

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Village of Williamsburg Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

*Held* \_\_\_\_\_ *December 12, 2024*

2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center -107 West Main Street, Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio.

Mayor Weaver called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR:** Jim Weaver; **VICE-MAYOR:** Tim Wood; **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Katie King, John Pope, Randy Mercer, Mark Herren, and Jacob Simpson. **POLICE:** Chief Herren  
**ADMINISTRATOR:** Andrew Gephardt **CLERK/TREASURER:** Mike Murray; **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:** Kyle Cribbet, Jeff Bachman

**AUDIENCE:** Liz Betemps, Beth Barth, Pastor Mike Brandenburg

**AUDIENCE STATEMENTS:** Liz Betemps – spoke regarding the America 250 program for America’s Semiquincentennial. Williamsburg will have a mural on the wall of the building adjacent to the Clermont Sun building (old 5&10 store). Grant monies are almost complete to cover the cost of the mural. They are still looking at design ideas.

In addition Lucy Snell’s (Ohio barn) on 32 off McKeever is slated to be repainted next year.

Lastly Harmony Hill will be holding a Antique Appraisal event on Saturday 6/21/25 where folks can bring antiques of all types and have them appraised. A member of the Antiques Roadshow will be there and the event will be televised. They will use sign-up genius for folks to register to bring in items. The scouts will be selling food and there will be antiques for trade/purchase. All proceeds to benefit Harmony Hill.

Beth and Phil Barth attended the meeting with the Scouts to observe the meeting as they are seeking their Citizenship merit badge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve regular council minutes from the November 14 2024, meeting, Mr. Wood seconded. All voted “AYE.”

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Court Costs for October 2024 were \$6406, Revenue from fines was 7158.35. Total to the Village was \$14,629 and the total to the State was \$2609.50. Total Revenue minus Miscellaneous Fees was \$17,361.00

Vice-Mayor Wood made motion to accept, Mr. Mercer second all voted “AYE.”

This years Christmas Walk was a great success. Folks ventured in local businesses, patronized vendors and enjoyed some great singing and fellowship. Many thanks to our Public Works for their efforts to set things up.. Thanks to the Fire and Police departments for their help and keeping us all safe for the event.

And a special thank you to the Christmas Walk Committee for all the time and energy spend to make this event so special. You make it better every year.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Moore commented on a seat belt violation involving a child that he shared with us last month. The case was heard in mayors court with the magistrate and the case was dismissed after the police talked to the lady involved and she understood the risks of not buckling her child in a vehicle as required.

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A speeding ticket case was also heard regarding a man claiming to be a sovereign citizen and that he could not be cited for speeding. The laws apply to all and we must "all" obey them.

Commented that a suit has been filed regarding zoning violations with the Gerrard property

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Herren gave an update on calls for service from the Police Department. There were 426 calls for service in November, there were 3 offense reports, 7 criminal arrests, 50 traffic citations, 38 traffic warnings, 2 traffic accidents and the k9 was deployed three times.

Participated in Christmas Walk safety patrol and K9 Bragi and Sin Biscuit participated in the dog parade.

Sgt. Clemmons also thanked the Fire Department for their help during the event.

Officers attended a meet and greet at the Elementary school for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes

They attended a safety committee meeting at the school on November 19<sup>th</sup> and a lockdown event was planned for December but was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. This will be rescheduled.

Officer Hammonds spoke on Flock Cameras and the potential benefits to the community and the schools. (These cameras are part of a national network that recognize a programmed vehicle description and/or license number and is said vehicle passes a camera we can be immediately notified. More information is to be gathered on this.

Officers also attended a career day at the school

FIRE REPORT:

Chief McCarthy provided his report for November 2024. 40 of their 86 EMS runs and 13 of their 35 fire calls were in the Village.

The Fire Department participated in the Christmas Walk and Career Day at the school.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Bachman reported on efforts surrounding the Christmas Walk and was appreciative of all of the Thank You gestures and kind words from residents and visitors. Four tons of salt were spread during the last snow event, and he thanked the Scouts for filling 650 containers with sand and luminaries for the Christmas Walk.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Gephardt thanked everyone for their participation and help with the Christmas Walk.

