

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 20, 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, Lori Pheanis, and Ted Thies.

Mary Nelson and Jackie Sewert were absent.

Also present were Municipal Manager Jeff Sewert, Police Chief Gary Parker, Fire & EMS Chief Bob Sewert, and Law Director Steve Hobbs.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Village Council Meeting on November 6, 2025. First by Ted Thies. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the check disbursement report. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the purchase order report. First by Ted Thies. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: Kurtis Altic shared an update on the progress of developing the newly plated Northcreek Subdivision.

Barb Felton was present, and Manager Sewert shared that a 50-year lease between the Village and the Feltons for land along the North Water Plant ended on October 30th and that Ms. Felton would like to enter a new lease agreement with similar terms for another 10 years.

Motion to draw up a 10-year lease agreement with similar terms and payments, authorize the Municipal Manager to enter the lease, and go ahead and pay Ms. Felton the 1st payment in the amount of \$2,621.43 now. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MAYOR: Mayor Roberts shared information from a recent county mayor's meeting and upcoming upgrades to the MARCS and 911 systems.

LEGAL: 2ND READING (Read by Steve Hobbs): ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE – ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 151.03(b)(6) CONCERNING VACATIONS AND SECTION 151.03(E) CONCERNING PAID HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE.

Manager Sewert shared about our current health insurance plan renewal options. Renewing with our current provider, Aetna, is not an option for next year and the other group plan options would be an approximate 80% increase in premiums. McGohan Brabender recommend that the Village switch to an ICHRA plan through Remodel Health which would have very similar premium amounts as the current plans.

Motion to approve switching to an ICHRA plan through Remodel Health for health insurance for our eligible employees for 2026. First by Barb Foster. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

1ST READING (Read by Steve Hobbs): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 181 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO, REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, TO CONFORM WITH AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 718 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND ADOPT THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-13: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 181 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO, REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, TO CONFORM WITH AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 718 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND ADOPT THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Chief Parker introduced our new full-time police officer, Tori Buffenbarger, who then shared about herself and her background.

Manager Sewert shared that Twin Township had recently approved new Fire and Ambulance Service Contracts with the Village of Lewisburg for 2026-2028. Motion to approve these contracts. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert shared that Harrison Township had recently approved new Fire and Ambulance Service Contracts with the Village of Lewisburg for 2026-2028. Motion to approve these contracts. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert gave updates on the refuse truck and that refuse bid packets have gone out and the bid opening will be November 26th at noon. He also shared updates on the leaf collection machine, looking into contract operators for water and wastewater, and upcoming funding for 503 paving maintenance.

SAFETY: Chief Sewert shared that his departments are currently working on four grants.

POLICE: None

LIBRARY: Barb Foster shared about recent and upcoming events at the Library.

PARK: Ted Thies stated that a citizen has requested to put in a disc golf course at the park.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MISC. BUSINESS: None.

Motion to adjourn. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.
Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

DATE _____ MAYOR _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____