

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., AUGUST 21, 2025, AT THE LEWISBURG COMMUNITY CENTER.

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Dennis Roberts.

ROLL CALL: Eliza Wagoner, Clerk of Council.

PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Roberts, Council Members Marla Colville-Brown, Barb Foster, Mary Nelson, Lori Pheanis, Jackie Sewert, and Ted Thies.

Also present were Municipal Manager Jeff Sewert, Fire & EMS Chief Bob Sewert, and Law Director Steve Hobbs (arrived at 7:04 P.M.).

Police Chief Gary Parker was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Village Council Meeting on August 6, 2025. First by Barb Foster. Second by Mary Nelson. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Law Director Hobbs arrived.

Motion to approve the check disbursement report. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Jackie Sewert). Motion approved.

Motion to approve the purchase order report. First by Mary Nelson. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: J. Todd Smith introduced himself and his wife Jennifer. Mr. Smith is running for State Representative. He shared his background and being a National Guard Chaplain.

MAYOR: Mayor Roberts shared some information about the average pay rates for Council Members and how the Council pay hasn't been changed in a long time. Motion to set the pay rate for Council Members to \$100.00 per month, paid monthly, effective January 1, 2026. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

LEGAL: 3RD READING (Read by Mary Nelson): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO.

After discussion, Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-09: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION

AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Dennis Roberts). Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Manager Sewert gave updates on the new playground equipment, the newly purchased mini excavator and skid steer, backhoe repair, EPA inspections, meeting with Brumbaugh Engineering/Markley about West Side Storm Drainage project, Fire/EMS contracts up for renewal this year, and a meeting with the new FFA Advisor at TCN and the MVCTC Supervisor.

Manager Sewert shared that we received two quotes for property and casualty insurance from Simon Insurance and recommended approving the quote for approximately \$60,000.00 from HCC Public Risk. Motion to authorize the Municipal Manager to enter a contract with Simon Insurance/HCC Public Risk for insurance effective September 1, 2025. First by Mary Nelson. Second by Marla Colville-Brown. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert shared the bids the Village received for the 40/Shields Road Parking Lot Project. Motion to award the bid to Brumbaugh Construction for the 40/Shields Road Parking Lot Project in the amount of \$107,226.00. First by Jackie Sewert. Second by Mary Nelson. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 1 No (Marla Colville-Brown). Motion approved.

Manager Sewert shared about the storm tile breakdown near the Trinity Church and that the curb needs replaced. Motion to approve paying Stinson Concrete \$5,000.00 to replace the curb near the Trinity Church. First by Barb Foster. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert shared a request from Tri-County North for a Homecoming Parade on September 17, 2025. Motion to approve a Homecoming Parade on September 17, 2025, starting at 5:30 P.M., with line-up starting at 5:00 P.M., and to close the streets during the parade with the parade route being Main Street by the cemetery to Dayton Street to Tillman Lane/Park. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

SAFETY: Chief Sewert shared that the Basic EMT Class is halfway done and should finish up on October 11th and that the Fire class is over and they will do some skills on August 30th then will be able to schedule their state tests.

POLICE: None.

LIBRARY: Barb Foster shared some usage stats from the library and about recent events.

PARK: Ted Thies shared that someone has donated temporary pickleball nets for the new court.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Manager Sewert stated that he plans on scheduling a Ways and Means Committee Meeting before amending the budget in October.

MISC. BUSINESS: None.

Motion to adjourn. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Marla Colville-Brown. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

DATE _____ MAYOR _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____