

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on July 21st , 2025

INVOCATION

Aron Fraizer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following council members answered roll call: Tim Clapper, Aron Fraizer, Kay Hines, Mark Phillips, Emily Shaffer, and Chris Sherbourne. Administrator Derek Allen, Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

Phillips moved, and Shaffer seconded to approve the June 16th minutes. Roll Call: Phillips – yes, Shaffer – yes, Clapper – yes, Fraizer – yes, Hines – yes, Sherbourne – abstain.

GUESTS

Robin Conrad, pool manager, Glenn Conrad, and Kit St. Clair, water department.

Robin Conrad had asked the council to do something different next year regarding free days. This year, there were 600-700 attendees at one time during the heat wave. It is hard for the guards to do their jobs properly with that many people. She is requesting that we consider having one free Friday a month next year. She is considering doing night swims for next year as well.

Joel Conrad is now certified to teach CPR and lifeguard classes. The Worthington pool had donated spinal boards and screens for classes, and the Mt. Gilead Fire Dept. donated CPR mannequins.

Kit St. Clair explained the repairs needed at the water treatment plant, which are included in the supplemental appropriation legislation. These repairs are ongoing issues. Allen stated that we have an unknown issue with iron in the lines. The lines will be flushed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF LAKEY

Chief Lakey reported that the 2023 Durango has a blown engine and is in the process of being repaired at Mathew's. It is expected to be repaired within two weeks. The new cruiser should be in service by the end of August.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF CAREY

Chief Carey is requesting approval to hire four part-time firefighters. Sherbourne moved and Fraizer seconded to hire Jonathon Hasson at \$16.50/hr., Ryan Bash at \$13.25/hr., Kamryn Martinez at \$13.00/hr. and Katelynn Carey at \$13.00/hr, all as part-time firefighters. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Chief Carey had presented council with the proposed fire contract for Franklin Township. Clapper moved, and Sherbourne seconded to approve the Franklin Township contract as presented. Roll Call: Clapper, Sherbourne, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Chief Carey is requesting approval to investigate the potential purchase of a used fire truck located in Wisconsin, with a deposit of up to \$20,000.00. Sherbourne moved and Clapper seconded to allow Mark Carey and John Harbaugh to travel to Wisconsin and pay for their expenses and issue a deposit of no more than \$20,000.00. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Clapper, Fraizer Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Chief Carey, after inspecting the truck, will find a third party to inspect it before purchasing it.

FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

The committee discussed economic and long-range planning to include the Sav-A-Lot building. This building will not be usable until the owner, Judge Hickson, retires from the bench.

The committee also discussed the baseball/ softball commission and would like them to provide council report updates and determine who is responsible for paying for the upkeep of the fields, as the Village owns all the fields. We aim to resolve this by September.

There were three nominees for the Nathan Tucker award. The committee recommended the award go to Olen Jackson.

Shaffer asked about employee health insurance. Fiscal Officer Davis stated that we are in the process of getting quotes.

Sherbourne asked Allen about the electric aggregate. Allen stated that our contract is good until October 2026.

SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER

Clapper did not report. The next meeting is to be determined.

SERVICE - MARK PHILLIPS

The committee met and discussed improvements at the water treatment plant. GPD will give a presentation on project design and funding at the next council meeting.

Allen reported that there is no urgency to replace the clarifiers at the wastewater treatment plant. Allen will contract a company to press and remove the sludge.

The committee discussed sanitary sewer and water line upgrades with paving in 2026 for Town St, Highland Ave, Vine, and Walnut Streets. Funding could be found from CDBG and OPWC.

The recreation project, along with the resurfacing project, is ready for bid.

Allen will attend a Mt. Gilead School Board meeting to continue the discussion about paving the pool parking lot.

We are awaiting a proposal from a second company regarding the five-gateway signs.

Allen wrote a letter to CSX about improving their railroad crossings. A response was received that they will do the work.

Future funding, on an annual basis, for street and other related projects: The council will work with the Village Fiscal Officer to set aside approximately \$400,000.00 each year for said projects. Allen discussed purchasing a used street sweeper for \$150,000.00 instead of a new one that would cost around \$400,000.00.

Shaffer is working with our solicitor to address the issue of no U-turns at the downtown intersection of High and Main streets. While awaiting a legal opinion, it was noted that signs could be placed on four existing poles near the black and white "stop here on red" signs, or wherever ODOT requires their placement.

Allen stated that a speed zone study is not needed for W. Marion Road, from the railroad tracks to Edison. Lowering the speed limit would lead to greater and unnecessary traffic congestion in the area.

Possible resurfacing paving projects in 2026: East Street and Giar Lane.

Next meeting is 8/11 at 6:00 pm.

CODES & REGULATIONS - EMILY SHAFFER

Next meeting is 9/22 at 6:00 pm.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that he had attended the Mt. Gilead School Board meeting but decided not to bring up the pool parking lot. He will write them a letter instead.

DKMM has scheduled a company to come in and grind up the trees and shrubs at the compost facility.

The exterior signs on the Village Hall were removed, and Mr. Gaul picked them up to refurbish. Columbia Gas installed a gas line to 114 Iberia St.

Cones were placed in the gutter of the deep end of the pool to prevent patrons from cutting their hands and feet until Astro Pools could repair the gutter section. On July 14th, Astro Pools came and corrected the situation.

The doors to the exterior public restrooms were replaced on the pool house building. Work is planned for the interior to make these restrooms function again.

Letters were sent to CSX and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The railroad has stated that they will repair their crossings that are broken down.

The HPM #2 property offer was declined.

Gilead Fitness is interested in purchasing a property lot within the Village. We will need to check the location of the sewer lines.

Allen suggested that the CIC be disbanded due to a lack of activity over the years.

The A/C went out in the Municipal building, and we had to get a new unit installed.

A storm drain was installed on the alley at 198 W High St. This alley is set to be paved.

The county paved Home Rd and also US 42 to the corporation limits at the intersection of Co Rd 101.

A refurbished street sweeper became available for a purchase price of \$150,000.00. A new one is approximately \$450,000.00. This can be purchased with a three-year lease purchase. Brandon McCunn plans to inspect the vehicle.

The projected estimate for the basketball/tennis/pickleball court project is \$535,000.00. The resurfacing, which includes the pool parking lot, is approximately \$490,000.00.

Fraizer asked Allen about the West Point project. Allen suggested hiring someone to build a wall with "Village of Mount Gilead" inscribed on it, as well as to handle the landscaping.

MAYOR - DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver conducted one wedding, attended several meetings, and attended one ribbon-cutting.

The fireworks display went very well.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Phillips moved, and Fraizer seconded to approve the bills. Shaffer had questioned the purchase of the ice suit for the Fire Dept. Chief Carey explained what it was used for. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes.

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 1978 "amending chapter 505, animals and fowl". Roll Call: Shaffer, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne - all yes.

Sherbourne moved, and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1991 "supplemental appropriations". Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer - all yes.

Hines moved, and Fraizer seconded to pass ordinance 1991. Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes.

Phillips moved and Sherbourne seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1992 "advertising for bids for resurfacing project". Roll Call: Phillips, Sherbourne, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer - all yes.

Phillips moved and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 1992. Roll Call: Phillips, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes.

Sherbourne moved and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1993 "advertising for bids for recreation project". Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer - all yes.

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 1993. Roll Call: Shaffer, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne - all yes.

Hines moved, and Fraizer seconded to pass ordinance 1994 "declaring 81 N Rich St a blight" to the second reading. Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes.

Sherbourne moved, and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 7-21-25 "amending resolution 4-21-25". Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer - all yes.

Hines moved, and Shaffer seconded to pass resolution 7-21-25. Roll Call: Hines, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne - all yes.

Sherbourne moved, and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 7-21-25 A "purchase a street sweeper". Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer - all yes. Phillips moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass resolution 7-21-25 A. Roll Call: Phillips, Sherbourne, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer - all yes.

Fraizer moved, and Sherbourne seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 7-21-25 B "purchase of a fire truck". Roll Call: Fraizer, Sherbourne, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer - all yes. Hines moved and Phillips seconded to pass resolution 7-21-25 B. Roll Call: Hines, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fraizer asked if we were going to hire a surveyor for the bridge behind the fairgrounds. Allen stated no, since it is not the Villages' bridge.

Fraizer moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor