

## Council Minutes

April 6, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sue Christman, Sherry Valdez, Jason Goodwin, Rick Moyer and Dave Heitmeyer. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Kevin Siferd, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Paulette Mills, Mike from Eagon and Evan Ellerbrock. Solicitor Barry Schroeder 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 March 16, 2026, and accept them as written was made by Jason Goodwin and this motion was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer yea.

Mike from Eagon was present to speak with the council on well testing. He said they would start with a snapshot for performance with what they have now and then start thinking about where else we would want to locate a well. The takeaway is what they provided previously at the time we talked about going up by Belmore. There are also options to go out westward towards well 4. He said the goal here is to spread out when putting in new wells. He said in general it would cost about \$350,000.00 to install and test a new well and Eagon's cost would be about \$25,000.00, these are big deep wells, they 600 feet wells 12-inch diameter. He said everything cost a little more, it cost \$60,000.00 to clean a well. He said ultimately what we likely see would be new wells installed and one, two or three being put out of commission. Need to figure out which wells work best together. A snapshot could be done for 10-15K on a well, it takes two or three days of field time, we need to get the property that creates some distance. Then installation and testing will be done for 24 hours for regulatory check boxes and are treatable within our treatment process and then the data is analyzed from an aquifer performance standpoint that would then be submitted with a report to the Ohio EPA Eagon's cost for that is about \$25K for the 1<sup>st</sup> one and 20K for the second one.

RESOLUTION 3467: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3469: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO ADOPTING A CYBER SECURITY POLICY SETTING FORTH. Was read for the first time.

**Park Committee-** Chairman Sue Christman said the committee met and are making a recommendation of having Bockrath & Associates apply for the 2027 OPWC Grant the engineering cost for this will be \$8,000.00.

### **Administrators Report**

**Duct Work-**Mr. Siferd was provided with pictures of the duct work before they were cleaned and gave that to all the council. Rush Air Duct Cleaning came in on Thursday and Friday and finished up on Saturday, they took off the flexible duct work. Knueve will come in then and replace that and the registers next week and that will take a couple of days to complete.

**Copier-** our copy machine is out of date they no longer make parts for it. Mr. Siferd said he got two quotes, one from the current company and another from Perry Protech. Mr. Siferd said after speaking with the office staff we are leaning towards leasing the next one through Perry Protech, it's \$87.00 a month for 5 years, and with the other company \$171.00 a month for 63 months.

**18 W Center St.-** Mr. Siferd said the owners applied for a land bank demo grant and are waiting to hear if they will get it and if they don't then we will go the Blighted Properties route.

**Zoning Letters** – Mr. Siferd said he mailed out to letters to 209 W Main Street & 407 Mill Street addresses stating their building permits have expired and they will need to come council if they want to discuss, he said building must stop till a discussion is done.

**Trees to cut down-** There will be a couple of trees cut down one is at 740 N Belmore St. and the other is at 111 Commercial St. There is also a tree stump that needs cleaned up and that will be done this spring.

**School Agreement-** The Village Solicitor told Mr. Siferd the school agreement is ready to be signed and needs a motion from the council to allow the mayor to sign the agreement Jason Goodwin made a motion to have the mayor sign the school agreement and Sherry Valdez seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

**Bike Group-** on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am-Noon for Bike Run that will be stopping in town and would like to use the Main Street Parking lot as a hydration station for the bike riders. Mr. Siferd asked for a motion to allow the shutdown of the Main Street Parking lot on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am-Noon, Rick Moyer made a motion to allow the parking lot to be shut down for this event and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

**Kleinfelder Engineering Proposals-** Mr. Siferd told the council that he had two contract proposals that he was given by Kleinfelder for Engineering the one was for the Curb & Gutter project for \$60,000.00 and the other for the ODOT project that is 100% funded by the grant for \$213,000.00. Renee Spangler questioned the contract for \$213,000.00 since it's over the spending amount for the Village Administrator whether there should be legislation or not for this contract, Paulette Mills from Kleinfelder said ODOT is paying them and we have already gone through the qualification process so no you don't.

**Leak Adjustments** –

Kristina Torres \$612.06

Katrina Perez \$159.02

Jason Goodwin made a motion to allow the leak adjustments and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

**Caleb Ellerbrock** – Caleb Ellerbrock received his Water 2 license and Backflow preventer this gives him a 5% increase in pay per license, Mr. Siferd said as of March 27, 2026 he will be at \$29.03.

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

At 8:23P.M. Sherry Valdez made a motion to go into an executive session for Purchase or Sale of Land and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Sherry Valdez yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

At 8:44P.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 yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

RESOLUTION 3468: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO PERMITTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3468 for the second-and-third time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Resolution 3468 was read for the second and third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3468, and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, 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 Jason Goodwin. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea and Sherry Valdez yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 P.M. The next council meeting will be on May 4, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

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

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