

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 14, 2025**

PRESIDING: Mayor Wilson

PRESENT: Darcy, Cox, Temple, Hiner, Smith

ABSENT: Donnalley

The regular meeting on October 14, 2025, was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Temple made the motion to approve the minutes of the 9/23/25 regular meeting with stated correction.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$34,577.99 and to approve payroll for PPE 9/27/25 in the amount of \$70,416.50

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S):

Joe Morenz was present to present to council an idea on how to find the leak at the pool. He suggested sealing off the return to the pump house and filling the gutters with water. There are little holes under the gutter all the way around, a water proof tape is available to put on those holes. This could be turned where the pump feeds the pool. The pipe could be cut off with a 90 degree adding a stand pipe. This could then be filled to see if leaking, because if this is leaking it would leak behind the way. If it were to hold water the same tape could be put all the way around the edges than fill the pool. He believes by doing this it would be possible to know exactly where the leak is at opposed to just guessing.

Mr. Morenz also asked about hiring the Administrative Assistant/Zoning Clerk, wanting to know what happened to the last one, and did they resign? Because the acceptance of the resignation was not on the last agenda or accepted at the meeting as far as he can remember. Mayor Wilson confirmed she did resign, it was not confirmed the resignation was accepted, however.

Joe Vitko, candidate for council, was present to tell those who are running for council about an open forum at the high school the next evening (Wednesday October 15th) if any candidate would like to attend, they are welcome. Council candidate Pat Kronenbeg made a statement about the notice, when asked if she wanted to speak by Mayor Wilson, she said that she did not.

Marie Keller was present at the meeting for her annual request to perform prior to the Christmas Parade on December 6th at 4:00 pm. Ms. Keller along with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus recited a line from the play. Council had no objections to allowing them to perform their play prior to the parade.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: WESTERN RESERVE CONSERVANCY OFFER UPATE

Mayor Wilson reported that he heard from Western Reserve last week they were writing up their offer. They want to go through to their lawyers one more time and they will be here at the next meeting on October 28th to definitely present it.

RE: ZONING CODE REWRITE UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported that the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals met on September 24th. Both of them approved the draft with reservations they are requesting clarification on a few items. There is one question, one major question and that was asked about the Architectural Review and Historical board. Zach is contacting the Ohio Historical Ohio History Connection to see exactly how much of what we have written matches their requirements so that we will be finding out shortly. The mayor said you will be getting a draft. In the mayor's opinion, rewriting the AHRB section would be a major undertaking and this could be done after this initial revision is approved by council. Council President Hiner questioned if those who wrote the revision for the village had any concerns with the Architectural Review Board had any concerns in any of the meetings with them. Mayor Wilson said the village did not hire an attorney; a consulting firm did the revisions.

RE: SCOPE OF WORK SWIMMING POOL REPAIRS

The mayor started with thanking Mr. Morenz for his suggestions on finding the leak at the pool. The Mayor also confirmed that work done in house does not need to be part of a bid process by speaking with the County Auditor and County Prosecutor. He does not have a scope of work for this meeting as he is still working on it. He reported that he spoke with the City of Salem who no longer uses DE for their filtration system but now use sand, he believes this could mean a lower price. He will bring back to council any information he produces.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: SEAL MASTER QUOTE

A quote in the amount of \$1,134.00 for crack sealing component and the use of the machine were presented to council in their packets. Mr. Oliver stated he plans to work on Beaver St, E. Chestnut St, W High St, and repairs on areas where water line break cuts were made. When asked by Council woman Temple the time, Mr. Oliver said he hoped to have it next week if approved.

Temple made the motion to approve the quote from Seal Master as presented

Smith 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2238-2025 – PURCHASE OF REALY PROPERTY 7389 SR 45 – NE PRESSURE PROJECT

Sr. Plant Operator explained this piece of property is approximately 0.049 acres, located at 7389 State Route 45 and will be used for the NE Pressure Project.

