

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on May 19th, 2025

INVOCATION

Emily Shaffer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sherbourne moved, and Hines seconded to excuse Aron Fraizer from the May 19th meeting.

Roll Call: Sherbourne, Hines, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Phillips moved, and Sherbourne seconded to approve the May 5th minutes. Shaffer commented that she would need to amend her rule minutes and add the following: having licensing or permitting sales location within the Village limits. This pertains to the repeal of section 513.06. Roll Call: Phillips, Sherbourne, Hines, Clapper, Shaffer – all yes.

GUESTS

Dr. Zack Howard, his wife Elizabeth, and Sharon Bartley.

Mayor Carver gave Dr. Howard a proclamation honoring his duty as superintendent for the Mt. Gilead Exempted Village School District.

Sharon Bartley, who lives at 214 Maple Court, had complained that the Village employees had thrown salt in her driveway this winter. She now has marks at the end of her driveway. She would like us to repair it through her original contractor, Guaranteed Performance Concrete Services, so that it matches her existing driveway. Allen will come out and look at it.

Bartley also complained that since Maple Court is in a circle, people, including Village trucks, are turning short and driving in her yard. She would like a curb or something put up.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF LAKEY

Captain Cronenwett reported that all usable equipment from the 2021 cruiser, which was totaled, will be transferred to the new 2023 cruiser. Insurance will cover the majority of this.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF CAREY

No report.

FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

No report. Next meeting will be 6/16 at 6:00 pm.

SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER

Clapper stated that we have not heard back from Franklin Township about their contract. They have some questions about it. Chief Carey will compile the information and report on it at the next safety meeting.

Next meeting will be 6/2 at 6:00 pm.

SERVICE -MARK PHILLIPS

Phillips reported that Allen is waiting for staff reports regarding the clarifier conditions at the wastewater treatment plant.

In early May, representatives from the Ohio Citizen Action group were going door-to-door in the Village as advocates for the “Crossroads Solar” project in Morrow County. They said the project could bring much-needed jobs to the county.

The GPD group is now working on drawings and quantities for the resurfacing project. They will put together cost estimates for the council’s approval. The project completion date is scheduled for the end of September. They will also do an estimate for the Cherry St. pool parking lot.

There was discussion about the improvements to the five gateway signs. Allen will have Mr. Gaul, who initially designed the gateway signs, speak to the council in June regarding his ideas for improving, updating, and costing the signs.

The Village Solicitor is researching public access and right-of-way issues, as well as whether a private citizen can block a public road that is funded by tax dollars.

The Solid Waste District will be purchasing stone for the drive going to the composting and yard waste facility.

There have been issues with the road surface at three railroad crossings in town. Allen will write a letter to CSX requesting that they make needed repairs.

A discussion was held on future funding for streets, alleys, parking lots, curbs, and sidewalk projects. Instead of a tax levy, maybe we could allocate money each year from the general fund. Years ago, Fire Chief Don Staiger told the local newspaper that a new bridge was needed on Gilead Township Road 127 for public health and safety reasons. The new bridge should be seriously considered at the Thursday, June 5th, meeting of the Gilead Township Trustees. Shaffer asked who attended the Gilead Township Trustees meeting, as only two council members were allowed to go to avoid the Sunshine Law. Clapper and Phillips will be attending.

Next meeting will be 7/14 at 6:00pm

RULES - EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer would like to change the name of her committee back to Codes and Regulations.

Shaffer moved and Sherbourne seconded to change the name of the committee from Rules to Codes and Regulations. Roll Call: Shaffer-yes, Sherbourne-yes, Clapper-yes, Phillips-no, Hines-yes.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that Home Road paving was scheduled for this week but was held up by the Engineers' office.

Several sinkholes are opening up around town. We will be looking into that.

Letters went out regarding boundary disputes on Fairway Lane.

Del-Co water ran a 6" waterline down Co Rd 237.

The pool was caulked and is being filled. Inspection will be on Friday.

I had sent a code enforcement letter to the property located at 108 E. North St.

We had poured a sidewalk on Main St.

I had locked the 2026 price for road salt at \$69.90/ton.

MAYOR - DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver received confirmation on the historical marker. As soon as they receive payment, they will ship it, and she will organize a dedication ceremony.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Hines moved, and Sherbourne seconded to approve the bills. Shaffer had questioned the purchase of mannequins. These are for CPR training for the Fire Department. Roll Call: Hines, Sherbourne, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer- all yes.

Sherbourne moved and Hines seconded to pass resolution 4-21-25 "recreation levy". Roll Call: Sherbourne, Hines, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer - all yes.

Phillips moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass resolution 5-5-25 "DKMM contract" to the third reading. Roll Call: Phillips, Sherbourne, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer - all yes.

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to pass ordinance 1987 "repealing section 529.06" to the second reading. Roll Call: Shaffer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Sherbourne - all yes.

Shaffer moved, and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 1988 "marijuana moratorium" to the second reading. Roll Call: Shaffer, Hines, Clapper, Phillips, Sherbourne - all yes.

Phillips moved and Sherbourne seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1989, "supplemental appropriations". Roll Call: Phillips, Sherbourne, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer - all yes. Phillips moved, and Sherbourne seconded to pass ordinance 1989. Roll Call: Phillips, Sherbourne, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer - all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sherbourne stated that Fraizer is drawing up a plan for the West Point area. Shaffer asked if U-turns were allowed around the monument. Allen stated that there was no sign or ordinance stating that it was illegal.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor