

Council Minutes

August 4, 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 Gilespe, Kyle Stechschulte from the Village of Ottawa, Brian Hilvers with the Putnam County EMA's office, Joe Burlie, Megan Seitz, Joe Schorder and KC Allen from the Putnam County Sentinel.

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

Personnel Committee- Meeting was canceled due to the person being interviewed canceling.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of July 7 and July 21, 2025, meetings 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.

Brian Hilver's from the Putnam County EMA's office to talk to the council about getting the word out to put for getting more people to become an EMT, the numbers are down for EMT's, this is causing EMT's from other towns to have to cover not just their town but other towns that have a run but no EMT responding. He said for Leipsic there are eight people on the roster. He said the EMT training is all paid for by the Putnam County EMA's office. Dave Heitmeyer asked is it lack of pay, Mr. Hilver's said he thinks Putnam County is the best paid volunteer squad in the state of Ohio, a basic EMT gets \$80.00 per a run, advanced gets \$100.00, a medic gets \$120.00, he said he has people that will make \$10,000-\$15,000.00 that's a nice little part-time job for just a couple runs a month.

At 7:37 P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into an executive session for a matter of legal action for pending litigation 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.

At 7:58 P.M. Jason Goodwin made a motion to come out of the executive session and Sue Schroeder 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.

Sue Schroeder made a motion to allow the solicitor to settle pending litigation as his profession judgement 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.

Kyle Stechschulte from the Village of Ottawa was present to speak with the council on connecting to Ottawa as an emergency water source. Mr. Stechschulte provided the council with a map showing the different routes for connection if the council would decide to connect. Mr. Stechschulte said then Leipsic could be an emergency source for Ottawa, and Ottawa an emergency source for Leipsic.

ORDINANCE 3441: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR POLICE VIDEO OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO.

Ordinance 3441 was read for the third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Ordinance 3441, 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 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. Was read for the first time.

ORDINANCE 3444: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3414 AS THE FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2025 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ordinance 3444 was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3444 for the second- and third time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin abstained, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Ordinance 3444 was read for the second and third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Ordinance 3444, and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin abstained, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez 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 Gilespeie said they need turnout gear for ten people, which includes the new trainees. The total will be \$48,300.00; this includes new hoods and new gloves for everyone as well. He said an update on the truck; they still have not started it but hopefully this week or next.

Sherry Valdez said the last Tastes and Tunes will be Tuesday August 5, 2025. She also said the Chamber is also looking at downtown Christmas lights, she said so if we can get them picked out.

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. Dave Heitmeyer 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 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.

Lee Beck said Joey and Michelle Berger will be breaking ground in September in the Rosebrock addition, there is a strip of land that goes along the ditch that the Village owns that he wants to see if the Village will sell it to them. Barry Schroeder said we would need to get the CIC involved in that. We will need to have a development meeting.

Mr. Beck also said he sent a letter out to the owners of the Liberty Street property they have 30 days, then the property review will need to meet again and then send out another letter. Lee Beck said they mowed the front but not the back.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Christman. 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 8:19 P.M. The next council meeting will be August 18, 2025, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____