RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

September 22, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.

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

Guests Present: Officer Brandon Shuherk, Fire Chief Hefner, EMS Coordinator Lyons, Mark Crosby, Randy Noggle, Joe Thome, Chad Benschneider, Bob Young, Kerry Hook, and Kathy Feasby

The Minutes from the September 8, 2025 meeting were read. Councilwoman Speice made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Kadolph seconded. Councilman Bohland, Hower, and Wobler voted yes. Motion passed.

**EMS: EMS Coordinator Lyons** was present and reported the following to Council:

1. There are 13 runs reported for this month with 0 runs being missed.
2. Squad 54 had the fuel filter housing replaced. It will cost $2,000.00 for new brakes on the squad. Councilman Wobler motioned to approve the cost. Councilwoman Kadolph second the motion. All voted yes. Motion passed.
3. Council was presented with an application for Camden Miller from Van Wert that currently is an EMT there and has been highly recommended for hire here in Payne. Councilman Bohland motioned to hire Camden. Councilman Hower second the motion. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**Fire Department: Chief Hefner** was present and reported to Council:

1. There has been 1 run so far this month.
2. Chief Hefner informed council that the grant that he is trying to get might not happen due to MARC’s radios being a higher priority for other fire departments. Current radios that were not previously upgraded are not going to work at the end of the year, so fire departments are needing their radios replaced beforehand.
3. Best One of Monroe has quoted $2,274.20 for 6 tires. Councilman Bohland motioned to approve the quote. Councilwoman Kadolph second the motion. All voted yes. Motion passed.
4. The current fund for a new set of jaws is at $27,500, but the total for the jaws is $38,116. A couple grant applications have been submitted for the rest of the money needed.
5. Fire and EMS pre-budget meeting:
   * + - 1. EMS Coordinator Lyons presented to council, Benton Township, and Harrison Township the amount of runs for the last 3 years, including where they were, time of day, and whether they are on daytime staffing or after hours.
         2. EMS Coordinator Lyons also presented the list of how many incidents so far this year have occurred along with who responded to the incidents with the amount of time each incident took and their pay rate.
         3. EMS Coordinator informed the townships that the CPR device needs updated, and it costs around $22,000-$23,000.
         4. Fire Chief Hefner presented that 52 runs have occurred this year.
         5. Fire Chief Hefner informed the townships that he has a couple new hires that are needing fire training, and it costs $2,900 a person.
         6. Fire Chief Hefner informed the townships that he is wanting to look for a new truck in 2027, and the estimate currently is $500,000-$600,000.
         7. Fire Chief Hefner informed the townships about the current fund for the new set of jaws that needs bought.
         8. Cassie Wright presented the appropriation status and Revenue status for EMS and Fire along with the amount of hours worked for both departments for the year.
         9. The budget meeting for Fire and EMS for next year has been set for December 13th at 10 AM.

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

**Street:** **Mayor Lyons** reported the following to Council:

1. The womens restroom at the park is still having issues. Council is wondering if it is plumbed wrong or if there is an issue with the plumbing. Council talked about having someone come in to check the plumbing.
2. The striping company still needs to come to town, but they might not make it out this year due to the amount of work that they currently have.

**Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sinn** was not present.  **Mayor Lyons** reported the following to Council:

1. Zoning is in the process of creating an ordinance for having chickens in the Village.
2. Vacant building/home ordinance with a registration form was discussed.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Mayor Lyons discussed Halloween with council. Trick-or-treat will be held on October 25th. Vancrest is wanting to have trick-or-treat again this year, which will probably be from 3 PM to 4 PM. Regular trick-or-treating will be from 4 PM to 7 PM with costume judging being at 7:30 PM at the Fire Department. Candy will need to be bought up to $500.00 for the costume contest.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Police Levy has made the cutoff for the ballot. This is a renewal levy.
2. The Budget Meeting is set for November 15th at 10 AM for next years budget for the Village.
3. Carl Zartman and Lori Bricker have asked that a sign be placed by the pond at the park recognizing their family member, Oscar Hook, as he donated a lot of his time and several items towards building the pond. They are willing to pay for the sign. Council wants to look into prices for a sign, but they also want to look into who else might need to be recognized for the pond.
4. Justin Kipker completed his background check for the part-time street laborer position along with the drug test. Mayor Lyons is awaiting results before potentially hiring him.
5. Letters have been sent for the Merrin and Oak tree replacement with a list of trees that the village has chosen. Jill is going to keep track of the trees that the residents are wanting planted in their yard from that list.
6. Metalink – Subcontractor Agreement
7. AEP Resolution R-2025 was created to oppose the rate increase. AEP is wanting to raise the rates to a flat rate and not base charges on usage. Councilman Wobler motioned to suspend the rules. Councilwoman Kadolph second the motion. All voted yes. Motion passed. Councilman Wobler motioned to approve the resolution. Councilman Hower second the motion. All voted yes. Motion passed.
8. ODOT is wanting to set up a meeting for road 49 maintenance.
9. Council discussed the Townline engineering cost being paid out of capital improvement, instead of the water fund. Councilman Bohland motioned to approve. Councilman Hower second the motion. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**BPA: Mayor Lyons** reported to council:

1. The EPA Drinking Water Source Protection Plan has been updated.

**Good and Welfare:**

The Village would like to thank all the volunteers that participated in Rock the Block along with the Payne Police for working on their day off. It was a great event for all. Council would also like to thank Jim Hooker for painting the Village Hall building in the back.

Councilwoman Speice motioned to approve the financial reports from the Fiscal Officer. Councilwoman Kadolph seconded the approval. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Kadolph motioned to approve the payment of bills presented. Councilman Wobler seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion passed.

With no further business, Councilman Wobler moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Kadolph. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

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Mayor Lora Lyons Fiscal Officer Cassie Wright