

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 18TH, 2026.

INVOCATION

Paige Bierce 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, Sondra Carey, Paige Bierce, Kay Hines, and Joe Johnson. Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Police Chief Adam Lakey, Fire Chief Mark Carey, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

Carey moved, and Johnson seconded to approve the May 4th minutes. Roll call vote: 6 ayes.

GUESTS

No guests were present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lakey and Sergeant Beekman attended the 38th annual candlelight vigil in Washington, D.C., for the 2026 Police Week.

Captain Croenenwett celebrated 30 years of service with the Mt. Gilead Police Department.

Johnson asked Chief Lakey if we could do anything about the cars at Hometown Auto. Chief stated that this falls under zoning as blight.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carey reported that the rescue truck is back in service.

The Fire Department was part of the OSU Safety Roundup at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. This was for all of the fifth graders in the county.

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE - MARK PHILLIPS

Phillips reported that Chief Lakey will keep researching Kratom.

We will get with our solicitor about drafting an agreement for other agencies to use the Fire Academy or the shooting range.

Ongoing discussion about the vacancy tax. Solicitor Griffith will conduct further research on this to determine whether we can implement it.

Fiscal Officer Davis explained what the tax budget is and will set the meeting date for our next council meeting.

The next meeting will be on June 15th at 6:00 pm.

ADMINISTRATOR - DEREK K. ALLEN

No report.

MAYOR - DONNA J. CARVER

Mayor Carver received a donation of 500 handheld American flags.

Veterans' banners from previous years may be picked up at the municipal building.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Johnson moved, and Phillips seconded to approve the bills. Roll call vote: 6 ayes.

Sherbourne moved, and Carey seconded to pass resolution 4-20-26 “adopting a credit card policy for the village”. Roll call vote: 6 ayes.

Carey moved and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 2019 “approving the editing & inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances; providing for the adoption and publication of new matter in the updated and revised codified ordinances; and repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith”, to the third reading. Roll Call: 6 ayes.

Hines moved and Bierce seconded to pass resolution 5-18-26 “authorizing the Police Chief to enter into a contract to purchase a Parrot Drone” to the second reading. Roll Call: 6 ayes.

Phillips moved, and Sherbourne seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 2024 “supplemental appropriations”. Roll Call: 6 ayes.

Hines moved, and Bierce seconded to pass ordinance 2024. Roll Call: 6 ayes.

Phillips moved, and Bierce seconded to allow all Village employees, including council members, to receive a family pool pass for 2026. Roll Call: 6 ayes.

The 2027 tax budget will be held during the next council meeting on June 15th, 2026

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Phillips attended the Gilead Township Trustee meeting. A discussion was made about a joint collaboration on the Whetstone Bridge on TR 127.

Johnson had brought up the fact that the owner of the HPM property is not paying enough in property taxes. He is trying to sell the property for \$4 million, but paying property taxes at \$400,000.00 value.

Johnson, Phillips, and the Mayor will go and talk to the auditor.

Hines moved to adjourn at 7:16 pm.

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor