

REGULAR MEETING
January 5th, 2026

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

Oath of Office

Oaths of Office were administered to new and reelected officials. Danny Wiseman, Bo Coconis, Greg Gibson, and Tim Adams affirmed their oath by responding “aye.” Each individual swore to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio and to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their respective offices.

Josh Bryan was sworn in as Captain of the Village of South Zanesville Fire Department.

John Mears II and Tim Lantz were both sworn in as Lieutenant of the Village of South Zanesville Fire Department.

Following the administration of the oath, the newly sworn officials completed required documentation.

Roll Call: In Attendance - Paul Lowe, Tim Adams, Ed Harlan, Danny Wiseman, Bo Coconis, Greg Gibson

The next order of business was the nomination of Council President. Nominations were opened, Ed Harlan nominated Greg Gibson, and with no further nominations presented, Greg Gibson was selected as Council President.

Committee assignments were reviewed. Council members were advised to notify the Mayor if any assignments presented conflicts or required future adjustment.

Ed moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held December 8, 2025. Seconded by Bo. Gibson– yea, Coconis – yay, Wiseman– OBSTAINED, Harlan - yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Greg moved to approve the Fiscal Officer’s Bank Reconciliation Report for November 2025. Seconded by Paul. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, Wiseman– OBSTAINED, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

Ed moved to dispense the Fiscal Officer’s Bank Reconciliation Report for December 2025. Seconded by Paul. Gibson– yea, Coconis – yay, Wiseman– OBSTAINED, Harlan - yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

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

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Rob Geuntter - A statement of appreciation was given by Rob Geuntter, who thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the Village over the past 33 years. He noted that his involvement with the Village began in 1992 as a consultant and that he later became an employee at a young age, concluding his service with retirement at the end of the year. He reflected on working in the former municipal building and serving alongside multiple Village Clerks over the years. He reported that, to the best of his records, his efforts contributed to securing over \$6.5 million in funding for the Village, including approximately \$1.3 million since 2020, supporting projects related to police, fire, and street improvements. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with the Village and offered his assistance in the future with historical knowledge or guidance as needed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Joe Miller

The administrator reported that we will be getting scales from Maysville Water to replace our broken ones at no cost to the Village thanks to Council Member Tim Adams. He also communicated that we are starting over on the inventory process due to the one we have being outdated. Joe also mentioned that he is continuing to work on the Water Infrastructure project and will have more details at the next meeting.

Fire – Landon Duhamel

A Fire Department activity report was presented, summarizing service calls, mutual aid, and transport activity for the reporting period. Total patient transports for the year were approximately 600, with an increase in activity noted since mid-September following additional service coverage.

Volunteer response activity was reviewed, with recognition given to members for their availability and response frequency. Top volunteer responders were acknowledged, including Josh Bryan, along with Mike Nunley and Tim Lantz. Financial activity was also reviewed, including expenditures for equipment, uniforms, and fees, with amounts discussed. Council was thanked for its continued support of the Fire Department.

Police – Mark Ross

Chief Ross reported 138 call records for the month of December. He also gave updates in regards to active and inactive auxiliary Police Officers along with the numbers pertaining to Year end 2025.

Water/ Street – Wesley Wiseman

Nothing.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2026-1 **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDING AND REVISING SPECIFIC LINE-ITEMS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Greg moved for the council to dispense three separate reading rule of Ordinance number 2026-1, pursuant to section 731.17, per the Ohio Revised Code and declare this ordinance an emergency. Seconded by Ed. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, Wiseman – OBSTAINED, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

Bo made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-1, seconded by Tim. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yay, Wiseman – OBSTAINED, Harlan – yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe – yay. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Greenhouse Road Properties – Kevin updated council and said he will get with Don Madden on a date of when it should be happening.

Taylor has started the process of applying for the Spring Grant through the Straker Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

ADJOURN

Dan moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Barbara Lloyd - Mayor

Taylor Bennett - Fiscal Officer