

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 2nd , 2026.

INVOCATION

Mark Phillips offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of council answered roll call: Chris Sherbourne, Mark Phillips, Kay Hines, Joe Johnson, Sondra Carey, and Paige Bierce. Administrator Derek Allen, Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Fire Chief Mark Carey, Police Chief Adam Lakey, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

Johnson moved, and Carey seconded to approve the January 20th minutes. All ayes.

GUESTS

Brandon McCunn, Service Coordinator and Adam Rensch street employee.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lakey reported no issues with the latest snowstorm. Officer McIntire is in phase II of his training.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carey reported 72 calls for the month of January, up by 20 calls from last January.

FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

The next meeting will be on 2/17 at 6:00 pm.

SAFETY - KAY HINES

Hines explained the request from Chief Carey for a permanent part-time position. This would allow a firefighter to work 24 hours followed by 120 hours off and have paid time off. Chief Carey would keep track of all paid time off since it is not part of the Village personnel policy.

Chief Carey would like to purchase a combination fire truck. This would be used as a ladder truck and an engine truck. The current ladder truck is out-of-service and the engine truck is almost there as well. This truck is on Sourcewell so no bidding is necessary. The quote was for \$1,464,402.00 and financing through Community Leasing Partners. This would be a 7-year loan with a \$500,000.00 down payment. All payments, including the downpayment, will be made out of the Fire Fund. The committee recommends this purchase.

Sherbourne moved and Bierce seconded to authorize legislation for the purchase, downpayment and leasing of this ladder/engine truck. 5 Ayes, Carey abstained.

SERVICES - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Sherbourne reported that committee had discussed the trash service and service personnel.

Allen explained what has happened over the years with personnel leaving and the condition of the current garbage truck.

If we continue with trash service then we would have to buy a new garbage truck and possibly raise the rates. Sherbourne thought it would be a good option to bid out the trash service.

Brandon met with Mid-Ohio Sanitation, who was eager to take over the garbage service.

Allen asked Matt to look into contracting more than 3 years and if we could somehow put in the bid to use our trucks without selling or leasing them.

Johnson would like the communication to remain going through our office for the residents.

Sherbourne moved and Carey seconded to authorize legislation for the bidding of trash service.

All ayes.

Sherbourne would like to give a one-time bonus to those employees that worked on the water main breaks and plowed snow. Sherbourne moved and Carey seconded to pay a one-time

bonus of \$500.00 to Kit St. Clair, Frank Foltz and Brandon McCunn and \$250.00 to the rest of the service employees. All ayes.

RULES - MARK PHILLIPS

The next meeting will be on 2/23 at 6:00 pm.

Agenda topics will be new zoning map with the correct classifications, a seal for the Village of Mt. Gilead and discussion of the green river ordinance.

ADMINISTRATOR - DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that the starting blocks for the pool have been ordered.

He advertised for a service worker in the water and wastewater plants. This position would also oversee the meter reading and meter maintenance. This has been an open position since 11/15/2024.

Safe Harbor has withdrawn their request to have the property located at 4046 Twp Rd 246 rezoned.

The severe temperature has caused watermain breaks with the distribution system. On January 24th, there were three watermain breaks on the low-pressure side which caused a disruption in service.

While employees were working on these, an 8-inch main between the water plant and the high-pressure district ruptured and drained the 300,000-gallon water tower. This was repaired by 1:30 am and valves were then turned to direct all the water to the high-pressure district tower.

On January 26th, the backflow preventor and meter were frozen at Northgate Mobile Home Park due to no heat in the barn where these were located. After they had thawed it was realized that they were damaged and leaking. Staff removed the backflow preventor and replaced it with a 3-inch pipe. This work was the responsibility of the mobile home park owners but we stepped in to avert a public health crisis. Johnson asked who would pay this bill. We sent a bill to mobile home park account manager.

On January 29th, an 8-inch watermain broke on Lincoln Ave and HPM street. The employees spent half of day repairing this.

MAYOR - DONNA J. CARVER

Mayor Carver attended several meetings and on January 29th attended an America 250th event

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Sherbourne moved, and Bierce seconded to approve the bills. All ayes.

Carey moved and Hines seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 2009 "supplemental appropriations". All ayes.

Phillips moved and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 2009. All ayes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Phillips asked Police Chief Lakey what would be considered unlawful assembly? Lakey stated that it would be anyone doing criminal activity.

Bierce had asked who took care of the "green space". Allen stated that he had just shoveled it. Bierce said that now the Friends of the Village will expect us to do it. We will need to get ahold of them. Davis asked who was on the committee? Bierce thought Brandi Swanson was the treasurer. Mayor Carver said that she will reach out to her.

Hines moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor