Council Minutes

October 19, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sherry Valdez, Dave Heitmeyer and Sue Christman. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Kevin Siferd, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Derek Maas, Kyle Croninger, Evan Ellerbroc, Caleb Ellerbrock, Kc Allen from the Putnam County Sentinel, and Keith Baumgartner the Leipsic School Superintendent. Rick Moyer and Jason Goodwin 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 October 5, 2026 and the Special Meeting on October 14, 2026 and accept them as written was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer absent.

ORDINANCE 3487: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC OHIO ESTABLISHING A FEE STRUCTURE FOR FALSE FIRE ALARMS WITHIN THE VILLAGE. This was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3488: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3447 ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE FOR THE VILALGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO AND DETERMINING TAP FEES FOR NEW WATER SERVICES. This was read for the first time. This will increase the minimum for Industrial users by 2% and the minimum for all other users will increase by 1%, and the overage for all users will be increased by 4%. Also included is due to the federal penny shortage utilities bills will be rounded up or down to the nearest five cent with the passage of this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 3489: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3448 ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO. This was read for the first time. This will increase the minimum for Industrial users by 2% and the minimum for all other users will increase by 1%, and the overage for all users will be increased by 4%. Also included is due to the federal penny shortage utilities bills will be rounded up or down to the nearest five cent with the passage of this Ordinance.

RESOLUTION 3490: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RURAL COOMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RCAP), TO COMPLETE A WATER RATE STUDY AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3490 for the second- and third-time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer absent. Resolution 3490 was read for the second and third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3490, and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer absent, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 3491: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILALGE OF LEIPSIC DESIGNATING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS PUBLIC DEPOSITORY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3491 for the second- and third-time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer absent. Resolution 3491 was read for the second and third time. Sue Christman made a motion to approve

Resolution 3491, and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer absent, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 3492: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A WATER SOURCE REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT CONTROL LOAN FUND (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC FOR PLANNING, DESIGN FOR REGIONALIZATION FOR WATER SERVICE WITH THE VILALGE OF OTTAWA OHIO AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3492 for the second- and third-time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer absent. Resolution 3492 was read for the second and third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3492, and this was seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer absent, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 3493: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILALGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (USEPA), REGION 5 ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE FUNDING ON BEHALF OF RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RCAP) TO PARTICIPATE IN A WATER RATE STUDY FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARINGIN AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3493 for the second- and third-time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer absent. Resolution 3493 was read for the second and third time. Sherry Valdez made a motion to approve Resolution 3493, and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer absent, Rick Recker yea.

Keith Baumgartner, the Leipsic Local Schools Superintendent, was present he introduced himself to the council. Mayor Rick Recker said if the school needs anything don't be afraid to reach out. Mr. Recker said the school is wanting to have a bonfire at the Bennett Park Parking Lot in a couple of weeks, he said between himself, the village administrator and the fire chief they have been working on that. Mr. Recker said he appreciates the community Service days the school does, but he said maybe to keep in mind maybe another idea for the kids to go work or clean up at maybe get some older people that need their yard or landscaping cleaned up.

Administrator's Report

The Lime line for the ponds the old have been pulled out and new put in, this is complete.
The EPA has extended the Village of Leipsic's deadline for a decision of pursuing regionalization or a new water treatment plant till December 31, 2026.
Mr. Siferd has provided the council with a proposal from Bockrath & Associates to increase the compacity at Yellow Creek. The contract amount would not exceed $21,000.00 for engineering. Sue Schroeder made a motion to sign the contract for this project and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer absent.
Mr. Siferd asked if anyone wants to go to the tour of the Ottawa water Plant he said he needs to know by tomorrow it from 10:am to 12:00pm on Thursday this week.
The crossroads Community meeting is Monday October 26, 2026 from 6:30pm-8:00pm.
Calvin Diller from the Village of Gilboa called and asked about having the Village come over and clean out six catch basins before snow flies, Rick Recker said he provide street sweeping services to Deshler this would be similar to that. Sue Schroeder made a motion to allow the Village of Leipsic employees to go to the Village of Gilboa to clean six catch basins out and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer absent.

The CIC Annual meeting is Wednesday this week at 7:30am. The CIC's Christmas party is also on December 2, 2026 in Kalida at 1820 Brew works from 5:00pm-8:30pm.
In the pack is Kleinfelder's update for the sidewalk project.
Mr. Siferd said he received a letter from ORDC for the rail commission grant we applied for and he needs to go do a presentation on November 12, 2026 for the commission about the Village of Leipsic
Mr. Siferd let the council know that leaf pickup will not begin for three weeks as a lot of the trees in town still have leaves on them.

The Check Register, Monthly Expense Report, Monthly Revenue Report, Statement of Cash Position, Income Tax Trial Balance Report and Monthly Reconciliation Report were reviewed and initialed by the council. Sue Christman made a motion to approve the reviewed reports, and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion, Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer absent and Sherry Valdez yea.

At 7:54P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into an executive session for Personnel Matter and Sherry Valdez 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 absent. Evan Ellerbrock was invited to join the executive session.

At 8:18P.M. Sherry Valdez 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 yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M. The next council meeting will be on October 19, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____