

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 Alex Rocks.

The following Troy Township Trustees were present: Mike Schuster, Shaun Walker and Luke Wittmer.

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

Residents and other guests: Jesse Halfhill of Marion Avenue Road, Marian Benjamin of 970 Red Oad Trail, and Ben Morganstern of Delaware Street.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Jarvis read a Proclamation acknowledging May as Mental Health Month.

JOINT MEETING WITH TROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Trustees Joint Meeting Called to Order at 7:33 p.m.

Trustee Wittmer noted improvements to the cemetery regarding new pad and flagpole. Councilman Kearns, who also serves on Cemetery Board, reported the following:

- The tax levy, currently at ½ mil replacement levy was enacted in November 2024 is sufficient. The Cemetery is in good financial standing.
- The front columbarium was damaged in 2025 and will be replaced this year.
- Burial and lot sale rates are updated yearly during the January organization meeting. Changes for 2026 include full burial and ash burial rates.
- Cemetery will complete a paving project this year.
- Memorial Day, May 25th, we encourage participation by the Village at the Cemetery.

Election of members for 2027. Current members are: Kearns, Schuster, and Wittmer. Kearns started in 2024/2025/2026 (expiring December 31, 2026). Wittmer started in 2025/2026/2027 (two years remaining and expiring December 31, 2027). Schuster started in 2026 (three years remaining expiring December 31, 2028).

Motion by BACIN to nominate
Councilman Wynn Kearns to serve
on the 2027 Cemetery Board for a 3-year term.

Seconded by SCHUSTER.

Roll call. Yeas: 9; Nays: 0; Abstains: 1 (Kearns).

Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Memorial Day celebration. Mayor Jarvis advised the following events for Memorial Day: 9:30 a.m. stage for parade, 10:00 the parade begins, and arrives at cemetery by 10:30 a.m. Howard Linscott will be directing this year's parade. Lexington Band Director has been contacted. Memorial Day parade will be held May 25, 2026.

Motion by ROCKS to close joint
meeting with Troy Township.

Seconded by BACIN

Roll call. Yeas: 10; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

Trustees Joint Meeting Closed at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by BENSON to approve the minutes
of April 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by EARICK.

Roll call. Yea: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 1 (Kelley).

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. Yea: 7; Nays: 0; Abstain: 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.

Marian Benjamin of Lexington-Shelby Elks requested use of Village Square on June 14, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate 250th Anniversary of our Country. Boy Scouts will be attending. Show will be approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

Motion by LITTLE to allow
Lexington-Shelby Elks use of Village Square
for Flag Day Ceremony
on June 14, 2026 recognizing
250th Anniversary of our Country.
Seconded by KELLEY.
Roll call. Yea: 7; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.
Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Personnel: Committee will meet May 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. before Council.

Finance: No report by Mr. Rocks. Mr. Little checked the bills for May to date.

Safety Service: No report.

Public Utilities: No report.

Streets & Sidewalks: No report. Councilman Kelley remarked how great the roads are looking in the Main St. Safety improvement corridor. Mayor Jarvis noted there was an error as to ADA compliance for the sidewalks. This required a rework. Paving will be made during evenings to reduce traffic concerns. Councilman Little expressed concerns

regarding plow for the bump-outs installed on US Route 42 for this project. Mayor Jarvis quelled any concerns; there will be only one lane in each direction. Mr. Them added, new markings will be pointing in the right direction for all traffic flow.
Buildings & Grounds: No report.

FINANCE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As presented by Administrator Them:

Elks will be helping to recognize Flag Day. Boy Scouts will attend the ceremony also. Request has been made by Boy Scouts to camp in Bicentennial Park overnight from June 12th through the 14th. Councilman Rocks asked if any liability issues; Councilman Earick replied negatively and stated the Boy Scouts are only camping in the parks and there will be no fires. Attorney Studenmund added that the Village is not in charge since the Village is not overseeing the expedition. Mr. Them added that Boy Scout Troop #315 is from North Baltimore, Ohio and will be attending a police training session and scheduled to visit the Mansfield Reformatory.

