

The meeting was called to order in regular session on May 18, 2026 with Mayor Keith Imes presiding. Also present were Fiscal Officer Valerie Gardner, roll call of council members Mike Booth, Lila Booth, Denise Melzer, and Jewel Sanders. Street Commissioner Doug Sanders and Solicitor James Ong. Visitors included Johnnie Nicholas and Shawn Leggett who arrived mid-meeting. All present rose in the pledge to the flag.

The April 2026 regular meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Ms. Melzer, seconded by Ms. Sanders, all in favor, motion carried. They had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. Ms. Gardner presented the April bank reconciliation and a cash summary report with a current balance of \$52583 in the General Fund. We have collected \$20464 income tax to date [compared to \$14407 this time last year] and \$5827 in royalties. Ms. Booth motioned to approve the report as presented, seconded by Ms. Melzer, all in favor.

Ms. Melzer motioned to accept a donation of \$4620 from the Green Valley Ruritans for the concrete work for the new picnic shelter at the Spring Street park, seconded by Ms. Booth, all in favor.

Gardner presented the list of bill payments since last meeting totaling \$17144.56 and they were approved with a motion by Ms. Melzer, seconded by Ms. Sanders, all in favor, motion carried. This included payments to Weaver Barns for the shelter for \$11552.

Gardner reported the 2024-2025 State Audit has started.

She will also be working on an income tax audit again this year.

Gardner reported we changed electric suppliers to APG&E down to 9.2cents/ kwh from 21cents.

She will also be posting Fun facts on Friday leading up to History Day.

Street: No bids were received for the dump trailer even with the lower minimum. We have been using it anyways so Council abandoned the idea of selling it.

Council has also agreed to table any park building repairs. Both estimates came close to about \$4000 and Council agreed that money can be better used elsewhere.

We agreed to hang signs in the ballfield concession stands to have them call the Village with new league managers or if there's problems at the fields and reminders to close down their stands at the end of season.

Areas of Dawn Road and the berm along Baxter's Store were patched. And gravel put down on Linn/Spring Street. We will order a scoop of fill from Romig's for the park. And Sanders will coordinate with the Post Master to patch along the berm there.

We cleaned up a fallen tree, which is technically ours, close to the basketball court but the yard it fell in has several broken-down cars/campers and junk around. We agreed to start sending out violation letters soon. It was learned Chris Smart owns the two homes by the court and one up on High Street. They are rentals.

We have another quote from Lushline Sealcoating for milling and paving Dawn Rd and repairing and paving High Street for \$11325. After discussion, Ms. Melzer motion to approve the quote, seconded by Ms. Sanders, roll call vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

We learned we are not recipients of the second round of OPWC grants.

Ms. Sanders reported of a collapse culvert on 2nd Street. We will also look at the collapsed catch basin at the corner of 212/Foster.

Committee Reports:

Park: After discussion, Ms. Melzer motioned to allow up to \$1600 for Topside Tree Service to cut back maple trees that overhang the pavilions and also take down on dead tree by the creek, seconded by Ms. Sanders, all in favor, motion carried. We also discussed the dead tree that was dedicated to Mike Buckey many years ago. We will consider planting another tree but, for now, we will move the dedication stone closer to Kay Buckey's house under another tree.

Active Transportation- No news.

America 250 OH- No news to report just asking for volunteers to help at the events that day.

Old Business: Gardner reported she's ordered the Blessing Boxes.

We agreed to meet July 18th; Cleanup Day to move out of the old office and Gardner will put colored tape on items that will move over.

Ms. Gardner reported the new Lions Club playground pavilion was completed. She will work on closing out that grant and passed a Thank you card to sign for the Ruritans.

After Solicitor Ong presented the summary of the necessary Cyber Security Policy, Ms. Melzer motioned to approve **Resolution 2026-04; Adopting Cyber Security Policy**, seconded by Ms. Sanders, roll call vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Solicitor Ong will draft a resolution and an ordinance for Council to consider vacating the unused alley between 234 and 240 South Church Street. Mr. Leggett reported 240 S. Church is 6th on the list for demolition. And 120 Hazelton will have to be disposed of by Sheriff Sale but go through the reutilization process first. Solicitor Ong will draft an ordinance if it’s found we have never adopted that before.

Solicitor Ong had heard from Michele Higgenbotham regarding 310/312 Sharp Drive that they are still in process of splitting that parcel.
Reminded Council Town yard sales will be Saturday, July 11th from 9 to 5 and Clean-up day will be the following Saturday, July 18th from 9:00 to noon down at the ball fields.

New Business: Between meetings Mayor Imes contacted Solicitor Ong about 228 Keyes Street and Ong drafted a letter about moving a downspout that was emptying onto Route 212 and washing away the hillside. The owner promptly responded and stated he will move that right away. We discussed a list of properties that will need addressed for junk vehicles, junk and refuse in the yard, and high grass.

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.

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

ATTESTS:

Fiscal Officer Valerie Gardner

Mayor Keith Imes