

Regular Council

February 16,

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Jarvis presiding.

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Council President Wynn Kearns, Keith Bacin, Michael Benson, Rodney Earick, Robert H. Kelley III, Kim Little, and Alexander Rocks.

Other officials are present: Law Director John Studenmund, Administrator Peter Them, and, Finance Director James Banks, Chief Troy Weaver.

Residents and other guests: Charles Comstock of 199 Essex Road and Christina Thompson of 71 Dartmouth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes of February 2, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by ROCKS.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains 0.

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by KEARNS to set the time of adjournment for 8:30 p.m. Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Jarvis requested any Village resident wishing to address Council concerning Council business to please stand, state their name and address for the record, and their purpose for attending Council.

Teresea Coleman of 17 Devon Road inquired about the updates to zoning regarding recreational vehicles parked at resident's houses. Ms. Coleman pays her taxes and believes that it allows her rights to be recognized. Mr. Them replied, "currently, because the trailer is parked in the backyard it is permitted." Attorney Studenmund added the Village is currently working on updating their zoning laws and addressing the regulations of recreational vehicles. Mr. Studenmund added that we hope to have it updated in approximately three months. Mr. Studenmund will advise Ms. Coleman of the status of the zoning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Personnel: Still waiting for date to hold meeting to update Personnel Handbook.

Finance: No report.

Safety Service: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: No report.

Public Utilities: No report

Streets & Sidewalks: We held budget meeting before tonight's Council meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

As presented by Finance Director James Banks:

Both December and January reports are before you. All balanced.

Councilman Bacin asked about his take on the Village's recent audit report. Mr. Banks replied he will be discussing later in Mayor Jarvis report. Council President Kearns noted all balances align.

Motion by LITTLE
approving December 2025 and January 2026
Finance Reports.
Seconded by KEARNS
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Peter Them:

Arbor Day/Tree City USA has approved our application. We are officially recognized as 40 years of Tree City USA.

Discussion by Mr. Banks noting the accounting was based at 'penny for penny' method and auditors noted the payroll in and out line item had \$30,000.00 too much. It was adjusted back to general funds.

Councilman Bacin inquired about possible leak at Mr. Walters house who attended the last Council Session. It was discovered there was not a leak, but the toilet was running nonstop causing Mr. Walter's bill to rise. All is corrected. Mr. Bacin asked if we have hired a certified Wastewater Operator. Mr. Them replied he is interviewing two potential candidates tomorrow. Discussion was held regarding full or part-time.

Council President Kearns asked if State Farm sign on East Main is in complaint with Village Ordinances. Mr. Them stated the sign was installed before his time with the Village.

Mayor's report

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

The audit was successful and we passed. There were no material findings. There were six recommendations made by the Auditors. We have already begun implementing some of them.

Thinking of holding another concert in the park to celebrate United States 250th birthday with the help of resident Steve Brown.

Police Chief Report

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Chief noted that with warmer weather more people are out and about. Track runners are in motion on both streets and sidewalks. Please watch out for them.

Discussion was held regarding cruiser purchase.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Councilman Keith Bacin: No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 26-03 by Mr. Kearns
AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING
CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES.

Motion by KEARNS to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution comes from a
standing committee.
Seconded by BACIN.
Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.
Motion carried.

Motion by KEARNS to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution is read on
two separate occasions.
Seconded by BACIN.
Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.
Motion carried.

Motion by KEARNS to adopt.
Seconded by BACIN.

DISCUSSION: Yearly task to align ORC changes with Village ordinances.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Resolution Number 26-04 by Mr. Earick
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR
TO SIGN THE DEPOT PARK AND TRAILHEAD DOCUMENTS WITH
CONTRACTOR SHROCK PREMIER CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by EARICK to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution comes from a
standing committee.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.
Motion carried.

Motion by EARICK to waive rules of Council
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two separate occasions.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. All yeas: 7 – 0.
Motion carried.

Motion by EARICK to adopt.
Seconded by LITTLE.

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DISCUSSION: Depot project to start in March and end November 2026. This resolution was moved up to current period by state request to enable funding.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Resolution Number 26-05 by Mr. Kelley III
A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR A REPLACEMENT CULVERT IN THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by KELLEY to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution comes from a standing committee.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.
Motion carried.

Motion by KELLEY to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution is read on two separate occasions.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.
Motion carried.

Motion by KELLEY to adopt.
Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Location on U.S. Route 42 South. Wording as required by ODOT. Note new project figure; has been already approved. Village had to purchase property.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Resolution Number 26-06 by Mr. Earick
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE RICHLAND COUNTY PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by EARICK to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution comes from a standing committee.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.
Motion carried.

Motion by EARICK to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution is read on two separate occasions.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.
Motion carried.

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Motion by EARICK to adopt.
Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: A resolution requested by ODOT. No monetary value required; permission for accessing property was received.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Little noted that KL Pipeline has discarded some piping and placing in the right of way.

Motion by LITTLE to adjourn to
Executive Session to discuss purchase or sale of real property.
Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

Mayor Jarvis noted no action will be taken.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.

Motion by LITTLE to reconvene
to Regular Council Session.

Seconded by BACIN.
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

Council reconvened to Regular Session at 8:22 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were made.

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Motion by BACIN to adjourn
before the appointed hour.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor