

The meeting was called to order in regular session on August 17, 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 and Street Commissioner Doug Sanders. Visitors included Ed Lambros.

Mr. Lambros was here to report on large potholes at the cross section of School Street and Hill Drive due to water wash-outs. They are very deep and he has filled it a couple times. He also reported he feels we urgently need a guardrail going up Green Street, across the bridge. He slid down last winter and had to be towed out. We agreed a heavier limestone would work better and we will look at Green St. Mayor Imes said 'we'll address it the best we can with the money we have'.

The July 2026 regular meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Ms. Booth, seconded by Ms. Melzer, all in favor, motion carried. They had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. Gardner presented the July bank reconciliation and a cash summary report with a balance of \$56061 in the General Fund. She reported three months of income tax collection information totaling \$26687 to date. And royalties were \$7828. Ms. Melzer motioned to approve the report as presented, seconded by Ms. Sanders, all in favor.

Gardner presented the bills and payroll since last meeting totaling \$12312.96 and they were approved with a motion by Ms. Melzer, seconded by Ms. Booth, all in favor, motion carried. Gardner reported the State Audit began today as the State picked up our records for the Basic audited and she learned the BWC audit had been completed weeks ago and no one reported to us. It was all good.

Gardner presented **Resolution 2026-07: Accepting Unified Banks Depository** agreement effective Sept 1, 2026- Aug. 31, 2031. It was adopted with a motion by Ms. Melzer, seconded by Ms. Sanders, roll call vote taken, all in favor. Gardner also presented the Positive Pay program. It's a safety check that Unified can perform before clearing a check payment to prevent fraud. It's \$25/month and has a set-up fee. Everyone felt we are at low risk at this time and we should save money where we can. Gardner also stated the line of credit for \$90,000 was supposed to end October, but she has a notice the bank closed it already.

Lastly, Gardner reported the website now has our Park Policy and reservation form to download.

Street: Lushline Sealcoating is scheduled to be here tomorrow to pave High Street and repairs to Dawn Road.

Doug Sanders requested we get 'No engine break' signs for entrances to the Village. We discussed the large hole on Park Drive and Sanders will get that filled in. There are also trees down and he and Gerald Sanders are slowly getting them cut and removed. But we will contact Topside again to see if they can do the trimming we had approved.

He reported the sidewalk bridge is repaired, stained, and decorated with an American banner. It really looks nice and is much safer. And the basketball bleachers have been refurbished and are also safer, too. The High school ballfields bleachers need some work though.

New business: We are looking at getting prices for snow plow hookup equipment. Discussing a straight blade vs a 'V' blade. We will have more for next meeting.

We learned there's another recall on the Ford F250; the wiper arms... So, Sanders will get that appointment made at Guess Ford.

Committee Reports:

Park: No news.

Active Transportation- It was learned Leesville was awarded their portion of a multilevel grant for a walking trail from their Village to the High School. We are also part of the award for upgraded and improved crosswalks.

Public Records- Gardner reported the records policy and request forms are in the Post Office and the request form is on our website.

America 250 OH- reschedule to Monday, Labor Day Sept 7th. Gardner reported we'd received \$950 in contributions! After discussion, Mr. Booth motioned to approve **Resolution 2026-08; to reallocate and approve the additional \$450 purchase order** [total \$950] for the events preparations. Seconded by Ms. Melzer, roll call vote taken, all in favor. Our last committee meeting will be here Aug. 30th 6pm; public is welcome.

Old Business: We learned the Library and Blessing boxes are almost done.

We are still processing violation letters and will post to our Facebook the expectation of keeping your property free of junk, broken down vehicles, and tall grass/weeds.

New Business: Jim and Valerie Gardner requested Baxter Alley be closed during the time they are getting the Funeral Home parking lot resurfaced. Ms. Melzer approved the closure of Baxter Alley, seconded by Ms. Sanders, all in favor, motion carried.

Good of the Village: School starts Aug. 24th so please be watchful for kids and busses. We announced the hours of the CV Rocket Center open now Saturday morning. Happy Labor Day & our America 250 Picnic that day, and the Lion’s Club breakfast! And to take a moment of silent remembrance on 9/11 for the loss of that day.

Next meeting will be held Monday, Sept 21, 2026 at 730pm.

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

ATTESTS:

Fiscal Officer Valerie Gardner

Mayor Keith Imes