

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Mt. Orab Village Council Meeting

Held **APRIL 8, 2025**

Mayor Howser called the regular council meeting to order with the following members present: Darrin Schneider, Fred Hansen, Shane Ogden, Herm Scott, Barry Eyre and Jay Shaw

MINUTES

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes for the March 25th council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Pike Township Fiscal Officer Jenny Lind Conrad was present to observe the council meeting. Ryan Craig of Adams Brown Mobility Management discussed their comprehensive list of walking paths and sidewalks within the communities of Brown County. The data could possibly be used to fund coordinated walking tours in Brown and Adams County. Sue McKinley updated council on the progress of America 250 celebration for July 4, 2026. She requested the Village participate in the planning meetings and requested a contribution from the Village to help support the celebration activities. The Village of Georgetown which will host the events on the county fairgrounds donated \$5,000 for the event. Mike and Jody Keller were present to ask for an update on the zoning and their desire to retain the H-campground zoning for their property. Cody Longbottom's mother (Tina Smith) approached council regarding Cody's arrest and his administrative leave status with the Village.

Councilman Schneider discussed the HRA reimbursement change in 2024 which he feels may have Village employees paying additional out of pocket cost. Chief Fiscal Officer Boyd explained the change was to get back to the traditional \$500-\$1,000 plan but, he would work with the 2024 HRA reimbursements to determine if employees were harmed from what they were reimbursed the previous years.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT

Councilman Schneider moved to offer conditional employment pending physical and drug screen to the following individuals

Tristan Timmers Firefighter/EMT (hourly rate of \$19.75)

Dalton England Firefighter/EMT (hourly rate of \$19.75)

Austin Maham Firefighter/EMT (hourly rate of \$19.75)

Seconded by Councilman Shaw. All Yea

Fire Chief Rymer informed council Mike King plans to retire on 4/25/25 and the fire department will honor Vernon Luttrell at his funeral April 9th with the help of Georgetown Fire Department hanging an American flag over the road around Megie Funeral Home. Vernon Luttrell started the Mt. Orab EMT service in 1972-73.

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APRIL 8, 2025**MAYOR'S COURT INCREASE**

Councilman Scott offered Ordinance # 1324 AN ORDINANCE SETTING COURT COST FOR THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MT. ORAB, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Hansen moved to suspend the rules on the reading of Ordinance # 1324.

Seconded by Councilman Ogden. All Yea.

Ordinance # 1324 was read a second and third time by title only.

Councilman Scott moved to adopt Ordinance # 1324.

Seconded by Councilman Schneider. All Yea.

Mayor Howser declared Ordinance # 1324 duly adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Schneider moved to enter executive session to discuss the following item at 8:40 p.m.

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.

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Council returned from executive session at 9:14 p.m.

PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE

Councilman Schneider moved to release the balance of the performance bond in the amount of \$10,000 to Glover Development LLC for Glover Meadows Subdivision, Phase 1 with the maintenance bond portion to be retained until March 24, 2026 when the request can be made to council for possible release as recommended by Viox & Viox.

Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea

Councilman Shaw discussed enforcing the left turn heading south in the center of town during the three hour time designated and recommended flex post be placed to eliminate cars passing on the right side as cars are turning left. He also informed council the land sought to be purchased for cemetery expansion has a potential buyer and may not be available.

Councilman Schneider suggested Scotty Higgins set up a new Facebook page for the Music in the Park

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BILLS AND ADJOURN

Councilman Shaw moved to approve the bills presented to council and adjourn
Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.
Meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.



CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER



MAYOR

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APRIL 22, 2025

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Mayor Howser called the regular council meeting to order with the following members present: Darrin Schneider, Fred Hansen, Shane Ogden, Herm Scott, Barry Eyre and Jay Shaw

MINUTES

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes for the April 8th council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

Pike Township Fiscal Officer Jenny Lind Conrad was present to observe the council meeting. Elise Glover was present to request information on the steps to request a zoning change. Jeff Markovich, the Village property and liability agent was present to discuss the insurance quote.

BUILDING/VEHICLE/LIABILITY INSURANCE

Councilman Schneider moved to approve the building, liability and vehicle insurance policy quote from Tokio Marine HCC for the period of 5/7/2025 - 5/7/2026 in the amount of \$85,004 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Fire Chief Rymer was present to present a resignation letter from Jacob Knechtly and the retirement letter from Michael King who served the department exactly 30 years from April 25, 1995 to April 25, 2025. Chief Rymer presented a plaque to Mr. King acknowledging his commitment and dedication to the department over the past 30 years and requested the Village present Mr. King with his fire helmet as well.

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Councilman Scott moved to accept the resignation from Jacob Knechtly effective April 22, 2025 and approve the retirement letter from Michael King effective April 25, 2025 as well as present Mr. King with his fire helmet acknowledging his 30 years of service to the Village of Mt. Orab. Seconded by Councilman Shaw. All Yea.

MAYORS COURT BALANCE

Councilman Schneider moved to approve Police Chief Hahn's recommendation to move the excess balance of \$570.57 within the Mayor's Court account to the General Fund to support police department operations. The exact balance has existed for five months without any fluctuation. Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

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NO LEFT TURN SIGNAL

Councilman Shaw moved to accept Police Chief Hahn's recommendation to purchase an LED no left turn signal at a cost of \$5,538.24 to be placed at the North High and Main intersection for traffic heading south on High Street.

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Councilman Shaw discussed the Ohio EPA letter regarding Roger Barber's property violations as well as a transformer leak between Springwood Commons and the Marathon Station.

Councilman Schneider discussed a time card app to track hours and locations of employees.

BILLS AND ADJOURN

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Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.



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