

Council Minutes

September 8, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Dave Heitmeyer, Rick Moyer, and Sue Chriatman. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Kevin Siferd, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Ben Ellerbrock and Derek Maas. Sherry Valdez, Jason Goodwin and Solicitor Barry Schroeder were 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 and discussed the continuation of talking with Ottawa about a potential waterline and still working on talking about a treatment plant, right now these seem to be the two viable options.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of August 17, 2026, and accept them as written was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent and Rick Moyer 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 third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3481, and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent, Rick Moyer yea, Rick Recker yea.

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 third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3482, and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent, Rick Moyer yea, Rick Recker yea.

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 second time.

RESOLUTION 3484: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO ACCEPTING THE BID OF ADVANCED EXCAVATING & DEMOLITION COMPANY FOR BENNETT PARK PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS, WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3484 for the second and third time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent, Rick Moyer yea, Rick Recker yea. Resolution 3484 was read for the second and third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 3484, and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent, Rick Moyer yea, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 3485: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (ORDC) AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARED AS AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3485 for the second and third time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Rick Moyer. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent, Rick Moyer yea, Rick Recker yea. Resolution 3485 was read for the second and third time. Sue Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution 3485, and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent, Rick Moyer yea, Rick Recker yea.

Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat – Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to schedule the annual Halloween Parade for October 28, 2026, at 7PM and Trick or Treat for October 29, 2026, from 6PM-7PM and Sue Christman seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent, Rick Moyer yea.

Rick Moyer and Rick Recker thanked the village employees for getting the clean up after the storm finished.

Renee Spangler let the council know that for Employee Appreciation Day the employees will be going golfing and that will be on Friday September 11, 2026.

Administrator's Report

Zoning Code Update- Mr. Siferd said he reached out to a BZA member, and someone is interested on being on the steering committee but also things the rest of the board should be asked to see if there is any other interest.

ORDA- Mr. Siferd is meeting with Amy & Matthew to fund for maintenance he said for 500 ties it would be \$159,000.00 and for 700 ties it would be \$206,000.00.

Pool Repair- this will be worked on within the next couple of weeks.

Village Liability Insurance, Mr. Siferd, said at the next council meeting he will have quotes for Ohio Plan and our current liability company PEP, to see which one the council wants to go with. Our PEP plan is renewed on October 1, 2026.

Mathias Street- Street Paving-is supposed to start next week weather permitting.

Mr. Siferd brought up brush removal after a storm and if it's the village's responsibility to pick it up if it's by the road. The council decided for brush removal after a storm if it's by the road the village will pick it up, but it must be within three business days after the storm.

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 Rick Moyer seconded the motion, Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent, Rick Moyer 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 the motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sherry Valdez absent, Rick Moyer yea. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M. The next council meeting will be on September 21, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____