

REGULAR MEETING
July 6th, 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, Bo Coconis and Greg Gibson

Absent: Don Stillion

Ed moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held June 8th, 2026. Seconded by Bo. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, Coconis, - yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

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

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

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

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

None.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Joe Miller

Mayor Barb let council know Joe was out for personal reasons.

Fire – Russell Taylor

The Fire Department submitted its monthly written report. The department reported approximately 118 calls during the previous month, including nine motor vehicle accidents involving injuries.

The Fire Department also discussed the inspection, testing, and maintenance of Village fire hydrants. The Village has approximately 76 hydrants, with several identified as being out of service or in need of repair. The Fire Department and Village maintenance employees have been working together to test hydrants, complete repairs where possible, and develop a regular schedule for hydrant flushing and inspection. Council discussed establishing a formal procedure requiring annual hydrant inspections and reporting the results to Council. It was

suggested that the matter be referred to the appropriate committee and potentially incorporated into the Fire Chief's duties or departmental standard operating procedures.

The Fire Department reported that an application had been submitted for funding to replace a fire engine. The Village's estimated local contribution would be approximately \$57,000, which could potentially be offset through the sale of an existing vehicle. The grant is highly competitive, with award announcements expected by approximately September 30, 2026.

Representatives of Ohio Billing Solutions had met with Village officials to discuss expanded billing and collection services. In addition to EMS billing, the company could bill for certain fire responses, motor vehicle accidents, extrication equipment, landing-zone services, hazardous-material incidents, and other eligible emergency services. Collections have decreased with the current collections company.

A motion was made and seconded to proceed with Ohio Billing Solutions as the Village's billing and collection administrator for EMS, fire, wreck, and other eligible Fire Department services. Paul made a motion to begin the transition process to Ohio Billing Solutions. Seconded by Tim. Lowe – yay, Adams – yay, Harlan – yay, Coconis, - yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

Police – Mark Ross

Council reviewed the Police Department's written monthly report. The Mayor reported that the department's new 2026 Dodge Durango had been placed into service and that the Police Department's vehicle fleet was currently in good condition. Copies of certifications recently received by the Police Department were also provided and will be maintained with the Village's records. Council briefly discussed whether any grant funding had been received toward the new police vehicle. It was noted that funds had previously been raised for equipment, but no vehicle grant had been received to the knowledge of those present.

Water/ Street – (Wesley Wiseman - Absent)

Council reviewed the written Water and Street Department reports prepared for the meeting. Council discussed preliminary cost estimates for water storage improvements and expressed concern regarding an estimate of approximately \$549,000. It was clarified that the proposal involved permanent water storage facilities rather than a portable tank. Potential funding sources were discussed, including Buckeye Hills, Ohio EPA, CDBG, and other infrastructure programs. Village representatives planned to seek additional information during an upcoming meeting with Buckeye Hills.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee - The Personnel Committee reported that it had discussed an open maintenance position within the Street Department. Applications were reviewed, and the committee expected the hiring process to continue during the following week. The committee also discussed a disciplinary matter involving an

employee. No formal action was taken during the Council meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

County Auditor Letter – HB 186 & HB 309/ Notification of Delayed Property Tax -
A letter from the Muskingum County Auditor regarding HB 186, HB 309, and
delayed property-tax payments.

Media Post for AARP Grant - A media post concerning the AARP grant.

Certificate from SEOBD/ Resident Flyer - A certificate and resident flyer from the
Southeast Ohio Building Department regarding the Village’s new residential
building-permit process.

Public Meeting 07/27/2026 – Project Updates with DLZ and RCAP - A notice for a
public meeting scheduled for July 27, 2026, concerning Village project updates to be
presented by DLZ and RCAP. Council discussed publicizing the July 27 meeting
through social media, local radio, printed notices, community businesses, and other
available outlets. Council members emphasized that attendance by Village officials
and Council members would be important because DLZ and RCAP representatives
would be present to answer questions regarding the proposed water project and its
phases.

A motion was made by Paul and seconded by Tim to authorize and publicize the
July 27, 2026 public meeting. Gibson – yay, Coconis – yay, Harlan – yay, Adams –
yay, and Lowe – yay. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION 1150 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO
LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE
TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT, ITS EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES AND AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE
VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE, OHIO AND
DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY

Greg moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Resolution 1150 and declare it an
emergency. Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yay, Coconis – yay, Harlan – yay, Adams –
yay, and Lowe – yay. Motion Carried.

Paul made a motion to pass Resolution 1150 Seconded by Tim. Lowe – yay, Adams –
yay, Harlan – yay, Coconis, - yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Park Dedication Ceremony

Mayor Lloyd discussed the proposed park dedication ceremony on behalf of the Village Administrator. Administrator Joe Miller was working toward holding the event on Saturday, September 19, 2026.

Tentative plans included:

- **Participants arriving at approximately 10:00 a.m.;**
- **A dedication ceremony beginning at noon;**
- **Recognition of the park entrance and ballfield;**
- **A chili cook-off during the afternoon;**
- **Bounce houses, a dunk tank, and family activities;**
- **Food, beverages, and cold water;**
- **Live entertainment beginning at approximately 4:00 p.m.; and**
- **A possible exhibition softball game.**

Council discussed the need to have sufficient restroom facilities, electricity, signage, and other accommodations available for the event. Council also discussed whether the ceremony should be postponed if the pickleball courts, signage, and remaining park improvements were not completed in time. Council agreed that the event should properly recognize the organizations and individuals who contributed to the park improvements.

NEW BUSINESS

Electric Bicycles and Scooters - Council discussed increasing safety concerns involving electric bicycles and scooters throughout the Village. Concerns included excessive speed, reckless operation, riding on heavily traveled roadways, performing stunts, riding without proper lighting, pulling equipment behind the vehicles, and young riders operating the devices without adequate supervision. Officer Shane Patterson explained that existing laws do not always clearly address newer high-speed electric bicycles and scooters. Officers may cite riders for applicable violations, including reckless operation and other traffic offenses, when sufficient evidence exists.

Village officials were scheduled to attend a meeting where a representative from the State of Ohio was expected to provide recommendations concerning actions municipalities may take regarding electric bicycles and scooters. Council discussed the possibility of adopting an ordinance, issuing educational materials, placing safety reminders in water bills, installing signs, and encouraging parents and guardians to supervise young riders. No formal legislative action was taken.

Building-Permit Information - Council confirmed that the resident flyer regarding the new Southeast Ohio Building Department permit process would be included with Village water bills.

MISCELLANEOUS

Financial Reports - Council reviewed portions of the June 30, 2026 Fund Status Report and discussed expenditures and available balances within the General Fund, State Highway Fund, Mayor's Court Computer Fund, Water Operating Fund, and Enterprise Deposit Fund. Questions were raised concerning the allowable uses of the Enterprise Deposit Fund. Additional information will be obtained regarding how those funds may legally be used.

Park Maintenance - Council discussed the need for additional heavy-duty trash cans at the park, preferably with attached lids and wheels. Council also discussed securing the black safety matting around the playground equipment, adding additional blue rubber mulch, controlling weeds around the equipment, and completing other maintenance before the park dedication ceremony. The matters will be referred to the appropriate Village officials and committee for follow-up.

Fire Levy Procedure - The Village Solicitor explained that Resolution No. 1150 must be submitted to the Muskingum County Auditor. The Auditor will then certify the estimated revenue and other required figures for the proposed levy. After receiving the certified figures, Council will need to hold a special meeting to consider the second resolution determining to proceed with placing the levy on the ballot. Council agreed to schedule a special meeting for July 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM for the required Fire Levy Documents.

Council discussed the applicable filing deadline and the need to provide proper public notice of the special meeting. Village officials will coordinate with the Fiscal Officer and County Auditor once the certified figures are received.

ADJOURN

Paul 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