

The meeting was called to order in regular session on April 20, 2026 with Mayor Keith Imes presiding. Also present were Fiscal Officer Valerie Gardner, council members Mike Booth, Lila Booth, and Jewel Sanders. Visitors included Shawn Leggett and Johnnie Nicholas. All present rose in the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Leggett addressed Council having recently purchasing a home next door to him, 240 S. Church, and finding it is in unlivable deplorable conditions, he inquired about the demolition program the County implements. Ms. Gardner had contacted the Commissioner's office and received an application for the wait list, as most of the funds for their FY24 programs have been depleted and the program should renew this next fiscal year but has been cut from \$500,000 down to \$230,000. Leggett stated, 'I know we hate to lose houses in the Village, but this one is unlivable'. Council agreed to apply for him and be the contact for the application with a motion by Ms. Booth, seconded by Ms. Sanders, roll call vote taken, all in favor.

Concerning other dilapidated houses in the Village, we will be notifying residents and their landlords of the Village grass, trash, and junk vehicles ordinances.

Discussion was held specifically about 120 Hazelton Street, a property abandoned by Angela Shingleton. No taxes have been paid on the property since 2021 and we know this house is unlivable, too. Ms. Gardner was advised by the Commissioners to contact the County Health Department and they can make the application for demolition but they cannot condemn properties.

Mr. Leggett also approached Council with a proposal to vacate the unmaintained Village alley between 240 S. Church and 234 S. Church (which is Mayor Imes' property) We will contact Solicitor Ong for the proper procedures

The March 2026 regular meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Sanders, all in favor, motion carried. They had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. Ms. Gardner presented the March bank reconciliation and a cash summary report with a current balance of \$59443 in the General Fund. With property tax settlements, annuals, quarterlies, and monthlies collected, she feels more comfortable where we are financially. We have collected \$16517 [over 50%] income tax to date [compared to \$11319 this time last year] and \$4792 [or 24%] in royalties. Ms. Booth motioned to approve the report as presented, seconded by Mr. Booth, all in favor.

Gardner presented the list of bill payments since last meeting totaling \$12089.77 and they were approved with a motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Sanders, all in favor, motion carried. She reported credit card balances and reward points for her card and Doug's. She has \$55.76 with 4831 pts. Our Spectrum bill is on auto-pay on that card.

Doug's card has \$48.76 and 66pts.

Gardner reported the 2024-2025 Audit has started.

She reported Mayors and Clerks met March 30th and we talked of similar street repair issues and costs due to an extremely high volume of semi-truck traffic.

She explained she is looking into alternate electric suppliers.

And Gardner presented **Resolution 2026-03 to increase 2026 General Fund Appropriations** by \$9192 to complete the park pavilion project; to increase the amount for mosquito control, and to resurface the basketball court for \$2392. That resolution was approved with a motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Booth, roll call vote taken, all in favor.

Street: No bids were received for the trailer so Mr. Booth motioned to put the Morvitz dump trailer up for sealed bid again, lowering the minimum accepted to \$10,000, and Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. They are due to Council by next meeting May 18th, 2026 at 7pm. Motioned seconded by Ms. Sanders, roll call vote taken, all in favor.

Council learned both Ventrac mowers are being used and they questioned the need for a new tractor. It can serve as a loader, smaller plow jobs, and a brush hog.

It was noted we've heard several complaints that weed eating isn't being done.

We talked about putting the Steiner brush up for bid.

Discussion was held about the 4c generator we had received from the County EMA many years ago to serve as a backup emergency shelter generator.

Committee Reports:

Park – We have two quotes for park building roof repairs.

From Adam Casebolt and H.I.S. Construction for \$2975 and Nicholas Construction for \$3950. The difference in bids was the grade of steel being used. We agreed to table this until we could get an updated quote from Adam about similar steel.

We agreed to get an estimate for tree removal from Topside Tree Service to remove several dead trees in the park.

Active Transportation- No news.

America 250 OH- We are working on contacting previous Mayors and finding sponsors.

Old Business: Still working on the Blessing Box / Lending library purchases and installation. We've made a little more progress moving from the Mayor's Office.

We received a quote from Lushline Sealcoating to repair the cracks and seal and restripe the basketball court for \$2,392.40. After discussion, Mr. Booth motion to approve the quote, seconded by Ms. Booth, all in favor, motion carried. We are to get quotes for Dawn Rd and High Street, too.

Discussion was held about Gayle Street; that the lower portion that connects to Mill Street is starting to slowly give way. We discussed installing pilings to support that hillside.

Ms. Gardner reported the new Lions Club playground pavilion is completed and looks amazing. We decided to let the Lions Club know we may be in receipt of discarded picnic tables from MWCD at Atwood lake. We will be sure to contact Eric Downing.

We also have no update on the cyber security policy we are required to adopt .

Clean up days and town yard sales have been decided in conjunction with the other nearby Villages. Town yard sales will be Saturday, July 11th from 9 to 5 and the Clean-up day will be the following Saturday, July 19th from 9:00 to noon down at the ball fields

We have no news on the parcel split of 310/312 Sharp Drive.

New Business: With the increase in appropriations, we approved Action Now for mosquito control. Mayor Imes will call and schedule as weather and his schedule permits.

Revisiting the discussion about 120 Hazleton. Ms. Booth motioned to proceed with the condemnation of that property through the county grant funds, seconded by Ms. Sanders roll call vote taken, all in favor.

Ms. Sanders motioned to approve the Lions Club to use the old EMS building to sell Mother's Day flowers May 8th and 9th, seconded by Ms. Booth, all in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Booth motioned to declare May motorcycle awareness month as the ABATE group has requested that proclamation Ms. Sanders seconded all in favor, motion carried.

Good of the Village:

Memorial Day program May 25th at Cemetery 9am

Food Pantry at the Farmer's Market June 5th

Sherrodsville Lion's Club at the Park June 20th to celebrate Donuts for Dads

Reminder – Farmer's Market starts May 29th

Next meeting will be held Monday, June 15, 2026 at 730pm.

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

ATTESTS:

Fiscal Officer Valerie Gardner

Mayor Keith Imes