

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., DECEMBER 18, 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, 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 December 3, 2025. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Mary Nelson. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Ted Thies). Motion approved.

Motion to approve the check disbursement report. First by Barb Foster. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert and Chief Parker shared information about the police vehicle requested on the purchase order report. Manager Sewert requested the purchase price of the vehicle on the report be changed to \$56,946.00. He also requested to add a PO for Tech Electronics for \$3,342.56 for a radio for the new vehicle. Motion to approve the purchase order report including the requested changes. First by Mary Nelson. Second by Marla Colville-Brown. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: None.

MAYOR: Mayor Roberts shared his concerns about potential changes to property tax levies and the impact that would have on the Village budget. There was discussion about increasing the Village Income Tax rate to 2%. Council requested that Law Director Hobbs prepare a Resolution to put this change on the ballot at the primary election in 2026.

LEGAL: 1ST READING (Read by Mary Nelson): ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 181 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, DEALING WITH INCOME TAX.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-16: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 181 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, DEALING WITH INCOME TAX. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

1ST READING (Read by Mary Nelson): A LEWISBURG, OHIO, RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-15: A LEWISBURG, OHIO, RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Motion to schedule a Ways and Means Committee Meeting on January 6, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. at the Village Office. First by Mary Nelson. Second by Marla Colville-Brown. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to cancel the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on January 1, 2026, due to the holiday. First by Marla Colville-Brown. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert provided updates on the RITA transition and stated that Welcome Letters have been mailed to all residents/businesses and we have started receiving calls with questions, the holiday trash collection schedule, Rumpke contract that starts January 1st, and Route 40 grant project.

Law Director Hobbs provided updates on the Cumberland Street House that is currently on the market and the brewery property and a meeting with the port authority and bank reps.

SAFETY: Chief Sewert shared that the service department recently repaired the ceiling in the Firehouse kitchen and the fire truck water tank repair has been completed.

POLICE: Chief Parker shared that the new police vehicle will be white and marked like our other current vehicles and we will get it in the beginning of 2026.

LIBRARY: Barb Foster shared that Open House at the Library and the Polar Express Event went well and that the Library recently got three new computers.

PARK: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Manager Sewert on behalf of Mayor Roberts presented a Proclamation to Council Member Lori Pheanis.

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 8:07 P.M.

DATE _____ MAYOR _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____