

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Carver called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **INVOCATION**

Kay Hines 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. Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Administrator Derek Allen, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

### **MINUTES**

Shaffer moved, and Hines seconded the approval of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> regular and special meetings. Roll Call: Shaffer, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne– all yes.

### **GUESTS**

Brandun McCunn, Village Street Supervisor, Paige Bierce, Sondra Carey, and Joe Johnson.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF LAKEY**

Chief Lakey reported that he had accepted the donation of an unmarked 2017 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor from the Franklin County Commissioners. The vehicle has been assigned to Sergeant Beekman for use in investigations.

Prosecutor Wick's office has generously offered to pay the subscription fees for officer membership in the "Street Cop Community," which provides digital training and informational resources to officers for \$630/yr.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF CAREY**

Chief Carey made a public announcement to encourage everyone to have a working carbon monoxide and fire detector in their home.

They will be hosting a graduation banquet for the academy this Saturday at 6:00 pm.

Chief Carey gave an update on contractual fire services. The Village of Edison passed their levy; however, Franklin and Canaan Townships did not. Canaan has one year left on their levy.

Hines moved, and Fraizer seconded to extend the Canaan Twp. Contract for one year. Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Hopefully, we can resolve the issue with Franklin Twp by the end of the year. Hines asked why Franklin had a problem with the fire services. Chief Carey thought it may be due to the calls at Hidden Lakes and I-71, although they are still in Franklin Twp.

Chief Carey is requesting to hire three people. Sherbourne moved, and Phillips seconded, to hire Zach Meyers as a part-time firefighter, Blaize Maurer as a paid-on-call firefighter, and Richard Stewart as an academy instructor. All three will be on a one-year probation. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer – all yes.

### **FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE**

Sherbourne reported that the committee had discussed the Fire Dept. personnel and the Township levies.

### **SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER**

No report. Next meeting will be as needed.

### **SERVICE -MARK PHILLIPS**

There will be no more meetings in 2025.

### **CODES & REGULATIONS - EMILY SHAFFER**

No more meetings in 2025.

### **ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN**

The Morrow County Engineer has removed virtually all items from their old building, and staff have been cleaning and performing minor work when time permits.

At the request of the school superintendent, we striped the pool parking lot to facilitate orderly parking. This is a temporary measure until the parking lot is resurfaced next spring.

The block building underwent an asbestos inspection to be approved for the demolition grant. The old county garage was also inspected for asbestos to be approved for remediation under the brownfield grant. Both these inspections were at no cost to the Village.

Leaf collections are ongoing, and street patching has been completed.

Dead, dying, and nuisance trees were removed around the Village.

There were two water main breaks on Maple Ct. on November 16<sup>th</sup>.  
A 4" valve was replaced at the intersection of Grant St. and Willow Lane on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The resurfacing project has a completion deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. The basketball/tennis court project completion deadline is at the end of summer 2026.

Allen brought up the sinkhole on North St. Brandon explained that it is the original sewer system, located on creek bed and on sandstone. They will try to fix it but will have to do a lot of hand forming, which will be a catch basin at that point. It's the alley behind Chase that runs all the way to Cedar St. He is waiting for the utility companies to get back to him.

Clapper asked if we had contacted the school about paving the pool parking lot. Allen will send a letter to the superintendent and new school board after the first of the year.

Shaffer asked about grant funding for the alley behind Chase Bank that runs to Cedar St. Allen said that we may be able to get OPWC funding.

Shaffer asked Allen about two blighted houses. One on N. Cherry St. has the roof caving in. Allen stated that the resident lives alone and is poor. He is hoping a church group might help, but he is unable to fix his roof. The other one, Shaffer, is concerned about the property at the corner of Bank and Cedar St. Allen said this property was just sold.

#### **MAYOR - DONNA CARVER**

Mayor Carver congratulated those who won a seat on the Village Council. She also reminded everyone about her food drive on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 to Noon.

#### **SOLICITOR**

No report.

#### **FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS**

Phillips moved, and Fraizer seconded to approve the bills—Roll Call: Phillips - yes, Fraizer-yes, Clapper - yes, Hines- yes, Shaffer -abstain, Sherbourne -yes.

Shaffer moved, and Hines seconded, to pass ordinance 2001, "No U-Turn." Roll Call: Shaffer, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, SPhillips, Sherbourne- all yes.

Sherbourne moved, and Fraizer seconded to pass ordinance 2002 "2026 permanent appropriations". Clapper asked about \$200,000.00 to be used for paving in 2026. Allen said that it was not in the 2026 budget. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer- all yes.

Shaffer moved, and Sherbourne seconded to pass resolution 10-20-25 "transfer of funds". Roll Call: Shaffer, Sherbourne, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips - all yes.

Hines moved, and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 2004 “supplemental appropriations.” Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne– all yes. Sherbourne moved, and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 2004. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Phillips would like to invite the Friends of the Village to get an update on their plans.

Hines moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Approved:

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Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

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Donna J. Carver, Mayor