

**SPECIAL MEETING
July 20, 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,
and Don Stillion**

Absent: Bo Coconis & Greg Gibson

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

**RESOLUTION 1152 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED
WITH THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF
THE QUESTION OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL
TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION
RC 5705.19, RC 5705.19 (I)(U) and (W), RC 5705.25,
RC 5705.26**

Prior to consideration of Resolution 1152, Council Member Paul Lowe stated that, in the future, Council should receive a clearer explanation of existing millage, the amount of any proposed additional millage, and the possible financial impact on residents before being asked to act. He expressed concern that the proposed increase may be difficult for residents, particularly those on fixed incomes, and believed that a lower millage may have had a better chance of passage. Discussion followed regarding the importance of adequately funding fire and emergency services, the financial pressures facing residents, and the need to balance public safety needs with affordability. It was also noted that a previous levy effort had failed by only a small number of votes and that public education concerning the levy would be important.

Council reviewed and accepted the Certificate of Estimated Tax Revenue dated July 16th, 2026 from the Muskingum County Auditor, Tina Huebner.

Ed moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Resolution 1152 and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Paul. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, and Stillion – yay. Motion Carried.

Tim made a motion to pass Resolution 1152. Seconded by Don. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, and Stillion – yay. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 1153 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT AND
RELATED BILLING SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH OHIO BILLING, INC., ON BEHALF OF THE
VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE FIRE
DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY**

Ed moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Resolution 1153 and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Tim. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, and Stillion – yay. Motion Carried.

Paul made a motion to pass Resolution 1153. Seconded by Tim. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, and Stillion – yay. Motion Carried.

MISCELLANEUS

Park Parking Improvements: Administrator Joe Miller reported that Council Member Don had laid out proposed parking-space lines near the park to maximize and better organize parking for ball games, the upcoming park dedication, and other community functions. Don volunteered to complete the striping if the Village purchased the paint. Blue paint was being donated, leaving the Village primarily responsible for white line paint. Council discussed available striping equipment and the appropriate grade and quantity of paint. Don recommended that the parking lines be refreshed on a two-year rotation so the markings remain neat and visible, and Council agreed with the recommendation.

Memorial Park Signage: Joe reported that he had received a price of \$5,199.29 for the memorial park signage. The quoted amount did not include coating the surface. He was seeking a price for powder coating and preferred an olive-drab green finish in recognition of the honoree's Army service, provided a sufficiently large curing oven was available. Joe reported that he met with the Muskingum County Commissioners and requested a \$5,000 contribution. The Commissioners subsequently committed \$2,500. He also submitted a request to the VFW for \$5,000, which was expected to be considered at its August meeting. Any funds remaining after completion of the memorial sign would be considered for another memorial sign project.

Authorization to Begin Sign Fabrication: Joe requested Council's authorization to contact Milton Steel and direct the company to begin fabricating the memorial park signage. The Fiscal Officer explained that the Village had funds available but would need to increase estimated revenue and adjust appropriations at the August 3, 2026 Council meeting before payment. Ed moved to authorize Joe to contact Milton Steel and proceed with the project. Tim seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Paul – yes; Tim – yes; Ed – yes; Don – yes. The motion carried unanimously.

AARP Senior Safety Program and Park Dedication: Joe reported that the Fiscal Officer would draft a resident letter and create an online registration form and QR code for the AARP-funded Senior Safety training. Registration for the first class would be limited to fifty participants, and information would also be posted on the Village website. The Fiscal Officer would also prepare a park dedication announcement for the website and community posting. Joe stated that an invitation list was being developed for county commissioners, state and federal representatives, and other guests. Council discussed parking for the dedication, including use of the ball-field outfield if weather conditions permitted and the possibility of providing a Fire Department shuttle from the Village building or a nearby church parking lot.

Pickleball Court Improvements: Joe presented a rendering of the proposed pickleball courts and reported that the project was close to moving forward. Because the crack-filling material being used was expensive and had not produced satisfactory results, the Village obtained an estimated price of approximately \$3,000 from Berkheimer's to fill the damaged areas and apply a thin top coat, creating a clean surface before final court work. It was noted that park grant funds were already budgeted for the project. Council expressed support for proceeding so the work could be completed before the park dedication.

Basketball Court Fence Extension: Joe reported that he was attempting to have the fence behind the basketball hoops extended before the park dedication. The original estimate was for a ten-foot fence, but a twelve-foot height was believed to be more appropriate. The principal cost concern involved the required poles rather than the fencing material. Russell and Wesley were working with Limestone Valley Fence, the original installer, to obtain a revised price.

ADJOURN

Tim moved to adjourn, seconded by Don. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Barbara Lloyd - Mayor

Taylor Bennett - Fiscal Officer