

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2025**

PRESIDING: Mayor Wilson

PRESENT: Darcy, Temple, Donnalley, Hiner, Smith

ABSENT: Cox

The regular meeting on December 9, 2025 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

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

Council President Hiner read a proclamation for Tom Darcy for his service to the Village as a Council member for 13 years. Mr. Darcy's did not run for re-election his term will expire on December 31, 2025. Mr. Darcy thanked everyone, saying he enjoyed his time serving on Village Council. The proclamation will be added as an attachment to these minutes.

Mayor Wilson saying since we are thanking people, I would like to give a brief note on how productive a year 2025 was reading from a prepared statement, he reported on the following. The Grant Street Bridge was completed in May, capping more than four years of planning and work. Construction of the \$3.6 million project was almost entirely paid for by grants. The water tower was finished and went online last month. This project has been under study for more than 20 years. Grants again paid about half the \$4.2 billion cost. E Washington St. was paved from Jackson St. to S Market at a cost of 220,000. Again, grants covered the majority of the cost. We also paved the downtown squares for the first time in nearly 20 years. That cost was covered by the Villages Capital Expenditures fund. Their paving has made the downtown look much more attractive. The following projects are nearing completion. The rewriting of the Villages Zoning Code, a massive project that has been underway for years. Thanks to our consultant company, Ryan Berg and Zach Barkley, The Villages new code should go into effect early next year, facilitating new construction in Lisbon and ending many of our many ending the inconsistencies of our current code. In Lisbon, we continue to pursue grant opportunities for a village our size. It is impossible to do large infrastructural projects without aid. This year we received many grants including a \$465,000 grant to help build a bridge that will connect the Greenway Trail to Willow Grove Park that will replace a bridge that was destroyed in 2004. We also received a grant of \$25,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division to improve the villages curb lines and urban tree canopy. This project would include planting new trees as well as maintaining those already planted. We also received smaller grants from Home Depot to spruce up the downtown gazebo. We also received grants to install safety crosswalks on East Lincoln Way. Thanks to the Ohio Department of Transportation, similar equipment will soon be installed at the intersection of W Lincoln Way and Thomas Rd. The Soil and Water District also received monies to help Lisbon stop erosion in Willow Grove Park. He concluded by saying that at times we have disagreements, but he thinks a lot was accomplished this year, thanking council for their hard work and looking forward to working with you next year.

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 25, 2025

Darcy made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting 11/25/25.

Temple

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$22,895.61 and to approve payroll for PPE 11/22/25 in the amount of \$73,214.74

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S):

Jereme Kliner spoke about why he ran for council and his feelings in general about what is happening in our world. He sees a political divide at all levels of government, letting poison seep everywhere. He mentioned he had a text from Congressman Rulli asking for his vote, he replied to the text asking many questions about promises Mr. Rulli made. He did receive an answer even though it was generic and did not answer much. He wanted to take this time to speak saying after he spoke at the forum which he was scared to do, he sees the divide even here during meetings. He went onto to say we only have each other in this village, no one is coming to save us so we might as well get along and make Lisbon the happiest poorest little village around. He also feels that young people do not suck, they just have never been rewarded and they want to work. This has to end someday. He ended by saying he plans to take the opportunity to speak at other meetings.

Donna Shuman is working with Foster Teens of Ohio, specifically here in Columbiana County. Once again \$25.00 gift cards will be given to local foster teens, if anyone is interested in donating it is appreciated. She apologized for the short notice; she has just not been here in a while. There are currently 14 foster teens in Columbiana County. After all cards are distributed to local teens, any remaining will be sent to other counties who are not as fortunate to have the support we do. Several people in attendance gave her a donation for cards.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: 3rd/ FINAL READING ORDINANCE NO. 2240-2025 – REPEALING CHAPTER 146 AND REPEALING CHAPTERS 1160 THROUGH 1182 ZONING CODE

It was explained that after the passage of the ordinance the ordinance will go into effect 30 days after passage unless residents file a referendum against. In January, the map and fees will be brought to council for approval according to Zoning Inspector Barkley.

Hiner made the motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2240-2025, an ordinance that repeals Chapter 146 and Chapters 1160-1182 in the codified ordinances

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: 3rd/FINAL READING ORDINANCE NO. 2241-2025 – ENACTING CHAPTERS 1160-1190 ZONING CODE

Hiner made the motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2241-2025, an ordinance enacting Chapters 1160-1190 Zoning Code

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: 3rd/FINAL READING ORDINANCE NO. 2243-2025 – 2026 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

Hiner made the motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2243-2025, the 2026 Annual Appropriations

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: UPDATE ON VILLAGE'S 2026 CELEBRATIONS

Mayor Wilson had sent the website for information to all council members asking does anyone have any ideas for the upcoming celebration for America's 250th birthday. Council President Hiner asked if there was still time to pass a resolution saying she was not sure if there was deadline. Mayor Wilson and Council President Hiner had both spoken with the liaison in Salem, the Mayor feels that yes, a resolution could still be passed in January. The village would have to appoint a council member, one or two members of local government and one local cultural, civic, or corporate partner as liaison for the committee. There are themes for every month of the year, the Fireworks

Committee is planning a celebration for July. The Historical Society wants to be involved. Ms. Hiner said the whole point is to highlight things within our community and what Lisbon has to offer. She suggested speaking with Library, having a proclamation to recognize what our Village has done. She also hopes there is still time to get banners that could be used. Mayor Wilson said he will put this on the next agenda for more discussion.

RE: UPDATE ON SPEED LIMIT ON E LINCOLN WAY

Mayor Wilson reported he spoke with various individuals at ODOT since the last meeting as promised. According to what I was told, under the Ohio Revised Code, there are guidelines for speed limits on state routes and municipalities. However, it is up to the municipality to set the speed limits. We do not have to do any type of traffic test, saying he I was surprised because when I talked to someone lower in ODOT they told me a traffic test was essential. He talked to the head of it for District 11, David Huffman and he said there are no requirements first regards traffic test and it is up to the municipality to set the limits. So, if we want to do 25 the entire length of Lincoln Way, we can. He told me if we do take such a step, that ODOT is not going to come around taking down our signs to replace them. He said it is the municipalities, right. There are guidelines in the ORC Ohio Revised Code, but we do not necessarily have to follow those guidelines. Fiscal Officer Wonner reminded those in attendance as a statutory village though we cannot exceed those guidelines. Mayor Wilson mentioned how other communities, including Salem and Columbiana have changed speed limits on State Routes, and how in the past the Village has had residents on the section of 164 on West Washington and S Lincoln Ave have requested the speed limit be changed. He is suggesting that after the new year the Public Safety Committee of Council meet to discuss speed limits in various places in the village. Council agreed this was a good idea.

RE: UPDATE ON WELCOME HOME OHIO PROJECTS

Mayor Wilson explained that Welcome Home Ohio is through the Ohio Department of Development, it is not Section 8 housing. These are nice homes that offer tax incentives upon ownership to help with housing availability in the State. The Board of Zoning Appeals has just approved one (1) variance application for a proposed build on Pritchard Ave, and three (3) others are in the process of being approved on Sherman St, they are in the five (5) day wait period. The Mayor is hopeful that the Village will be approved for round two (2) of the Welcome Home Program. Council President Hiner agreed this is a good program, it is a lot like a CDBG program.

RE: UPDATE ON SWIMMING POOL

Council man Smith reported there is no update at this time, JP Plumbing has not finished the testing they were doing.

RE: TAP GRANT FOR SIDEWALKS COLUMBIANA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

Mayor Wilson stated he had made a big deal about the TAP grant and that he apologizes he made a mistake and had overheard something incorrectly. Council President Hiner said she did contact the Port Authority, who did not seem really happy about the situation they wasted three (3) weeks of their time, and the village wasted \$1000.00 on a cost estimate. Ms. Hiner told them Council did not have any information and could not just vote on something, she wishes the Mayor would have shared the information he had from the start. This TAP grant is through ODOT and is an 80/20 match which is on the website if Council would have had this information they would have known this from the start. She suggested that possibly there could be a finance committee meeting to discuss the funds needed, even write a letter to the county or receive letters of commitment. The Port Authority had said the County was not contacted and they did not intend on contacting the businesses. Ms. Hiner felt if Council would have had the information from the start Council and the Mayor could have worked together this is a good project sidewalks are needed in that area, saying based on the current cost estimate it would have been about an \$83,000.00 commitment by the Village. She just wishes Council and the Mayor would have worked better together. The grant can be applied for next September, but the cost will most likely be higher. Mayor Wilson apologized again saying he will involve

Council more in the process. This will not happen again he said. He is excited about his new Assistant Zach Mayer who really has a nice understanding on what is needed when writing a grant.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2245-2025 – LPA ODOT LET AGREEMENT PRITCHARD AVE BRIDGE

Mayor Wilson reminded Council how Dan Lorenz was at a meeting earlier in the year explaining the cost and village funds needed, at that time Council agreed to the \$30,000.00 needed for environmental work. The construction dates are estimated to be May 2026 to September 2026. Council woman Temple said this is during the school year asking how that would affect the elementary school. Mayor Wilson said when he has more details, he will contact Superintendent Siefke about needed changes. The resolution before council is the Let Agreement between ODOT and the Village with the Project Agreement attached.

Temple made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2245-2025
Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 2246-2025 – AMENDED 2025 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FIRE LEVY FUND AS AN EMERGENCY

Hiner made the motion to suspend the rules and regulations for passing an ordinance
Darcy 2nd

All Ayes with roll call vote
Motion Passed

Hiner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2246-2025 as an emergency
Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT BULLETPROOF VEST PROGRAM

Council President Hiner explained this program is through Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost. The Village is requesting twenty – six (26) armor plates with a total cost of \$5,49.74 the Village match is \$1,462.43 with the state taking care of the remaining \$4,387.31. These are plates that will go inside the current vest for more protection.

Hiner made the motion to approve the application for the Ohio Law Enforcement Bulletproof vest program application
Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RESIGNATION OF BARBARA DECORT FROM ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD OF APPEALS

Temple made the motion to approve the resignation of Barbara DeCourt form the Architectural Review Board of Appeals
Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Mrs. DeCourt had been appointed to the Architectural Design and Review Board at an earlier meeting, this is why she resigned from the appeals board Mayor Wilson reported.

RE: RESIGNATION OF FIREFIGHTER KODY VINT

Chief Hall reported that Firefighter Vint has moved out of the area, this is why he is resigning. He is a member of the East Palestine department now.

Hiner made the motion to accept the resignation of Kody Vint as a member of the fire department

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: HIRING OF FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL CLARK

Chief Hall introduced Nathaniel Clark, who is a Marine Veteran, to those in attendance. Mr. Hall stated that Mr. Clark took an interest than ran with it already completing training on his own before the training that is available in February which he will need. He is recommending that Mr. Clark be approved as a firefighter. Mayor Wilson and Council thanked Mr. Clark for his service.

Hiner made the motion to approve Nathaniel Clark as a firefighter on the fire department

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RCAP TEAM BUILDING COURSE FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL AND SUPERVISORS

Mayor Wilson reported that Council had talked about this earlier in the year asking if they were interested in this course. It was suggested to table this until the new year when Joe Morenz takes his seat on council so he can discuss it also before being voted on.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following financial statements were distributed to the council in their packets: current month end fund summary. The November bank reconciliation was distributed to council during the meeting. All vouchers were presented to the council prior to the meeting for signatures.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Street Supervisor Oliver said leaf pick up is almost finished. He is hoping to finish tomorrow.

PARKS REPORT

Council man Smith reported the committee is looking into possible grants for the Pickleball courts.

FIRE REPORT

Chief Hall reported that the dealer is waiting on the title work before the truck can be brought to Lisbon. Once the truck is here the first thing is to make sure it fits in the garage, if it does then the department will test drive and try out the pumps. The annual Pictures with Santa is scheduled for this Sunday from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. He also reported it looks like the department is going to surpass the number of calls they had in 2024, they are currently at 308 calls for the year. He will have the final amount and break down in January for council. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CEMETERY REPORT

Board Member Wendell Cole reported that all the leaves have been picked up, and mowing is completed for the year at the Cemetery. The new bay on the garage is finished and in use. A light has been added to a pole for better lighting around the storage areas.

BPA REPORT

Board Chairman Bill Hoover reported the board will be adding the standard boil order information on the village website along with other notices. The old standpipe has been taken down and all cleaned up.

ZONING REPORT

Zoning Inspector Barkley reported terms and membership are being reviewed for board members for the upcoming year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Wilson thanked everyone who participated in the parade and light-up over the weekend. He reminded those in attendance that volunteers do all the lights and work, there is no public money used. The Big Heart Big Community event is this weekend there are 112 families that will benefit from the event. The gifts are being distributed at St George's Catholic Church.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the December 9, 2025, council meeting at 7:23 pm

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer