

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Mt. Orab Village Council Meeting

Held **JANUARY 7, 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 December 17th council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Eyre. Scott Yea, Eyre Yea, Hansen Yea, Ogden Yea, Shaw Yea, Schneider Abstained

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025

Councilman Shaw moved to set the first and third Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. for regular council meetings except as follows:

- January 21st at 8:00 p.m.
 - April second meeting April 22nd at 8:00 p.m.
 - June 17th at 8:00 p.m. only scheduled June meeting
 - July 8th at 8:00 p.m. only scheduled July meeting
 - November first meeting of the month scheduled for 3rd at 8:00 p.m.
 - December 18th at 8:00 p.m. only scheduled December meeting
- Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT 2025

Councilman Eyre moved to appoint Darrin Schneider Council President for 2025. Seconded by Councilman Scott. All Yea.

2025 COMMITTEES

Councilman Shaw moved to approve the following committees for 2025:

- Cemetery..... Shaw, Eyre, Hansen
- Streets..... Eyre, Shaw, Schneider
- Public Safety..... Hansen, Scott, Shaw
- Planning and Development..... Ogden, Eyre, Schneider
- Audit Committee/Finance..... Scott, Schneider, Ogden
- Personnel..... Ogden, Scott, Hansen
- Beautification..... Shaw, Hansen, Scott

Seconded by Councilman Ogden. All Yea.

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PIKE TOWNSHIP 3 YEAR FIRE/EMS CONTRACT

Councilman Shaw moved to approve the 3 year fire/ems contract with Pike Township for the period of 1/1/25-12/31/27.

Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

RUMPKE 3 YEAR CONTRACT

Councilman Schneider moved to approve the 3 year waste removal contract with Rumpke for 2025-2027.

Seconded by Councilman Ogden. All Yea.

WATER/SEWER RATES

Councilman Schneider moved to approve the rate increase for both water and sewer as recommended by the Board of Public Affairs.

BPA WATER, SEWER & TAP FEES

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE (Effective 1/1/2025)

WATER INSIDE

<u>USAGE (GAL)</u>	<u>RATE</u>
0-2000	20.50
2001-5000	7.18/1000 GALS
5000+	6.66/1000 GALS

WATER OUTSIDE

<u>USAGE (GAL)</u>	<u>RATE</u>
0-2000	31.50
2001-5000	11.03/1000 GALS
5000+	10.24/1000 GALS

SEWER RATE

<u>USAGE (GAL)</u>	<u>RATE</u>
0-2000	24.50
2001-5000	11.03/1000 GALS
5000+	10.41/1000 GALS

COMMERCIAL SEWER RATE

<u>USAGE (GAL)</u>	<u>RATE</u>
0-2000	28.50
2001-5000	12.83/1000 GALS
5000+	12.11/1000 GALS

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

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GARBAGE RATES

Councilman Schneider moved to approve the garbage rate increase as recommended by the Board of Public Affairs.

		2025	2026	2027
		Village Charge	Village Charge	Village Charge
	Residential Unit	18.02	18.60	19.21
	Senior Citizen Units	15.04	15.52	16.02
	Residential Wastewheelers	4.00	4.00	4.00
	Dumpster			
	2 YD 1x/wk	104.23	107.61	111.11
	2 YD 2x/wk	173.72	179.36	185.19
	2 YD 3x/wk	277.94	286.98	296.30
	2 YD 4x/wk	382.15	394.57	407.40
	2 YD 5x/wk	486.40	502.21	518.53
	2 YD 6x/wk	625.36	645.69	666.67
	3 YD 1x/wk	132.01	136.31	140.74
	3 YD 2x/wk	215.40	222.40	229.63
	3 YD 3x/wk	312.69	322.85	333.34
	3 YD 4x/wk	451.65	466.32	481.47
	3 YD 5x/wk	590.62	609.81	629.64
	3 YD 6x/wk	764.33	789.18	814.83
	4 YD 1x/wk	159.82	165.01	170.37
	4 YD 2x/wk	257.09	265.45	274.07
	4 YD 3x/wk	382.15	394.57	407.40
	4 YD 4x/wk	521.13	538.06	555.56
	4 YD 5x/wk	729.59	753.30	777.79
	4YD 6x/wk	903.31	932.67	962.98
	6 YD 1x/wk	187.61	193.71	200.00
	6 YD 2x/wk	298.79	308.50	318.53
	6 YD 3x/wk	486.40	502.21	518.53
	6 YD 4x/wk	660.11	681.56	703.71
	6 YD 5x/wk	833.82	860.92	888.90
	6 Yd 6x/wk	1,042.27	1,076.15	1,111.12
	8 YD 1x/wk	229.30	236.75	244.44
	8 YD 2x/wk	368.28	380.24	392.61
	8 YD 3x/wk	590.62	609.81	629.64
	8 YD 4x/wk	799.07	825.04	851.85
	8 YD 5x/wk	938.04	968.53	1,000.00
	8 Yd 6x/wk	1,181.24	1,219.62	1,259.26

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		2025	2026	2027
		Village Charge	Village Charge	Village Charge
Handservice				
	1-3 Cans 1x/wk	27.79	28.70	29.64
	1-3 Cans 2x/wk	55.58	57.39	59.25
	4-6 Cans 1x/wk	41.69	43.05	44.44
	4-6 Cans 2x/wk	83.38	86.09	88.89
	7-9 Cans 1x/wk	69.49	71.75	74.08
	7-9 Cans 2x/wk	138.97	143.49	148.15
Carts				
	1 Cart 1x/wk	27.79	28.70	29.64
	1 Cart 2x/wk	41.69	43.05	44.44
	2 Carts 1x/wk	41.69	43.05	44.44
	2 Carts 2x/wk	69.49	71.75	74.08
	3 Carts 1x/wk	55.58	57.39	59.25
	3 Carts 2x/wk	97.29	100.46	103.72
	4 Carts 1x/wk	69.49	71.75	74.08
	4 Carts 2x/wk	125.09	129.15	133.34
	5 Carts 1x/wk	83.38	86.09	88.89
	5 Carts 2x/wk	152.88	157.84	162.98

		2025	2026	2027
		Village Charge	Village Charge	Village Charge
Recycling				
	Comingle Recycling Containers			
	4 Yd/1x Week	65.54	67.67	69.87
	4 YD/2x week	131.08	135.33	139.73
	4 YD/3x week	196.61	203.01	209.61
	4 YD/4x week	262.15	270.68	279.48
	4 YD/5x week	327.69	338.35	349.34
	6 Yd/1x Week	78.68	81.25	83.89
	6 YD/2x week	157.37	162.48	167.76
	6 YD/3x week	236.05	243.73	251.65
	6 YD/4x week	314.74	324.97	335.53
	6 YD/5x week	393.43	406.21	419.41
	8 YD/1x week	84.98	87.74	90.59
	8 YD/2x week	170.05	175.47	181.17
	8 YD/3x week	254.91	263.20	271.76
	8 YD/4x week	339.89	350.93	362.34
	8 YD/5x week	424.86	438.67	452.93

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	Village	Village	Village
	Charge	Charge	Charge
Cardbord Recycling Containers			
6 Yd/1x Week	81.02	83.66	86.37
6 YD/2x week	162.04	167.30	172.74
6 YD/3x week	243.06	250.95	259.12
6 YD/4x week	324.07	334.61	345.48
6 YD/5x week	405.10	418.26	431.85
8 YD/1x week	90.31	93.24	96.27
8 YD/2x week	180.61	186.48	192.54
8 YD/3x week	270.92	279.72	288.82
8 YD/4x week	361.23	372.97	385.09
8 YD/5x week	451.53	466.20	481.36

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER

Councilman Schneider moved to hire Kyle Kushner as a full-time officer as recommended by Police Chief Hahn at the rate of \$26.19 per hour effective January 7, 2025.

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Scott moved to enter executive session to discuss economic developments potential purchase of real estate at 8:42 p.m.

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Council returned from executive session at 9:19 p.m.

RETURN ADVANCE FROM SAFER GRANT

Councilman Scott moved to approve the Chief Fiscal Officer's recommendation to return a \$15,000 advance from the Safer Grant Fund to the General Fund.

Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

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JANUARY 7, 2025**ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRE TRAINING TOWER FUND**

Councilman Scott offered Resolution # 851 RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRE TRAINING TOWER FUND OF THE VILLAGE OF MT. ORAB, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Schneider moved to suspend the rules on the reading of Resolution # 851. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

Resolution # 851 was read a second and third time by title only.

Councilman Scott moved to adopt Resolution # 851. Seconded by Councilman Schneider. All Yea.

Mayor Howser declared Resolution # 851 duly adopted.

Council discussed the following items.

Snow related removal piling in front of residents driveways

Fire hydrant placement on North Point costing approximately \$5,000 if the road is closed at one entrance (waiting on Viox & Viox to complete study)

Employee communication on the correction to the employee deductible reimbursement with American Fidelity.

Chief Fiscal Officer Boyd will email the American Fidelity representative to discuss the employee reimbursement.

BILLS AND ADJOURN

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

Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.



CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

MAYOR

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

MINUTES

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes for the January 7th council meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESIGNATIONS

Councilman Shaw moved to approve the fire department resignations of Jared Castell effective January 31, 2025 and Kyle Singleton effective January 14, 2025. Seconded by Councilman Ogden. All Yea.

Fire Chief Rymer was present to provide council with the following information: Detail of Fire and EMS runs by Township and Village for 2024 and 2023. Total EMS runs for 2024 1,921 vs 1,979 in 2023 and total Fire runs for 2024 605 vs 549 in 2023. Fire Department completed 81 inspections in 2024 with plans to increase the review of the 264 Village businesses.

Fire Department completed 3,100 hours of training for an average of 62 hours per employee in 2024

A plan to attempt to participate in the Ohio Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program in the spring.

The plan would have us commit \$203,000 to the State to participate with a payback from the State in six to eight weeks. The program could generate an additional \$344,000 in Medicare reimbursements based on historical numbers and we would pay the company that administers the program ten percent once we receive 100% of the collected Medicare reimbursements. We should expect 75% in December and the 25% balance next spring. The program is slated to run approximately three years.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS DEPENDENTS FUND

Councilman Shaw moved to appoint Councilman Hansen and Councilman Scott to the Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependents Fund for 2025. Seconded by Councilman Ogden. All Yea.

Councilman Eyre arrived.

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Chief Fiscal Officer Boyd discussed with council the Health Reimbursement Arrangement's history and outcome of his discussions with American Fidelity. American Fidelity is unable to reimburse a percentage of all deductible claims and will continue reimbursing above the \$500 single and \$1,000 family deductibles. The HRA software must apply a deductible to the plan to make the program in compliance, it should be noted that the HRA was put in place years ago when our deductible was raised above the \$500 single and \$1,000 family rates to manage the rising cost of premiums for the Village and employees. The intent was to meet the deductible first but our original provider put a percentage reimbursement of all claims since they were doing the process manually. Our insurance agent indicated in the worst case scenario the employees would see a \$400 and \$800 difference in reimbursement but, everything is zero cost at the policy deductible of \$2,500 single and \$5,000 family. Also pointed out in the worst case scenario, the employees exposure would be reduced to \$280 and \$560 if the employees participated in a flex spending plan offered at the Village and the employees are in an approximate thirty percent tax bracket. Also noted by our insurance agent is the \$500 single and \$1,000 family deductible plans are considered grandfather plans and the Village will need to evaluate alternative options in the future.

Solicitor Goettke told council he would have legislation next meeting to reconstitute the Port Authority Board's terms in office.

ZONING BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Councilman Shaw moved to reappoint Kevin Dunn to the zoning board for a term of five years 1/1/2025-12/31/2029
Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Scott moved to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation at 8:45 p.m.
Seconded by Councilman Eyre. All Yea.
Council returned from executive session at 9:07 p.m.

Solicitor Goettke discussed revising the leave donation ordinance to define departments into the categories of police, fire and all other departments.

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Council discussed the following items.

Changing the street light at the corner of North High and Day Road to an LED light for better visibility.

Moving the hospital sign on Bruce Lunsford Way from in front of the stop sign to Homan Way across the intersection.

BILLS AND ADJOURN

Councilman Shaw moved to approve the bills presented to council and adjourn
Seconded by Councilman Hansen. All Yea.
Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.



CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER



MAYOR