Council Minutes

November 2, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sherry Valdez, Dave Heitmeyer, Rick Moyer and Jason Goodwin. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Kevin Siferd, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Ben Ellerbrock, Kyle Croninger, Adam Cupp and Nate Reynolds.. Sue Christman was 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 19, 2026, 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 abstained, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer yea.

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 2027 all employees will get a COLA 3.6% increase and employees not on Tier 10 will move up to the next tier on the pay scale. Caleb Ellerbrock will be on a probationary period for Water Supervisor for 6 months and then the Personnel committee will meet again to discuss Supervisor Pay. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to increase the pay scale for all employees for the 3.6% increase and those not on Tier ten be bumped up to the next Tier on the payscale 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 yea.

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 third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Ordinance 3487, and this was 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 yea.

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 second time.

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 second time.

Administrator's Report

Lime Pond- one lime pond has been cleaned out, and the other one will be done next year.
OEPA Teams Meeting-This meeting is with Kevin Siferd, Sue Schroeder, Rick Recker, Dave Heitmeyer, Renee Spangler.
Crossroads Community meeting was on Wednesday last week.
Mr. Siferd will be going to an ORDC meeting on November 12, 2026
Wastewater capacity Study-Mr. Siferd is waiting to hear back from engineering firms.
Leaf pick up has started today.
Turner Street site, they are working on the site plan approval.
Main Street detour-this will be for traffic light work for replacing the cable wiring down to the box along with ODOT paving/patching on Belmore Street.
Anna Paso Tero is requesting a sewer adjustment because she had a leak in September; the leak was fixed. The requested adjustment amount is $118.29. Rick Moyer made a motion to allow the adjustment for sewer in the amount of $118.29, and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion,

Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea, Rick Moyer yea.
Parking Lot reservation- this is for May 8, 2027, for bike ride through Leipsic they would like the parking lot by the traffic light closed down and permission to get a porta potty put on the parking lot that they would have to pay for themselves. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow the parking lot closure for this day along with they getting a porta potty too 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, Rick Moyer yea.
Diane Mangas gave Kevin Siferd her letter for retirement which is April 1, 2027. Mr. Siferd said he will be working on putting an ad together for this position and begin advertising on December 1, 2026.
Mr. Siferd is ordering signs for the parks for not driving golf carts in the parks in the grass.
Evan Ellerbrock has given his two weeks' notice; Mr. Siferd gave the council an ad to fill the open spot in the water department.

Renee Spangler presented a liquor license request for the Dollar General and asked the council if they wanted a hearing, the council said no hearing is needed.

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 yea and Sherry Valdez yea.

At 7:47P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into an executive session for Personnel Matter, matter of legal action for pending litigation, and purchase or sale of land 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 yea, Jason Goodwin yea. Nate Reynolds was invited into the matter of legal action for pending litigation and Adam Cupp was invited into the Personnel matter executive sessions.

At 8:42P.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 absent, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

At 8:45P.M. Sue Schroeder 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 absent, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

At 8:51P.M. Dave Goodwin 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 absent, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

RESOLUTION 3494: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
The council has decided to go with the MMO-HAS 7000/ 0% Pd Rx plan with this plan they also decided to increase the deductible amount the employees pay from $500.00 to $750.00. Resolution 3494 was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3494 for the second- and third time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Resolution 3494 was read for the second and third time. Sherry Valdez made a motion to approve Resolution 3494, and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez 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, Sherry Valdez yea, Sue Christman absent, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M. The next council meeting will be on November 16, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____