

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 26, 2025

PRESIDING: Mayor Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Darcy, Cox, Donnalley, Hiner

ABSENT: Smith

The regular meeting on August 26, 2025, was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

Pastor Brian Brown opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Donnalley made the motion to approve the minutes of the 8/12/25 regular meeting
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$26,151.19 and to approve payroll for PPE 8/16/25 in the amount of \$71,365.54

Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

GUEST (S):

Pastor Brown who owns a house at the corner of Beaver and Washington ask about cutting the curb for access to the property. Mr. Brown was told an application to cut the street/curb needs to be submitted to the Street Department working foreman for consideration.

Jeff DeCourt was present again to ask about the repaving of the pickleball courts, he is presuming it will not be done this year as late as it is in the year. He again gave suggestions on what he thought should be done with the court when work is done. He has concerns with the small pieces of gravel that were used near the courts he says small children are throwing them on the court causing liability to the village. He believes the small stone should be taken out and river rock put in the area. He did ask if at least the lines could be repainted on the court before the end of the year.

Joe Vitko announced he is running for council and is formally inviting anyone who is running to an open public question answer forum. If interested, you can submit information to him. He believes this would be a good thing. Council man Cox ask where he would hold something like this and when. Mr. Vitko said the school if it were permitted and sometime in October.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: ZONING CODE REWRITE UPDATE – BZA AND PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING DATE

The public hearing for the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission is scheduled for September 24th at 6:00 pm. Zoning Inspector Zack Barkley explained the process and urged anyone with questions to attend. To comply with the time limit outlined in the current zoning ordinance Council set their required public hearing for October 28th at 6:00 pm.

RE: DRAINAGE AROUND PICKLEBALL COURT/PAVILION AREA

The village has not received information on the pavilion as of this meeting. The drainage project has been tabled until information is received on the pavilion from the Lions Club. The mayor told council there are grants available through OMEGA, most require 25% match applications are due in July 2026 meaning construction would not be done until sometime in 2027. He plans to bring this up for discussion in January.

RE: LEPPER LIBRARY STORY STROLL

Mayor Wilson reported that the Lepper Library plans to keep the story stroll as a temporary walk instead of making a permanent as requested earlier in the year.

RE: RTPO GRANT WILLOW GROVE BRIDGE UPDATE

The grading is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 11:00 am at the ODOT district 11 office Mayor Wilson plans on attending. There were 11 applicants for the grant.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: 1ST READING ORDINANCE NO. 2234-2025 – A REVISION TO THE CURRENT SKATEBOARDING ORDINANCE

This ordinance is a rewrite of the current skateboarding ordinance on the books; the ordinance is located in the traffic code section of the ordinances.

Hiner made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2234-2025

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2235-2025 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 2025 URBAN FORESTRY GRANT

Temple made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2235-2025

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: PART TIME WATER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE JOB DESCRIPTION

The Board of Public Affairs submitted to council for approval a job description for a part time maintenance position. This is a position that has always been available there just has not been a job description.

Hiner made the motion to approve the job description for the part time maintenance position on the water department.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: 2025 PAY INCREASES

Council President Hiner reported during the committee of the whole meeting the 2025 pay increases were discussed. During this meeting, a 3 ½ % increase for all employees was agreed upon, the only exception to this is the Cemetery Foreman position that will receive an additional \$1,500.00. The cemetery board was considering between an additional \$1,000.00 and \$2,000.00 after reviewing figures and information from the fiscal officer they approved \$1,500.00. Ms. Hiner said she was leery of a 4% raise with the unknowns on the property tax initiative at the state level and the petition being circulated by citizens for reform to the property taxes in Ohio. If the state is unable to reach a decision on the changes the inside mileage that municipalities receive from property taxes will be affected, this is a potential of a possible \$125,900.00 to the Village. She also said the inflation rate is at 2.7% these are her reasons for the proposed 3.5%. Councilwoman Donnalley and Mayor Wilson both agreed the loss of that amount of money is a concern. The mayor then questioned the difference in the pay amount between the Maintenance II positions in the water and street departments. It was brought up that during the Council of the whole committee meeting he asked the question, and it was explained with the license requirements, this is why the Board of Public Affairs suggested the increase a little of a year ago and since BPA has their own funds to support the increase it was approved. The mayor said his question of wanting an additional \$1.00 for the Maintenance II position in the street department was not answered, Ms. Hiner said he never mentioned an amount in the committee of the whole meeting just raised the question of the reason for the difference. After some back and forth between the two it was decided to put the increases back into a committee meeting for discussion. A finance committee was scheduled for September 2nd at 5:30 pm. Council also agreed to schedule a personnel committee meeting for the same night directly after the finance committee.

RE: RESIGNATION OF TENA LIBERATI BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Hiner made the motion to accept the resignation of Tena Liberati from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RESIGNATION OF MELINDA BELANEY ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND REVIEW BOARD

Donnalley made the motion to approve the resignation of Melinda Belaney from the Architectural Design and Review Board.
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: LETTERS OF INTEREST

A public notice was put in the Morning Journal regarding the open seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals, letters of interest will be accepted in the Fiscal Office until September 4th.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following financial statements were distributed to the council during the meeting: the most current month end fund summary All vouchers were presented to the council prior to the meeting for signatures. Ms. Wonner reported the bucket truck had been picked up by the buyer on GovDeals, he accepted the second offer. The buyer of the pick up truck did not accept the second offer.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Street department quadrant reports were submitted to the council in their packets.

PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

It was reported the pool has been closed for the season due to issues with the pump leaking. With the closing the date to have Salem Sewer and Drain has been changed to tomorrow to camera the area where the leak is thought to be located. Sr Plant Operator Chris Peterson said the leak has gotten bigger since the last council meeting. He is currently contacting companies regarding the filter system; he has sent information to four different companies with one getting back to him.

CEMETERTY REPORT

Wendell Cole was present at the meeting he reported the department is still mowing when needed and preparing for winter maintenance projects. The burials for 2025 are lower than 2024 at this point in the year.

BPA REPORT

Chair Bill Hoover reported that Rose Dr is scheduled to be repaired September 4th , and 5th weather permitting. The new water tower is tentatively scheduled for the filling process on September 4th; this process will take some time since the excise water from a day of pumping is used to fill the tank. October is the tentative date for the tank to be fully operational.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Wilson adjourned August 26, 2025, meeting at 7:20 pm

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer