

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., MARCH 5, 2026, 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, Jackie Sewert, Greg Stubblefield, 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 February 19, 2026. First by Barb Foster. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Jackie Sewert). Motion approved.

Motion to approve the check disbursement report. First by Mary Nelson. 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 Ted Thies. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: Harold Niehaus shared a flyer for the Preble County 4th of July Parade. He also handed out copies of his Resume and shared some of his hopes and plans if he is elected as a Preble County Commissioner.

MAYOR: Mayor Roberts shared about the MVRPC meeting he attended earlier.

LEGAL: 2nd READING (Read by Mary Nelson): AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE POSSESSION OF LIVE CHICKENS WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS.

Motion to amend the Ordinance by removing that one rooster will be permitted. First by Ted Thies. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 1 No (Marla Colville-Brown). Motion approved.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Ted Thies. Second by Greg Stubblefield. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 1 No (Marla Colville-Brown). Motion approved.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-09 as amended: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE POSSESSION OF LIVE CHICKENS WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS. First by Ted Thies. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Marla Colville-Brown). Motion approved.

1ST READING (Read by Mary Nelson): ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO.

Manager Sewert along with Fiscal Officer Wagoner explained some of the changes that have been made since the tax budget was first prepared in July 2025.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Mary Nelson. Second by Marla Colville-Brown. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-10 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO. First by Mary Nelson. Second by Marla Colville-Brown. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Manager Sewert shared updates on the Main Street and Apple Valley Drive Resurfacing project and the five bids that were opened earlier in the week. Motion to award the bid to John R. Jurgensen Co. for \$528,965.00. First by Ted Thies. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to approve a Little League Baseball Opening Day Parade on April 25th at 11:00 a.m. and to close the usual parade route streets during the parade. First by Marla Colville-Brown. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to close Dayton Street from Commerce Street to the alley on Monday March 9th from 3:00-8:00 p.m. during Mad About Ice Cream's final night of their Queen of Hearts Event. First by Ted Thies. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert shared a Memo from Ohio OB&M regarding consequences of Local property Tax Abolishment.

Manager Sewert shared that the annual CRA TIRC meeting will be on March 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Preble County Commissioners' office and requested to appoint Lewisburg residents Kenny Pierce and Marsha Jones to represent Lewisburg at the meeting. Motion to appoint Kenny Pierce and Marsha Jones to the CRA TIRC for 2026. First by Ted Thies. Second by Greg Stubblefield. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

As requested by Manager Sewert, Motion to appoint Kip Gilmer, Clint Baughman, Heather Morton, Bryan Wagoner, Eliza Wagoner, and Jeff Sewert to the CRA Housing Council for 2026. First by Mary Nelson. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert shared about a potential project involving extending the walking path from the park to the Community Center/soccer fields. Motion to authorize the Municipal Manager to apply for a State Capital Grant for this project. First by Jackie Sewert. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert shared that he would like to discuss possible changes to the salary chart. Motion to schedule a Ways and Means Committee Meeting on March 17, 2026, at 4:15 p.m., at the Village Office. First by Marla Colville-Brown. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

SAFETY: None.

POLICE: Chief Parker shared the monthly Police Department call report.

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

PARK: Ted Thies reminded everyone about the Park Board Meeting on March 16th at 6:00 p.m. to do a walk-through of the proposed disc golf course.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MISC. BUSINESS: None.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and to have Manager Sewert, Law Director Hobbs, Fiscal Officer Wagoner and Chief Parker join. First by Ted Thies. Second by Mary Nelson. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved. The meeting moved into Executive Session at 8:20 P.M.

Motion to come out of Executive Session back to regular session. First by Ted Thies. Second by Marla Colville-Brown. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved. The meeting moved back to regular session with no action taken at 8:28 P.M.

Motion to adjourn. First by Ted Thies. Second by Marla Colville-Brown. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

DATE _____ MAYOR _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____