

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Carver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 20th, 2026.

### **INVOCATION**

Kay Hines offered the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following members of council answered roll call: Chris Sherbourne, Mark Phillips, Kay Hines, Joe Johnson, Sondra Carey, and Paige Bierce. Administrator Derek Allen, Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Fire Chief Mark Carey, Police Sergeant Chase Beekman, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

### **MINUTES**

Hines moved, and Carey seconded to approve the January 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. Roll Call: Hines, Carey, Sherbourne, Phillips, Johnson, Bierce - all yes.

### **GUESTS**

Brandon McCunn, Service Coordinator.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Sergeant Beekman reported that Mayor Carver officially swore in Officer Cory McIntire on January 13<sup>th</sup> and is now a full-time police officer.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Carey handed the council his 2025 annual report, which included his roster, organizational chart, and incident chart.

### **FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE**

The next meeting will be on 2/17 at 6:00 pm.

### **SAFETY - KAY HINES**

The next meeting will be on 1/27 at 6:00 pm.

### **SERVICES - CHRIS SHERBOURNE**

The next meeting will be on 2/2 at 6:00 pm.

### **RULES - MARK PHILLIPS**

The next meeting will be on 2/23 at 6:00 pm.

### **ADMINISTRATOR - DEREK K. ALLEN**

Allen reported two applications for a senior housing project to be financed through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit: Spire Development and National Church Residences. The state decides who receives tax credits for senior housing developments. Spire Development is requesting a rezoning of the old Ohio Edison building and the property next to the nursing home for this senior housing project. The planning commission will meet on 2/5 for this rezoning request. Once the meeting is held, the recommendations will come to the Village Council.

The starting blocks for the pool have been ordered to host swim meets.

When the ground thaws, the service department employees will erect the State Championship signs from 2025. The service coordinator will order the "No U-Turn" signs for the square.

The retaining wall on the west side of Arnold Lane collapsed. We will evaluate and seek a contractor to replace the wall and construct it properly. The wall is 3' tall.

Allen inventoried the streetlights that were either flickering or out. There were 49 lights in total. Ohio Edison will be replacing these lights soon, as they have been scheduled. The replacements will be LED at no cost to the village.

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, a 4-inch water main broke on Lee Street, just east of North Delaware Street.

There are a couple of manholes that need repair or replacement and exceed the spending limit. Sherbourne moved, and Phillips seconded for the repair of the manhole on Iberia for \$16,833.00. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Phillips, Hines, Johnson, Carey, Bierce – all yes.

An employee in our garbage department resigned. We need to discuss retiring our garbage truck, as it has reached the end of its service life. Brandon stated that we are short-staffed and that if we continue doing trash and recycling, other services will take a hit. This will be discussed at the next services meeting. Johnson asked if the village would still be managing it? Allen said we would ask our solicitor about possibly contracting it.

#### **MAYOR - DONNA J. CARVER**

Mayor Carver is requesting approval of a resolution recognizing the United States Postal Service on its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Phillips moved and Hines seconded to approve resolution 1-20-26 A. Roll Call: Phillips, Hines, Sherbourne, Johnson, Carey, Bierce – all yes.

Mayor Carver had sworn in Officer McIntire.

The 2025 State of the Village is on our YouTube channel.

#### **SOLICITOR**

No report.

#### **FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS**

Sherbourne moved, and Carey seconded to approve the bills – Roll Call: Sherbourne, Carey, Phillips, Hines, Johnson, Bierce – all yes.

Phillips moved, and Hines seconded to approve the acceptance rates and amounts as presented by the county budget commission. Roll Call: Phillips, Hines, Sherbourne, Johnson, Carey, Bierce – all yes.

Hines moved, and Carey seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 1-20-26 “purchase of a pickup truck”. Roll Call: Hines, Carey, Sherbourne, Phillips, Johnson, Bierce – all yes.

Hines moved, and Phillips seconded to pass resolution 1-20-26. Roll Call: Hines, Phillips, Sherbourne, Johnson, Carey, Bierce – all yes.

Sherbourne moved, and Hines seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 2008 “supplemental appropriation” – Roll Call: Sherbourne, Hines, Phillips, Johnson, Carey Bierce – all yes.

Phillips moved, and Carey seconded to pass Ordinance 2008. Roll Call: Phillips, Carey, Sherbourne, Hines, Johnson, Bierce – all yes.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mayor Carver passed out a list of activities for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. She announced that a dedication ceremony for the history marker will be held on 5/1.

Bierce received calls from business owners concerning the turf on the “green space”. Mayor Carver and Allen stated that it is not the village's responsibility to keep it clear. The Friends of the Village is responsible for this. Allen will contact someone from Friends of the Village.

Hines moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

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Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

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Donna J. Carver, Mayor