

Council Minutes

December 15, 2025

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sherry Valdez, Sue Christman, Rick Moyer 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, Eric Lambert, Paulette Mills from Kleinfelder's and Jodi Niese.. Dave Heitmeyer 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 December 1, 2025, and accept them as written was made by Jason Goodwin and this motion was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer yea.

Security of Person Committee- Jason Goodwin said the security of persons committee met before the meeting to look over the school resource officer Proposal, he said the committee is asking Solicitor Barry Schroeder to look it over before sending it to the school.

Eric Lambert was present at the meeting Mayor Rick Recker said since everything that was on the list for Eric Lamber's house has been completed he recommends that council takes the Ordinance for demolition off the table and remove the action for demolition. Jason Goodwin made a motion to take the ordinance off the table and Sherry Valdez seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Jason Goodwin also made a motion to remove the action for Eric Lamberts house on State Street and Rick Moyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

Paulette Mills was present and gave an update on the water plant, she said we are still waiting on the EPA to give feedback on whether the sampling can be done parallel to the pilot study. She also brought up two grants the Village could go for, for cross walk signals and to get new stop lights installed.

ORDINANCE 3455: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ordinance 3455 was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3455 for the third time tonight was made by Jason Goodwin and seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Ordinance 3455 was read for the third time. Jason Goodwin made a motion to approve Ordinance 3455, and this was seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

ORDINANCE 3456: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3414 AS THE SIXTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2025 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ordinance 3456 was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3456 for the second and third time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Ordinance 3456 was read for the second and third time. Sherry Valdez made a motion to approve Ordinance 3456, and this was seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

RESOLUTION 3458: A RESOLUTION CONTINUING SECTION 125 PREMIUM ONLY PLAN THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Resolution 3458 was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3457 for the second and third time tonight was made by Jason Goodwin and seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Resolution 3458 was read for the second and third time. Sue Christman made a motion to approve Resolution 3458, and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez 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. This was read for the first time.

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. Was read for the first time.

Kevin Siferd informed the council of the following items

Christmas lights are working-outlet wire quit working and were spliced into the street light wire.

Road Salt- We had 20 tons delivered, 20 tons picked up and 10 tons left on the contract.

Generator update-Alternator portion blew apart, purchased a new one. Kyle and the guys will be installing it tomorrow or Wednesday. County Electric will program and inspect.

Lift Station Update- Waiting on Pannel to ship

Meeting with School – school is replacing current bleachers, grass around home plate area of softball diamond. Work is planned on being completed by start of season in March. Current bleachers (Village owns) will be utilized elsewhere. Rick Moyer recommended putting them at the track near throwing area since there is no seating over there.

Traffic Lights-have been updated to LED's

Sewer bill adjustments

Charles Morman \$156.10 off sewer Leak has been fixed

Donna Ranes \$73.49 off sewer Leak has been fixed

Tracey Luna \$58.09 off sewer Leak has been fixed

Sherry made a motion to allow Charles Morman, Donna Ranes and Tracey Luna to get the following amount adjusted off their sewer portions of the bills due to leaks that are now fixed and Jason Goodwin seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

The Village offices will be closed on December 24th & 25th for the Christmas Holiday, Mr. Siferd asked council if we could close the office on the 26th as well and if the employees want the day off, they must use vacation. Sherry Valdez made a motion to allow the office to be closed on December 26th and if employees want the day off, they can use vacation and Jason Goodwin seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

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

At 8:12P.M. Sherry Valdez made a motion to go into an executive session for a matter of Contractual Issue and invited Lee Beck and Jodi Niese in as well and Sue Schroeder seconded the

motion. Roll call on this motion, Sherry Valdez yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

At 8:31 P.M. Sue Schroeder made a motion to come out of the executive session and Rick Moyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Sherry Valdez yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

At 8:32P.M. Sue Schroeder made a motion to go into an executive session for a matter of Contractual Issue and invited Lee Beck, Jodi Niese and Adam Cupp in as well and Rick Moyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Sherry Valdez yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

At 9:01 P.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 absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

Sue Schroeder made a motion to make United Health Care the Village employees Provider and UIS the carrier and Rick Moyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

RESOLUTION 3457: 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.

Resolution 3457 was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3457 for the second and third time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Resolution 3457 was read for the second and third time. Sherry Valdez made a motion to approve Resolution 3457, and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Sherry Valdez and seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Christman yea and Sherry Valdez yea. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M. The next council meeting will be on January 5, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____