

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., MAY 7, 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, Law Director Steve Hobbs, and Fiscal Officer/Clerk of Council Eliza Wagoner.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Village Council Meeting on April 16, 2026. First by Mary Nelson. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Ted Thies). Motion approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of the special Village Council Meeting on April 20, 2026. First by Ted Thies. Second by Mary Nelson. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Greg Stubblefield). Motion approved.

Motion to approve the check disbursement report. First by Ted Thies. Second by Greg Stubblefield. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the purchase order report. First by Barb Foster. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: Mark Gebhart asked about the gas aggregation program.

MAYOR: Mayor Roberts shared about the recent MVRPC meeting.

LEGAL: 1ST READING (Read by Mary Nelson): ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 951.05 OF THE LEWISBURG, OHIO, CODIFIED ORDINANCES DEALING WITH GARBAGE AND REFUSE SERVICE CHARGES AND RATES.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-13: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 951.05 OF THE LEWISBURG, OHIO, CODIFIED ORDINANCES DEALING WITH GARBAGE AND REFUSE SERVICE CHARGES AND RATES. First by Ted Thies. Second by Mary Nelson. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

1ST READING (Read by Mary Nelson): ORDINANCE CREATING A POSITION ENTITLED “PROFESSIONAL OPERATOR OF RECORD” FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO.

Discussion about wanting the South WWTP user fees to cover all the operation, maintenance, and employee wages of the South WWTP.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-14: ORDINANCE CREATING A POSITION ENTITLED “PROFESSIONAL OPERATOR OF RECORD” FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO. First by Mary Nelson. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

1ST READING (Read by Mary Nelson): AN ORDINANCE INCREASING AND/OR SPECIFYING VARIOUS SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO AND AMENDING PROVISIONS OF 143.02(b) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO.

Discussion about part-time employees getting paid for their certifications and looking into the wages on the salary chart for the part-time fire/EMS employees.

Motion to schedule a Safety Committee Meeting on May 11th at 6:00 P.M., at the Village Office. First by Jackie Sewert. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Law Director Hobbs gave an update regarding the letters received from State Farm about the Trash Truck Accident/Claim, the policy limits and possible next steps. Motion to table the discussion. First by Mary Nelson. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Manager Sewert shared updates on the recent PAWS Day, partnership meeting, BWC discount program options for 2027, a meeting with Choice One regarding the 503 pavement repair project, North Water Street paving project, and playground dedication on June 13th.

SAFETY: Chief Sewert shared that he had received a resignation letter from Bryan Sowers. Motion to accept the resignation of Bryan Sowers. First by Ted Thies. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

After the recommendation from Manager Sewert and Chief Sewert, Motion to hire Jacob Cline as a part-time Firefighter/Paramedic. First by Barb Foster. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Chief Sewert shared that high school intern Madison Evans had recently received her FF2 certification and will be attending Sinclair this summer to begin the process of obtaining her paramedic certification.

POLICE: Chief Parker shared the monthly department call log.

LIBRARY: Barb Foster shared that the next Library Board meeting will be next week.

PARK: Ted Thies shared that the 200 donated trees have been disbursed and that the Park Board is looking into hosting pickleball and basketball tournaments during the America 250 event in July.

Motion to allow the proposed Disc Golf Course to be installed at the Park and have the Village contribute up to \$2,500.00 to the project. First by Ted Thies. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Manager Sewert shared a letter from the EPA regarding recent inspections. Manager Sewert also shared that the Village will begin taking credit card payments June 1st.

MISC. BUSINESS: Marla asked about the status of the golf cart Ordinance.

Motion to adjourn. First by Jackie Sewert. Second by Mary Nelson. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

DATE _____ MAYOR _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____