Hiner made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2238-2025

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: PROMOTION OF DANIEL HAUGHT FROM PART TIME OFFICER TO FULL TIME OFFICER

Chief Abraham reported this promotion is to fill the current vacant full time position in the department and is recommending Mr. Haught at 92% of the base wage.

Hiner made the motion to approve the promotion of Daniel Haught from part time officer to full time officer at 92% of the base wage.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ZONING CLERK POSITION

The personnel committee met on October 9th to review the current job description; it has been suggested to have the Zoning Inspector listed along with the Mayor anywhere the Mayor is listed for job duties and supervisor purposes. The other change is having flexible hours between 20 and 29 hours per week, this goes with the idea of the position also working closely with the Zoning Inspector. The mayor said he would like to see the village move into the 21st century and have on line applications available, it is ridiculous to have paper for everything. There was a question on if the job had to be posted, the Mayor has put it on his Facebook page, it was asked of him to change the phone number from his personal cell phone number to the village hall phone number. The Mayor agreed after making the comment he uses that phone for everything village including suggestions and complaints.

Temple made the motion to hire an Administrative Assistant/Zoning Clerk

Smith 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Council President Hiner questioned if a deadline was set to receive applications. The Mayor said October 24th.

RE: ODOT SUMMER MOWING PROGRAM

Mayor Wilson reported on a program ODOT called the summer mowing program whereby they do the mowing for free for communities who are not as financially able as other communities. He wanted permission to apply for the program saying there is no match required. ODOT could mow SR 154 two times a year saying he read today where ODOT wants to have pollinators. When asked if there were any other places in the village this could be helpful, Mr. Oliver mentioned the bank as the street garage. Joe Lawhorn from the parks district asked if the portion along the trail on SR 154 would be included in this mowing saying it would help the parks district if it were. The Mayor said he was not sure but would check if council approves.

Hiner made the motion to submit to ODOT for the summer mowing program.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: SR 164 PAVING PROJECT

Mayor Wilson reported that he heard that ODOT may be repaving SR 164 within the village limits. This would include S Lincoln Ave, a portion of W Washington St from S Lincoln Ave to S Market St, Market St from W Washington St to Lee Ave than Lee Ave to the intersection of SR 517 and SR 164. He does not have any details and will bring those back to council when he does. However, since he has heard about this and after talking with Mr. Oliver the section of W Washington between Blocksom and Beaver St needs drainage work completed consisting of 10 catch basins at a cost for material only is \$23,000.00. The mayor feels it is imperative that this work is done prior to any repaving. Council President Hiner asked about the drainage work on Beaver St that was discussed at a street committee meeting back in March of this year with a quote between \$45,000.00 and \$61,000.00. She said the village needs to prioritize what work will be done. The Mayor said once he has confirmation from ODOT a committee meeting would be set to discuss the projects. Chief Abraham and Sr Plant Operator Peterson both requested to be notified and included in any meetings with ODOT regarding projects. They were told they would be.

RE: HALLOWEEN

Mayor Wilson requested Trick or Treat be changed for this year only from the typical Halloween night to Thursday night with the chance of the football team having a playoff game on Halloween. He spoke to Superintendent Siefke who agreed with the change.

Darcy made the motion to change Trick or Treat for this year from Halloween night to Thursday October 30th 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: TAP GRANT FOR SIDEWALKS IN LINCOLN PLACE

Mayor Wilson reported that sidewalks in this area was a project that former Mayor Gallo had submitted for funding but was never awarded. The last time the application was submitted the Columbiana County Economic Development Department was fronting the application, he had not been contacted by anyone to date but wanted to know if Council was interested in applying. Council asked prior to deciding if they could have more information on the project. This will be brought to the next meeting.

RE: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR OMEGA

Mayor Wilson stated that OMEGA has reached out to him suggesting the village adopt an active transportation plan. The next grant window will open in January. This plan is for pedestrians and bicycles if approved OMEGA will do all the work for the plan. If approved the Mayor wants to send the draft plan to the Street Committee for review, this plan is used strictly to apply for grants. There is no cost to the village for OMEGA to do the work. Joe Lawhorn stated that when in Coshocton he was active in the development of their Active Transportation Plan and would be interested in helping. If approved, the Mayor and Mr. Oliver will have a resolution to adopt at the next meeting.

Temple made the motion to move forward with an active transportation plan by OMEGA

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: REQUEST FOR MATERIAL TO BUILD 25 BARRICADES – STREET DEPARTMENT

A quote in the amount of \$1,160.00 was presented to council in their packets for material for the street department to build 25 barricades. Mr. Oliver stated these barricades are used primarily during the Johnny Appleseed Festival to mark street closings. Council President Hiner stated this may be reimbursable through the village Public Entity Insurance on the reimbursable grant. Ms. Wonner will complete the grant application with the help of Mr. Oliver.

Hiner made the motion to approve \$1,160.00 for materials to build 25 barricades.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: BARNES TREE SERVICE QUOTE – TREE IN GERONIMO SQUARE

A quote in the amount of \$1,500.00 was presented to council in their packets to remove a tree in the Northeast square (Geronimo square). The quote includes taking the tree down, removing all wood and stump than planting grass.

Temple made the motion to approve the quote submitted by Barnes Tree Service as presented

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following financial statements were distributed to the council during the meeting: September bank reconciliation, revenue and appropriation summaries, September month end fund summary and the most current month end fund summary All vouchers were presented to the council prior to the meeting for signatures. Ms. Wonner reported the 5% income tax collection and additional \$7,500.00 month end transfer totaled \$15,561.81. Ms. Wonner also reported on the Ohio Municipal League Conference she attended last week.

MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

April 1 through August 31 mayor's cash disbursement report was submitted to council in their packets.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Street department quadrant reports were submitted to the council in their packets. A quote for \$760.00 was presented to council for new tires and batteries for the tire pressure gauges for the Ford explorer used by the department.

Hiner made the motion to approve the tires and batteries quote as presented
Temple 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

When asked about leaf pickup, Mr. Oliver said he planned to start after the first frost.

PARKS REPORT

It was reported that the winterization of the pool started today and will finish tomorrow.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Hall ask for approval to promote Adam Little from firefighter position to a newly created LT/Training Officer position. Mr. Hall feels with all the state requirements this is a needed position. He requires 24 hours of training each year, which is above the state requirement.

Hiner made the motion to promote Adam Little from firefighter to LT/Training Officer
Temple 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

Chief Hall also reported that the department need to nozzles, a hydrant gate, wrenches at a total cost of \$3,255.00.

Temple made the motion to approve the purchase as presented.
Smith 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

Mr. Hall also brought to everyone's attention the new school crossing signs at Lincoln Way and Pritchard do not work properly. When the button is pushed only the sign which the button was pressed lights up so traffic coming the other direction cannot see the lights blinking. The mayor said he or Jim would contact the company.

Council man Cox reported that he and Chief Hall have been researching trucks for the fire department. The issue at the moment is the size of the garage doors, the trucks are out there that will fit but they have not found any to date. He and Chief Hall will keep looking, when asked about price they are trying to keep the price between \$500,000.00 and \$600,000.00.

BPA REPORT

Bill Hoover, BPA chairperson, reported that the department has been working with the Ohio EPA and RCAP on an asset management plan. The booster station test for the NE Pressure project went smoothly and they are still on target with the November date for the new tower. The tower has been filled; it will now need to sit for a few days than be drained for cleaning. This process could take a few times but is not thought to change the November date. Logan Hall and Laura Wilson have both passed their CDL permit testing completing the training and will be scheduled for their test.

ZONING REPORT

The most recent zoning reports were submitted to council in their packets.

MISCELLANEOUS

There was discussion on who should and can report a street light being out. Chief Abraham stated that anyone can report online and that the new hires have been making a list of poles where the light is out to be submitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION EMPLOYMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL/PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

Hiner made the motion to enter into executive session for the employment of a public official/public employee inviting Solicitor Beech

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Hiner made the motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:17 pm

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

There was no action taken from the executive session.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the October 14, 2025, council meeting at 8:17 pm

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer