

Council Minutes

January 5, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sherry Valdez, Sue Christman, Rick Moyer, Jason Goodwin and Dave Heitmeyer. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Kevin Siferd, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief John Rodriguez, and Kc Allen from the Putnam County Sentinel.

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

Mayor Rick Recker Administered the Oath of Office to the newly reelected council members Sue Christman, Sherry Valdez, Rick Moyer, and Jason Goodwin in 2025 and the new Fire Chief Neil Goodwin.

Election of Council President – Jason Goodwin made a motion to elect Sue Schroeder for council president for 2026, and Sue Christman seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer yea.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of December 15, 2025, meeting and the Special meeting on December 22, 2025, 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 yea.

ORDINANCE 3459: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY OHIO, TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PLAYGROUND BOSS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT BUCKEYE PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to amend Ordinance 3459 to and the and declaring an emergency clause and Sue Christman seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer yea. Ordinance 3459 was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3459 for the third time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Ordinance 3459 was read for the third time. Jason Goodwin made a motion to approve Ordinance 3459, and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

RESOLUTION 3460: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT EITH KLEINFELDER TO SERVE AS THE ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE LEIPSIC SIDEWALKS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARNG AN EMERGENCY. Resolution 3460 was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3460 for the third time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Resolution 3460 was read for the third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3460, and this was seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

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 first time.

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Appointments- Dave Heitmeyer made the motion to appoint Sue Christman and Sue Schroeder to the Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependents Fund and this was seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder abstained, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman abstained and Sherry Valdez yea.

Tax Incentive Review Council Appointments- Mayor Rick Recker appointed Renee Spangler and Dave Heitmeyer for the tax review council. Sue Christman made a motion to accept mayor Rick Recker's appointment and Jason Goodwin seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer abstained, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

Approval of Transfers- Jason Goodwin made a motion to approve the following transfers and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea and Sherry Valdez yea.

A transfer from the General fund to the Street Fund in the amount of \$207,000.00

A transfer from the Water Fund to the Water Debt Fund in the amount of \$36,251.11

A transfer from the Wastewater Fund to the Wastewater Debt Fund in the amount of \$347,478.71.

The Check Register for payments made in December 2025, Monthly Expense Report, Monthly Revenue Report, Statement of Cash Position, Income Tax Cash Report and Monthly Reconciliation Report from September, October, November 2025 were reviewed and initialed by the council Dave Heitmeyer 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 yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

Mayor Rick Recker told the council that the different boards that he needs to add new he took of his appointments, and these have no council input.

The Council Committees are remaining unchanged from 2025.

Jason Goodwin said the letter of intent was sent to the school board, he said he spoke with Brian Reynolds who said they are currently in the middle of finding a new superintendent so we might by a little while before we hear anything on the school resource officer. Mr. Goodwin said but they were happy with the way it was written.

Kevin Siferd gave the council members their e-mails from the Village for Village e-mails.

Personnel Policy- Kevin said he is in the process of updating that to bring that more into today's language and to have a hopeful rough draft by the next council meeting. He said he just wants to bring it into compliance.

Water Tanks – guys were cleaning theses they have one more to clean.

Kevin is going to the Leipsic Chamber meeting on Thursday for a meet and greet.

Adj Excavating submitted a quote for mowing the reservoir for \$6,400.00.

OML offers training for newly elected council members if anyone is interested in going to this, the information was given to the council.

Kevin hired Maid in a Small town to clean the Village offices once a month.

Rick Recker asked where we stand with the blighted property, Barry Schroeder said he is working with the creditor to try to get approval or negotiate approval or may have to make a payment we will see. Hopefully soon.

At 7:52P.M. Sue Schroeder made a motion to go into an executive session for a matter of Contractual Issue and purchase, or sale of land and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Sherry Valdez yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

At 8:04 P.M. Jason Goodwin made a motion to come out of the executive session and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Sherry Valdez yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, 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 yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea and Sherry Valdez yea. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. The next council meeting will be on January 19, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____