

Council Minutes

October 21, 2025

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

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

Personnel Committee- Sue Schroeder said the Personnel Committee met prior to the meeting and reviewed employee performance reviews and the Personnel committee recommends the following for raises for 2026 all employees will get a COLA 3% increase and employees not on Tier 10 will move up to the next tier on the pay scale. Two employees, Kyle Croninger and Chase Proctor, will also get their 6-month probationary .50 increase. Jason Goodwin made a motion to increase the pay scale for all employees for the 3% increase and Sherry Valdez seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer absent.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of October 6, 2025, and accept them as written was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer absent.

Mayor Rick Recker introduced the new Village Administrator Kevin Siferd to the council.

Amy Sealtz was present to take a picture of the council with Development Partner of the Year Award the Village of Leipsic received.

ORDINANCE 3447: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3421 ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO AND DETERMINING TAP FEES FOR NEW WATER SERVICE. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3448: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3413 ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3450: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO OVERSEE THE DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 324 LIBERTY ST. LEIPSIC, OHIO 45856, AND 527 STATE ST. LEIPSIC, OHIO 45856 WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED A BLIGHTED PROPERTY IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time. Solicitor Barry Schroeder said he did a title search and one of the properties had a lien on the property he said he needs to check into the lien holder, he will get back with the council at the next council meeting.

RESOLUTION 3451: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PUTNAM COUNTY 2026 HAZARD MITIGATION. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3452: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO REGARDING IMPROPER DUMPING ON VILLAGE PROPERTY. Was read for the first time.

Wednesday October 29, 2025, is the Halloween Parade and Thursday October 30, 2025, is Trick or Treat from 6P.M.-7P.M.

Lee Beck said the community Center is requesting to have Main Street shut down for light up Leipsic event on Sunday December 7th for the event and the Parade, Parade will start at Jefferson Street and go through the Meadows of Leipsic. Sherry Valdez made a motion to allow for the Street closures for the Light up Leipsic Event and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer absent.

November 14, 2025, is the Village of Leipsic Employee Christmas Party.

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

At 7:57 P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into an executive session for a matter of legal action for pending litigation and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Sherry Valdez yea, Sue Christman absent, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer absent, Jason Goodwin yea.

At 8:03 P.M. Sue Schroeder made a motion to come out of the executive session and Sherry Valdez seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Sherry Valdez yea, Sue Christman absent, 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 Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Rick Moyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman absent and Sherry Valdez yea. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M. The next council meeting will be on November 3, 2025, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____