

The meeting was called to order in regular session on February 16, 2026 by Mayor Keith Imes. Also present were Fiscal Officer Valerie Gardner, council members Mike Booth, Lila Booth, Jewel Sanders, and Denise Melzer and Solicitor James Ong. All present rose in the pledge to the flag.

The January 2026 minutes were approved with a motion by Ms. Sanders, seconded by Ms. Melzer, all in favor, motion carried. They had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. Ms. Gardner presented the January bank reconciliation and a cash summary. A current balance of \$45821 in the General Fund. Ms. Melzer motioned to approve the report as presented, seconded by Ms. Booth, all in favor. Gardner reported the Annual Financial, the OhioCheckbook.com and the Hinkle site have been updated.

Gardner presented the list of bill payments since last meeting totaling \$17318.52 and they were approved with a motion by Ms. Melzer, seconded by Ms. Booth, all in favor, motion carried. They included larger payments for snow plowing, electric bills, and noted this is for all of January, too. Gardner presented **Resolution 2026-01; to reallocate within the General Fund** to pay for additional snow plowing costs; moving \$5000 from street construction to street maintenance {from the potential Village match for the OPWC grant/loan to pave 5 streets} Ms. Sanders motioned to approve Resolution 2026-01 as presented, seconded by Ms. Melzer, roll call vote taken, all in favor. Gardner reported we can begin to better enforce the Income tax Ordinance having completed our full audit of Village filers. Assessing the late filing fees and penalties after April 15th due date unless an extension is applied and approved.

She stated she is working on our property parcels again, as we just paid the assessment for Village properties, but she thinks we did not receive them all.

Gardner reported W2's and 1099's were done and income tax forms are in the post office and are now available on our website! She asked Council to review our site and give edit suggestions. It's time consuming to update so Ms. Gardner is slow at the process.

She also relayed The Better You, Better Ohio from BWC to Council eligible as public employees.

Street: Doug Sanders couldn't attend this evening but passed along several things he's working on. He has cleared the sidewalks but with difficulty because plowing services blocked many access points. We set up an account at Griffith's to get limestone. And he's inventorying the flags and equipment and cleaning up the garage. He and Mayor Imes are in agreement to be able to use the old Eat Stand for storage for now.

Cody Boring has chosen to start another job and we should post for his position as Street Help.

Committee Reports: Park – The Sherrodsville Farmer's Market will begin Friday, May 29th. After lengthy discussions, it was agreed to abolish the fee for food trucks to come to the Village. We propose to ask the Market Committee to commit to \$500/season. Mainly to cover the cost of the extra portojohn unit. The same assistance is requested of the Ball team leagues.

Active Transportation- We have our monthly Zoom meeting to review the final draft of the plan. America 250 OH- We plan for a History Day in July. Starting with Pancake Breakfast, then the Mayor's plaque presentation, and History Day, perhaps music in the park.

Old Business: Ms. Gardner received permission from the Unified Bank manager, Elmer Leeper, to place our Blessings Box and Lending library in the small grassy lot next to the Bank {and former Mayor's Office} She will call OUPS to get the clearance to dig there. (And the new playground) We still have yet to approve a Cyber Security policy.

Ms. Gardner staked out the proposed area for the new pavilion at Lion's Club park. She will contact Weaver Barns to get the project started.

Ms. Gardner gave an update for the OPWC grant [for street paving]. As we were not awarded the first round, we have an opportunity to amend our application to score higher. After discussion, it was agreed to enter and increase our local match to \$35301, and a loan amount of \$55,599. We can choose not to accept the grant if the funds are not available. We would consider using our line of credit.

New Business: A representative from Whitaker Myers Insurance will be here next month to present our premium renewal. There is a company from Carrollton looking to give us a quote, too.

We tentatively agreed to begin full service portojohns beginning April 1st.

It was learned that we had some severe damage to the gutters on the State/EMS building and the fire hall. Heavy snow and ice pulled almost half of it down. There's a possibility there could be State FEMA funds to help with damages and financial recovery from this winter storm.

Mayor Imes reported he's been in conversation with Bob Smith, President (no longer the owner) of Smith Ambulance, who is talking with MWCD to get dedicated ambulance coverage at Atwood Lake. We understand that Regional EMS's business model has changed but they are still running here, but it's not dedicated service for us.

Good of the Village: Lion's Club has a Euchre Fun night Feb. 28th at 530p

Next meeting will be held Monday, March 16, 2026 at 730pm.

Mr. Booth motioned to adjourn, second by Ms. Sanders, all in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

ATTESTS:

Fiscal Officer Valerie Gardner

Mayor Keith Imes