

Council Minutes

August 18, 2025

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

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

Roger Tooman was present at the council meeting, he said he purchased the open lot on Main Street. He wanted to let the council know what his plans are for the lot. He said he plans to add a little more concrete and have a seating area and get a larger food truck and it takes about 12 weeks to get that built. He said they plan to offer more stuff throughout the week, lunch menus and still do their Sunday BBQ's. He said the first thing he wants to do is get a waterline put in.

Development Committee- Sherry Valdez said the Development Committee met prior to the meeting and discussed getting the cost for getting the land between the properties on State Street to the ditch that the Village owns and see if the property owners are interested in purchasing that bit of land for the cost of the village by getting the property surveyed.

Appointment of Village Administrator – Mayor Rick Recker appoints Kevin Siefert as the new Village Administrator that will take Lee Beck's position. Mr. Siefert's tentative starting date will be October 20, 2025, and his starting rate will be \$76,003.20 putting him at \$36.54 per hour. Sue Schroeder made a motion to accept the appointment of Kevin Siefert and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez yea and Rick Moyer yea. He will bring over his vacation time over and Lee Beck said it depends on what we get from OPERS and can carry up to 120 hours of sick time over from his current employment.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of August 4, meetings and accept them as written was made by Jason Goodwin and this motion was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. 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 3443: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARED AS AN EMERGENCY. Resolution 3443 was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3443 for the third time tonight was made by Jason Goodwin and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. 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 3443 was read for the third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3443, 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.

RESOLUTION 3445: 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 3445 was read for the first time.

Putnam County Fall Softball League- Lee Beck asked the council if the Putnam County Fall Softball League could use the High school Softball Field and Diamond #3 for this league it runs for six weeks. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow use of the ball fields for the Fall softball league and Sherry Valdez 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.

Jason Goodwin made a motion to move the next council meeting to September 2, 2025, 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.

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

Troy Giles pie said 86 is in progress, the bed is on. He said he had a meeting with the Fire Board there were representatives from Van Buren Township, Liberty Township and the Village of Leipsic present. West Leipsic wasn't present. Troy went over costs of different trucks, he said he even had a couple fire trucks brought down to the station so he could show them to the Village and the Townships. He also said he has a couple names of people that can help try to get a grant for a new fire truck. He said Tony Schroeder and Justin Barnhart gave him a quote for \$1500.00 up front and \$1500.00 when they submit it and the \$9,400.00 fee if we get the grant. Dave Heitmeyer said if we don't get the grant, it will be \$3,000.00.

Troy said based off a \$750,000.00 truck the breakdown would be

Leipsic \$412,00.00

West Leipsic \$45,000.00

Liberty Township \$120,000.00

Van Buren Township \$172,050.00

Sherry Valdez said that the chamber has purchased new Christmas lights for the streetlights.

Sue Christman asked about the Blighted Property letters that had been sent out she said we should have heard back by now. Lee Beck said he just sent out an email today about scheduling a meeting for the Sanchez property. Lee said Kevin Benton said he was going to board up his windows and he still hasn't done that.

Lee Beck said the school called and said there will be some small groups that are going to be decorating our windows, Mr. Beck said they would be banners.

Lee Beck said in the garage behind the library there are old beds that were used in bed races, and he asked if he could get rid of those.

Mr. Beck asked what we wanted to do with the old Christmas lights.

Rick Recker said the kid's new playground set is in at Bennett Park.

Dave Heitmeyer asked if the health department came and talked to the Chamber about healthy eating. Lee Beck said he was working with the Community Center, Mr. Beck said he is going to sit down with him and work on a survey to see what our needs are.

Renee Spangler said for the Employee Appreciation Day it will be on Friday September 12, 2025, and the lunch will be at the Red Pig.

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 7:55 P.M. The next council meeting will be on September 2, 2025, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____