

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Mt. Orab Village Council Meeting

Held
Village of Mt. Orab – Council Meeting Notes September 1st, 2026

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Ogden called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present:

- Anna Howell
- Aaron Carnahan
- Eric Lang
- Carl Vineyard
- John Waits

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Vineyard moved to amend the minutes for the August 27, 2026 special council meeting. He asked that the minutes be updated to state that they waived the three-reading rule and declare an emergency. Councilman Waits seconded the motion.

Councilman Vineyard moved to approve the minutes for the August 18, 2026 council meeting as presented. Councilman Waits seconded the motion.

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

Police Department Report – Chief Hahn

Police Surplus

Chief Han requested that the following items be declared surplus:

2017 Ford Explorer, 2018 Ford Explorer, 2000 Ford F250

Councilwoman Howell moved to approve the items as surplus. Councilman Waits seconded the motion.

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SEPTEMBER 1 2026**New Patch Design**

Chief Han presented the department's newly redesigned police patch and recognized the Western Brown High School Art Program for its assistance in developing the design.

Councilman Vineyard moved to approve the new patch design. Councilman Waits seconded the motion.

New Council Member Interviews

The candidates that were interviewed were: Kandy Bullis, C.J. Collins, Joe McGrath, Joseph Meece, Greg O'Connell, Chris Peters and Wayne Reveal

Visitor

Sandy Riley-Eversole addressed the Council in regard to Fireworks Regulations and also mentioned some data center concerns as well.

Council Vacancy Executive Session

Councilman John Waits motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:33 PM pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) to discuss the appointment of a public official and consider candidates for the vacant council seat.

Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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

Reconvene Meeting

Councilman Waits moved to reconvene the council meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Seconded by Councilwoman Howell.

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

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Appointment of New Council Member

Councilman Lang moved to appoint Chris Peters for the vacant council position. Councilwoman Howell seconded his motion.

A roll call vote was administered by Mayor Ogden. Howell Yea, Carnahan Yea, Lang Yea, Vineyard Nay, Waits Nay. Motion carried with a majority in favor of appointing Peters.

Oath of Office and Committee Appointments

Chris Peters completed his oath of office and the following committee updates were made:

Peters to join Cemetery, Public Safety and Finance

Lang to join Finance

Lang removed from Volunteer Firefighter and replaced by Carnahan

SWORDA Memorandum of Agreement

Councilman Waits moved to accept the MOU with SWORDA. Councilman Carnahan seconded the motion.

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

Finance Agenda**Resolution #880 – Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance Insurance In lieu of Surety Bonds**

Councilman Waits moved to accept Resolution #880. Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion.

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

Special Assessment Certification Letter Approval

Councilman Waits moved to approve the annual certification of special assessments for submission to the County. Councilwoman Howell seconded the

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

IRS Travel Reimbursement Rate

Councilman Waits moved to approve the IRS Reimbursement rate and to automatically adopt future IRS Changes to the rate. Councilman Carnahan seconded the motion.

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

Personnel Updates**Sandra Dalton**

Councilman Vineyard moved to accept the following employee updates for Sandra Dalton: Title Change from Interim Tax Administrator to Tax Administrator, Hourly rate updated to \$24 per hour Effective September 1st, 2026. Councilman Lang seconded the motion.

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

Donna Wallingford

Councilman Vineyard moved to accept the following employee updates for Donna Wallingford: Title Change from Interim CFO to Accounting Specialist, Additional Pay for Interim CFO duties removed Effective August 17th, 2026. Councilman Waits seconded the motion.

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

Desiree Arn

Councilwoman Howell moved to accept the following employee updates for Desiree Arn: Move from Part-Time to Full-Time employment and to become eligible for Full-Time Benefits and Vacation (3 weeks) due to service Effective September 1st, 2026. Councilman Carnahan seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE #1350 ACCEPTING A STREET DEDICATION (SENNET WAY)

Ordinance #1350 was given its second reading by Councilman Waits.

Sunesis Construction Contract Extension

Councilman Lang moved to accept the Sunesis Construction contract extension request. Councilman Carnahan seconded the motion.

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

Executive Session

Councilman Waits 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 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.,or1728.or sections 701.07,3735.67 t3735.70,5709.40 to 5709.43,5709.61 to 5709.69,5709.73 to 5709.75,or5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Ohio 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 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.

Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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

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Council entered executive session at 8:26 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting

Councilman Waits moved to reconvene the council meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Seconded by Councilwoman Howell.

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

Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement

Councilman Waits moved to grant a real property tax abatement through the Village's Enterprise Zone Program for Project Ceres.

Councilman Carnahan seconded the motion.

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

Purchase of Land Executive Session

Councilman John Waits motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:56 PM pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(2) to discuss the purchase of land.

Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion.

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

Reconvene Meeting

Councilman Waits moved to reconvene the council meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Seconded by Councilwoman Howell.

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

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SEPTEMBER 1 2026**Pending Litigation Executive Session**

Councilman John Waits motioned to enter Executive Session at 9:21 PM pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending litigation.

Councilman Carnahan seconded the motion.

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

Reconvene Meeting

Councilman Waits moved to reconvene the council meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Seconded by Councilwoman Howell.

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

Payment of Bills

Councilman Waits moved to pay the bills as presented. Councilman Carnahan seconded the motion.

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

Adjourn

Councilman Waits moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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



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Mayor

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Village of Mt. Orab – Council Meeting Notes September 15, 2026

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Ogden called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present:

- Anna Howell
- Aaron Carnahan
- Eric Lang
- Carl Vineyard
- John Waits
- Chris Peters

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Vineyard moved to approve the minutes for the September 1, 2026 council meeting as presented. Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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

Visitors

Joe McGrath addressed the Council in regard to data center concerns, multifamily housing zoning, storage unit development, historic depot preservation, charter commission petition, as well as additional items relating to planning and zoning.

Jessica Baker addressed the Council in regard to zoning concerns.

Setting of Trick or Treat Date/Time

Councilman Peters moved to set Trick or Treating date and time for October 31, 2026 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Councilman Lang seconded the motion.

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

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Fire Department Agenda – Fire Chief Rymer

Corey Spitznagel Resignation

Fire Chief Rymer asked the Council to accept Corey Spitznagel's resignation effective October 4, 2026.

Councilman Waits moved to accept the resignation of Corey Spitznagel effective October 4, 2026. Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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

Dustin Ziemer Part-Time Hire

Fire Chief Rymer asked the Council to hire Dustin Ziemer on a part-time basis at a rate of \$20.25 per hour.

Councilman Lang moved to hire Dustin Ziemer on a part-time basis at the rate of \$20.25 per hour. Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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

Police Department Agenda – Chief Hahn

Mayor's Court Prosecutor Appointment

Chief Han asked the Council to replace the current prosecutor David Mcilwain with new prosecutor, Jordan Ready at the same compensation rate effective immediately.

Councilwoman Howell moved to replace David Mcilwain with Jordan Ready effective immediately as new prosecutor with the same compensation rate. Councilman Carnahan seconded the motion.

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

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Finance Agenda – CFO Mays

Ordinance #1351 – Appropriation Amendment (Fund 2053)

CFO Mays presented the need to amend appropriations in Fund 2053 to increase budget by \$14,712.00 so the Village could spend their grant funds received.

Councilman Waits moved to suspend three readings and declare an emergency due to an invoice awaiting payment. Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Waits moved to approve Ordinance #1351. Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion.

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

Monthly Financial Reporting

CFO Mays presented the Council with the following financial items: Cash Summary by Fund Report 08/31/2026, Appropriation Status Report 08/31/2026, as well as the August Reconciliation.

ORDINANCE #1350 ACCEPTING A STREET DEDICATION (SENNET WAY)

Ordinance #1350 was given its third reading by Councilman Waits.

Councilman Waits moved to approve Ordinance #1350, accepting a street dedication (Sennet Way). Councilman Vineyard seconded his motion.

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

Replat Approval

Mayor Ogden asked the Council to approve a replat for 117 Maple Street.

Councilman Lang approved the replat of 117 Maple Street. Councilman Carnahan seconded his motion.

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

Mayor's Court – August Collections

Mayor Ogden shared the August Collections for Mayor's Court with the Council.

Traffic Signal Improvement Project

Mayor Ogden submitted a proposal given by Capital Electric for the traffic signal project at Main and High in the amount of \$44,284.74.

Councilman Vineyard moved to accept the proposal from Capital Electric in the amount of \$44,284.74 for the traffic signal improvement project. Councilman Waits seconded the motion.

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

Data Center Committee Update

Councilman Lang presented a data center committee update to Council.

Executive Session

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Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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

Council entered executive session at 7:51 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting

Councilman Waits moved to reconvene the council meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Seconded by Councilman Vineyard.

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

Payment of Bills

Councilman Waits moved to pay the bills as presented. Councilwoman Howell seconded the motion.

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

Adjourn

Councilman Waits moved to adjourn. Councilman Vineyard seconded the motion.

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



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