

**Village of St. Paris  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2026**

**Invocation Prayer** was led by Councilor Ervin.

**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 Anthony Whitman. Present were Councilors Tony Hoyt, Terry Ervin II, Drake Huffman, Frank Blair, and Shelley Valdez. Councilor Charlene Hess was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Jay Lewis, Fiscal Officer Gina Verlaney and Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Farber.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the Council agenda as amended. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Valdez to approve the Council meeting minutes dated February 2, 2026. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilor Hoyt and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve the Council Work Session meeting minutes dated February 12, 2026. Motion passed.

**Mayor's Notes:**

- Mayor Whitman thanked Cory Muterspaw, Nick Perdue, Ben Shuman and Kyle Bowman for removing the snow piles from the downtown area.
- He also thanked, Steve Lett, Gerard Nannerone and Cody Stanley for volunteering for the Nuisance Abatement Appeals Board.
- Mayor Whitman announced he, along with Cody Stanley, were looking into a tornado siren for the Village.

**Financial Reports:**

• **Financial Statements (January 31, 2026):** A **motion** was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Blair to approve the financial statements as presented. Councilor Valdez asked about the many payments to Charter Communications and was told each Village building has an internet account. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

• **Bank Reconciliation (January 31, 2026):** A **motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve the bank reconciliation. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

• **Water/Sewer Account Adjustments (January 31, 2026):** A **motion** was made by Councilor Blair and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve the water/sewer account adjustments. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

• **Supplemental Appropriations (January 31, 2026):** A **motion** was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Valdez to approve the supplemental appropriations. A roll call vote was taken; Council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

**Administrator's Report:**

- Jay Lewis announced that a test hole would be drilled soon. It is the first step in drilling a new well. The well will be drilled sometime in the spring.
- He has chosen the job description he would like to use for the Zoning position. Councilor Ervin asked if the salary of \$1000/month would have hours that were required. Mr. Lewis explained that other villages were doing it this way and there would be plenty of work. **Motion** was made Councilor Blair and seconded by Councilor Huffman to approve the Zoning Officer Job Description. Motion passed.
- The new website is up and running. The homepage has a place where you can report zoning violations to the Village Administrator.
- He also thanked the men who helped move the snow last week.

**Police Report:**

Deputy Farber gave the summary of police activity for January: 1 burglary, 1 warrant served, 4 court papers served, 1 animal complaint, 1 vehicle crash non-injury, 3 domestic reports, 1 sexual assault, 1 shot fired, 1 suicide, 2 suspicious people, 2 suspicious vehicles, 1 alarm drop, 2 threaten harassment, 2 mental crisis, 1 open door, 9 traffic stops, 15 welfare checks, 20 building checks.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Finance:** A meeting was held Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 4:00 PM to discuss permanent appropriations for 2026.

- **JSP Fire Board:** The next meeting will be held March 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Fire House. At the last meeting, the village presented the waterline project to JSP board members.

- **Parks, Land & Buildings:** A meeting was held February 6, 2026, at 3:00 PM. The committee is looking for a quote for the Harmon Park speed bump. The next meeting is March 6, 2026 at 3:00.

- **Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission is updating the Village zoning map. The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

- **Public Health and Safety:** A meeting was held February 5, 2026, at 9:00 AM. The meeting was about getting more revenue for JSP since the potential industrial park will add more coverage for JSP. The next meeting is February 19, 2026 at 10 AM.

- **Street:** No meeting was held. Administrator Lewis mentioned that the US Highway 36 Waterline Project would start back up next week.

- **Zoning Enforcement:** A meeting was held Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 7:30 AM. The committee discussed new zoning maps. The LUC will replace updated zoning maps.

- **Technology Committee:** No Meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Resolution 1401 Supplemental Revenue. **Motion** was made by Councilor Huffman to approve resolution 1401 and second by councilor Blair. A roll call vote was taken; council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

- Resolution 1402 2026 Permanent Appropriations. **Motion** was made by Councilor Huffman to approve resolution 1402 and second by Councilor Blair. A roll call vote was taken; council voted in favor 5-0. Motion passed.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Huffman and seconded by Councilor Blair to adjourn at 7:52 PM. Motion passed.

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Gina Verlaney, Fiscal Officer

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Anthony Whitman, Mayor

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Date