

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 28, 2026**

PRESIDING: Mayor Wilson

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

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on April 28, 2026 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING APRIL 14, 2026

Morenz made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting 4/14/2026

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Hiner made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$32,580.16

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Hiner made the motion to approve payroll for PPE 4/11/26 in the amount of \$78,011.40

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S):

Tammy Ketchum was present at the meeting the owner of Ketchum Kreations on Washington St. Ms. Ketchum was there to discuss the no parking sign that was placed in front of her business, which was never there when she decided to rent the space. This sign is a detriment to her business. It does not allow for her customers or deliveries to have easy access to her store. Pictures of the front of her store were given to council and proof from the last three years of the absence of a no parking sign. Ms. Ketchum stated if it had been no parking at the time of looking for a place for her store this would not have been a consideration. Councilwoman Hiner stated she had spoken to the Police Chief regarding this matter and he said that has always been no parking on that side of the street for 25 years. Mrs. Halverstadt agreed there has never been parking on Washington St. The rebuttal came from Mrs. Dixon who stated there are always people parking on that street but feels that Ms. Ketchum's customers should be allowed to have easy access to her store. Mayor Wilson said he would address this issue with Chief Abraham or see what we can do for her from council.

Mrs. Halverstadt was the next on the list to address council. For the 250th celebration for our village she would like to see a sycamore tree planted downtown as one was planted when the Declaration of Independence was signed. The Blocksom family had in years past set off cannons for celebrations and would like to ask them for the availability of them participating in the events. Stevie said the drains downtown after the sweeping of the streets are terribly clogged. Mayor Wilson said the Street Department and Water Department will be addressing her concern.

Councilman Morenz addressed Mrs. Halverstadt on the timeline on fixing the condition of the Garrettson building. She replied saying they were still in process of restoring the Nace building, that Garrettson House was on their timeline, but these things take time. Councilman Morenz pointed out to Stevie she would not be happy if that building was next to her home. Mrs. Dixon brought to council that the zoning codes were just reestablished so that everyone downtown needs to follow the vacancy ordinance, even the Historical Society.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: TREBEL ENERGY – VILLAGE AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Mr. Larry Taylor was present to address council's concern about signing the new addendum. His concerns for the village residents about not signing the addendum would be the rising cost of natural gas. Councilwoman Hiner said after reading the addendum and listening to Mr. Taylor she still felt there needed to be more clarification in the wording of the contract. She is confused about the pricing by passing the addendum. Mayor Wilson feels it is unclear language. Mr. Taylor would have their lawyers make it clearer when he returns for the next council meeting.

RE: 2026 CDBG ENGINEERING UPDATE/APPLICATION

The amount of money to be applied for is up to \$475,000.00 but a maximum match of \$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00 for this work to be completed on paving our streets from the county. This project would be done in 2028, with deadline for the application is May 1st. Council had discussed on what streets to fix and the additional cost of the materials (ie catch basins) and concluded that their commitments to previously approved projects would not be in the best interest of the village to guarantee monies that weren't readily available. No action was taken.

RE: CATCH BASIN REPAIRS SR 164 (S LINCOLN AVE) AND W LINCOLN WAY

The quotes were in the council packets for review. Councilwoman Hiner made the motion to approve G.W. Dailey for both projects St Rt 164 a cost of up to \$6,000.00 and the W Lincoln Way project up to \$20,000.00 and to use the remaining ARPA money.

Morenz 2nd for the St Rt 164

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Donnalley 2nd for the W Lincoln Way

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: STREET DEPARTMENT BACKHOE REPAIRS

The backhoe repairs were tabled until the second quote is received.

RE: WALKING PATH – QUOTES FOR CRACK FILLING AND RESEALING

The walking path repairs were tabled until all the quotes are received.

RE: NOTIFICATION OF DONATION FROM EAST PALESTINE FOR SPLASH PAD APPARATUS

The donations were received and have been installed. According to Jim Oliver, the Street Department Supervisor, they are a perfect fit for what we have. A thank you note will be drawn up by the mayor to send to them.

RE: WILLOW GROVE BRIDGE UPDATE

Dan Lorenz from ODOT was in attendance to give the update on the bridge. Mr. Lorenz gave the amounts of money it would take to complete the project. The village has been awarded \$465,000.00 from OMEGA. The village has \$100,000.00 from ODNR and donations of \$17,000.00 that would help with the cost of the engineering. Mayor

Wilson will be applying for other grants to curb the cost if there is going to be a match. Wilson said these grants can be stacked to use at one time for this type of project. However, the timeline for some of these grants is two years to use the funds. Councilwoman Hiner was asking when we would know if there were a match, and the next steps to take. Mr. Lorenz stated sometimes there is not a match, but Ben Turin would be able to answer that question from OMEGA. Ben Turin will be attending the next council meeting. The next step is to narrow down on the engineer for the bridge to get those quotes out to bid.

RE: PRITCHARD AVE BRIDGE UPDATE

Attorney Beech is working on settling the dispute with Ohio Edison, he hasn't heard any news from them.

RE: CYBER SECURITY UPDATE

Mayor Wilson said these changes are in the early stages, and the changes would come from the county. He knows it looks like we will be changing from a .org to a .gov for our emails.

RE: GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY UPDATE

The mayor and the Shade Tree Commission planted 5 trees at the Lisbon High School on Thursday with the help of the 6th grade class. The money use to purchase the trees was awarded through an Urban Forestry Grant. The class learned the importance of planting trees. It was a successful event.

RE: DRAFT FOR GRANT POLICY

Councilwoman Hiner brought this policy to council so that the information for the grants would be clear as to what the village would be applying. The entire cost for the grant, matches from the village, application fees, and a total for the work to be done. After some discussion it was concluded the draft policy would exclude the Water Department since they have their own board. Councilwoman Hiner made a motion to adapt the draft policy to be made into a resolution.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2257-2026 REPEALING AND REVISING THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE COSTS

Councilwoman Hiner made the motion to accept the Ordinance 2257-2026.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes
1st reading passed

TREE CITY USA AWARD

Mayor Wilson attended the ceremony. The village has been awarded the 43rd year of being a tree city USA recipient. He said we were the only ones represented in Columbiana County.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

There is a street department committee meeting on Thursday 30th at 5:30 pm followed by a Parks Committee Meeting.

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

BPA Chairman Hoover reported due to the sewer line break over the weekend the flushing of the fire hydrants has been put on hold. Saltwell Rd will be closed for 2 weeks to complete the work. This project was expected to go out for bid next month. Water Department Supervisor, Chris Peterson will be looking over options on what to complete for the North End replacements. At the BPA meeting resolution was made to continue to work with RCAP. Mr. Hoover expressed his gratitude to RCAP for all the work they do for his board and water department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Mark Hall was in attendance to ask council for permission to hire a firefighter. Councilman Cox said that if he stayed under the 25 firefighters he could hire without coming before council. An update on the new fire truck is that all the equipment that was missing has been received. A new AED unit has been donated to the Fire Department from the VFW, so thank you to them for the equipment.

MISCELLANEOUS

Saturday May 2nd is the Cookie Crawl from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Councilman Cox would like a proclamation for the heroics of our resident Mackenzie Lewis who helped rescue a person from a burning car after a wreck in town. Council agreed that would be a nice gesture.

Councilman Morenz brought up the question of progress on the Archive building with the sidewalks. Mayor Wilson said he has been in contact with the Commissioners. No answers were given.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Wilson adjourned April 28, 2026, council meeting at 8:00 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Barbara Crane, Income Tax Administrator