Minutes for the October 19, 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**

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Ms. Dowdle to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2026.

McCort -Aye Carpenter - Aye Lucas - Aye English - Abstain 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 $282,126.77.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mr. Myser read and explained Resolution #4060-A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a Contract as a Result of an Emergency Pursuant to Section 735.051 of the Ohio Revised Code to Permit a Contract to Replace the Main Sewer Trunkline to the Waste-Water Treatment Plant in the Village of Barnesville without Public Bidding of the Project and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Myser explained that contracts exceeding $79,568 normally require public bidding, and that the estimated cost of this project will exceed that threshold, making this situation an emergency.

Roger Deal Village Administrator explained that approximately 1200' feet of aging clay tile line, which is the main sewer trunkline from town to the wastewater treatment plant, is leaking in numerous places allowing sewage to get into the stream, the EPA has been notified and is monitoring the situation. Council discussed the history of the line, the duration of the leakage, the stream erosion worsened this summer with all the heavy rainfall, the cooperation of the adjoining Property Owners, and the daily stream samples being submitted to the EPA.

Mr. Deal contacted Ohio Public Works Commission regarding emergency funding, which could cover up to 90% of the project. The OPWC Representative cautioned that emergency requests have become numerous and given the age of the pipe, well past its useful life, may weigh against approval of funding. OPWC requires a stamped Engineer's estimate, which is the current holdup. Mayor Hershberger and Mr. Deal met with May Engineering and are awaiting an estimate. Preliminary estimates ranged from approximately $350,000 to $500,000.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve Resolution #4060-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 Replace the Main Sewer Trunkline to the Wastewater Treatment Plant without Public Bidding of the Project and Declaring an Emergency, with suspension.

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

Motion failed 2-4

The motion to suspend Resolution #4060 failed, this will be the 1st Reading only.

4 **Street-Alley-Sidewalk**

a. Adam Ackerman reported to Council that the South Broadway Project is essentially complete. Shelly & Sands have finished paving. Crews are backfilling behind the curbs, completing minor work around the new fire hydrants, and the catch basin at the lower end will need to be relined or replaced at a later date. The street is open to traffic. Mr. Ackerman thanked the Residents on South Broadway for their patience during construction, and noted they now have better water pressure and a much nicer street that should hold up for a long time.

b. Mr. Deal presented Council with a handout from Belomar regarding a proposed compact roundabout at East Main Street and Shamrock Drive intersection. Mr. Deal asked Council to review it and Belomar will be present at the next Council Meeting for any questions.

Mayor Hershberger reported that the proposal came from the Safe Routes to School Plan done by Belomar.

Ohio Department of Transportation recommended a compact roundabout rather than a traffic signal or an additional turning lane. ODOT has advertised the engineering RFQ's for the project, with statements of qualifications to be scored by the Village to choose the Engineer.

Resident Steven Hill asked Council what brought the idea of the roundabout up. Mayor Hershberger stated the SRTS study that Belomar did flagged this area as needing review. Mayor Hershberger reviewed the crash statistics. Belomar reached out to ODOT and their suggestion was that a compact roundabout was the best solution. Council discussed access for school buses, fire trucks, and oversized vehicles, placement of the roundabout, effects on adjacent properties, the necessity, and congestion during school hours. Belomar to attend the next Council Meeting for further discussion and questions.

c. Mayor Hershberger, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, requested road closures for the Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Ville on Saturday, December 5, 2026 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mr. English to approve the road closures on December 5, 2026.

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

Motion carried 6-0

5 **Safety**

a. Chief Hendershot asked for Council's approval to add MacKense Garbrandt and Alex Fluharty to the Fire and EMS Departments.

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve the appointments of MacKense Garbrandt and Alex Fluharty to the Fire and EMS Departments.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Chief Tippie asked for Executive Session for Personnel to he held at the end of this Council Meeting.

c. Mayor Hershberger reported that the Flock automated license plate reader cameras have been installed. Chief Tippie explained that we have the core package for license plate reader only. Facial recognition and audio detection are separate capabilities that we do not have.

The system reads and retains plate data on Flock servers for a limited time. If a camera scans a plate that matches an entry on the NCIC list, it triggers a hot list alert and this notification is sent directly to local law enforcement. The system cross references the license plate against this national database. All hot list entries and searches require a case number and reasonable suspicion. Chief Tippie is currently the system's only user and the only one that can approve data sharing with other agencies. Council discussed privacy, data retention, strong objections, the reading and retention of every passing plate, the scope of potential sharing data, and being a helpful tool for the Police. Mayor Hershberger and Council to review the policy and provide additional information to the Public.

6 **Parks and Recreation**

7 **Cemetery**

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with proposed Green Burial rules and regulations issued by Chase Milburn of Campbell-Plumly-Milburn Funeral Home. Green Burials are recognized as environmentally responsible burial practices or natural burials, and is supposedly the next big thing in human burials. Mr. Milburn is scheduled to attend the next Council Meeting on November 2, 2026 to discuss the proposal.

8 **Water and Sewer**

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with the Bulk Chemical Bid Advertisement for 2027. Bid Opening to be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at at 10:00 am in Council Chambers.

b. Mr. Deal reminded Council that the mandatory pre-bid meeting for the Barnesville North Waterline Project will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 10:30 am in Council Chambers.

9 **Land & Buildings**

a. W. Jean Carpenter - 602 North Lincoln Avenue - New Metal Roof

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

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

Motion carried 6-0

10 **Old Business**

11 **New Business/Public Comments**

a. Mr. Hill asked about raw water sales from the slurry pond on State Route 26. Jeannie Hannahs Fiscal Officer noted there was nothing recorded from it. Mayor Hershberger reported that the latest expectation is that something should be in place around the first of the year.

12 **Executive Session**

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

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to enter Executive Session at 7:47 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 8:40 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0

13 **Adjournment**

a. Mr. McCort moved to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Dowdle at 8:41 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

Jake Hershberger, Mayor