

**Village of St. Paris  
Council Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2025**

**Invocation:**

The invocation prayer was led by Councilor Curran.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call:**

Roll call was taken by Mayor Susan Prince. Present were Councilors Terry Ervin II, Tony Hoyt, Drake Huffman, Joe Curran, and Steve Lett. Councilor Frank Blair was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Jay Lewis and Deputy Farber. Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney was absent.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Hoyt to approve the council agenda, as amended. Motion passed.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the Work Session meeting minutes dated October 20, 2025. Motion passed.

**Motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve the Work Session meeting minutes dated October 27, 2025. Motion passed.

**Executive Session:**

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 (G)(1), to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Blair to enter into an executive session and to invite Daniel Bey. Motion passed and council entered into the executive session at 7:05 PM. At 7:12 PM, executive session ended and council resumed the open meeting.

**Mayor's Notes:**

- The Community Breakfast will be held on November 22, 2025.
- Tomorrow is election day. Our polling location is the St. Paris Library 6:30 AM – 7:30 PM.

**Old Business:**

- The Emulsion Kettle for Asphalt Sealing had a starting bid of \$1000 which was too high. Councilor Lett suggested lowering the price to \$600. Mr. Lewis said there is someone interested in it at \$800. Daniel Bey, Village Solicitor, said the resolution will need to be amended to \$600.
- The topic of reducing the inside millage and how it would benefit our residents was discussed. Mr. Curran said he was against it as it sets a precedence. He was concerned that it could be taken by another entity if we gave it up. Motion was made by Councilor Curran to table the discussion until Mr. Bey could investigate it further and seconded by Councilor Blair. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

**New Business:**

- Resolution 1394 Accepting the Resignation of Erica Barga as St. Paris Police Chief. The resignation is retroactive with an effective date of November 24, 2020. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett to accept this resolution as an emergency and second by Councilor Ervin. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett to accept Resolution 1394 Accepting Erica Barga's Resignation and second by Councilor Blair. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

**Public Comments:**

- Tonya Hackley, 232 E. Elm St., announced Christmas in the Village is 5 weeks away. The trivia night fundraiser to support Christmas in the Village was great. The Spooktacular event was an enjoyable experience. She encouraged everyone to support downtown businesses.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Blair and seconded by Councilor Huffman to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Motion passed.

**Signatures:**

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Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer

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Susan Prince, Mayor

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Date