

Minutes for the September 21, 2026 Council Meeting

Council President Brad English presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Jake Hershberger.

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2026.

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

Motion carried 3-0-3

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Ms. Dowdle moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$249,181.24.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Resolution #4056-A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Chris Hendershot as Fire Chief and Silas Tracy as Assistant Fire Chief.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve Resolution #4056-A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Chris Hendershot as Fire Chief and Silas Tracy as Assistant Fire Chief effective October 1, 2026, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve Resolution #4056-A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Chris Hendershot as Fire Chief and Silas Tracy as Assistant Fire Chief effective October 1, 2026, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

Following passage, Mr. Myser administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Fire Chief Chris Hendershot and to Assistant Fire Chief Silas Tracy. Appointments are effective October 1, 2026.

c. Mr. Myser read and explained Resolution #4057-A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a Contract as a Result of an Emergency Pursuant to Section 735.051 of the ORC to Permit a Contract to Complete the South Broadway Street Project in the Village of Barnesville without Public Bidding of the Project and Declaring an Emergency.

Roger Deal Village Administrator and Adam Ackerman explained to Council the approaching seasonal closure of asphalt plants, the cost to complete the Project exceeding the bidding threshold limitation and time required for public bidding, Shelly & Sands Paving to provide plans for completion of the Project, all making immediate action necessary to complete the Project this year.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Resolution #4057-A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a Contract as a Result of an Emergency Pursuant to Section 735.051 of the ORC, to Permit a Contract to Complete the South Broadway Street Project without Public Bidding of the Project, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve Resolution #4057-A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract as a Result of an Emergency Pursuant to Section 735.051 of the ORC, to Permit a Contract to Complete the South Broadway Street Project without Public Bidding of the Project, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Mr. Deal reported to Council that the Tunnel & Trail Project is substantially complete and the trail is open through the tunnel. There will be a Project walk through and a punch list established for final completion, which is not scheduled yet.

Mr. Deal discussed holding an official opening to increase awareness and use of the trail.

b. Mr. Deal reported that the Street Improvements Program for 2026 has been completed, which included a portion of eight streets.

c. Council recognized Brock Rogers and Rick Clift for repairing the picnic tables at the Depot with lumber donated by Village Hardware.

d. Susan Lapham, owner of the Blue Moon Tavern requested permission from Council to use the West Main Street Parking Lot for the chili cook-off on Saturday, October 10, 2026 with set-up beginning at 7:00 am and the public invited from noon to 3:00 pm. The request also includes permission to serve alcohol within a controlled, roped-off area during the event. All proceeds will benefit the State Theater.

Mr. English moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the request for both, the use of the Parking Lot and to permit alcohol at the event.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

5 Safety

a. Chief Tippie reported that preparations and staffing are in place for the Pumpkin Festival and that the Police Department would maintain an increased presence to keep Everyone safe this weekend.

6 Parks and Recreation

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal reported that the Cemetery Department is reduced to three Employees. Employees from other Departments are assisting, but

with grass growing unusually fast and constant rain, the Crew is doing their best to keep up.

8 Water and Sewer

- a. Mr. Deal updated Council on the Barnesville North Waterline Project. The Project is ready for bid. First bid advertisement will appear on September 28, 2026 with the last on October 12, 2026. A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting to be held on October 13, 2026 at 10:30 am and the Bid Opening is scheduled for October 20, 2026 at noon. Both in Council Chambers, subject to relocation if needed due to attendance.
- b. Mr. Deal reported that notice of water rate increases have been sent to Quaker City and the Switzerland of Ohio Water District. Mr. Deal noted that no response has been received from Switzerland of Ohio, whose Board meets monthly and may not have met yet. Quaker City's next meeting is tomorrow, September 22, 2026, and we will begin implementing the new rates to them once they have passed legislation and their collections are up to date on the previous rates.
- c. Adam Ackerman provided Council with an update on the South Broadway Project. All storm culvert is installed. The new waterline has been installed and passed the air pressure and bacteriological tests, and about five customers have been transferred to the new line. Reminder that the Project will not be completed before the Pumpkin Festival and no work will be performed during the Festival. The low basins have been fenced off for safety, and the site will be secured through the Festival.

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Charles Byers - 131 Warren Avenue - New Fence

Mr. English moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the building permit.

Dowdle - Aye

Misner - Aye

McCort - Aye

Lucas - Absent

English - Aye

Carpenter - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

10 Old Business

11 New Business/Public Comments

- a. Mr. Deal recognized Mike & Lori Burkhardt owners of Burkhardt Nursery for cleaning up the planters at the Veteran's Plaza and planting beautiful mums in them. Council expressed their appreciation.

12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Misner moved to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Dowdle at 7:25 pm.

McCort - Aye

Lucas - Absent

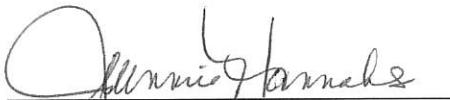
English - Aye

Dowdle - Aye

Misner - Aye

Carpenter - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Brad English, Council President