

Council Minutes

July 20, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sue Christman, Sherry Valdez, Rick Moyer, Jason Goodwin and Dave Heitmeyer. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Kevin Siferd, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Police Chief John Rodriguez, KC Allen from the Putnam County Sentinel, Brad King and Levine Kuzman. 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 July 6, 2026, and accept them as written was made by Jason Goodwin and this motion was seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer yea.

Utilities Committee Dave Heitmeyer committee chairman said the committee met prior to the meeting and the utilities committee will be setting up a meeting with the Village of Ottawa per the EPA and then the whole council will then meet with the EPA after that meeting regarding the water plant.

Security of Persons Committee – Jason Goodwin committee chairman said that the committee talked with the fire chief about adding a lieutenant position and pay would be at \$1500.00 a month. The fire chief will let Van Buren Township, Liberty Township and West Leipsic know about this. Legislation will be prepared for the next meeting.

Bright Star-Trailer Park Owners

Brad King and Levine Kuzman were here to speak with the council concerning the trailer parks they own in Leipsic. At the trailer park they own on Orchard Drive they had brought in a new trailer that was put between two others. The Village administrator had gone out and put a stop order on the trailer due to the new trailer not following the villages zoning requirements for trailer parks. The space between the trailer brought in and the ones on either side wasn't thirty feet apart and it didn't sit on a cement pad and the previous trailer that was taken out was gone for more than a year. Brad King & Levine Kuzman told the council that mobile home parks are permitted through the state, and the state is the one that sets the regulations for a trailer park and those are the guidelines that trailer parks go by. Without our Solicitor present the council said the stop order will still be in place until they receive word back from the solicitor how to move forward. The trailer park owner said he wouldn't proceed until he received words back. It was brought to the attention of the council that they had another trailer brought in tonight during the meeting. The trailer park owner said it was already scheduled to come and they couldn't stop it. Levine Kuzman said they would stop anything else from coming until they hear back from the council. Levine Kuzman also let council know of the different improvements they do like replacing old units with new ones that someone can purchase or do a rent to own, they put new roads in as well.

ORDINANCE 3480: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO AMENDING THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE REGARDING OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED, UNDER SPEED, OR UTILITY VEHICLE, OR MINI-TRUCK. Was read for the first time. Police Chief John Rodriguez let the council know that this change to this Ordinance will make it so these can be driven on Main Street and Belmore Street in town (the state highways) since the speed limits of these roads in town are below 35 mph. It will also allow them to be driven at nighttime.

Administrator's Report

324 Liberty Street-H & H Environmental is doing an asbestos survey and they should have a report to the Village Administrator next week. We will be having ADJ Excavating, taking the house/buildings down and the removal.

The OEPA came and did a Sanitary Survey on July 8, 2026.

Kleinfelder update was provided to the council in the council packet.

18 W Center Street update-this house was the one that had the fire and should be taken down by the end of August.

The Village Administrator said he sent a few more violation letters out for mowing and trash.

The Main Street USA event this year will be on Saturday September 19, 2026, it's just a one-day event this year.

Saturday July 25th is the Touch a Truck event being put on by the Fun Company.

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 yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea and Sherry Valdez yea.

At 8:26P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into an executive session for Purchase or Sale of Land 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.

At 8:34P.M. Dave Heitmeyer 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.

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 8:35 P.M. The next council meeting will be on August 3, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____