

Council Minutes

August 17, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Dave Heitmeyer, Sherry Valdez, Rick Moyer, and Jason Goodwin. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Kevin Siferd, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Police Chief John Rodriguez, Evan Ellerbrock, Caleb Ellerbrock, Hunter Casteel, Ben Ellerbrock, Derek Maas and KC Allen from the Putnam County Sentinel. 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.

Utilities Committee Meeting- Chairman Dave Heitmeyer let the council know that the committee met with the Village of Ottawa for a preliminary meeting.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of August 3, 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 absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer yea.

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 third time. Jason Goodwin made a motion to approve Ordinance 3480, 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.

RESOLUTION 3481: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POSITION AND PAY RATE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3482: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A WATER SOURCE REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT CONTROL LOAN FUND (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILALGE OF LEIPSIC FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF POPLAR STREET WATERLINES AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3483: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEN TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. Resolution 3483 was read for the first time.

Renee Spangler brought up Employee Appreciation Day to the council, as in the past for employees that decide to do the activity, they will get the afternoon paid off if they go to the activity, the village buys the lunch, and the employee pays for the activity. Jason Goodwin made a motion to give the employees an Employee Appreciation Day and the employees that go to the activity will get the afternoon paid off and Sue Schroeder 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.

Ben Ellerbrock brought up the I & I issue on Patti Lane he let the council know it would help with high rains.

Liberty Street property will require court action before proceeding.

Sherry Valdez said the first day of school is Tuesday August 25, 2026, and the chamber along with parents and teachers are welcome to welcome the students back to school.

Administrator's Report

OEPA letter has a schedule for repairs.

There will be a kickoff meeting with Kleinfelder's for the ODOT Project.

Zoning Code Update-Mr. Siferd said he had a phone meeting on August 13. He let the council know that there needs to be a steering committee put together it would include the mayor, planning commission member, President of council, BZA member, Administrator and a resident. BZA Update-there was a variance request for lot coverage & rear setbacks at 326 S Eastom Street.

Mr. Siferd let the council know he has a Metting Thursday at 10am on the compost pile.

There was a letter sent to the residents and a press release for the ODOT Sidewalk/Curb/Trail project out on the 14th.

The meeting with OEPA at the Bowling Green office on Monday August 24th.

Jason Goodwin made a motion to move the next council meeting to September 8, 2026, 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. Rick Moyer made a motion to approve the reviewed reports, and Sue Schroeder 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 Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sherry Valdez. 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 7:45 P.M. The next council meeting will be on September 8, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____