

Council Minutes

May 4, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, 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. 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 April 20, 2026, and accept them as written was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion 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 and Rick Moyer yea.

RESOLUTION 3469: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO ADOPTING A CYBER SECURITY POLICY SETTING FORTH. Was read for the third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3469, and this was seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

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. This was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3473: PUTNAM COUNTY 2026 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. 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 Dave Heitmeyer. 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 3473 was read for the second and third time. Sue Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution 3473, 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.

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 first 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 first time.

Administrator's Report

Blighted Property

- Mill Street Property
- Property Review Board will meet Thursday May 7th at 6:00P.M. for the Mill Street Property.

Mr. Siferd said he has sent out five letters for zoning violations of tall grass and fence issues. Mr. Siferd also let the council know that he updated the application for a zoning permit and he also checked with the council about beginning to charge \$25.00 for a building permit, council was in agreeance. Mr. Siferd also gave the council the quote from Eagon for property

Identification and well siting and testing. Mr. Siferd said he was asked by an employee for the Sick leave Incentive instead of getting the pay out if you don't use sick time if it could be put into vacation days instead, Mr. Siferd said he wanted to bring this to council to see what they thought.

Mr. Siferd said he was asked by the Leipsic Chamber if the Village of Leipsic would go half with them in purchasing park benches for downtown. He said they plan to get ten benches, and they will cost \$400.00 apiece. Jason made a motion to pay for half of the ten benches and Sue Schroeder 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.

Mr. Siferd said that Stacey Benton inquired about the lot between the laundry mat and B & M Automotive she said they are interested in purchasing it but there is a lien of \$43,500.00 on the property.

Arbor Day Celebration

Mr. Siferd provided the council with pictures of the Arbor Day Celebration with the kids from St. Mary's and Leipsic public school; they planted a tree in City Park.

Play Set

Mr. Siferd said the new playground equipment will be installed on May 21st and the concrete sidewalk around the area will be completed this weekend.

Bicycle Event

Just a reminder of the Bicycle event on May 16th.

Planning Commission

The planning commission will have a meeting on May 14th at 6:00P.M.

Hiring of Seasonal Employee

Mr. Siferd told the council that he wants to hire an additional seasonal employee, this one will help with other jobs since the other seasonal employee does the mowing.

Community Service Day

Leipsic School has a community service project they are doing on May 8th from 8:30A.M.-2:30P.M. they will be doing project in the downtown, pick up trash along roadways, helping with other needs within the Village.

Renee Spangler said the Record Committee will need to meet prior to the next council meeting.

At 8:02P.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 absent, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

At 8:09P.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 absent, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin 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 Jason Goodwin 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.

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 absent and Sherry Valdez yea. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M. The next council meeting will be on May 18, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____