

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2025**

PRESIDING: Mayor Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Darcy, Cox, Hiner, Donnalley, Smith, & Beech
ABSENT:

The regular meeting on May 13, 2025, was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

Donna Shuman opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES' REGULAR MEETING APRIL 8, 2025

Darcy made the motion to approve the minutes of the 4/8/25 regular meeting
Donnalley 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING APRIL 22, 2025

Temple made the motion to approve the minutes of the 4/22/25 regular meeting
Darcy 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

APRIL 29, 2025

Darcy made the motion to approve the minutes of the 4/29/25 special meeting
Temple 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$81,514.11
Temple 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

Darcy made the motion to approve payroll for PPE 4/26/25 in the amount of \$62,787.53
Donnalley 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

GUEST (S):

Prior to acknowledging guest Mayor Wilson reminded those in attendance of the three (3) minute time limit. Ms. Wonner ask that those who speak use the microphone on either side of the seating, the wireless microphone is not working correctly.

Pat Kroneberg Sunset Drive was the first to speak saying the following: "And I like to talk about the County Archives building. I am in a quandary here. I saw that it has been advertised that heavy equipment is out on the site there. They would be done in the process of clearing the site. And it makes no sense to me at this point because all of a sudden, I had gotten notice. I am on BZA. I got a notice we are having a variance meeting for three different variances on that property. Now we already have the building planned out with an architecture and engineer. There is three variances coming before us and one is a setback parking spaces for parking spaces and for the parking lot. I do not know how it got this far. The process is the process, and obviously the village does not follow the process. And to me that is a total anomaly here and I do not understand what is going on. If somebody could explain it to me, I would be really happy to know, because I do not even know why we would bother meeting. Mayor Wilson stated that I can tell you the village does follow the processes. They are strictly doing site preparation. I talked to Zach Barkley, our zoning inspector. He explained to me exactly about the variances, what have you. He told the company, which is clear, which is doing the site preparation, not the company that is going to be actually building the building, that they could

prepare the site, but they cannot do any excavations, that they have to wait for permission to see if these setbacks are granted. If these variances are granted, if they are not granted, then they will change the architectural plans. We are following the procedures, and this will come to the BCA for final approval. But at this time, they are only doing site preparation. You can go down there and talk to them. It is Pusateri excavation. I talked to them this afternoon and again stressed no excavations, no foundations are being laid, strictly site preparation. So, we are following the law as regards that. He also stated he said the same to the Commissioners, letting them know the variance is scheduled for May 28th and no work can be done until after the variance hearing. Asking Ms. Kronenberg if she had anything else, saying she did. I would like to talk about the session with tall grass and how we are always telling people to call the police. The police have come before the grass and, I do not think that is what we want the police in or their job to be. It would be very simple to simply have somebody call in and complain about grass. We could send out a letter from the town and then follow up that way. We do not need to involve the police at all. It is just a waste of their time. And it brings their dignity down to do that. Mayor Wilson stated: In the Village, we do follow ordinances, and we follow the law, and the ordinance as of right now stated, these violations are under the purview of the police. So, we are strictly doing what the ordinance says. Ms. Kronenberg said I understand what you are telling me, but on the same hand, you are pushing so hard to get inspectors for this and inspectors for that one that when the system could be easily remedied without any of this and we do not need to involve the police in grass. Council woman Temple stated this has been the way it has been done for years. There was discussion back and forth about whether that makes it right and do you want the police department to do send grass letters some said if that gets it done. Council President Hiner stated she agrees with Ms. Kronenberg on some stating she feels that Chapter 1312 should be part of zoning and was thinking about asking for a zoning committee meeting. Saying, this is what I had stressed before when we were hiring for the part time mayor's secretary, zoning clerk, that they could help Zach. She could be the one who writes letters because I know Zach does cover vacant buildings. Grass and junk should fall under zoning cleanup, the raw garbage in that does fall under the police. That is a different section of the ordinance, but I think that it does need addressed in the future. The mayor said this could be changed in the future but as he said the police department is responsible now. Ms. Hiner would like to ask Solicitor Beech to look into different ways this could be done, since most municipalities do not have their police handling these types of things.

Jeff DeCourt was present at this meeting to request council consider redoing the pickleball courts, though he also requested council look into putting a back stop in, noting that he saw it is on the agenda this evening. When that ball gets away it can go a long way. He also encouraged those who have not been up there to play, there is a group that plays every Monday evening at 6:30 pm. If you do not have equipment they will gladly share.

Chris Frankovic, Angel, and Joe Morenz were present representing the Lisbon Lions Club. The Lions Club had reached out to Council man Smith as chair of the parks committee regarding putting a pavilion to the west of the pickleball court. Mayor Wilson verified to the west and not east, since the Little Blue Devils practice on the west side. The west side was determined to be the best location since the east side would take more excavation. The Lions Club will be paying for the project in its entirety, the pavilion is 14x20 on a 16x22 concrete pad. The plans will be submitted to the Zoning Inspector for final approval.

Cox made the motion to approve the Lions Club finalizing the pavilion plans and presenting those for approval.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Donna St Clair 151 Sherman St, spoke on the rental registry, she realizes it is dead in the water however she wanted to know what to do when the rental home beside her becomes as bad as it has been in the past. Council President Hiner stated that raw garbage is Chapter 500, this falls under the Police Department, the junk and high grass is Chapter 1312 that even though she believes it should be zoning is currently being enforced by the police department also. She said to continue to do as you have been doing call the police department, Ms. Hiner feels they have done a good job of working through the process to control. She asked Mrs. St Clair if the resident was starting to be accumulating, because she does not want it to get like it was in the past. Both Ms. Hiner and Mayor Wilson said to call the police immediately when it happened. Ms. Hiner mentioned that on the Chapter 1312 with the new Mayor's Secretary/Zoning Clerk she is hoping that these are letters she can send out and the zoning inspector can drive around after reviewing the ordinances. Mrs. St Clair also wanted to mention that people have approached her, maybe because she in the paper and on the news fighting for the rental registry, saying how disrespected our Mayor is. There are other small villages around her who do not treat their mayor that way. She tells them she does not know why. Saying "I mean, I think the mayor tries really hard to get our get our village good and tries to do really good things for all of us, not just himself, but for everybody. And he is willing to listen to everyone. But there is so much, and it is very noted, it is getting very, I mean, to be that disrespected, and you get asked about it, that is really embarrassing that it is getting to be that bad."

Terry and Tim Redmond, SR 154, were present to discuss lowering the speed limit on SR 154 coming into town. They live up past the Mental Health Clinic where no one realizes they are in the village limits unless it is income tax collection time. Mrs. Redmond said they are forgotten on the clean-up, the police department even says they are out of town at times when the sheriff is called, they say you are in the village. They built their house in 1988 and did not want to annex into the village, but it happened. Mr. Redmond said he was friends with a State Patrolman when he asked him about lowering the speed limit, he said the village would have to petition the state since it is state route. Mayor Wilson said this is correct believing that a traffic study would also have to be completed, he was told this when an area on S Lincoln Ave which is SR 164 was discussed in the past. The Mayor said he would contact the state about what needs to be done so the village can look into it.

Heather and Joe Lawhorn were present first to thank council for allowing them to have the 2nd Annual Coal Roubaix Race, it was success with 165 participants, 14 states and their first international participant from Ontario Canada. Mayor Wilson mentioned that 2 of the participants were sons of village employees, Council man Darcy and Mrs. Grimm in the water department. Mr. Darcy's son placed in the top 10 of his group. The race was a success with no injuries and no one having to be picked up for mechanical issues. Mr. Lawhorn said the hotel told them they sold out; Nourish Coffee had a line out the door, Cantina 77 Restaurant was busy, and everyone mentioned how nice Lisbon is looking forward to coming back. Mr. Lawhorn has been to the Fairboard asking for approval to host the event again next year, he would also like the approval of the village to have the event April 25th for the 3rd Annual.

Temple made the motion to approve as requested for the 3rd Annual Coal Country Roubaix
Donnalley 2nd Annual
All Ayes
Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: GRANT ST BRIDGE UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported that the bridge is almost complete, and the dedication is being planned, saying that he has been asked if council was going to dedicate or name the bridge in honor of anyone. This is council's decision if they decide his thought is not one specific person but a group.

RE: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Judy Noel, Executive Director of the Chamber, reported the bulletin board is almost complete and ready to be installed. She presented council with a picture of the actual board the Career Center has built. The zoning application that was in previous council packet and this packet did not have an actual picture, she thought this would be nice for everyone to see before it is put in place. There was discussion on the area near the water hydrant in the fountain square being the best location, the board will run East and West in the square. The Chamber was asked to call OOPS811 before setting the concrete for the holes, Sr Plant Operator Peterson said he could meet Ms. Noel there is she would like. The Commissioners have approved the board and location also.

RE: E WASHINGTON ST PAVING UPDATE – CDBG PROJECT

Mayor Wilson reported the contractor has not set a date as of yet for the paving. The street department has set catch basins on E Washington St as described in the project when approved by council. The mayor will keep council updated.

RE: PAVING OF SQUARES UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported R&R paving is waiting to set a date until the date is set for the E Washington St paving. The water department has potholing to do in the area, Mr. Peterson and the Mayor intend on marking the area in the near future. . The water department was asked to have the work completed before the paving.

RE: CROSSWALK E LINCOLN WAY UPATE

Mayor Wilson reported the pads are laid and the forms are off. The street department will be setting the poles and crosswalk equipment up when they have time. Council man Cox mentioned he thought ODOT was doing the entire project, the Mayor said no the village is responsible for setting the equipment.

RE: GAZEBO PAINTING UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported he has not heard anything from Home Depot in regard to painting.

RE: PICKLEBALL COURTS

Mayor Wilson stated he put this on the agenda because he has two (2) options for council to consider, one the Village paying for the project from the Capital Improvement fund. The other while he was at the Pancake Breakfast Sandy & Beaver Insurance hosted last week, a member of the Lisbon Community Foundation was there working, he asked him if the foundation would be interested in helping with the cost. He was told they would consider if an application was submitted. The mayor said pickleball is a growing sport and he thinks the courts should be redone; he would like council to consider approving. Council man Cox ask Mr. DeCourt if he preferred concrete or asphalt, he said asphalt would be better if he were to choose. Council President Hiner wondered if it would be better to contact a company that specializes in recreation courts, there is a company in Massillon Vasco Asphalt, Council man Smith said there is also one in Canfield he knows of. Council agreed this is a better way to go. This was tabled with Council man Smith asked to obtain quotes.

RE: ODNR TAP GRANT

Mayor Wilson reported that Governor DeWine will be announcing the awards June 15th. The village submitted a request of \$1,000,000.00 for a bridge at Willow Grove Park to connect the park and bike trail with the loss of the swinging bridge.

RE: SAND FOR VOLLEYBALL AND SANDBOX

Mayor Wilson reported the sand presented at a prior meeting was the correct type of sand to be used after researching asking for approval at this meeting.

Temple made the motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 to purchase sand as requested.

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

RE: PURCHASE OF POLE SAW

Street Supervisor Oliver requested approval to purchase a pole saw in the amount of \$729.99, stating it would cost more to repair than purchase. This would replace one purchased in 2010 according to Mr. Oliver.

Temple made the motion to approve the purchase as requested

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE RECORD RECORDING SYSTEM

Fiscal Officer Wonner presented to council in their packets the Annual Service Contract with For The Record, the recording system in the council room. The annual contract is \$7,368.00.

Hiner made the motion to approve as requested

Smith 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passes

RE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING VILLAGE OF LISBON AND COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMA

Mayor Wilson presented to council in their packets the annual MOU between the Village and County EMA in order to provide a disaster ready environment for the residents of Columbiana County. The MOU is to be signed by the Police Department, Fire Department, Street/Highway Department, and the Mayor.

Temple made the motion to approve as presented
Hiner 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2224-2025 – PARTICIPATION IN THE 2025 DRUG TASK FORCE

Temple made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2224-2025, the participation of the Village Police Department on the Drug Task Force for 2025
Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2225-2025 – RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE CITY OF SALEM 2026 LGF ALTERNATIVE APPORTIONMENT

Darcy made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2225-2025, resolution excluding the City of Salem in the 2026 LGF alternative apportionment
Hiner 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2226-2025 – APPROVING NEW ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT 2026 LGF

Temple made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2226-2025, resolution approving the new alternative method of apportionment of 2026 LGF funds
Hiner 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: ODNR FORESTRY GRANT

Mayor Wilson reported he learned of an ODNR Forestry Grant for up to \$100,000.00 requiring no match to assist with curb lawn trees both planting and trimming.

Temple made the motion to approve the mayor to apply as presented.
Donnalley 2nd

Council President Hiner mentioned that she has had complaints from residents about having trees in the curb lawn then having to take care of them, is this something that could be used in the parks also? The Mayor said that is untrue, the commission, especially himself and Fred Brickner asked homeowners if they wanted a tree. Ms. Hiner said I am not trying to debate what we do, I am just saying these are the complaints I have heard. The Mayor said he is not trying to blame anyone but, in the past, the wrong trees were planted in the curb lawns, the Shade Tree Commission has moved to plant more ornamental trees where appropriate.

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RCAP ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Mayor Wilson stated RCAP has been advising the village on various projects, they also offer training for public officials. One is team building training emphasizing responsiveness and professionalism. The mayor stated East Palestine has used this course, saying Council woman Hiner I believe you partook in training. She did and found it beneficial and something Lisbon could benefit from. Saying, “we are divided and do not always work as a team, it would be good for both council and department heads.” She mentioned the class is an 8 hour course and does not recommend doing it like East Palestine did which was two (2) four hour classes after a work day. This made for a long day for all involved. Mayor Wilson felt RCAP would be more than willing to accommodate a schedule the village preferred and may even bring pizza.

Temple made the motion to participate in the training.
Hiner 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: HIRING OF LIFEGUARDS/FRONT DESK HELP

Council man Smith reported the parks committee is recommending hiring 11 lifeguards, this includes 4 returning recommending Joe Frederick as the Asst. Manager, Joshlynn Irely, Adien Myers, and Paxton Henthorne the other returning. The new lifeguards are Ashton Little, Olivia Freeman, Lexi Roush, Delaney Pickens, Anesa DeSellem, Hunter Ford, and Lillian Tenzek. The pay would be \$12.00 for the Asst. Manager, \$11.75 for returning lifeguards and \$11.50 for the new lifeguards.
Donnalley 2nd

Mayor Wilson stated he sat in on some of the interviews and he was impressed with how these individuals represented themselves.

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Council woman Temple reported the parks committee is recommending hiring the following: Brooklyn Haight, Sarah Thompson, Wyatt Yost, Kyanne Pierson, Hannah Sprouse and Sophia Smith as front desk/snack shack personnel at rate of \$10.70.
Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Council man Smith reported the committee is also recommending Memorial Day be a free pool day.
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Council man Cox asked about the leak if it has been fixed. Street Supervisor Oliver reported the leak is not being fixed at this time only verifying where the leak is located by cutting above the "T" by approximately 3 feet from the wall which was installed on the last repair. Salem Sewer and Drain will camera the line, then a plastic catch basin will be installed for access to the area to make the repair at a later date.

RE: REDOING OF WILLOW GROVE PARK & SIGN

Mayor Wilson reported that local contractor Jason Barnes has volunteered to redo the sign and flower bed at Willow Grove Park entrance free of charge.

RE: MAKING THE BIENNIAL CLEAN UP DAY ANNUAL CLEAN UP

Mayor Wilson would like council to consider changing the biennial cleanup to an annual event, stating there are a lot of residents who have couches and stuff on their porches who could clean those up. He believes having this annually goes along with the idea of cleaning up the village. The village in the past had it annually, then after a few years changed to biennial since the quantity of items in every year did not justify the price of the company to cleanup. The idea of rollofs and pricing was discussed, Mayor Wilson said he believes this is what Leetonia does, he will see the Mayor later this week and ask him. After some discussion it was agreed to get pricing on rollofs to bring back to council for consideration.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following financial statements were distributed to the council during the meeting: April bank reconciliation, April fund summary, May fund summary. All vouchers were prepared and signed by the council prior to the meeting. Ms. Wonner reported the monthly transfer from the General fund to Capital Improvement for the 5% income tax collections with additional \$7,500.00 totaled \$ 21,926.64. She also reported Sound Communications is scheduled to come tomorrow to install the remaining microphones. Mayor Wilson asked how income tax collections compared to this time last year, Ms. Wonner said there was a slight increase which she attributed to the normal wage increases residents have each year since the Income Tax rate has been at 2% for several years now.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Quadrant work reports were submitted to the council in their packets. Mr. Oliver reported the chip and seal of the alley from E Chestnut St to top of Beaver St behind village hall and the alley from N Market St to Beaver St are scheduled for next week.

PARKS REPORT

The pool is being prepared for opening, when asked about the backflow Sr Plant Operator Peterson said JP Plumbing had inspected and rebuilt the backflow.

CEMETERY REPORT

Board member Wendell Cole reported the department is preparing the cemetery for the Memorial Day weekend. The department has a new Ex mark mower and has plenty of help.

Speaking of help, the Mayor said he spoke with the Elkton Federal Prison, instead of 4 inmates the village will have 2, one in the street department and 1 at the cemetery. There were only 2 inmates who wanted to participate in the program.

BPA REPORT

Mr. Peterson reported that Xpress Underground has returned and is working once again on the project, as they are aware there was a water leak on Monday. Xpress did not hit a line; it is believed the vibration from the boaring of the line cause the current pipe to move. The boil order should be lifted tomorrow. The hydrant flushing is complete; the fire chief has been notified of the hydrants that are not working. The parts to repair those hydrants will be ordered. The department has started their 25% requirement for potholing, as reported earlier the square area will be done prior to paving. The department is looking into having the EOCC jail inmates help with painting of the hydrants in the village.

MISCELLANEOUS

May 16th is Concert in the Square with various events; Youngstown Cycle is having their Gentleman's Run and the Farmers Market.

May 19th place the Veterans flags at the cemetery 5:30 pm

May 26th Memorial Day parade and service in case of rain the service is at the Presbyterian Church

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the May 13, 2025 meeting at 7:44 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer