

**REGULAR MEETING
October 6th, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Barbara J. Lloyd with the recitation of the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

**Roll Call: In Attendance - Paul Lowe, Kim St. Clair, Ed Harlan,
Mike Nunley, Bo Coconis, Greg Gibson**

Paul moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held September 6th, 2025. Seconded by Mike. Gibson– yea, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan - yay, St. Clair – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Paul moved to approve the Fiscal Officer’s Bank Reconciliation Report for August 2025. Seconded by Bo. Lowe – yay, St. Clair – yay, Harlan – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

Ed moved to dispense the Fiscal Officer’s Bank Reconciliation Report for September 2025. Seconded by Bo. Gibson– yea, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan - yay, St. Clair – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Mayor Lloyd asked Council if they saw the September 2025 Mayor’s Court Data?

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

None.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Joe Miller (Presented by Taylor Bennett)

The issue with the raised park path, caused by tree roots, has been corrected prior to the 5K event. The Street Department also completed a repair on the driveway apron located at the corner of Pembroke and East Berkeley, which had been damaged due to a water leak. In addition, maintenance crews removed a discarded tire and a concrete culvert from the park area and filled the resulting holes, addressing a cleanup concern that had been pending for some time. Blacktop work was also completed on Edmond, improving road conditions in that area.

It was further noted that the grant application for CO₂ detectors for the Fire Department had been successfully submitted and approved, and that funds have already been received. The council expressed appreciation for the work completed in securing this grant funding.

Concerning water service and meter accuracy, a letter was sent to Rainy Colonial Valley requiring the installation of a water meter and shut-off valve within 30 days. The intent of this requirement is to improve the accuracy of water usage readings and billing. The installation of a master meter is expected to help address ongoing discrepancies and ensure proper monitoring of usage.

A special Utilities Committee meeting was proposed to be held on October 15th at 5:30 PM in the Fiscal Officer's office. The purpose of this meeting is to review details related to the infrastructure grant Joe is working on, with attendance from the grant consultant and representatives from the engineering firms interested in assisting the village. Committee members were asked to confirm their availability within the next few days.

Fire – Russell Taylor

Chief Russell Taylor reported that there was a total of 109 calls for service last month, with 65 calls designated as support responses. The department also responded to seven second-round calls, successfully managing six of those with the use of the backup squad, reducing the need to transfer calls to outside agencies.

The department also completed a comprehensive fire hydrant inspection and flow testing process. Of the 76 hydrants tested, 17 were found to be out of service. While several of these were previously identified, a few new issues were discovered. Three hydrants were found to contain standing water that must be drained before freezing temperatures arrive. The Water Department has been notified and will address the issue to prevent winter damage. The department now has full documentation on which hydrants require repair or replacement. Moving forward, additional testing will be completed next spring, and maintenance will include lowering stems slightly and lubricating hydrants to ensure smooth operation throughout the winter.

Discussion followed regarding the color-coding of hydrants, clarifying that black-painted hydrants indicate they are out of service. Once sandblasted and repainted uniformly, hydrants will have their tops color-coded to display water flow capacity (gallons per minute).

It was announced that Landon successfully secured a \$15,000 grant from the Straker Foundation to purchase a new monitor for the department's second squad vehicle. The second truck is now fully stocked and operational, with the exception of a Lucas device needed to assist with CPR efforts. The council commended the department for obtaining the grant and ensuring both squads are well-equipped.

Additionally, ongoing efforts were noted toward infrastructure improvements to replace older water lines and hydrants throughout the village. Coordination is underway with the administrator to align these updates with broader water system upgrades.

Before closing, Russell reported that he has been assisting Randy and Wesley with projects at the park and continues to offer help as needed. The council expressed appreciation for his efforts and teamwork in supporting village operations.

Police – Mark Ross

The Police Chief reported a total of 125 call records for the month of September, compared to 108 calls during the same month the previous year. Of these, 11 reports and 7 accident reports were completed. The department made two warrant arrests and three misdemeanor arrests, including two for criminal trespassing and one for assault, for which a warrant was issued. There was also one felony arrest related to

the theft of a motor vehicle and forgery; the stolen vehicle was successfully recovered and returned to its owner with assistance from Fink's Used Cars.

In terms of traffic enforcement, there were 51 enforcement encounters consisting of citations, written warnings, and verbal warnings. The department also noted personnel updates, including the termination of Auxiliary Officer Kate King for inactivity and failure to meet required service hours for the remainder of the year. Three active auxiliary observers contributed a combined 28.5 hours, exceeding the expected commitment in some cases. Chief Mark stated he is currently conducting a background check on Andrew Love, a former auxiliary officer, for possible reinstatement.

Chief Mark also reported on a community event held on October 4th, when Refill Fuel Fitness hosted a 5K run that passed through the village park and surrounding areas. The event drew over 80 participants who provided positive feedback about the park and its facilities. Following the event, Refill Fuel Fitness donated \$1,000 in proceeds to the Police Department's auxiliary fund to support equipment purchases. The mayor and council expressed appreciation for the donation and the positive community engagement the event generated.

Chief Mark then proposed establishing an official Facebook page for the Police Department. He explained that the page would be used strictly for public announcements, community updates, and information sharing related to public safety and ongoing investigations. The page would not allow public comments, but community members could contact the department through private messaging or email. The proposal addressed prior issues from more than five years ago involving misuse of a former department page. It was clarified that Chief Mark would be the sole administrator of the new page, ensuring compliance with the village's existing social media policy.

A motion was made to authorize the Police Department to create a new official Facebook page for public updates and community information, with commenting disabled and administrative access limited to the Police Chief. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous roll call vote. Lowe – yay, St. Clair – yay, Harlan – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance Committee –

Paul Lowe – The Finance Committee met to review and discuss the details of the proposed 2026 budget. At this time, the budget appears to be in good standing, with projected savings on health insurance costs. The committee plans to hold two additional meetings to finalize all appropriations prior to presenting the completed budget for passage at the December council meeting. Because the review is still ongoing, council agreed to move forward with only the first reading of the proposed budget at this time, allowing for a thorough examination and any necessary adjustments before final approval.

Park Committee –

Mike Nunley – The Park Committee reported on several ongoing improvement projects and upcoming plans for the village park. Discussion began with the issue of the basketball court fence, which currently stands at only four feet tall and allows balls to bounce over frequently. The committee agreed to pursue plans to replace the fence with an eight-foot structure to reduce damage caused by children climbing and to help prevent recurring maintenance issues.

Committee members also reviewed the overall progress of park improvements, including installation of the new playground equipment which continues to attract families. It was noted that the park is now consistently full of visitors, a positive change from previous years when activity was mostly limited to basketball play. The committee expressed pride in the increased community use and enjoyment of the park. Plans were also discussed to complete landscaping work around the downhill slide area to improve both safety and appearance.

In further discussion, council members talked about the pickleball court project. While a formal committee has not yet been established, the council discussed the possibility of creating a special committee for the pickleball court to gather input from residents who actively play the sport. The Straker Grant application was also mentioned; if approved, it would provide up to \$75,000 in additional funding to complete the pickleball courts with high-quality surfacing. In the meantime, the committee proposed patching existing cracks, resurfacing, painting the asphalt and fencing, and potentially adding lighting as funds allow. The public will be encouraged to participate by contacting the Village Office to express interest.

COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

Salt Bin Groundbreaking Ceremony – Mayor Barb Lloyd says we have a ceremony for the Salt bin Grant from H2Ohio. We’re going to do it on Tuesday, the 14th, at 3 p.m. We’ll try to get somebody from the newspaper and WHIZ there if we can. We’ve got a nice little flyer that we’ll put out around.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**ORDINANCE 2025-5 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT
EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE
VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE, STATE OF
OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2026, (REVISED CODE SECTION
5705.38) (1st READING)**

Paul made a motion to pass the third reading of Ordinance 2025-5. Seconded by Bo. Gibson– yea, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan - yay, St. Clair – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

**ORDINANCE 2025-6 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE TO
PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION TO SPRINGFIELD
TOWNSHIP (1ST READING)**

Greg made a motion to pass the third reading of Ordinance 2025-6. Seconded by Ed. Lowe – yay, St. Clair – yay, Harlan – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

**ORDINANCE 2025-7 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE FIRST
MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH TO BE THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE AND
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED
SUGGESTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2026 (1ST
READING)**

Greg made a motion to pass the third reading of Ordinance 2025-7. Seconded by Ed. Gibson– yea, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan - yay, St. Clair – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

**ORDINANCE 2025-8 AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE REFUSE PICKUP
RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH
ZANESVILLE, OHIO (1ST READING)**

Ed motioned to pass Ordinance 2025-8. Seconded by Greg. Lowe – yay, St. Clair – yay, Harlan – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 1136 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAY RAISES FOR
CERTAIN VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE
EMPLOYEES (1st READING)**

Greg made a motion to pass the third reading of Resolution 1137. Seconded by Paul. Gibson– yea, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan - yay, St. Clair – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Halloween: Council members unanimously chose to move trick or treat night to October 31, 2025 from 5:30 PM- 7:00 PM. The website will be updated as soon as it can be.

Chris Kerby Contract Terms: Council member Mike Nunley asked what the update on Chris Kerby was. Barb stated that she had talked to Chris and he is fine with letting it go. It expires at the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Candidate Forum – Barb announced details regarding a Forum she will be hosting October 27 starting at 7:00 PM. There will be a list of questions each candidate is expected to answer to get to know our potential leaders and their goals.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

ADJOURN

Ed moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Barbara Lloyd - Mayor

Taylor Bennett - Fiscal Officer