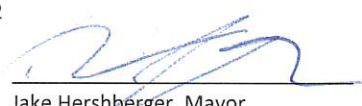
Dowdle - Aye

Misner - Aye

Carpenter - Absent

Motion carried 4-0-2


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor