

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Mt. Orab Village Council Meeting

APRIL 7, 2026

Held

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Howser called the regular council meeting to order with a roll call vote the following members present: Shane Ogden, Zane Cordrey, Carl Vineyard, Eric Lang, Anna Howell and John Waits.

MINUTES

Councilman Ogden moved to approve the minutes for the March 24th regular and March 31st special council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Cordrey.

A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

VISITORS

The following visitors approached council regarding information and concerns:

Frank Fussnecker introduced himself to council as a candidate for Brown County Commissioner

Elyse Glover questioned the NDA release and the dirt being located across from the cemetery to support the bank next to the creek for North High Street.

Sandy Eversole questioned Solicitor Goettke legal guidance and asked for his resignation or council to terminate his employment

William Distelhorst provided council a list of pros and cons regarding data centers covering such items as water/electric impact, cost of infrastructure being provided by data centers, sewer plant upgrades suggesting the data center pay for such improvements and projected 30 year life span of the facility.

OUT OF TOWN WATER CAPACITY FEE

Councilman Cordrey moved to accept the recommendation of the Board of Public Affairs as presented by Eric Stephen to set the out of town water capacity fees as follows.

Meter Size

3/4" or less	\$4,200.00	2"	\$29,000.00
1"	\$10,750.00	3"	\$48,000.00
1 1/2"	\$19,500.00	4" to 12"	to be determined at project permit application time

Seconded by Councilman Waits.

A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION

Councilman Ogden moved to approve the recommendation of Fire Chief Rymer to promote Kaden Mountain to probationary Lieutenant effective the start of the next pay

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period at a rate of \$25.25 per hour. Seconded by Councilman Cordrey.

A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT FULL TIME SAFER POSITION HIRE

Councilman Ogden moved to approve the recommendation of Fire Chief Rymer to hire Anthony Wesch to fill the full time safer position vacated by the promotion of Kaden Mountain effective the start of the next pay period at a rate of \$21.25 per hour. Seconded by Councilman Vineyard.

A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

POLICE SURPLUS

Councilman Ogden moved to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Hahn to declare the following items as surplus and no longer needed for public use.

Concept 2 Row Machine 2012 Azures Dynamics Transit VIN:537LS7D42CT084334

Glass display cabinets (2) Nikon Coolpix P900 Camera

Skid Steer Fork Attachments E-ride utility vehicle VIN:1E9EA15S9AP363571

Seconded by Councilman Cordrey

A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Ogden moved to enter executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(8) to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:

The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.

A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

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Seconded by Councilman Cordrey. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Odgen Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried. Council entered executive session at 7:42 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Ogden moved to reconvene the council meeting at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Lang. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Odgen Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried.

DATA CENTER COMMITTEE

Councilman Lang moved to create a committee to explore the safety, environmental and utility impact of a data center with the committee consisting of two Mt. Orab Village residents and three council members. Seconded by Councilman Ogden. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

VILLAGE COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Councilman Lang moved to adopt a procedure to post all opening to council created committees prior to filling the position. Seconded by Councilman Ogden. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

Councilman Vineyard informed council the public safety committee met on April 2nd at the fire house and decided to meeting the first Tuesday of every month. Councilman Waits discussed the issues with the connection boxes installed by Altra Fiber Council also discussed the black solution discharged into the creek by H&H Woodfiber. Eric Stephen, Water Superintendent was in contact with EPA asking if a discharge permit existed for H&H.

BILLS AND ADJOURN

Councilman Ogden moved to approve the bills presented to council and adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Waits. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Odgen Yea, Cordrey Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Dorinda Wallingford as
~~CHIEF~~ FISCAL OFFICER *via*
Interim
appointment of Council, May, 2026

[Signature]
 MAYOR

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Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Howser called the regular council meeting to order with a roll call vote the following members present: Shane Ogden, Carl Vineyard, Eric Lang, Anna Howell and John Waits.

MINUTES

Councilman Ogden moved to approve the minutes for the April 7th council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Lang.

A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Ogden moved to enter executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual requests a public hearing and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(3) conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Seconded by Councilman Vineyard. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried.

Council entered executive session at 7:02 p.m.

Council returned from executive session at 7:47 p.m.

TERMINATION OF BRICKER GRAYDON ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Councilman Ogden moved to terminate the agreement with Bricker Graydon pursuant to the terms of the engagement agreement as soon as possible.

Seconded by Councilman Waits. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE VILLAGE SOLICITOR POSITION

Councilman Ogden moved to authorize the Mayor to advertise for the position of Village Solicitor to handle council meetings, ordinances, resolutions, litigation and planning commission. Seconded by Councilman Lang. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried.

IT RETIREMENT

Councilwoman Howell moved to accept Dale Knechtly's retirement as IT Coordinator effective April 30, 2026. Seconded by Councilman Vineyard. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

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IT EMPLOYMENT

Councilman Ogden moved to hire Brian Morrison as Village IT Coordinator at an annual salary of \$16,000.00 effective May 1, 2026. Seconded by Councilwoman Howell. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried

IT SUPPORT SERVICES

Councilman Ogden moved to employ Dale Knechtly at a rate of \$80.00 per hour to provide advisory and consulting services in the area of technology to the Village as needed. Seconded by Councilwoman Howell. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried.

GRAVE LOTS

Councilman Ogden moved to purchase eight grave lots at a rate of \$800.00 each from Kenneth and Lisa Hensley for a total cost of \$6,400.00 located in Section D Lot 55 1-8. Seconded by Councilman Vineyard. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Howser. Ogden Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried.

WATER CAPACITY FEE

Councilman Ogden offered Ordinance # 1345 AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING ORDINANCE NO. 1330 AND ADOPTING UTILITY SYSTEM CAPACITY FEES FOR BOTH IN TOWN AND OUT OF TOWN. Ordinance # 1345 was given its first reading.

VISITORS

The following visitors approached council regarding information and concerns:
Joe McGrath requested council allow for replacement speakers if listed visitors neglect to show up for the council meeting and questioned Mt. Orab Storage Unit change in zoning from R2 to business located between Apple and Woodward Streets.
James O'Connel provided council with a public records request and indicated he would allow additional time with the transition in solicitor position.
Aaron Carnahan discussed his support of the council and the changes they are making and indicated he was proud to be a resident of Mt. Orab

DATA CENTER COMMITTEE

Councilman Lang spoke about the data center committee and indicated currently two Village resident have showed interest in participating. Councilman Lang provided the names of Lynette Garrett and Chris Peters.

BILLS AND ADJOURN

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Odgen Yea, Vineyard Yea, Lang Yea, Howell Yea, Waits Yea. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Donna Wallingford as
~~CHIEF~~ FISCAL OFFICER via

Interim

appointment of Council May, 2026

Joe Hawn
MAYOR