Motion by KEARNS
to allow Boy Scout Troop #315
for camping access at Bicentennial Park
on June 12th through the 14th.
Seconded by BACIN.
Roll call. Yea: 7; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.
Motion carried.

IGNITE, a local 501(c)(3) is planning to use the B&O bike trail as a home base for a 5k Bike event in Lexington. They are requesting a coffee truck to be parked in Community Park on June 27, 2026. Discussion was held of other locations, proof of insurance and proof of license to serve. Attorney Studenmund noted that the Village is not in control of the event and that it is not recognized as a Village event. There is no precedent therefore it is not a Village concern.

Motion by KEARNS to approve
501(c)(3) company *IGNITE* and allow
coffee truck/trailer on Village property
June 27, 2026.
Seconded by BACIN.
Roll call. Yea: 7; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.

Motion carried.

Essex Road project is complete. Kudos goes to Brad Ross, Water Dept. Supervisor, for completing this task without any flaws.

Skate Park equipment is listed for auction tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Depot project kicked off last week.

We were notified by Ohio Department of Natural Resources that there will be a random site visit to Community Park. We need permission for any possible changes for the 2027 sidewalk project.

Councilman Little inquired why people were playing soccer in the mud at Patriot Park. Mr. Them said there was a talk prior to the season starting; and maybe some teams had not heard of the changing of the fields. The soccer league will be responsible for all repairs. Mr. Little noted many Village planters have weeds in them.

Mr. Them added that letters for the signage on Village Hall have arrived and will be installed, weather permitting.

Councilman Little noted Getz sign is broken on Highridge Rd. Needs to be taken down. Mr. Little noticed many yards that have well over 12" of grass. Notices need to be sent. Mr. Them said he has already issued a set. Mr. Little said a neighbor had trash piled in his yard. Mr. Them asked for the address and Mr. Little said he would get it. Councilman Little noticed Springfield Township was using Village water for their fire trucks. Mr. Them said that was for use in extinguishing the large fire in Morrow County on Ross Rd. Mr. Them said there was no way to make a billing. Councilman Little asked for Mr. Them to take a drive through the Village to note all the grass height violations throughout the town.

Councilman Bacin asked if the spring cleanup was a success. Mr. Them replied it was.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Jarvis:

Memorial Day parade will kick off at high school May 25th at 10:00 a.m. Parade route is down Delaware to Main Street to cemetery.

We will have patriotic concert across the street on July 2nd. Starting time is 6:30 p.m. there will be food trucks. We are looking for sponsors for other potential smaller concerts throughout the summer.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Received over 20 pounds during drug take back last Saturday. This total is low compared to prior years.

There was spill of blue substance in town. It was only pond treatment additive and only one quarter of gallon was leaked. Nothing harmful. OEPA was contacted.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reporter by Parliamentarian Keith Bacin:

Early voting through Sunday. In person voting starts Tuesday from 6:30 a.m. till 7:30 p.m. Check the website; there has been a change in congressional districts.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 26-14 by Mr. Kearns

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHARLES ROUB AS A REPRESENTATIVE ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY 9-1-1 REVIEW COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 128.06(A).

Motion by KEARNS 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 KEARNS 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 KEARNS to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Former Shelby Chief of Police and current Shelby Councilman. Mayor Jarvis reported that Mr. Roub was recommended by other villages in Richland County.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by ROCKS to adjourn to
Executive Session to potential acquisition of property.

Seconded by BACIN.

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

Mayor Jarvis reported no action will be taken following Executive session.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

Motion by LITTLE to reconvene
to Regular Council Session.

Seconded by ROCKS.

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

Council reconvened to Regular Session at 8:27 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Regular Council

May 4,

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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 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor