

Minutes for the October 5, 2026 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2026.

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Ms. Dowdle moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$138,782.20.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

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

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

c. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Resolution #4058-A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve Resolution #4058-A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve Resolution #4058-A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator reported receiving complaints concerning horse manure on Village Streets and the walking/bike trail, as well as horse and buggy traffic through the tunnel despite posted restrictions. Council discussed additional signage, enforcement of the prohibition against horse and buggies on the trail and through the tunnel, and possibly requiring them to have manure catchers (diapers) on their gear to catch the droppings.

Mayor Hershberger reported that Council voted last fall to prohibit horse and buggies from the tunnel and trail, since the trail is too narrow for a buggy to pass pedestrians and he advocated for it. However, he explained the practical limits of manure catching equipment and the burden it would cause the Amish if required. Council expressed the Amish's responsibility to clean-up after the horses.

Mayor Hershberger to reach out to local Amish Leaders, Chief Tippie to assist with enforcement of the tunnel and trail restrictions, and Mr. Deal to place additional signage for now. Further action to be taken if warranted.

b. Mayor Hershberger reviewed the 2026 Trick-or-Treat schedule. Traditional neighborhood Trick-or-Treat to be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm; Downtown Spooktacular Trick-or-Treat to be held on Thursday, October 29, 2026 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm.

Mayor Hershberger presented Derek Deal's, along with the Chamber of Commerce, request for permission to use the upper portion of the East Main Street parking lot for food trucks at the Downtown Spooktacular event. Council expressed their approval.

5 Safety

a. Fire Chief Hendershot presented Council with the Fire & EMS Departments Report Summary for September 2026.

b. Chief Tippie informed Council that Officer Austin Mayhugh has resigned from the Department, and they are advertising to fill his position.

c. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for September 2026; State received \$463, the County received \$18, and the Village received \$1,444.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Deal presented Council with an estimate from KSGR Solutions for insulation and a new shingled roof for the Youth Center in the amount of \$64,000, to eliminate the condensation that has been dripping into the building. Council budgeted \$75,000 for this work for 2027. Mr. Deal and Council discussed completing the work this year to prevent additional condensation damage, the consideration of a metal roof for its durability, and the cost difference between shingles and metal.

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve a new metal roof and insulation for the Youth Center for up to \$75,000.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal reported that the Cemetery Crew remains short-handed, but with the grass growth slowing down, this will help them get caught up.

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mr. Deal reported that the Barnesville North Waterline Project schedule was delayed one week because the bid advertisement was not received on time. Mr. Deal present Council with a copy of the bid advertisement.

The first bid ad to appear today, October 5, 2026 with the last on October 19, 2026. A mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held on October 20, 2026 at 10:30 am and the Bid Opening to be held on October 27, 2026, both to be held in Council Chambers unless a large response requires it to be moved elsewhere.

- b. Adam Ackerman provided Council with an update on the South Broadway Project. Project progressing well, with seven residential taps remaining. The goal is to be ready for asphalt by October 15, 2026, weather permitting.
- c. Mr. Ackerman reported that the 24" main sewer trunk line from town to the wastewater treatment plant is leaking in several places allowing sewage to get into the stream. Doug Frye WTP/WWTP Supervisor is in contact with the EPA, which is monitoring the situation. The stream along the line has shifted over the years and eroded away from the pipe. Roots have grown around and into the clay tile line, which dates back to approximately 1922, and the pipe has opened up underground where it is encased in roots. The line can not be dug up and patched because of fear of breaking the 27" clay tile, then having no control of the sewage. Approximately 1,200 feet of line and six deteriorated manholes will need replaced with 24" plastic pipe, which will carry substantially more flow than the current clay tile. The work will require temporary bypass pumping and building an access road through steep wooded terrain. Materials alone are estimated at \$167,000, plus the costs of labor and equipment.
- Council discussed Ohio Public Works Commission emergency funding, EPA involvement, and emergency legislation.
- Mr. Deal to contact the OPWC and provide Mr. Myser with information to prepare necessary emergency legislation.
- d. Mr. Deal shared with Council the upcoming retirement of Mike Stephens, a WTP/WWTP Employee who has been an asset to the Village for 28 years. He has been an exceptionally good Employee, always dependable and will be hard to replace. Mr. Frye WTP/WWTP Supervisor comprised a letter requesting that Council establish another position as well as the replacement for Mr. Stephens. A lengthy discussion was held on the two positions, as well as the future retirement of additional licensed operators in the coming years and the need to train or recruit qualified personnel.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to authorize Mr. Deal to advertise for two WTP/WWTP positions: One replacement and to establish an additional operator position.

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

- e. Mr. Deal asked Council to authorize the advertisement for the annual bulk chemical bid for the water treatment plant for 2027.

Mrs. Misner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lucas to authorize Mr. Deal to advertise for the annual bulk chemical bid for 2027.

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

- f. Mr. Deal reported that the Village has not yet received a response from the Switzerland of Ohio Water District concerning the water rate increases. Mr. Deal will contact them to confirm they received everything. Quaker City passed legislation and will begin billing the new rates in November.

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Jimmy Gear - 511 East Main Street - Room Addition
b. Eric Leach - 301 West Church Street - New Metal Roof

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

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

- c. Mayor Hershberger reported that the documents for the Riesbeck's and Belmont Savings Bank property donation for the Class of 1975 pavilion project are ready for signature. A signing ceremony and press release are being scheduled.

10 Old Business

- a. Councilman Mr. Lucas requested an update on Sleepy Hollow Drive. Mayor Hershberger reported that there were no recent issues, although there has been little rain to test it, and follow-up remains on the apron.
- b. Mr. Lucas asked about sending letters to homeowners along Shamrock Drive concerning the condition of the sidewalks. Mr. Deal explained that the Village can address properties within the corporation limits, including the School and Grange, but most of the remaining area is outside of the Village limits.

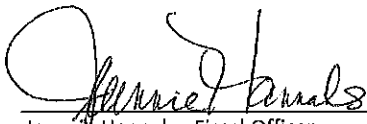
11 New Business/Public Comments

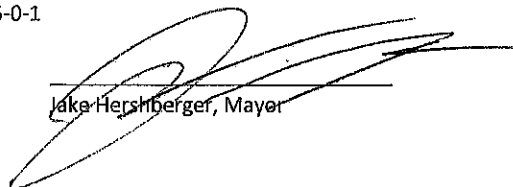
12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

- a. Mrs. Misner moved to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Dowdle at 8:03 pm.

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


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor