

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 27, 2026

PRESIDING: Mayor Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Morenz, Cox, Hiner, & Smith

ABSENT: Donnalley

The regular meeting on January 27, 2026 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wilson started by thanking all Village departments for the work they did during the storm over the weekend, saying they all did a fantastic job.

2026 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Council President said that she would like to see Council man Cox and Morenz be on the street committee for 2026, they both have a lot of experience which she feels would be beneficial to department. There was discussion on whether the committee assignments needed council approval with Solicitor Beech saying they are council committees. Mayor Wilson said he would verify that a motion was made in 2025. Council woman Temple said she enjoys being on the street committee and would like to stay mentioning Council woman Donnalley feels the same. Mayor Wilson feels the department is running good and the committee does not need to be changed. The 2026 committee assignments was tabled until next meeting.

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Hiner made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting 1/13/2026

Temple

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Hiner made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$35,466.21 and to approve payroll for PPE 1/17/26 in the amount of \$63,144.61

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S):

Jeff DeCourt was present at the meeting to again request council consider repairing/redoing the pickle ball court in the spring. He provided council with the name and phone number of a company from Nebraska (Pro Track and Tennis) who specializes in these types of courts. He also mentioned installing a back stop at the court and changing the rock type near the retention wall from the small rock to a river rock, so children do not continue to pick up the stones and throw them on the court or in the pool even. Council man Cox said the village had reached out to a company in Canfield who also specializes in court repair.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: PRITCHARD AVE BRIDGE UPDATE

At the last meeting council approved establishing an escrow account for additional funding needed for the bridge project as suggested by ODOT. The next day the Mayor and Council were informed the escrow would not be needed, the Municipal Bridge Program Manager, after further consideration of the budget the project CAP was increased by \$150,000.00 to \$1.3 million. The village will not need to put in any funds, and this will also give room for a high bid according to the email from Mr. Lorenz. Mayor Wilson reported ODOT is still waiting on easement approval by First Energy but is hopeful the project will bid in mid-February with construction set to begin in May. The mayor said he met with McKinley Principal Dan Kemats earlier in the day regarding disruptions in bus route traffic.

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2247-2026 - AMERICA 250 2026 CELEBRATIONS

Council President Hiner ask for confirmation on who the local nonprofit representative will be for the America 250 and that her and Mayor Wilson are the local government representatives. These names have to be turned in with the resolution. Mayor Wilson stated he will verify that Gloria Tritton from the Historical Society is still willing to serve in that capacity. He also mentioned that in addition to the Historical Society the Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club are interested in participating in the upcoming events.

Temple made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2247-2026 as presented

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: CATCH BASINS

There was no update available at this time.

RE: REDUCING SPEED LIMITS

Solicitor Beech reported he had sent an email to Mr. Hoffman for clarification on speed limit changes on state routes within village limits. The village cannot unilaterally change a speed limit on state routes. The village would need to petition ODOT and do a traffic study for any proposed speed limit changes. These steps do not guarantee ODOT will approve the change. The last time the village looked into a traffic study the cost was estimated to be around \$4,000.00. Council man Morenz said he had read that if an area were declared a school crosswalk the speed limit could be adjusted during designated hours for 300 feet in both directions asking Solicitor Beech if this were the case. Mr. Beech said he was not sure and if council desired, he would research. Council indicated they would like Solicitor Beech to research this and report back when he has the information.

RE: TEAM BUILDING UPDATE

Mayor Wilson stated there seems to be some confusion on the reason for this event and it could be because of him. Council President Hiner stated this is totally different than when first proposed, it was to be like the session in East Palestine where all elected officials, department heads and supervisors attend in a closed session for the session. Now it is only elected officials without the supervisors or department heads. The mayor said after talking to some council members they did not want to attend that long of session, so he spoke with Roberta who suggested condensing the session. Mayor Wilson reported that he has spoken to Roberta from RCAP she is suggesting February 28th with either a 2 or 4 hour session with only elected officials including the BPA which the mayor invited this evening during their meeting. This is the same day as Wine about Winter sponsored by the Chamber she plans to attend and has already purchased 2 tickets for her and himself to attend. Mayor Wilson asked Council man Cox if he would be attending since he voted against the team building at the last meeting, Councilman Cox said he was out town that weekend and could not attend for that reason. The mayor also asked Council President Hiner if she would be attending since she indicated she did not want to participate also, she said she would need to check her schedule to see if her daughter had a cheer competition that day and could not say. The mayor asked Councilman Morenz what he preferred a 2 hour session or 4 hour session. Councilman Morenz said it did not matter to him if he is here for 2 what is 2 more. Councilman Smith questioned if this would work if not all of council were able to attend, the mayor said it would. When asked if he would be able to attend, Mr. Smith said he did not mind attending. The

session is set up with questions that let elected officials get to know each other better and work together for the same purpose. It is not intended to bring up past conflicts or discuss official council happenings. The questions are why you became involved in local government and what is your vision for Lisbon in 5-10 years with others related to what each believe their position involves. The idea is to develop better communication skills among each other. The team building session will be February 28th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for anyone that wants to attend with the mayor saying it is not obligatory.

RE: SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

Councilman Smith reported JP Plumbing has installed the standpipe but there has not been any testing done. They will be doing this when the weather gets better. Mr. Smith mentioned two (2) different grants the village could apply for: ODNR – Nature Works and one administered by ODNR that is a Land and Water federal grant. Each have a match with one being 50% match. Councilman Morenz asked if council could have the links to the grants mentioned so they can review, Mayor Wilson said he would send those to council. Mr. Smith said that with not knowing the extent of the issue or the cost for the pool it is hard to submit either of these for the pool project. Mr. Smith suggested the ODNR Nature works grant be looked into for the pickle ball court, council agreed this could be a good idea if it works. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Oliver about the chain link fence he was told we had last year, is that still available if needed to set up back stops as Mr. DeCourt had mentioned? Mr. Olliver said it was.

RE: VILLAGE HALL ROOF UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported he had a couple of companies reach out about the village hall roof; with the weather they are unable to measure for pricing at this time. Councilman Morenz reported that he has researched metal roofing a light colored roof helps with cooling in the summer months and heat in the winter. It is even recommended to assist with global warming. The bidding process was discussed for this project; it is anticipated to come in under ORC requirements. After some discussion on thresholds council would like to have in place for projects that are under the ORC requirement Solicitor Beech was asked to draft a policy on bidding projects of this kind.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2248-2026 – 2026 DRUG TASK FORCE OFFICER

Hiner made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2248-2026
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: EVERBRITE STREET SWEEPING PRICES

The 2026 street sweeping cost were presented to council in their packets, the cost is \$180.00 per hour with one hour travel one way. The village sweeps twice a year, once in the spring for 8 hours and once prior to the Johnny Appleseed festival for 4 hours, Street Supervisor Oliver suggested increasing the spring from the 8 to 9 hours to allow for travel time.

Hiner made the motion to approve the sweeping of the streets for 9 hours in the spring and 4 hours prior to the Johnny Appleseed Festival with Mr. Oliver to set up the dates
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: CDBG GRANT

Mayor Wilson reported he spoke with the Columbiana County Port Authority and there will be a CDBG grant available again this year. These grants are available to LMI areas (low to moderate income). Mayor Wilson will verify the only area in the village that qualifies without a detailed study is South of Washington St. Council discussed several areas

including Maple St, S Green St and an alley that runs from Maple St to the bike trail area. It was asked if this alley could be chipped and sealed, with it being used by many bicycles blacktop, if possible, would be best. W Maple St has an engineering cost estimate from a few years ago that could be refigured easily if needed. Mayor Wilson will obtain more information on the CDBG dates and bring this back to council.

RE: SLF MITIGATION GRANT

Mayor Wilson reported on funding opportunity for a grant to mitigate the spotted lantern fly which is found in trees of haven. This grant would dove tail on the Urban Forestry grant according to the mayor and could be used for removal, herbicide, harvesting of eggs and education for the public if approved. The match is 10% that can easily be matched with in kind services of himself and the administrative assistant, he is requesting approval to apply for \$4,000.00. The deadline for submitting the grant is January 30th. Council President aske if he had all the required information for the grant application it seems like a lot to gather in few days. Mayor Wilson said he has talked to Brandon Barnes about removal of trees when asked if he has any prices, he does not have a quote as of yet. Councilmen Morenz and Cox agree with Councilwoman Hiner this is a lot to figure out prior to the 30th to get it submitted. It was decided not to apply, waiting to see if this kind of grant is available in the future.

RE: VIDEOING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mayor Wilson passed out to council a quote from Weber Technology – Ben Weber for equipment needed to video council meetings that totaled \$111.51 with tax. The details of the proposal are outlined on the quote. The mayor said Mr. Weber will attend each meeting to video at a cost of \$30.00 per meeting. Councilman Morenz asked the newspaper if our meetings were recorded would she still attend, to which she said she is assigned to cover the meeting and would be here. Mayor Wilson said some people that have contacted him have 2 jobs and cannot come to meetings where others just do not want to come to the meetings. Council President Hiner asked about policies and record retention issues. Solicitor Beech will research the requirements.

RE: VACANT BUILDING ORDINANCE REWRITE

Mayor Wilson is proposing that since the zoning code has been updated. He had brought up violations to Zoning Inspector Barkley who did not want to follow up on those while the zoning code was being rewritten. Now that the zoning is complete the mayor is asking council to consider rewriting the vacant building ordinance. Citing a couple concerns he has with the current ordinance it does not require a phone number that is listed to be associated with the building owner, he does not know how many people have contacted him regarding the old Steel Trolley diner saying the number is not an owner. The other being where our current ordinance only requires a portion of a building to be occupied for the whole building to be considered occupied, he feels it should stay store front not building, mentioning a court case and several other times this has happened. Solicitor Beech confirmed the court case but did not know of any other instances. Council President said she feels that this is not the best way to approach this ordinance and that mentioning specific businesses is not appropriate. The one business to her knowledge is still in probate after the death of the building owner. She is proposing that the ordinance rewrite be discussed at a meeting other than a regular council meeting where more discussion can be held and the rewrite be business friendly if we want to invite businesses into town. She believes there are several buildings in town that are in violation, mentioning the one next door to village hall, but she believes we need to work with building owners and not just punish them. Especially with the older buildings in town this causes certain restrictions to property owners.

RE: STUMP GRINDING QUOTES

Council was presented in their packets three (3) quotes from Barnes Tree Service for removal of stumps: 227 S Lincoln Ave grind \$350.00, one stump behind the VFW on W Washington St \$400.00, 2 stumps in front of Joe Morenz house neighboring the stump on S Lincoln Ave \$700.00. All quotes include dirt, seed, and straw. Council man Morenz wanted it noted that he did not ask for these to be taken out. Street Supervisor Oliver said he added them since they were next to the one on S Lincoln Ave. Council President Hiner questioned if the amounts were still good since the date on the quote is Nov 12, 2025, Mr. Oliver said they were he just received them.

Temple made the motion to have all the stumps removed as presented for a total cost of \$1,450.00
Smith 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following financial statements were distributed to the council in their packets: the most current January month end fund summary. All vouchers were presented to the council prior to the meeting for signatures. Ms. Wonner let council know she has an OML Board meeting on Friday February 6th and starts vacation on the 7th thru the 22nd. Barb will cover the council meeting on February 10th.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Street quadrant reports were distributed to council in their packets. Councilwoman Temple ask if all the equipment is still working properly after the storm. Mr. Oliver reported the 2019 Chevy Truck #7 went into limp mode while plowing, he was able to get it back to the garage, the 2005 International Truck #5 the blower went out he had to plow with no heat. He did have Brother's garage repair both, they are working now.

BPA REPORT

Board Chairman Bill Hoover reported the SR 45/Adams Rd water line extension project is ready to go to bid and scheduled to begin construction May 1st. The engineer was in town last week for soil sampling on N Market St as part of the sewer line replacement project, everything went well there. The department has been monitoring the holes they dug for leaks, putting 304 in them, as necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council man Morenz said he would like to attend the Ohio Municipal League sponsored class for council members that is being offered through out the state. There were others who expressed an interest also, if they are able Ms. Wonner will enroll them with the cost being paid by the village.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the January 27, 2026, council meeting at 7:36 pm



Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer