

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Mt. Orab Village Council Meeting

Held

JULY 1, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

Councilman John Waits administered the Oath of Office to Shane Ogden as Mayor.

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman Vineyard nominated John Waits for Council President. Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

Councilman Lang nominated Zane Cordrey for Council President. Motion died for a second.

A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Ogden on the first motion. Waits Yea, Howell Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Yea, Cordrey Yea.

Councilman Waits accepted the position of Council President.

VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

Mayor Ogden stated that the vacant council seat was posted yesterday on the Village website and would like to be able to fill that seat at the next meeting on July 14. A letter of intent should be submitted to Mayor Ogden

BPA APPOINTMENT

Councilman Waits moved to appoint James Slack to the Board of Public Affairs for the Village. Councilman Lang seconded the motion.

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

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Amend the Agenda

Councilman Vineyard moved to amend the agenda to add the posting of an administrator. Councilman Waits seconded the motion.

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

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Councilman Waits moved to invite applications for the position of Village Administrator. Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURN

Mayor Ogden moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cordrey seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.



Interim Fiscal Officer



Mayor

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Pledge of Allegiance

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

Village Solicitor, Chris Moore, requested a motion to amend the agenda in order to speak earlier on a zoning matter.

Councilman Lang moved, Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion to amend the agenda.

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

Solicitor Moore stated that he has reviewed Ordinance #1309 and the procedure used for adoption and has determined a procedural defect occurred as no public hearing was held by Village Council after the Planning Commission recommendation. Under ORC 713.12. the absence of the public hearing is a significant procedural deficiency. His conclusion is that Ordinance #1309 is void and the zoning code in effect before Ordinance #1309 would remain the current zoning law. This opinion is consistent with Ohio law and recent court reasoning in Jessica Sharp v City of Wilmington. Council thanked Solicitor Moore for his work and legal guidance.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Howell moved to approve the minutes from the June 16 and July 1 meetings.

Seconded by Councilman Waits.

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

VISITORS

Rob Meyer spoke to council concerning the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for the community playground project being July 30 at 6:30 p.m. The sponsorship agreement provides naming rights. The Southwest Ohio Regional Development Authority has declined and suggested it be named the Bruce Lunsford Memorial Park Playground. Council can consider and decide at a future meeting. Memorial benches were discussed with six confirmed at a cost of approximately \$6,235.00. Funding has been made through the Ohio Children's Foundation of \$10,000.00. The Mt Orab Police Department has agreed to install and assemble them at no labor cost. There are picnic tables also planned as well as a pavilion. It was the consensus of council that the playground will use the regular Rumpke containers for trash purposes.

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COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND MISC PURCHASES

Councilman Vineyard made a motion giving Mayor Ogden authority to approve peripheral purchases of up to \$1,000.00 per item and a \$5,000.00 total.

Councilman Waits seconded the motion. A roll call was administered by Mayor Ogden. Waits Yea, Howell Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Yea. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Riley addressed council concerning NDAs and any future council elections.

Ms Sandy Eversole spoke to council concerning data center issues and a possible fireworks ordinance in the future.

Ms Jessica Baker asked for some clarification on the zoning ordinance, records requests, planning committee, data center, vacant council seat and CRAs.

FY 2027 BUDGET

A budget hearing was held prior to the council meeting where it was reviewed and discussed.

Councilman Waits moved to approve the FY2027 budget as presented. Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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

2026 APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #1348

Councilman Waits moved to approve the Ordinance #1348 as presented. Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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

VACANT COUNCIL SEAT INTERVIEWS

5 candidates spoke about their backgrounds and priorities should they be chosen to fill the vacant council seat: Kandy Bullis, Aaron Carnahan, Joe McGrath, Wayne Reveal and Chris Peters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Waits moved to enter executive session at 7:57 p.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment of a public official to the vacant council seat.

Councilwoman seconded the motion. A roll call was administered by Mayor Ogden. Waits Yea, Howell Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Yea. Motion carried.

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RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Waits moved to reconvene the council meeting at 8:19 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Howell.

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

Mayor Ogden stated that if council is not able to come to a consensus on a candidate for the vacant council seat, then under Ohio law, council has 30 days to fill the vacancy, or the authority transfers to the Mayor to decide for an additional 30 days. To fill the seat, all four current council members must agree on the same candidate to achieve a majority of the six-member council. Subsequently, if the Mayor does not make an appointment, the matter then would be referred to the court for appointment. The Mayor plans to schedule a special meeting once the absent council member returns. All candidates who spoke would remain under consideration.

Council did not take action at that time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVANCEMENT

Councilman Waits moved to approve Tessa King from a paid per call status to part-time basic firefighter effective July 14, 2026 at \$20.25 per hour. Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS

Councilman Waits moved to declare the following items surplus and be sold through GovDeals:

2010 Chevrolet HHR VIN:3GNBAADB8AS518799

2002 Chevrolet Express Box Truck VIN:1GBHG31F221233804

Rough Terrain Forklift SN 333-602U0022747

Police Interceptor rear seats

Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Ogden. Waits Yea, Howell Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #874 FIRE LEVY RENEWAL (3RD READING)

Councilman Waits offered and moved to adopt Resolution #874 DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION.

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Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Ogden. Waits Yea, Howell Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Yea. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1349 EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY ZONING CODE MORATORIUM ENACTED THROUGH ORDINANCE #1339 FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS

was given its first reading. Solicitor Moore advised that the ordinance could be amended during later readings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Waits moved to enter executive session at 8:29 p.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) to consider the hiring of an employee.

Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion. A roll call was administered by Mayor Ogden. Waits Yea, Howell Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Yea. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Waits moved to reconvene the council meeting at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Howell.

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

CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

Councilman Waits moved to authorize the Mayor to extend an offer of employment to Alyssa Mays under the discussed terms and conditions as Chief Fiscal Officer with the assistance of the Village Solicitor in drafting an employment agreement.

Councilman Lang seconded the motion. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Ogden. Waits Yea, Howell Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Yea. Motion carried.

REPLAT ON EULA AVENUE

Councilwoman Howell moved to approve the Eula Avenue replat and authorize the Mayor and Interim Fiscal Officer to sign the documents.

Councilman Waits seconded the motion. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Ogden. Waits Yea, Howell Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Yea. Motion carried.

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CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT INCREASE

The Fire Department, Water/Wastewater and Street Departments have requested an increase in cell phone reimbursement from the current \$15.00 per month to \$30.00 per month effective 8-1-26.

Councilman Vineyard moved to increase the reimbursement as stated for eligible employees.

Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Ogden. Waits Yea, Howell Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Yea. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Waits moved to enter executive session at 8:53 p.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) for conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action and/or litigation.

Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Ogden. Waits Yea, Howell Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Yea. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Waits moved to reconvene the council meeting at 9:19 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Vineyard.

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

Mayor Ogden announced the following resignations:

Jay Shaw and Brian McFarland from the Planning Commission.

Bruce Wallace as Magistrate

Cody Longbottom was terminated.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Waits moved to appoint Mike Holtkamp to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Ogden. Waits Yea, Howell Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Yea. Motion carried.

Additional discussion was held concerning the Planning Commission in that one more vacancy remains and one vacancy remains for the Data Center Committee.

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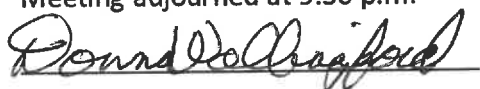
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ADJOURN

Councilman Vineyard moved to approve the bills as presented and adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Howell.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Interim Fiscal Officer



Mayor

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Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ogden called the regular council meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with a roll call vote of the following members: Anna Howell, Eric Lang and Carl Vineyard, Zane Cordrey, John Waits

Vacant Council Seat

Councilman Waits moved to appoint Aaron Carnahan for unexpired term formerly held by Shane Ogden ending December 31, 2027. The motion was amended to allow discussion.

Discussion acknowledged a strong pool of candidates and concerns were raised about appointing individuals already on other committees. Councilman Lang voiced his support for Chris Peters. Supporters of Mr. Carnahan cited his service on the Data Center Committee and positive contributions to the community.

Councilman Cordrey seconded the motion.

A roll call was administered by Mayor Ogden. Howell Yea, Lang Nay, Vineyard Yea, Cordrey Yea, Waits Yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Ogden thanked all the applicants for their interest.

Swearing In

Discussion was held as to whether Mr. Carnahan should be sworn in immediately. To avoid procedural issues, the swearing in was postponed.

Planning Commission

The candidates considered were: Mike Kirk, Joe McGrath and Jason Lang.

Councilman Waits moved to appoint Mike Kirk for the open seat with discussion.

Councilman Cordrey seconded the motion.

A roll call was administered by Mayor Ogden. Howell Yea, Lang recused, Vineyard Yea, Cordrey Yea, Waits Yea. Motion carried.

Data Center Committee

The appointment of Aaron Carnahan created two vacancies on the Data Center Committee.

Councilman Waits moved to appoint Joe McGrath to one of the open seats with discussion.

Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion.

A roll call was administered by Mayor Ogden. Howell Yea, Lang Nay, Vineyard Yea, Cordrey Nay, Waits Yea. Motion failed.

Councilman Lang moved to appoint Kandy Bullis to the Data Center Committee.

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Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion.

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

Councilwoman moved to appoint Wayne Reveal to the second open seat of the Data Center Committee.

Councilman Cordrey second the motion.

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

Resolution #874-Fire and EMS Levy Renewal

Councilman Waits moved to suspend the rules, offer the resolution and declare an emergency of Resolution #874.

Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Waits moved to adopt the same. Seconded by Councilman Cordrey.

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

MITs Software Agreement

Councilman Vineyard moved to approve the MITs Software Agreement with an initial cost of approximately \$8,600.00 and existing maintenance costs remain the same. This will allow electronic filing and payment options as well as improved efficiency of the tax processing.

Councilman Waits seconded the motion.

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

Resolution #878 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the County Budget Commission and Authorizing Certification to the County Auditor

Councilman Waits moved to suspend the rules and declare an emergency for Resolution #878 since the filing deadline is before the next council meeting.

Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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

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Councilman Waits moved to adopt the same. Seconded by Councilwoman Howell.

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

Pleasant Street Replat

Councilman Vineyard moved to allow the Mayor and Interim Fiscal Officer to sign the replat for Pleasant Street.

Councilman Cordrey seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Ogden informed Council of potential zoning changes involving Barber's Repair, Craig's RV and Donald Collins' property. Existing zoning limits property improvement and expansion. The proposed zoning would rezone connecting properties for business use, avoid spot zoning and allow Barbers and Craigs to be properly business zoned. Nearby residents would receive notice and have public input.

New Zoning Code

Mayor Ogden stated that the village is beginning the process of reviewing and introducing new zoning codes, schedule public hearings and have public input.

Adjourn

Councilman Waits moved to adjourn at 12:33 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Cordrey.

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



Interim Fiscal Officer



Mayor