

## Council Minutes

January 19, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sherry Valdez, Sue Christman, Jason Goodwin and Dave Heitmeyer. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Kevin Siferd, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Police Chief John Rodriguez, Justin Barnhart. Rick Moyer and Barry Schroeder were absent.

Mayor Rick Recker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of January 5, 2026, and accept them as written was made by Sue Schroeder and this motion was seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer absent.

Mayor Rick Recker gave the Village Address.

Justin Barnhart was present and spoke with the council he is running for Putnam County Commissioner.

ORDINANCE 3461: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2026 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3462: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS ITEMS THROUGH THE PUTNAM COUNTY PUBLIC AUCTION IN 2026 IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OH. Was read for the first time.

RESOLUTION 3463: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DECLARED AS SURPLUS THROUGH THE INTERNET AUCTION SERVICE, GOVDEALS.COM. Was read for the first time.

RESOLUTION 3464: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH KLEINFELDER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE LEIPSIC PEDESTRAINCROSSING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT THROUGH THE ODOT SYSTEMIC SAFETY PROGRAM, FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECALRING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time.

**Zoning Permits:** The waiver on zoning permit fee has been waived for the past number of years. Establishing fees is up to the council by motion. We had 23 building permits issued in 2025, the total investment was \$1,571,862.00. Mr. Siferd brought up to the council about charging a fee since there is administrative costs involved. The council discussed making the fee \$25.00 then if the project isn't completed after the year, to get another building permit the fee will be doubled, we will need to get legislation put together from the solicitor.

The Check Register was reviewed and initialed by the council Jason Goodwin made a motion to approve the reports reviewed and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion, Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer absent, and Sherry Valdez yea.

Kevin Siferd Information from the Administrator Kevin Siferd

The new furnace was put in at Village Hall.

Mr. Siferd is working on getting quotes for security cameras for Village Hall, he has one so far and wants to get a couple more than bring back to council to decide.

Mr. Siferd is getting quotes for Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors for Village Hall.

The employees had a review of their insurance last Thursday with Adam Cupp.

Aaron from the Putnam County YMCA is working on getting a draft of our contract for operating the Leipsic Pool, and he plans on coming to the next council meeting.

Mr. Siferd let the council know that the guys found a F-550 Crane Truck they are going to look at and a Silverado Pick up from H & K, both of these trucks were put into the budget for purchase this year.

There will be a Water Treatment Plant Pilot Study Metting Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11:30A.M.

At 8:07P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into an executive session for a matter of Purpose of Economic Development and Jason Goodwin seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Sherry Valdez yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer absent, Jason Goodwin yea.

At 8:45 P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to come out of the executive session and Jason Goodwin seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Sherry Valdez yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer absent, Jason Goodwin yea.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Jason Goodwin and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Rick Moyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea and Sherry Valdez yea. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 P.M. The next council meeting will be on February 17, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_