

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2026**

PRESIDING: Mayor Wilson

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

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on August 11, 2026 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

Brian Davis, Sheep Recovery opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JULY 28, 2026

Hiner made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting 7/28/26

Morenz 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Hiner made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$25,132.28

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Hiner made the motion to approve payroll for PPE 8/1/26 in the amount of \$73,293.44

Morenz 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S):

Jeremy McCreight was present to discuss the proposed skate park. The group has an attorney that specializes in non-profit organizations who is willing to set up everything. The group plans to have a separate account for donations received for the park, stating if council were on board the group would like to have their first fund raiser at the Johnny Appleseed as mentioned at the last meeting. When the park is built, they will install hi tech cameras that do not require internet setting up a page and this would show that there is no riff raff, what the kids are doing and that they are cleaning up. Mr. McCreight said if council supports this the village would have no cost this group plans to pay for everything. Stating his biggest concern is having something for these kids and if this skate park is built, he believes it will bring growth to the village. The concrete is being donated, he has spoken with Jameson Watkins from the skatepark association that has over 100 followers. Council woman Donnalley asked what do you exactly want the village to do to as this point. They would like to make sure the suggested area would be approved for this type of zoning; the plot needs to be 70x70 for accessibility purposes. The skate park would be near the bike trail meaning it could have even more people using it. The group wants to have 3 ramps and rails. Mr. McCreight believes a park like this would bring more businesses to town and help those here to thrive. Council President Hiner has concerns with using volunteers to build everything. Mayor Wilson said a company has been contacted who has produced plans for the group. This company would send everything, and it only needs to be put together after shipped. Mayor Wilson said the Village owns the two parcels in question, maybe the Village could lease them as they did the FEMA acquired properties. Council man Morenz said he was not sure this would be the same questioning if this property is in the flood zone. He also believes the village should start with zoning and verifying the size on maps at the engineers office. Mayor Wilson said it was but was not sure of the level, he would check into that. Council man Cox asked Street Foreman Oliver how big the piece of property near the pickle ball court that is not being used was, Mr. Oliver was not sure of exact measurements but thinks is it at least 80x80. Mr. Cox suggested looking at the Cedar St Park area for the skate park since this is already a park. Mayor Wilson was concerned this was in the midst of a residential area, Council man Cox and Council woman Temple both mentioned when you live

by a park you should expect noise. Ms. Temple said it is not much different than living by the school, with Ms. Hiner saying there is already the noise from kids at the pool and park during the summer. One concern was the sand volleyball courts, but these are only used for one week of the year on a regular basis by the high school volleyball team when the gym is closed. Mr. Cox mentioned the park already has cameras and insurance. Council President Hiner feels this is a good idea and would be good for the kids but not sure the village can afford at this time, council just told residents who have asked for two years now that they could not do the pickleball court which cost much less than this. It was mentioned again the group would be paying for everything, but what if they cannot raise enough money and the village has to fund Ms. Hiner said. She does not feel it is responsible of the village to tell these kids to start raising funds when there are so many questions the village needs answers to. After more discussion that centered around the proposed location and Cedar St Park it was decided to first see if zoning permits a park at the S Jefferson St location and if the village can lease the property. Solicitor Beech was asked by Council man Cox his opinion on what the village should do. He thinks the village should take this one step at a time echoing what Council man Morenz stated starting with the zoning and looking at the maps in the engineers office. Mr. Beech also agreed that if the village were involved it could become a logistical nightmare for some of the exact reasons stated by Council President Hiner on financing, time, using volunteers, and bidding constraints.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: OIL AND GAS LEASE UPDATE

Council man Morenz reported he spoke with a Brad Lewis, DPS Land Services. Mr. Lewis had hoped to be able to attend this evenings meeting, he has a current list of all parcels owned by the village. Once a proposal is received Mr. Morenz will send it to the rest of council and mayor in addition to putting it on the agenda. Mayor Wilson asked Mr. Peterson if the EPA had said anything about the village leasing. Mr. Peterson stated there is an upcoming source water meeting where this will be addressed.

RE: BID CLOSURE ON 2006 TOYNE PUMPER

The closing bid for the truck was \$46,500.00; the high bid was Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus. This is the same company the new fire truck was purchased several months ago. The total amount the village will receive with the buyer's premium is \$52,312.50; this will be deposited into the fire levy fund. Council man Cox requested that the fire department clean the truck in addition to verifying it is operational prior to pick up. Chief Hall stated they can do this and that he had just had the truck out a few days ago taking to West Point and back.

RE: SR 164/SR 45 ODOT PAVING UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported on the pre-construction meeting at the ODOT office last week he was unable to attend, however Mr. Oliver, Mr. Peterson and Chief Abraham did attend. The project is scheduled to begin Sept 8th and will be done from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am. The company is aware of the Johnny Appleseed dates; Chief Hall had asked to verify this. Mr. Peterson said it is notated on the plans received by the village. Mayor Wilson stated that after receiving the plans it was noticed the paving is scheduled to continue North on SR 45 from Jerome (Lee Ave) to Saltwell Rd. This is the same area where the N Market Sanitary Sewer replacement is expected to start in November when the notice of award will be signed. This project also includes a repave of the entire road. The village is currently speaking with ODOT to see if the state paving can be changed. Mr. Peterson has requested he and the engineer be included in all of the meetings. He would also like to have his email address added to all correspondence to the Village from ODOT regarding all projects in the village, stating in the past he had received these emails, but they have stopped. Council President Hiner questioned the catch basin project that had been discussed previously for W Washington St (which is part of SR 164), she has it on her list of projects but there is no quote. She wondered why nothing was ever done with this project, the mayor stated there was not enough time to have it done once the village was notified of the paving.

RE: SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

Council was given a report from Howell's and Baird for budgetary purposes which included a total scope of work for repairs on the pool. They had spoken with two well-established commercial pool contractors hearing back from one to date. The report also included work required to mediate the makeup water volume and current code issues to be addressed. The cost includes all work outlined in the report in addition to engineering and contingency plans, the total amount is \$770,000.00. Council man Morenz questioned whether Howells and Baird had even been to the pool or if they were just putting in a report what they thought had to be completed, Mr. Peterson said they had been to the pool several times to investigate before completing the proposal. He then questioned if anyone asked them if we knew what was absolutely necessary, Mayor Wilson said he spoke with Jon Vollnogle prior to the meeting. There is not much that could be eliminated if the village wants the pool fixed correctly. Mayor Wilson reminded council the village does have the \$150,000.00 from the state capital budget request. Mr. Morenz said when he had someone look at the pool that if the leaks were fixed by removing a portion of the wall behind the skimmer and a new pump this would fix the pool with a cost estimated at \$225,000.00. Mr. Morenz said he contacted American Leak Detection; they cannot be at the pool until October. He was told that Salem Sewer and Drain is able to do the same kind of camera work, they need a 2 inch hole to do this. Mr. Morenz is thinking that it may be possible to have a camera go in through the pump house. Mr. Morenz said he is having a hard time getting companies to call him and he would like to see Council man Cox put back on the Parks Committee. Mayor Wilson commented if you cannot get companies to call you what makes you think they will call Council man Cox, to which Mr. Morenz said they may not, but Council man Cox has experience on this committee and in these types of projects. Council President Hiner stated this is why in January when the committees were set, she had made the comment she did, saying that she felt it is a good idea to have someone with experience in that field of work on the particular committee they could benefit the most.

Morenz made the motion to add Council man Cox to the parks committee

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Council man Morenz than requested a parks committee meeting be set. The meeting was scheduled for Tuesday August 18th at 5:30 pm.

Council President Hiner reminded everyone of the finance committee meeting on Wednesday August 19th at 5:30 pm, in addition to the income tax revenue the mayor requested be talked about she would like to add the zoning revenue.

RE: SKATEBOARD PARK UPDATE

This was discussed during the guest section of the meeting.

RE: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Council woman Donnalley reported the active transportation plan team had a zoom call meeting on August 4th, during this meeting they went over the results of the field day in July that was in town. There was not a lot of participation so the consultant would like to have an open house on September 23rd, possibly at the high school, in addition to putting question boards at possibly the farmers market and banquet at the church. Also discussed were the concerns from the two walks taken on that day, the first being the lack of sidewalks on N Market St and traffic that turns off of N Market St onto Beaver St. This is a big intersection where traffic turns at a good rate of speed that continues down Beaver St. Their first suggestion was a possible round about at N Market and Beaver St, which does not seem like a good idea to some on the team. The other is possible speed bumps in the intersection and different places along Beaver St to deter speeding. The other major concern is the S Lincoln Ave area of the bike trail, the intersection at S Lincoln Ave and Maple in addition to how bikers access the trail. Again, a round about was mentioned for the area just after crossing the bridge. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 1st at 10:30 on zoom, all of council is sent a link from the consulting company.

RE: CEDAR PARK PAVILION ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

The village received 3 quotes for repairs to the light fixtures at Cedar St Park pavilion, Soltis Julian Electric \$2,450.00; BGM Electrical \$2,300.00 and Fred Pastore \$2,200.00. Council President Hiner questioned if all the companies were quoting the same project since they were not written the same with some mentioning the lights in the bathroom. Mr. Oliver explained yes that they are, the lights in question and conduit all run through the current bathroom on the pavilion. Council man Cox questioned if Soltis is the company that has done electric work for the village in the past and is on call for the water department, this is the same company.

Cox made the motion to accept the bid from Soltis Electric in the amount of \$2,450.00

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: ROCK CLIMBING CLIFFS UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported he attended the Columbiana County Parks District meeting; they committee had hoped to have a MOU at this meeting between the Parks District and the Rock Climbers Coalition approved. The MOU is not ready yet.

RE: TORNADO SIREN

Mayor Wilson reported the company had gotten back to him about the current siren on the fire department, this is Model 7 according to the company. It would not be a major issue to convert this siren to a tornado siren also, only requiring a software update that would cost approximately \$3,000.00. This prompted a lengthy discussion where Chief Hall said if you are going to do this siren what about all tax payers in the village, there are times this siren cannot be heard all through town. If a tornado siren is put at the current location what about other parts of town mentioning the north side of town particularly, maybe on the water tower. He believes it should be done for all tax payers, not just the downtown area. He still believes the most accurate form of communication for a tornado is the notification system used by the EMA that anyone can sign up for which is specific to their location, it is utilized over cell phones. Chief Hall suggested contacting Beaver Valley on how they set their sirens up, Mayor Wilson said he would contact them. Chief Abraham also mentioned that it would need to be confirmed the software to be considered compatible with the dispatch board and its software. He would want the current company used to verify this software would work before letting anyone do any updates.

RE: GRANT ST BRIDGE UPDATE

Fiscal Officer Wonner reported she had received from Ohio Public Works the final draw for the ODOT led Grant St project for village records earlier this morning in the amount of \$41,929.00. She also spoke with Dan Lorenz from ODOT who reported the project is being closed out, all change orders have been processed for both credits and debits, after this was completed, the Village has an amount due of \$7,200.65. The payment would be the final payment owed by the village. Ms. Wonner is requesting approval to pay this invoice when received.

Hiner made the motion to approve paying the ODOT invoice in the amount of \$7,200.65

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: WILLOW GROVE PARK BRIDGE

Council man Morenz asked where this project is at on ODOT's schedule. The Mayor reported ODOT is soliciting engineering firms and there are 3 projects in front of this particular project.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: 1ST READING ORDINANCE NO. 2266-2026 – 2026/2027 PAYROLL ORDINANCE

Council President Hiner reported the finance committee met August 4th with department heads, the BPA, and Cemetery Boards to discuss the upcoming employee wages. All those in attendance agreed to propose a 3.5% increase for all employees with the exception of a request by the Cemetery Board to raise the Clerk II hourly wage to \$16.14 per hour and in the police department a separate position for the School Resource Officer with a wage of \$27.84 per hour. The school agrees with the wage, the school currently pays the entire salary except for the months of June, July and part of August. The SRO currently is not paid for any extra activities he may do for the school; this will take into consideration the extra hours he has with those. The rate is the same as the detective rate.

Hiner made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2266-2026, the 2026/2027 payroll ordinance
Morenz 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2267-2026 – TENTATIVE AWARD NORTH MARKET STREET SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT

The Board of Public Affairs received the letter of recommendation on the tentative award for the N. Market St. Sanitary Sewer replacement project. The lowest bid was S.E.T. Struthers OH in the amount of \$ 2,252,171.40. There were 3 bidders on the project. The notice of award is anticipated to be signed in November with work beginning shortly after this, there is a 9 month construction schedule.

