

Held **FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

In the absence of Mayor Howser, Council President Schneider 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 January 21st council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. Schneider Abstained, Hansen Yea, Ogden Yea, Scott Yea, Eyre Abstained, Shaw Yea. Motion Carried

Pike Township Fiscal Officer Jenny Lind Conrad was present to observe the council meeting.

Gerry Stricker the Village health insurance representative, was present to discuss the current Village insurance policy deductibles, the projected future of policy options and a history of the HRA reimbursements. Village employees Melissa Schneider, Sandy Dalton and Shawna Durham were present to discuss their issues with the HRA process and the change in the deductible reimbursement. Council requested the employees gather documents regarding the issues and present those to CFO Boyd to review with American Fidelity.

Fire Chief Rymer was present to request an ordinance regarding Ohio Fire Code be designed for the Village to cover open burning and fire inspections conducted by his department.

CFO Boyd provided council with a breakdown of the Water Pollution Control Loan recently approved by Ohio EPA. The breakdown included the details of the fund sources on the project and the cost for engineering and construction. It was noted that by waiting to secure the loan with the joint efforts of OEPA, OWDA, Village CFO and Jeff Stine Village Engineer the Village saved an estimated 3/4 of a million dollars in interest savings. The initial loan payment is scheduled for 07/01/2027. CFO Boyd informed council of the current cash flow of the Sewer Fund and the fact OWDA loan # 4785 with annual debt payments of \$147,610.10 will be paid off in July 2028.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION LOAN REVENUE SOURCES

Councilman Ogden moved to approve the use of wastewater service charge revenue as the primary source of revenue for the Water Pollution Control Loan with TIF revenue as a secure secondary source in the event additional funds are needed. Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

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OHIO EPA DEFA LOAN AUTHORIZATION

Councilman Shaw moved to authorize Mayor Howser to sign the Ohio EPA DEFA Loan Agreement as the authorized borrower on behalf of the Village.
Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

PART-TIME OFFICE WORKER

Councilman Eyre moved to authorize the Mayor to advertise and interview for a part-time office worker on an as needed basis.
Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

DESIGNATE DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR LEAVE DONATION ORDINANCE # 1280

Councilman Scott offered Ordinance # 1314 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1280 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT HEADS
Councilman Hansen moved to suspend the rules on the reading of Ordinance # 1314
Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.
Ordinance # 1314 was read a second and third time by title only.
Councilman Scott moved to adopt Ordinance # 1314. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea. Council President Schneider declared Ordinance # 1314 duly adopted.

RECONSTITUTING THE SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilman Scott offered Ordinance # 1315 AN ORDINANCE RECONSTITUTING THE SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE VILLAGE OF MT. ORAB, OHIO
Councilman Hansen moved to suspend the rules on the reading of Ordinance # 1315
Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.
Ordinance # 1315 was read a second and third time by title only.
Councilman Scott moved to adopt Ordinance # 1315. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea. Council President Schneider declared Ordinance # 1315 duly adopted.

POLICE SURPLUS

Councilman Shaw moved to declare the following police items as surplus and no longer needed for public use.
New Holland LW 110.B Wheel Loader and a 1995 Hyster 40XM Forklift
Seconded by Councilman Ogden. All Yea.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Scott moved to enter executive session to discuss economic development over the purchase of property at 9:11 p.m.

Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

Council returned from executive session at 9:40 p.m.

BILLS AND ADJOURN

Councilman Shaw moved to approve the bills presented to council and adjourn

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.



CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER



MAYOR

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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 February 4th council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

Pike Township Fiscal Officer Jenny Lind Conrad was present to observe the council meeting. Village employees Kelly Cole, Jeff Stine and Nick Rymer were also present.

Andrew McKenzie owner and Andy Dickerson chief building officer of National Inspection Corporation (N.I.C.) presented council with a proposal for building department services. Mr. McKenzie discussed providing services on electrical, HVAC and building structure inspections. He encouraged the Village to adjust their inspection rates to match Hamilton County. Jeff Stine recommended council make a move from Clermont County to an agency such as N.I.C. for commercial property but, to remain with Brown County for residential services. Council discussed the proposal from N.I.C. and feel the need to review Hamilton County rate structure on inspection before moving forward with any changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Schneider moved to enter executive session to discuss economic development over the purchase of property and employment of personnel at 8:56 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Council returned from executive session at 9:45 p.m.

TAX INCENTIVE EVALUATION CRA

Councilman Schneider moved to authorize Bricker Graydon LLP to provide the Village an evaluation of tax incentives on Community Reinvestment Area at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

Fire Chief Rymer discussed the following items with council:

Ohio Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program

Ohio Fire Code Ordinance

Open Burning Ordinance

Resignation of Part-Time employee

Desire to replace brush fire truck in the future

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RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEE

Councilman Schneider moved to approve the email resignation of Rick Gauche from the fire department effective February 15, 2025.
Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MEDICARE/MEDICAID

Councilman Scott offered Resolution # 852 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZIING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP EMERGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENT

Councilman Hansen moved to suspend the rules on the reading of Resolution # 852
Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

Resolution # 852 was read a second and third time by title only.

Councilman Scott moved to adopt Resolution # 852. Seconded by Councilman Hansen.
All Yea. Mayor Howser declared Resolution # 852 duly adopted.

OHIO FIRE CODE

Councilman Shaw offered Ordinance # 1316 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE UNIFIED FIRE CODE.

Councilman Ogden moved to suspend the rules on the reading of Ordinance # 1316
Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

Ordinance # 1316 was read a second and third time by title only.

Councilman Scott moved to adopt Ordinance # 1316. Seconded by Councilman Ogden. All Yea. Mayor Howser declared Ordinance # 1316 duly adopted.

OPEN BURNING IN THE VILLAGE

Councilman Scott offered Ordinance # 1317 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING OPEN BURNING IN THE VILLAGE OF MT. ORAB, OHIO

Councilman Hansen moved to suspend the rules on the reading of Ordinance # 1317
Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

Ordinance # 1317 was read a second and third time by title only.

Councilman Scott moved to adopt Ordinance # 1317. Seconded by Councilman Shaw. All Yea. Mayor Howser declared Ordinance # 1317 duly adopted.

OHIO BASIC CODE 2025

Councilman Scott offered Ordinance # 1318 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2025 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF MOUNT ORAB, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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Councilman Hansen moved to suspend the rules on the reading of Ordinance #1318. Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

Ordinance # 1318 was read a second and third time by title only.

Councilman Scott moved to adopt Ordinance # 1318. Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Mayor Howser declared Ordinance # 1318 duly adopted.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN AUTHORIZATION

Councilman Scott offered Resolution # 853 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZIING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT (WPCLF) ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT ORAB, OHIO FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES, AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN

Councilman Hansen moved to suspend the rules on the reading of Resolution # 853 Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

Resolution # 853 was read a second and third time by title only.

Councilman Scott moved to adopt Resolution # 853. Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea. Mayor Howser declared Resolution # 853 duly adopted.

POLICE RESIGNATION

Councilman Shaw moved to accept the resignation of George Baker from the police department effective February 28, 2025.

Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

Council discussed the adoption of the 2024 International Property Code Maintenance Ordinance with the request to the Solicitor to review the language needed within the Ordinance.

PARTIAL BOND RELEASE ON GLOVER MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

Councilman Schneider moved to authorize the partial bond release of \$113,277.80 of the \$168,375 bond provided by Glover Development LLC for the Glover Meadows Subdivision as recommended by Viox & Viox, Inc.

Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

CFO Boyd provided council with a breakdown of the effects of the current HRA reimbursement program compared to prior arrangements with the employees along with scenario costs effecting single and family health insurance policies.

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SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OFFICER'S TERMS

Councilman Scott moved to approve the Southwest Ohio Regional Development Authority officer's terms as recommended by Mayor Howser.

Jeff Roades 2 year term 01/01/2025-12/31/2026

Ed Cierley 3 year term 01/01/2025-12/31/2027

Jim Myers 4 year term 01/01/2025-12/31/2028

Seconded by Councilman Schneider. All Yea.

Council discussed appointment to the zoning board to fill Trace Creech vacant term.

BILLS AND ADJOURN

Councilman Shaw moved to approve the bills presented to council and adjourn

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.



CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER



MAYOR

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Held **MARCH 11, 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 February 18th council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Shaw. All Yea.

Pike Township Fiscal Officer Jenny Lind Conrad was present to observe the council meeting. Village employees Kelly Cole and Nick Rymer were also present. Fire Chief Rymer indicated the Ohio Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program funding may be on hold for another year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Scott moved to enter executive session to discuss economic development over the purchase of property at 8:01 p.m.
Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.
Council returned from executive session at 9:32 p.m.

2024 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY CODE MAINTENANCE

Councilman Scott offered Ordinance # 1319 AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE
Councilman Hansen moved to suspend the rules on the reading of Ordinance # 1319
Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.
Ordinance # 1319 was read a second and third time by title only.
Councilman Scott moved to adopt Ordinance # 1319. Seconded by Councilman Schneider. All Yea. Mayor Howser declared Ordinance # 1319 duly adopted.

AWARDING BID ON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PHASE 2

Councilman Schneider moved to award the following bid on the wastewater treatment plant phase 2 to Sunesis Construction Company since the Village has secured the balance of the project cost in the form of a loan.

Construction Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$5,603,000.00
Allowance to furnish Ultraviolet disinfection equipment per Bid Section 466656	\$462,000.00
Total project bid	\$6,065,000.00

Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.