

The meeting was called to order in special session on February 23, 2026 by Mayor Keith Imes. Also present were Fiscal Officer Valerie Gardner, council members Mike Booth, Lila Booth, Jewel Sanders, and Denise Melzer, Solicitor James Ong, and visitors Michele Higgenbotham and Johnnie Nicholas. All present rose in the pledge to the flag.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN ODOT GRANT
2. DISCUSS AND DELIBERATE ON A PARCEL SPLIT ON SHARP DRIVE

Ms. Higgenbotham addressed Council first with a concern about a parcel split of 310 Sharp Drive. - creating 312 Sharp Drive which began in September 2025. All parties were confused with this process as most do not recall a parcel split having taken place in the Village. Ms. Higgenbotham got the new address from the Village for utilities set up, began construction, and took her new survey to the Courthouse and was told it needs its own parcel number and needed a title company to complete the recording, then to the Map office, Auditor's Office, etc... It was never suggested to contact Regional Planning until after all of that. She is working with Alban Title and Jason Jackson (who was our former Solicitor) to navigate this process.

In dealing with new Regional Planning Director Lynda Wickline, she stated the County would not approve the split because the new parcel was not the minimum of .46 acres but could apply for a variance, which would still be denied. And Higgenbothams would need to get a new survey done to add the additional land (currently split at .306 acres) Learning a new survey would cost \$3000! After which Regional Planning could approve the split.

After this discussion, Council agreed to approve the split of 310/312 Sharp Drive, as it stands at .306 acres with a motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Sanders, roll call taken, all approved, motion carried. Understanding we will address this if another survey is completed.

2nd Item: Ms. Gardner reported an ODOT grant for mowing/trimming inside the Village was found deep down in an email with an external link to apply along with the submission of a Resolution authorizing this agreement with ODOT. It is no cost to us and specific areas would be covered. It was suggested to request help with State Rt 212 along the baseball fields due to the deep ditches developed by multiple floodings in the area.

And from the "Y" intersection of Rt 212 & 39, moving westward passed the park and to the railroad tracks. Some of those areas are too steep to mow safely.

Ms. Melzer motioned to approve the submission of the grant and authorized Ms. Gardner to apply on the Village's behalf, passing **Resolution 2026-02; To enter into Mowing Agreement with ODOT**, seconded by Mr. Booth, roll call taken, all approved, motion carried.

Everyone was thanked for their time and attendance.

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

ATTESTS:

Fiscal Officer Valerie Gardner

Mayor Keith Imes

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