

Council Minutes

October 6, 2025

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Rick Moyer, Dave Heitmeyer and Sue Christman. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Lee Beck, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief John Rodriguez and Fire Chief Troy Gillespie. Sherry Valdez 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.

Personnel Committee- Sue Schroeder said the Personnel Committee met prior to the meeting and reviewed employee performance reviews and the Personnel committee will meet before the next council meeting to discuss pay raises.

Park Committee- Dave Heitmeyer said the Park Committee met prior to the meeting to discuss the Ball field/Track contract with the school, the school had some questions and the committee talked about these matters to bring them back to the school.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of September 15, 2025, and accept them as written was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent and Rick Moyer yea.

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 first 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 first time.

RESOLUTION 3449: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC APPOINTING THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NORTHWEST OHIO BOARD OF DIRECTORS: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Resolution 3449 was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3449 for the second and third time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Rick Moyer. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent and Rick Recker yea. Resolution 3449 was read for the second and third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3449, and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent and Rick Recker yea.

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 first time. Eric Lambert was present to discuss getting more time for the 527 State St. property. Mr. Lambert said he plans to clean the backyard up and he has a window to replace the one that is broke out. Rick Recker said we are going to do the 1st reading tonight, we will have an additional two readings after this, see how much you can get done in twenty-eight days and we will look at it before we vote in twenty-eight days. Get the back yard cleaned up, the two holes filled in. Dave Heitmeyer said if you plan on moving forward with this let Lee Beck know so we can check the progress and you can come up and give us an update.

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

Troy Gillespie let the council know Truck 86 is back in Station 1, then he wants to get an FMI this is an outfitter for tools, then graphics, and a water tank. Mr. Gillespie said they got a quote on a fire truck, he said they are checking other options. Mr. Gillespie also said that Dino keeps contacting him to get him to give him an approval to get AEP to turn the power back on, Mr. Gillespie said he told him he needs a certified letter from an electrician before that would happen, but he said there is no reason why the fire department has to sign off on getting the power turned back on.

Lee Beck let the council know that we have ordered trail cams to put out at the compost pile, we will also be posting a sign.

Mr. Beck also let the council know that Brayden Casteel got his Wastewater 1 and he will get a 5% pay increase. He also said Ben Ellerbrock got his Wastewater 3 and Evan Ellerbrock got his Water 3, these two have hit their max on licenses increases.

Leipsic won the economic award.

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

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Rick Moyer. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea and Sherry Valdez absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M. The next council meeting will be on October 20, 2025, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____