RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

July 28, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular session with Brad Bohland, Jason Hower, Nancy Speice, Allen Wobler, Jennifer Zartman, and Priscilla Kadolph present. Lora Lyons was absent.

Guests Present: Officer Brandon Shuherk, Paulding Progress representative, Randy Miller, Ray Speice, Jarrod Childs, Lindsay Moore, and Corey Timko from Ohio Rural Water.

Mr. Corey Timko (Ohio Rural Water) reviewed the current water budget with both Village Council and the Board of Public Affairs (BPA). He noted a downward financial trend, stating that without intervention, the water fund could enter a deficit within a few years. Potential solutions discussed included increasing water rates, implementing a capital improvement charge, or both. The BPA will review the options and determine a course of action.

The Minutes from the July 14, 2025 meeting were read. Councilwoman Speice made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Zartman seconded. Councilmen Hower and Wobler voted yes. Councilwoman Kadolph voted yes. Motion passed.

**EMS: EMS Coordinator Lyons** was not present, and nothing was reported.

**Fire Department: Chief Hefner** was not present, and nothing was reported.

**Police Department:** **Police Chief Miller** was not present,and nothing was reported.

**Street:** **Councilman Bohland** reported the following to Council:

1. The issue at State Route 49 near Dollar General has been submitted to ODOT. Awaiting updates.
2. Council discussed that several poles in the village are not working. There have been 9 poles submitted for repairs, including E Merrin and W Merrin. Several are out at Brian’s Drive, but AEP says that there are no tag numbers on the poles for them to be identified. AEP needs to come put numbers on the poles for them to be in their system to repair.
3. Council discussed discontinuing limb pickup due to misuse. Residents have been placing non-eligible items for pickup. Communication will be sent to clarify guidelines; violations may result in fines. Compost site remains unlocked for public use, but underutilized.
4. Equipment Maintenance: A tractor tire and door handle require repair. The tire must be replaced before winter. Estimates are being gathered.
5. Work Apparel: Randy suggested purchasing branded shirts/hoodies for staff attending conferences & regular use.
6. Traffic Signage: Councilwoman Speice recommended installing a “No Truck Turn” sign at South Laura and Dallas Streets due to road damage.

**Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sinn** was not present.  **Councilman Bohland** reported the following to Council:

1. Zoning Meeting Rescheduled: August 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. The chicken ordinance survey discussion was tabled until that meeting.
2. New Medical Office Proposal: The developers are proposing the Homier Stone lot.
3. Property Maintenance Ordinance: A draft is being prepared for legal review.
4. Playground Mulch: The mulch remains in clumps and needs to be spread. Council may assist Randy.
5. Park Restroom Maintenance: The girls’ restroom continues to have operational issues. Council is discussing possible options.
6. Noise Ordinance Review: Officer Shuherk will review the current ordinance in response to recent disturbances.
7. Annexation Inquiry: Council discussed verifying the annexation status of the Lantow property.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Tree Risk Assessment: Councilman Bohland and Councilwoman Kadolph have connected with Steph Miller but no further updates have occurred.
2. Grant Opportunity: A grant application is due August 27. It has been mentioned that training for the Tree Committee could be included in the grant.

**Correspondence Letters:**

1. Rock the Block: Scheduled for September 13–14, 2025.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Council discussed that the news of fiber internet with Paulding-Putnam has been released to the public. Metalink has begun work on the north side. They have started on the north side of the railroad tracks, and then they will move to the south side west of Main Street.
2. Councilman Bohland stated that Dangler completed Main Street and by the library. This is going to be paid out of the street fund. Councilwoman Kadolph made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Zartman seconded the motion. Councilmen Wobler and Hower voted yes. Councilwoman Speice voted yes. Motion passed.
3. The Deaf Child at Play sign has been put up by Randy. The original sign by the resident has not been put up yet. Council will let him know that his sign can be put up as well.
4. The Townline waterline project contracts have been signed and delivered to the commissioners. There was a map that was emailed to council.
5. The Orchard Street contract was also signed and delivered to commissioners. The map for this will be added to letters for the residents and be mailed out.
6. There was an Open Compost Site Day on July 26th. Billy, Lora Lyons, and Frank King cleaned up Norma Molitor, Jordan Childs, and Rose Bennett’s properties and took it to the site.
7. The street sweeping is tentative to happen before Rock the Block. The company is going to try to get to us before the event, but they are currently in a big project.
8. Park Fixtures: Council selected “earth-tone” colors (e.g., weathered wood) for new benches and trash receptacles.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Councilman Bohland informed council that Mayor Lyons will be on vacation from August 3rd to August 10th.
2. Council discussed the Burial Ordinance; Ordinance 2025-6. The solicitor reviewed the ordinance and gave her approval. Councilwoman Speice motioned to suspend the current ordinance. Councilwoman Kadolph seconded the motion. Councilmen Wobler and Hower voted yes. Councilwoman Zartman voted yes. Motion passed. Councilwoman Zartman motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-6. Councilwoman Kadolph seconded the motion. Councilmen Wobler and Hower voted yes. Councilwoman Speice voted yes. Motion passed.
3. Griffin pavement striping gave a quote of $9,631.00 for the village. Councilman Wobler motioned to approve. Councilwoman Kadolph seconded the motion. Councilwomen Speice and Zartman voted yes. Councilman Hower voted yes. Motion passed.
4. M&M Asphalt gave a quote of $32,320.00 for laying chip and seal on the basketball court and walking path. Council is wanting to know if it will be rolled afterwards. However, they all agree that something needs to be done about the basketball court before someone gets hurt with all of the cracks. Councilwoman Kadolph motioned to approve. Councilwoman Zartman seconded the motion. Councilwoman Speice voted yes. Councilmen Wobler and Hower voted no. Motion passed with a 3-2 vote.
5. Shawn Stewarts application for general laborer was brought to councils’ attention. Council would like to interview Shawn for the position.
6. Concealed Carry Inquiry: Fiscal Officer Cassie requested guidance on carrying a firearm during work hours. Council advised consulting with the solicitor regarding legal and liability implications.
7. Project Reports: Merrin and Oak Street final reports completed. Payne’s share is $44,263.85, to be paid from the Capital Improvements fund. Councilman Wobler motioned to approve. Councilwoman Zartman seconded the motion. Councilwomen Kadolph and Speice voted yes. Councilman Hower voted yes. Motion passed.
8. Tree Maintenance Quotes: Council agreed to request multiple quotes, including one from Councilman Wobler’s contact, for tree trimming/removal.
9. Brooks Construction Invoice: Payment approved for additional completed work. Councilwoman Zartman motioned to approve the payment of the bill. Councilwoman Kadolph seconded the motion. Councilmen Wobler and Hower voted yes. Councilwoman Speice voted yes. Motion passed.
10. Park Usage Request: Travis Tumblin requested to use park fields for a flag football tournament on October 25, 2025. As he is already insured through the Ball Association, no additional steps are required. Speice motioned to approve. Councilwoman Zartman seconded the motion. Councilmen Wobler and Hower voted yes. Councilwoman Kadolph voted yes. Motion passed.

**BPA: Councilman Bohland** reported the following to Council:

1. Councilman Bohland reported that the Water Source Protection Plan is currently being updated in compliance with EPA guidelines.

**Good and Welfare:**

Council extended appreciation to Lora and Bill Lyons, and Frank King for assisting with limb pickup. Thanks were also given to Paulding-Putnam and Metalink for bringing fiber internet to the Village of Payne.

Councilwoman Kadolph motioned to approve the financial reports from the Fiscal Officer. Councilwoman Zartman seconded the approval. Councilmen Wobler and Hower voted yes. Councilwoman Speice voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Kadolph motioned to approve the payment of bills presented. Councilwoman Zartman seconded the motion. Councilmen Wobler and Hower voted yes. Councilwoman Speice voted yes. Motion passed.

With no further business, Councilwoman Zartman moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Kadolph.Meeting adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

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Mayor Lora Lyons Fiscal Officer Cassie Wright