

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 3rd, 2025.

INVOCATION

Chris Sherbourne offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following council members answered roll call: Tim Clapper, Aron Fraizer, Kay Hines, Mark Phillips, Emily Shaffer, and Chris Sherbourne.

Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Administrator Derek Allen, Police Chief Adam Lakey, Fire Chief Mark Carey and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

Fraizer moved, and Shaffer seconded, to approve the February 18th minutes. Roll Call: Fraizer, Shaffer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Sherbourne – all yes.

GUESTS

Kyndall Williams Utility/Mayor's Court Clerk, Tim Abraham -Morrow County Commissioner, Madeline Travis, and Kinzie Porter. Guests for the DD proclamation- Ann Artrip, Glen Lavan, Jason Pryor, Raven Carroll, Walter Quillman, Michelle Brown, and Kayla Melvin.

Mayor Carver declared March Developmental Disabilities Month. She also recognized former Mayor Mike Porter with a resolution, as he recently passed away.

Commissioner Abraham reported that the new county garage is estimated to be completed in mid- or end-of-April.

The bugs are being worked out on the new 9-1-1 structure.

The county has received a 4.3-million-dollar grant to renovate the jail. Groundbreaking will begin in 2026.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lakey reported that on February 25, Officer Ramos assisted the Ohio State Highway Patrol by deploying stop sticks on a vehicle they were pursuing. The pursuit was brought to a safe conclusion following the deployment.

Police officers have attended classes including Impaired Driver Evaluation, Stress Management Training and Canine Legal Updates.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carey reported 77 incidents for February. This is the most in a month's time.

On February 20th, the crew had lunch with Park Ave. students.

The site plan for Dollar General in Edison was reviewed.

Lt. Huddleston is recertified as a Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician.

Chief Carey applied for a bicycle helmet grant and equipment grant to outfit the utility truck with a service bed.

FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

The next meeting is on March 17th at 6:00 pm.

SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER

Committee met and discussed the police cruiser rotation.

The fire department will be evaluating their equipment.

Township fire contracts were discussed. Franklin, Canaan, and the Village of Edison will be re-evaluated. Hines asked how long the contracts were. The chief stated that they are four-year contracts.

SERVICE - MARK PHILLIPS

3/10 at 6:00 p.m.

RULES - EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported that the committee had discussed changes to Chapter 705, Animals and Fowl. One change was that only 4-H and FFA small animals may be completed within the Village. Chapter 505.121 will be changed to state that residents will no longer be allowed to butcher or slaughter within the Village limits.

Regarding marijuana, Solicitor Griffith recommended we wait for the state laws to determine possession amounts, growing amounts, etc.

The ordinance for manufacturing noise levels is nearly complete and will get the final changes to the Mayor, Village Administrator, Village Solicitor, and Fiscal Officer.

Sherbourne asked if we had any ordinances concerning solar panels. Allen believes there is one. Sherbourne also wondered if it was residential or industrial. Allen will look into it.

Next meeting is 3/24 at 6:00 pm.

ADMINISTRATOR - DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that the new furnace has been installed in the Shoppers' Compass building and we are waiting on the gas company to install a new service line.

Allen, Mayor Carver, and Brandon McCunn met with some members of the Mt. Gilead Baseball Commission. They had concerns about their 501 (c) (3) status and accountability. They would like a fence installed at the Edison field. We will need clarification on regulation height, as a 4-foot-high fence will cost approximately \$10,000.00.

The Home Rd water line has been built, and we are waiting for the bacteria sample to come back. The sewer line is to the second manhole. The project is on schedule.

We will continue to look into companies that rent street sweepers.

We are working on the jet vac truck.

We should know something on the basketball/tennis court grant this month.

Four entities propose to buy the HPM #2 site. Allen is requesting an executive session for the next meeting.

Clapper had asked what the replacement cost of a jet vac truck would be. Allen stated at least \$700,000.00. We will need a plan to save for a replacement.

MAYOR - DONNA J. CARVER

Mayor Carver met with two members of the baseball commission.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Fraizer moved and Phillips seconded to approve the bills. Roll Call: Fraizer, Phillips, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne- all yes.

Hines moved and Fraizer seconded to pass resolution 3-3-25 "tax valuation certification by the county auditor" to the second reading. Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes.

Fraizer moved and Sherbourne seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 3-3-25 A "tax assessment for unpaid water bills". Shaffer asked about the passing of a resident who was on the resolution. Fiscal Officer Davis explained that he passed away in December and the account still had a balance from December 2024. Roll Call: Fraizer, Sherbourne, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer - all yes.

Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to pass resolution 3-3-25 A. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Allen stated that we had found 3 of the Harding signs.

Hines moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor