

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on May 5th, 2025

INVOCATION

Mark Phillips offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following council members answered roll call: Aron Fraizer, Kay Hines, Mark Phillips, Emily Shaffer, and Chris Sherbourne. Tim Clapper was excused. Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved, and Hines seconded to approve the April 21st minutes. Roll Call: Shaffer, Hines, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne – all yes.

GUESTS

Clayton Herold with Park National Bank, Bill Mills, Gilead Twp Fiscal Officer, William Arnold, Cecil George, and Dave Lewis, Gilead Township Trustees.

JOINT MEETING WITH GILEAD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Sherbourne moved, and Fraizer seconded, to recess the regular meeting and proceed to the joint meeting. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Roll Call: Fraizer, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne, Arnold, George, Lewis.

Hines moved and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading for Resolution 5-5-25 “ Union Cemeteries”. Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne, Arnold, George, Lewis - all yes. Phillips moved, and Shaffer seconded to pass Resolution 5-5-25. Roll Call: Phillips, Shaffer, Fraizer, Hines, Sherbourne, Arnold, George, Lewis - all yes.

Hines commented that the cemetery board has worked hard over the year.

Bill Mills announced that he is the new Fiscal Officer for Gilead Township.

Arnold invited everyone to the next Gilead Township meeting on the first Thursday in June at 6:00 pm.

Sherbourne moved and Fraizer seconded to adjourn the joint meeting. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer, Arnold, George, Lewis – all yes.

Fraizer moved and Hines seconded to reconvene the regular council meeting. Roll Call: Fraizer, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne- all yes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF LAKEY

Lahey reported that Sergeant Larry Beekman had passed away on April 21, 2025. He was the father of Sergeant Chase Beekman and served the village as an auxiliary officer in the 1990s.

Mayor Carver and officers from the Mt. Gilead Police Department attended his funeral in Fredericktown on April 28th. Car 1 was involved in a crash on April 28th while returning to the village from the funeral. Officer Ethan Lichtenberger was operating the cruiser. It struck a vehicle being operated by Shirley Estridge when she pulled out into State Route 95 from Road 176 in front of Officer Lichtenberger. Estridge was life-flighted to the hospital and tragically later passed away. Officer Lichtenberger sustained minor injuries and was treated and released at the hospital. He has been placed on administrative leave pending investigation of the crash by the Ohio State Highway Patrol and an internal investigation. The cruiser has been determined totaled with an ACV of \$25,993.00. Removal and installation of reusable equipment are covered by insurance.

On April 30th, the Mt. Gilead School Board voted to have the Morrow County Sheriff's Office provide their SRO beginning next school year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF CAREY

Chief Carey reported that Fire Fest went well and had a good turnout.

FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Next meeting will be 5/19 at 6:00 pm.

SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER

No report.

SERVICE - MARK PHILLIPS

Next meeting is 5/12 at 6:00 pm.

RULES - EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported that the committee recommended the addition of section 505.111 to the current chapter. It acknowledges 4-H and FFA small animal projects can be completed while living in Mt. Gilead with the approval of the Village Administrator. No large animals or horses may be kept within the village limits.

A maximum of 8 chickens may be kept in the village, but not as free range, and no roosters.

Section 505.121 will be added to Chapter 505. It states that no field dressing, slaughtering, or butchering of animals other than fish will be allowed within the village.

Chapter 1149, Industrial District Requirements. We recommend adding section 1149.08, Noise Control in Industrial Districts.

The committee is recommending the repeal of section 513.06, Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana, and establishing a 6-month moratorium.

We decided to repeal section 529.06, Low Alcohol Beverages. We will defer if the State and the Ohio Revised Code take precedence over all of Section 5 of the General Offenses Code. We will check with the Village Solicitor, Matt Griffith, for a ruling.

The committee discussed deleting section 1317.02, Ground Floor Living Area. Village Administrator Allen recommended we repeal section 1317 Northwood Subdivision because it is redundant with other zoning codes.

The topic of feral cats was discussed. We can take no action at this time other than recommending using live traps and having the cats neutered and spayed.

The chapters and codified ordinances discussed and recommended will be presented to Village Solicitor Griffith and Fiscal Officer Davis to review and recommend any necessary changes.

There will be no meetings for the summer.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen had emailed the council his report.

MAYOR - DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver had planted trees with the Park Ave. Elementary students.

She attended the funeral for Sergeant Beekman.

On 4/30, she attended an executive session meeting with the Mt. Gilead School Board.

She is requesting that the council approve free pool passes for Mt. Gilead Village employees and their household family members. Shaffer moved, and Phillips seconded, to allow free pool passes for village employees and family members living in the same house. Roll Call: Shaffer, Phillips, Fraizer, Hines, Sherbourne – all yes.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Phillips moved, and Hines seconded to approve the bills. Roll Call: Phillips, Hines, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Shaffer moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass resolution 4-21-25 “recreation levy” to the third reading. Roll Call: Shaffer, Sherbourne, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips – all yes.

Sherbourne moved and Fraizer seconded to pass resolution 5-5-25 “DKMM contract” to the second reading. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Hines moved and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 5-5-25 B "Issuance of bonds for the recreation loan". Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes. Sherbourne moved and Hines seconded to pass resolution 5-5-25 B. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Hines, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer - all yes.

Phillips moved and Shaffer seconded to pass ordinance 1985 "water rate increase". Roll Call: Phillips, Shaffer, Fraizer, Hines, Sherbourne - all yes.

Sherbourne moved, and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1986 "supplemental appropriations". Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer -all yes.

Sherbourne moved, and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 1986. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Hines, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer - all yes.

Shaffer moved, and Hines seconded to approve the hiring of Natasha Angel as our new utility billing clerk starting 7/2/2025. Roll Call: Shaffer, Hines, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne - all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fraizer asked what we could do at the West point. This will be taken to the finance committee.

Fraizer moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor