

**REGULAR MEETING
May 4th, 2026**

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, Tim Adams, Ed Harlan,
Don Stillion, Bo Coconis, and Greg Gibson**

Ed moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held April 6th, 2026. Seconded by Tim. Gibson– yay, Coconis – yay, Stillion – yay, Harlan - yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Don moved to approve the Fiscal Officer’s Bank Reconciliation Report for March 2026. Seconded by Paul. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, Stillion – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

Paul moved to suspend the Fiscal Officer’s Bank Reconciliation Report for April 2026. Seconded by Tim. Gibson– yay, Coconis – yay, Stillion – yay, Harlan - yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Mayor Lloyd asked Council if they saw the April 2026 Mayor’s Court Data?

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

None.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Joe Miller

Administrator Joe Miller reported that Village crews have remained busy throughout the month. Eight water meters were replaced, while the Water Department completed 62 locates and 41 work orders. Joe advised Council that the Greenhouse Road project is expected to be completed in the coming months, with Muskingum County planning to notify affected property owners. He further reported that the EPA violation concerning the water tank mesh had been corrected and that a spare well field pump motor had been ordered. Mr. Miller also provided an update on park improvements, noting that playground equipment installation is substantially complete pending concrete curing, several trees and shrubs have been removed, and the pickleball court fence has been painted through the volunteer efforts of Greg Bennett. Additionally, five outdoor tables with umbrellas were donated by Sheetz for use at Village facilities and the park. Council expressed appreciation to all volunteers and donors who assisted with recent park improvements.

Fire – Russell Taylor

The Fire Department reported a total of 79 runs during the month, including 28 transports. The department experienced no dropped calls, and backup agencies responded to three calls while we were unavailable. Chief Russell Taylor announced

that the annual Fire Department Barbecue will be held on June 7, with approximately 1,300 dinners planned. He also reported that the department recently hosted search-and-rescue and cadaver dog training exercises throughout the Village and park areas. The training was described as highly successful, with participating organizations complimenting the Village and Fire Department for their hospitality and support.

Police – Mark Ross

The Police Department reported 159 calls for service during April 2026, compared to 149 calls during April 2025. Officers completed 21 incident reports and four accident reports during the reporting period. Enforcement activity included two warrant arrests, thirteen misdemeanor arrests, and seventy traffic enforcement actions consisting of citations and warnings. The department also investigated two deceased persons and one drug overdose incident. Chief Ross reported that the Village received its new 2026 Dodge Durango cruiser, which is currently being equipped for service. A \$3,000 donation from the Zanesville VFW was received to assist with equipment costs, bringing the auxiliary equipment fund balance to approximately \$9,000. Chief Ross also completed Range Officer certification training, allowing him to qualify officers on department firearms

Water/ Street – (Wesley Wiseman - Absent)

Water and Street Department activities were included in the Administrator's report. Major items included water meter replacements, utility locates and work orders, progress on the Greenhouse Road project, correction of EPA compliance issues, and continued park improvement efforts.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance Committee –

Council reviewed several park-related projects and expenditures during the Finance Committee meeting. Discussion included the need for additional parking at the park due to increased usage and the possibility of utilizing grant funding to assist with expansion. Committee members also discussed upgrading the park dumpster to a larger unit to accommodate increased trash collection needs. Additional topics included sponsorship signage for the pickleball courts, obtaining updated electrical estimates for park improvements, repairs to cracks in the pickleball courts prior to resurfacing, and installation of a higher fence around the basketball court to reduce balls leaving the playing area. Committee members noted that park improvements continue to progress well and that Village finances remain in good condition.

Street Committee Report –

The Street Committee discussed opportunities to secure Community Development Block Grant funding for improvements related to the park, including potential parking expansion. Committee members also reviewed plans to address right-of-way concerns on Moxahala Avenue/Montag area properties and discussed obtaining property owner permission before work is performed. Additional discussion focused on the possibility of paving the alley behind Northside Pharmacy, including

exploring cost-sharing options with adjacent property owners. Updates were also provided regarding future fire department facility planning and related infrastructure projects.

Personnel Committee Report –

The Personnel Committee provided an update regarding personnel matters and employee health-related situations. Committee members reported that staffing operations continue to function effectively and indicated confidence that Village operations will continue without disruption.

COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

Letter to Budget Commission – Council reviewed information regarding updates to permanent appropriations resulting from corrections to receipt postings.

Dental and Vision Insurance Renewal – Paul made a motion to renew existing dental and vision insurance coverage. Second by Greg. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, Stillion – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

Pickleball Court Agreement – Council reviewed updated agreement information and noted reduced project costs.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2026-3 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDING AND REVISING SPECIFIC LINE ITEMS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Greg moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2026-3 and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Paul. Gibson– yay, Coconis – yay, Stillion – yay, Harlan - yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Paul made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-3. Seconded by Don. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, Stillion – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE 2026-4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAYOR’S COURT FUND 9901 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Greg moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2026-4 and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Don. Gibson– yay, Coconis – yay, Stillion – yay, Harlan - yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Tim made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-4, Seconded by Paul. Gibson– yay, Coconis – yay, Stillion – yay, Harlan - yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 1146 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL CLOTHING AND BOOT ALLOWANCE FOR FULL-TIME WATER AND STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Greg moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Resolution 1146 and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Tim. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, Stillion – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

Greg moved to pass Resolution 1146. Tim Seconded. Gibson– yay, Coconis – yay, Stillion – yay, Harlan - yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 1147 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Greg moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Resolution 1147 and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Paul. Gibson– yay, Coconis – yay, Stillion – yay, Harlan - yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Paul moved to pass Resolution 1147. Tim Seconded. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, Stillion – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 1148 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TERMINATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY WATER SERVICES

Greg moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Resolution 1148 and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Don. Gibson– yay, Coconis – yay, Stillion – yay, Harlan - yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Ed moved to pass Resolution 1148. Seconded by Greg. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, Stillion – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pickleball Fence Advertisement Program – Council discussed sponsorship signage, pricing, placement, and marketing efforts to local businesses and organizations.

EPA Violation Update – Council noted the 1 previously identified EPA compliance issue had been corrected.

Park Naming Suggestions – Council discussed naming the park in honor and memory of Mayor Barbara Lloyd’s son, Sergeant Buddy Kinney and considered naming the baseball field after the Gibson family. Additional discussion and planning will continue.

NEW BUSINESS

EPA Loan Application Authorization

Council discussed applying for a \$200,000 Ohio EPA loan to support future water system infrastructure improvements. The estimated repayment was discussed with potential loan forgiveness opportunities available.

Council member Tim Adams motioned to authorize Joe Miller and DLZ to proceed with the Ohio EPA loan application process for a proposed \$200,000 infrastructure loan. Seconded by Ed. Gibson– yay, Coconis – yay, Stillion – yay, Harlan - yay, Adams – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council discussed implementation of the pickleball court advertising program, including potential placement of sponsor signs on the rear fence of the courts to maximize visibility while minimizing obstruction for spectators. Additional discussion occurred regarding completion of playground improvements, including grading and surfacing around newly installed equipment. Council members also discussed future community events at the park, including the possibility of a fall festival and other community activities once current park projects are completed. Village officials noted the continued success and increasing public use of the park facilities and expressed support for ongoing improvements.

ADJOURN

Don moved to adjourn, seconded by Bo. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Barbara Lloyd - Mayor

Taylor Bennett - Fiscal Officer