

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2025**

PRESIDING: Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Darcy, Cox, Hiner, Donnalley, Smith & Beech

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on February 11, 2025, was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES' REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 28, 2025

Donnalley made the motion to approve the minutes of the 1/28/25 regular meeting
Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$57,921.91 and PPE 2/1/25 in the amount of \$76,682.52
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

GUEST (S):

Prior to the guest speaking, the mayor reminded everyone of the three-minute time limit.

Residents in attendance were Donna St. Clair and Cora Lewis to voice their concerns on the matter of the conditions that they must live beside. Ms. St. Clair was present to bring attention at every meeting until this is resolved. She asked if anyone on council would be able to live beside what she must endure every day, with the trash, rats and the current state of the house eroding around the foundation. No one on council said they could.

Cora Lewis acknowledged that council and the landlords were willing to do something to clean up the rental properties but obviously the right people to attend these meetings were not here. Those are the people that need to be held responsible, brought to this discussion, sitting at this table to hear the agenda of the residents and what the council hopes to achieve in the rental registration.

Wayne Wilson a landlord in the village prepared a handout to all the council. He asked if his pamphlet to be part of the minutes. His final statement is that landlords, residents, and the council must work together. This ordinance is too lengthy and to be more complaint driven were a few of his final words to the council.

Danielle Menning was present to let the residents know she would be a great candidate for Municipal Judge in Columbiana County. She asked for those present to vote for her on May 6th. She is currently working as a prosecutor at the Municipal Courthouse but would like to bring to the table her experience of running on-time court dates. This is just one example of how she hopes to improve the court system.

Wayne Wallace was the last speaker from the floor. His concerns were when would the prices for violations, the cost of improvements, the cost of the inspector, or the cost of rent be handled. Those prices would just keep getting larger. His belief is that the Ohio ORC handbook has everything in it to run the village without a need to adopt another ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: E WASHINGTON ST PAVING UPDATE

This project was awarded last year with the bid package going from March to March.

RE: APPROVAL ENGINEERING COST E WASHINGTON ST PAVING

Per Mayor Wilson the \$21,000.00 bill received was included in the package for engineering cost. It was already passed at an earlier meeting in 2024. Councilwoman Hiner stated then there was no reason for it to be approved since it was a bill that was covered in the bid.

RE: CLASS OF 1959 BENCH DONATION

Chairperson Smith on the Parks Committee reported the bench donated by the Lisbon Class of 59 would be ready in 4 to 6 weeks. The bench is 4ft light brown and will be placed along the walking path in Cedar Street Park.

RE: RENTAL PROPERTY REGULATIONS

Councilwoman Hiner would like to review the Ordinance 2047.19 that was passed in 2019. Hiner feels this needs to be investigated further in implementing these actions as written before, the village spends more money on a new Ordinance. Hiner wanted to make it clear our funds are down by \$146,115.20 from last year in the general fund. The mayor feels this ordinance won't work and its policies are dated. Councilwoman Hiner and Councilman Cox want to have the time for the review on how to get a plan in action on what has already been passed in the village. Hiner wants to have a committee of the whole meeting, after discussion the meeting will be February 21, 2025 at 5:15 with public invited. The mayor continued to talk on the slum lords in this town having no contracts in place for renters just month to month, legal advice is not local, with most renters having no transportation or the ability to take off work to seek fair housing concerns. Councilman Cox let the mayor know out of his rentals two of his renters choose no contract and pay month to month due to the fact they do not know how long they will be renting in the village. The mayor said he meant no disrespect and did not feel Mr. Cox was a slum lord.

RE: SALE OF DURAPATCHER

The mayor feels that Spring is the time to list the durapatcher for sale. The listing price should be \$15,000.00 and the street department is not using the machine. Councilman Smith asked Cox is this feasible for the Street Dept. to use. Councilman Cox said again it is an excellent tool to use. Councilman Darcy said just because they don't want to utilize this machine doesn't mean the village should sell it. The village bought the durapatcher to be used, we wouldn't allow employees after buying a plow to tell us they can't use it in the snow stated Darcy. Temple made a motion to list the durapatcher for sale at 15,000.00.

Donnalley 2nd with council silent it went to a roll call vote.

Cox, Darcy, Smith, Hiner were no votes to sell the durapatcher.

Temple and Donnalley voted yes to sell the durapatcher.

The no's had the vote, the village will not list the durapatcher for sale.

RE: ZONING UPDATE

Mayor Wilson said the zoning code was going very well, with the final draft being available in March. Everyone on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commissions has been emailed the drafts. Councilwoman Donnalley asked if there were going to be any more meetings for discussion with the creators in which the mayor replied to no.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: 2025 CHIP AND SEAL

Mayor Wilson explained the deadline to get a list to the county of how much chip and seal we would need is March 11th, 2025.

RE: STREET DEPARTMENT ROLLER OPTIONS

Councilwoman Donnalley asked for a Street Department meeting to be on the 18th at 5:30 to discuss the options for Street Supervisor on how he enters his packets for the meetings. Due to personal reasons the meeting has been moved to the 26th at 5:30.

RE: PERSONNEL EVALUATIONS

The mayor was asking Councilman Darcy on the progress, Councilwoman Hiner asked to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the employment of a public employee.

RE: GAS AND ELECTRIC AGGREGATION RENEWAL ADDENDUM

Councilwoman Hiner made the motion to renew the gas and electric aggregation with Trebel Energy
Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion passed

RE: QUOTE TRUCK BED REPAIRS

Street Supervisor Jim Oliver had no luck trying to fix the 10 T truck in his department and acquired a quote from Heim Sheet Metal for not over \$2,000.00. Temple made the motion to get the 10 T truck repaired at Heim Sheet Metal to not exceed \$2,000.00

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion passed

RE: QUOTE MOWERS STREET/PARK DEPARTMENT

Councilman Cox stated the costs were \$899.00 or \$999.00 for the mowers for Street and Park Departments. Cox opinion is that the Toro brand is an excellent brand but felt the one for \$899.00 had more power.

Darcy made the motion to go with the one for \$899.00 which had more power for both departments.

Donnalley 2nd

All ayes
Motion passed

RE: QUOTE POLICE CRUISER

Chief Abraham submitted the quote for the new police cruiser in the council packets which was \$60,961.00. It would eventually be replacing car #4. The chief felt he would not be getting rid of car #4 in a hurry since this last year a lot of money went into it to keep it running. It would be a white car instead of blue, so it wouldn't be special order. Cox made the motion to order the new police cruiser at a cost of \$ 60,961.00.

Hiner 2nd

All ayes

Motion passed

RE: 2024 POLICE REPORT

The 2024-year end report was distributed to the council in their packets. The Chief went over key points of the year which included 28,704 calls in the police department. The cars used \$18,772.82 in gas, 172 miles per day, 34 miles per shift. Otis had 124 deployments, 52 arrests, and 452 hours of training last year. Otis had one bite.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following financial statements were distributed to the council in their packets: January bank reconciliation, January and February month end fund summary. All vouchers were prepared and signed by the council prior to the meeting.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Vehicle and work reports were submitted to the council in their packets.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Hall stated that the department had completed the second training session in ice survival. He is sending two men for fireworks training. He is asking for 8 sets of turn out gear, the gear has an expiration date of ten years, and that each fireman needs two sets. The chief is asking for an additional twenty-six helmets with flashlights. The total cost of these purchases is \$28,756.00. Cox asked if this was the use of the levy tax which Hall replied yes.

Cox made a motion for the Fire Department to purchase the gear and helmets with flashlights.

Hiner 2nd

All ayes

Motion passed

Councilman Cox said there would be a Fire Department meeting on March 3rd at 6:30 at the fire hall including the townships.

CEMETERY REPORT

Mayor Wilson said letters of interest for the vacancy on the cemetery board deadline was February 14th until 4:00.

BPA REPORT

Chairman Bill Hoover reported that they would be restructuring their application with RCAP for additional monies for the St Rt 45 and Adams Rd line extension in March. The leak on Maple St. was repaired and the boil order was lifted in one day. The water department was busy digging holes for lead during pipe repairs and adding more patching for less potholes. The meter has been placed in the Mental Health Clinic.

Misc.

The Lisbon Landmark Foundation pancake breakfast will be on Saturday February 15th from 8:00 to 11:00.
Wine about Winter is scheduled for Saturday the 22nd of February from 2:00 to 5:00.

Councilwoman Hiner made the motion to go into executive session at 7:30 to discuss the employment of a public employee.

Cox, Darcy, Temple, Smith, Hiner, Donnalley all ayes to go into executive session.

Councilwoman Hiner at 8:05 made the motion to come back to regular council meeting.

Cox, Darcy, Temple, Smith, Hiner, Donnalley all ayes to come out of executive session

Hiner reported no action taken and to adjourn the meeting.

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the February 11, 2025, meeting at 8:10 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Barbara Crane, Income Tax Administrator