Morenz made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2267-2026, the tentative award North Market St Sanitary Sewer replacement project to S.E.T. Inc in the amount of \$2,252,171.40

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RESIGNATION OF FT OFFICER – S. WOLFE

Cox made the motion to accept the resignation of Samantha Wolfe as a full time officer

Morenz 2nd

Mayor Wilson asked Chief Abraham if he had anything to say, the chief did not.

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: PROMOTION OF PT OFFICER H. DAILEY TO FT OFFICER AT 94% OF BASE WAGE

Temple made the motion to approve the promotion of part time officer Hunter Dailey to Full time officer at 94% of the base wage

Cox 2nd

Mayor Wilson asked why the 94% base instead of the normal 92%. Chief Abraham said Mr. Dailey is the only part time officer who was interested in the position, he has been with the village for almost 8 months. He has had nothing but good comments from residents about Officer Dailey and with the work he has been doing in the department he feels 94% is appropriate.

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RESIDENT REQUESTING APPROVAL TO DRIVE ON RACE RD TO PARK ON CALDWELL AVE

Chief Abraham said he has been contacted by a resident who owns property on Caldwell Ave who would like approval to drive on Race Rd to access the property. The semi-truck he drives exceeds the current weight limit of both streets. The village has the option to bond the individual, he and Fiscal Officer Wonner are currently working on the bond. Ms. Wonner has experience doing road bonds, she will send a sample to Solicitor Beech. Chief Abraham will take pictures of the area to be placed with the bond if approved by council.

RE: THANK YOU – COLUMBIANA COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY HEAD START

Council was given in there packet a thank you from the Columbiana County Community Action Agency Head Start program for the use of the pavilion at the Cedar St Park over the summer. There was also a notice of the Annual Trunk or Treat date that is Thursday October 22nd , 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following financial statements were distributed to council in their packets: July bank reconciliation and the most current month end fund summary. All vouchers were presented to the council prior to the meeting for signatures. Fiscal Officer Wonner requested approval to transfer \$75,000.00 from the General Fund to the Street Fund.

Hiner made the motion to approve a transfer of \$75,000.00 from the General Fund to the Street Fund
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Ms. Wonner asked Mr. Oliver if the street department had done any mowing this year that would need to be certified to taxes. There we no properties mowed this year.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Street department quadrant reports were submitted to council in their packets. Council women Temple said while signing bills she noticed the village had to pay United Rental to fill the backhoe that was rented with fuel, she wanted to know why it was not filled before it went back. Mr. Oliver replied he was on vacation when it was picked up. Council was given a quote during the meeting for replacement of all calipers, brakes, and rotors on the 2019 Chevy 5500HD vin ending 5222 in the amount of \$3,411.54. Council requested another quote before approving this repair. Council President Hiner asked if the work on the alley behind Weber Funeral home where the runoff was going into the basement had been completed. Mr. Oliver reported he put up bumper but some of it had been removed so the water is still going into the basement. When asked, Mr. Hood, whose daughter is the house being referred to commented prior to the chip and seal some engineering should have been completed. Council man Morenz questioned if a catch basin could be installed, Mr. Oliver said it would. The department can do the work in house and would only need the pipe.

Temple made the motion to authorize up to \$2,500.00 to install a catch basin in the alley from E Lincoln Way to E Washington St that runs behind Webers Funeral Home
Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

The catch basin on W Lincoln Way which was contracted out will be completed as soon as weather permits.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Hall reported the annual Association breakfast during the Johnny Appleseed is September 19th. The golf outing hosted by the Association had a great turn out, Chief Hall thanked Hanover Fire Department for being on standby for the Village during the outing. The department has been busy lately, Council woman Temple thanked them for all they do.

ZONING

The most current approved zoning applications were submitted to council in their packets.

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

BPA Chairman Hoover reported the SR 45/Adams Rd line extension project is moving along nicely, even a head of schedule. Sweet Meadow is doing a really good job; they had stopped work the week of the fair. The department has a lead service line on W Lincoln Way to be replaced; Sweet Meadow will be doing the boring for the department so the road will not have to be dug.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Wilson adjourned August 11, 2026, council meeting at 7:45 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer