

Council Minutes

July 7, 2025

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sherry Valdez, Sue Christman, Rick Moyer and Dave Heitmeyer. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Lee Beck, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief John Rodriguez, and Fire Chief Troy Giles. Jason Goodwin was absent.

Mayor Rick Recker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Personnel Committee- Chairman Sue Schroeder said the committee met prior to the meeting and looked at resumes for the Village Administrators position, they said the Personnel committee plans to interview six of the people that applied, with interviews starting next Wednesday at 6:00P.M. and then again on the following Tuesday at 6:00P.M. Lee Beck will contact the interviewers and set up an interview time. Then they plan to narrow the selection down and have the full council in for the second interview and decision.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of June 16, 2025, meeting and accept them as written was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer yea.

RESOLUTION 3437: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF PUTNAM COUNTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Resolution 3437 was read for the third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3437, 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.

ORDINANCE 3441: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR POLICE VIDEO OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3442: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO ACCEPTING THE BID OF WARD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR STREET RESURFACING IMPROVMENTS, WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Resolution 3442 was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3442 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. Resolution 3442 was read for the second and third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3442, 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. The base bid in the amount of \$83,251.00 is being covered by the OPWC Grant we were awarded \$90,000.00. The base bid covers Grove Street and taking it out to St. Rt 65, 7th street and Mathias Street where the water line break was, Lee said he believes there is one more street. The other two alternate bids we don't have to do them. The bid for \$36,675.00 is for North Street and it runs into 2nd street out across the railroad tracks by the township building. The bid for \$77,600.00 is for Patti Lane, there is a sewer line on the one side of Patti Lane that we have some concern about if we would ever want to dig it up, he said we need to camera it to see how bad of shape it really is in.

Troy asked if we have a charge basis for when the fire department uses different things at a fire or a wreck. He said for instance the fire at Dino's and another fire the other day they used foam it's about \$150.00 a gallon, he said they are getting down on their inventory. Rick Recker said

we never did it before. But Mr. Recker also said there are some fire departments that soft bill for certain things. Sue Schroeder said some insurance companies will pay for it.

Troy Gilspie gave the council an idea of what a cost for a new fire truck would be
\$650,675.00 – international freightliner chassis (includes the chassis) lead time is 30 months
\$590,000-\$620,000.00-southeast on international chassis lead time is 18 months
\$895,000 -custom chassis
Troy said he was told to get prices.

John Rodriguez said he hasn't had any complaints on Mathas Street from Diller's using it, he said so if the council wants to extend it for their use.

Rick Moyer said he was told by a few people that wanted to thank the employees that helped out with the Fire at Dino's.

Rick Moyer also said he received a complaint from a resident on Liberty Street from a neighbor they live next to that needs to mow. Lee Beck said he had sent a letter to Kuhbander's for Mowing and a second letter to Guadalupe Sanchez on State Street, and a first warning to Kevin Benton on Eastom Street he said this has three broken windows and no garage door.

Rick Recker asked Lee about the TAP Grant, Lee said he contacted the girl from ODOT, and she said she will contact Lee later this summer.

Renee Spangler let the council know she would be attending the Ohio Municipal Leagues Income Tax Conference in Dublin, Oh July 9-11, 2025.

Lee Beck asked the council if they want to submit a grant application for next year for OPWC, he said if so, he would get legislation ready for the next council meeting. The council said it can't hurt to apply.

Mr. Gillespie also asked if we had anyone in mind that could help the Fire Department with getting a grant for a new truck. Fiscal Officer Renee Spangler said she would go back and see who the Fire Department had done the last one for them and get the information to Troy.

The Check Register was reviewed and initialed by the council. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve the reviewed reports, and Sue Schroeder 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 Christman. 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 8:11 P.M. The next council meeting will be July 21, 2025, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____