

## Council Minutes

February 2, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sherry Valdez, Sue Christman, Rick Moyer and Dave Heitmeyer. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Kevin Siferd, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Police Chief John Rodriguez. Jason Goodwin and Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler 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 January 19, 2026, and accept them as written was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion 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 and Rick Moyer yea.

Aaron Baumgartener from the Putnam County YMCA was present and gave the council a report of the YMCA running the pool for the Village of Leipsic from 2025.

ORDINANCE 3461: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2026 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Ordinance 3461, 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, and Sherry Valdez yea.

RESOLUTION 3462: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS ITEMS THROUGH THE PUTNAM COUNTY PUBLIC AUCTION IN 2026 IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OH. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3463: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DECLARED AS SURPLUS THROUGH THE INTERNET AUCTION SERVICE, GOVDEALS.COM. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3464: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH KLEINFELDER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE LEIPSIC PEDESTRAIN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT THROUGH THE ODOT SYSTEMIC SAFETY PROGRAM, FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3465: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PUTNAM COUNTY YMCA TO PROVIDE FOR OPERATION OF THE LEIPSIC MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL FOR THE SUMMER OF 2026. Was read for the first time.

ORDINANCE 3466: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY OHIO, TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MOSER MOTOR SALES, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2014 FORD F-550 CRANE TRUCK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3466 for the second-and-third time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Ordinance 3466 was read for the second and third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Ordinance 3466, and this was seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

The Check Register was reviewed and initialed by the council Sherry Valdez made a motion to approve the reports reviewed 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 yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

Blighted Property-Barry Schroeder said for the property one Liberty St. there is a lien on the property he is trying to get them to release that, he said we aren't getting corporation so we are going to write a formal letter and if we don't get cooperation on that, he said technically we need to get all the all the creditors on board before we do anything to the property, he said if not he will have to file it in court. He said what happened is the auditor's office rather than foreclosing they sell the off-tax money to a third-party entity. These private companies will collect the tax monies he said this one is out of Texas. Sue Christman asked how long that will take, Barry Schroeder, he thought it would be done by now.

Dave Heitmeyer asked how things are going with the school, Barry Schroeder said the interim superintendent got back with him along with Dave Miller. Mr. Schroeder said he thinks the next step is to get on a phone call with them, he thinks they are ready to sign if we want a couple of other details there.

Rick Recker said the guys really did a great job on clearing the snow.

Kevin Siferd said he is still getting quotes on camera's he said he wants to add another camera for council chambers.

Kevin Siferd and Shane Kleman are attending pesticide recertification next Wednesday February 11, 2026.

Kevin Siferd has a meeting with the EPA regarding the pilot study for the Water treatment plant.

The village's PEP representative came and spoke with Kevin Siferd about our liability insurance and the PEP grant for \$1000.00 that the village has applied for before. Mr. Siferd asked council for a motion to apply for the grant and use it for security cameras. Sue Schroeder made a motion to allow Kevin to apply for the grant 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 yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

Bleachers for out at Bennett Park, the school has ordered some and the temporary ones are the villages. They will have a semi delivering them on Monday February 9, 2026. There will be some by the track and another section near the shot-put area, then three on the softball and three on the baseball and they are all going to be anchored to the cement. The bleachers currently there we will take and store until we take them to City Park or wherever they are needed. Mr. Siferd said the supervisor is out of Fort Wayne and he travels all over the country and does this, but he asked if he could bring his RV and park, it behind the building rather than driving back and forth, Mr. Siferd said he did not see an issue with it.

Mr. Siferd had a meeting with Kleinfelder's to discuss the ODOT project for the sidewalks and bike path, for the \$1.8 million grant our match is \$36,000.00. Mr. Siferd said the only question was the curb and gutter cost on State Street, he said this is just on the sidewalk side, as well as Orchard Drive on the sidewalk side, the village would be 100% responsible for that is not allowed in the grant. The Curb and gutter for State Street for the sidewalk side is \$106,340.00 and the curb and gutter on Orchard Drive on the sidewalk side is \$194,853.00. Rick Recker asked if it would be a rolling curb, Mr. Siferd said yes. Rick Recker said if we are going to do one side we might as well do both sides. They also talked about the Systemic Grant for the Ped crossings with push button crossings and new traffic lights and to get rid of the cable going across the project will be \$731,000.00 the grant would be \$658,000.00 and the Villages portion

would be \$73,000.00. Application is due March 31, 2026. Our portion will have to be in escrow with ODOT by June of 2028.

A leak adjustment came in for James Carpenter, the leak has been fixed, and they would like the sewer portion adjusted. Rick Moyer made a motion to allow adjust Jim Carpenters sewer bill due to the leak 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 yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

Advanced Demolition will be in town tomorrow on Belmore and Turner Street fixing a water leak. He said our guys will direct traffic.

The next council meeting is on February 16, 2026, which Presidents Day and is a Village holiday a motion is needed to move the council meeting to Tuesday February 17, 2026. Sue Schroeder made a motion to move the council meeting to February 17, 2026, 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 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 Sherry Valdez. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea and Sherry Valdez yea. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M. The next council meeting will be on February 17, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_