

Regular Council

March 2,

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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: Keith Bacin, Michael Benson, Wynn Kearns, Robert Kelley, Kim Little, and Alexander Rocks. Other officials are present: Law Director John Studenmund, Administrator Peter Them, and Chief Troy Weaver.

Residents and other guests: Jesse Halfhill of 2081 Marion Avenue Road, Erin Slusher of 51 Lexdale Lane, Mansfield and Caitlin Duncan of 337 West Main Street.

Motion by LITTLE to excuse Councilman Earick

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes
of February 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by ROCKS.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by KEARNS to set the time of adjournment
for 8:10 p.m. Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; 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.

Ms. Duncan and Ms. Slusher stated ELKS are good with all their requests and requirements for Farmer's Market including use of the restroom facilities. Attorney Studenmund reported that Council Planning Commission had an earlier meeting and will review again at the next meeting as to the Farmer's Market and will make its recommendation for Council. Location will be ELK'S/Tito parking lot. Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the months of May through October. A letter of intent will be sent to Ms. Duncan and Ms. Slusher from the Village Administrator. Planning Commission for March 25th meeting will have further discussion and make the referral to Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Finance: Bills have been checked and reviewed for the month of February.

Safety Service: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: Park Board meeting will be March 9th at 6 pm. Budget meeting
for Building & Grounds will hold their budget meeting on
March 16th at 6 pm.

Public Utilities: Committee met before Council to review 2026 budget.

Streets & Sidewalks: Minutes are approved from the February 16th meeting.

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FINANCE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Peter Them:

I have submitted financial reports to Hinkle Report as requested.

Much praise to all the Service Departments for their excellent snow removal and all departments assisting with water break last Saturday.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

Safety Corridor work should begin next week.

A representative for the secretary State of Ohio is offering "*Safe At Home*" program. Offering assistance if child is not feeling safe at home due to abuse, trafficking, and other childhood trauma. You are given a legal address that can never be traced, for your safety.

Great job for all the employees that assisted in the water break repairs on Saturday. Thank you, Todd Ward, for the great job done and coming in and helping the Water Department repair this leak.

Police Chief Report

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Safety Town will be held June 22nd through 26th at the High School.

Councilman Little asked if we have any legal authority addressing motorized scooter. Mr. Little has noted their driving skills are very erratic. It was also noted the scooters are not permitted on the street. Chief Weaver believes the law regarding e-bikes falls under the scope of motor scooters regulations. Attorney Studenmund noted that jurisdiction exists for the Village and should have ten miles per hour speed limit. Mr. Studenmund suggested putting existing law in the Village newsletter.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Councilman Keith Bacin:

Two resolutions tonight. Voting registration deadline is April 6th. April 7th is date for in person voting to mail in absentee votes.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 26-07 by Mr. Kelley III

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT FUNDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by KELLEY to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution comes from a
standing committee.

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Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 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: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.

Motion by KELLEY to adopt.
Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Resolution required by ODOT. KEM will be getting half million of funding for the Village; other funds will be researched and therefore maybe costing the village no money. This is the Fox Road sidewalk project.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Resolution No. 26-08 by Mr. Kelley III

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR A CULVERT REPLACEMENT, 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: 6 – 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: 6 – 0.
Motion carried.

Motion by KELLEY to adopt.
Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: The culvert replacement on US 42 South, will be finally completed.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were made.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were made.

Motion by BACIN to adjourn
before the appointed hour.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor