

Council Minutes

May 20, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sue Christman, Rick Moyer, Sherry Valdez, Jason Goodwin, and Dave Heitmeyer. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Kevin Siferd, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, and Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler. Maria Hernandez and her husband.

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 May 4, 2026, 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 yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer yea.

The Records Committee Met prior to the meeting.

Maria Hernandez and her husband were at the council meeting to talk about their building permit that expired for the 209 W Main St. she said they had to wait on TSC to come and move the telephone pole that was in the middle of the property that was holding up the building process. The council said she would need to come in and get a new building permit to continue with the building.

RESOLUTION 3470: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ROUND 41 AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARED AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the third time. Jason Goodwin made a motion to approve Resolution 3470, and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

ORDINANCE 3474: AN ORDINANCE REPLACING AMENDED ORDINANCE 3127 ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3475: AN ORDINANCE REPLACING AMENDED ORDINANCE 3128 ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3473: PUTNAM COUNTY 2026 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. This Resolution was passed at the last meeting and declaring an emergency clause wasn't on the Resolution, a motion to amend this Resolution is needed and then we will reread the Resolution three times to pass it again. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to amend Resolution 3473 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. Resolution 3473 was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3473 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 yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Resolution 3473 was read for the second and third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3473, and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

Renee Spangler let the council know that the paperless bill system for the water bills had an issue this month sending out the water bills and only 75 of the people that are set up on paperless billing received their bills, Nextbill Pay was supposed to resend the bills out again the following Friday and they didn't. There are 53 people that are set up for paperless billing that haven't paid by the 15th of the month should a late penalty be charged to these people. Jason Goodwin made a motion to suspend the late fee of the 53 people's water bills for the bill is not sent out and Rick Moyer 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. Barry Schroeder said he will be the Village Solicitor till January of 2027 and he will give council some recommendation on who to get for the Villages next Solicitor when he leaves.

Rick Recker said he was asked by the Belmore Mayor if they could bring some brush they cleaned up from their town over to our brush pile, the council said it's a one-shot deal and brush only.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Siferd sent out letter for tall grass for 420 E Main St. & 38 Liberty St.

Property Review Board met on May 7th @ 6pm

Planning Commission Meeting was on May 14th at 6:00P.M.

Mr. Siferd was asked by Trevor Stover if he could farm the strip of land the Village owns that goes from 6D to St Rt 65, Mr. Siferd said he mention this to the mayor and thinks the village should just continue to keep it mowed as they have in the past. We would need to take it out for bid if we decided to allow someone to farm it.

State St. Property status- The neighbor next door Rob Faucett was inquiring on the status of this house, Mr. Siferd said the council had given him a list of things to do and he did them.

BZA Meeting May 28th at 6:00P.M. for a lot coverage variance request.

Eagon Proposal- Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to proceed with the Eagon proposal and Sherry Valdez 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.

Tree City USA- The Village of Leipsic has been a part of tree city USA for 45 years.

At 7:59P.M. Jason Goodwin 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 8:02P.M. Rick Moyer made a motion to come out of the executive session 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.

Turner Street Engineering- Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to have Bockrath & Associates do the Engineering for the Street improvements for Turner Street and Sherry Valdez second 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.

The Check Register, Monthly Expense Report, Monthly Revenue Report, Statement of Cash Position, Income Tax Trial Balance Report and Monthly Reconciliation Report were reviewed and initialed by the council. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve the reviewed reports, and Sue Christman 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.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Jason Goodwin and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. 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 8:03 P.M. The next council meeting will be on June 1, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____