He discussed our annual joint paving contract with the County and proposed streets to be paved in the Village in 2025, Council is reviewing the list and prioritizing the areas to be paved.

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There have been reports of people living in tents and campers in town, which is not permitted in the Village. Please report any incidents of this nature to the Village Office.

He is looking into potential grant funding that may be available for 5<sup>th</sup> Street from a safe access to schools grant.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**PLANNING COMMITTEE** : Met regarding the Sunesis Development and recommended that the original plan submitted be denied, however they are eager to work with the developer on a new proposal being prepared that is better suited for the property.

They also discussed several zoning violations regarding campers and boats not being properly stored. After November 1<sup>st</sup> these must be stored off the street and behind structures. For questions concerning this contact the Village offices.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** Met and discussed evacuation and gathering points. Flock cameras were discussed. A full-scale lockdown drill scheduled for December 3 cancelled and will be rescheduled.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** Met regarding the 2025 budget planning. Proposals passed out to Council for review and any comments/questions.

A new police car was planned for 2025, however, the department has learned of a 2024 with 0 miles that is available for immediate delivery to be outfitted. This is a new car and will save the Village \$3000 vs a 2025 model.

Other Committee's did not meet.

### CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Herren made a motion to accept the Income Tax Reports for Period 11, seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE."
2. Mr. Murray read Resolution 979-24 for the second time authorizing a tax assessment for mowing due to tall grass. Mr. Mercer made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE." Mr. Mercer made a motion to pass Resolution 979-24, seconded by Mr. Herren and all voted "AYE."
3. Mr. Murray read Resolution 980-24 authorizing the transfer for funds in the 2024 budget for the purchase of a police vehicle. Mr. Herren made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Pope, all voted "AYE." Ms. King made a motion to pass Resolution 980-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "AYE."
4. Mr. Murray read Resolution 981-24 supporting America 250. Mr. Simpson made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE." Mr. Mercer made a motion to pass Resolution 981-24, seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE."
5. Mr. Murray read Resolution 982-24 authorizing a paving agreement with Clermont County. The Resolution was placed on hold until the next meeting.
6. Mr. Murray read Ordinance 1232-24 Revision 3 to the Appropriations Ordinance. Mr. Herren made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by a. King, all voted "AYE." Mr. Mercer made a motion to approve Ordinance 1232-24, seconded by Mr. Pope and all voted "AYE."
7. Mr. Murray read Ordinance 1233-24 authorizing a JEDD Contract Amendment. Mr. Wood made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Mercer, all voted "AYE." Mr. Mercer made a motion to pass Ordinance 1233-24, seconded by Mr. Pope and all voted "AYE."
8. Budget Information was distributed to Council for review.
9. Ms. King made a motion to approve the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "AYE."

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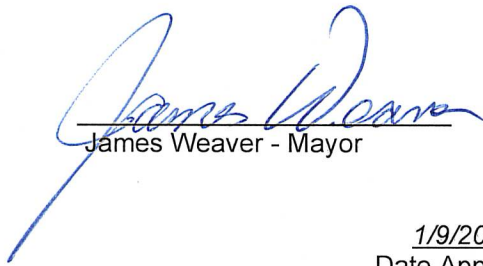
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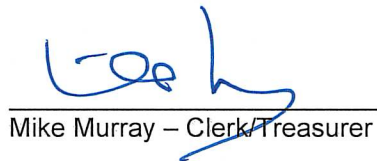
OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sunesis Development** – Committee recommends denial of original plan and awaits revised proposal.
- **Annexation of "Taking a Toll on Us" Property:** Administrator Gephardt has sent letters to adjacent property owners to gauge interest in annexing into the village.
- **Gerard Property** – See Solicitors Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mercer made a motion adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm, Ms. King seconded the motion all voted "AYE."

  
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 James Weaver - Mayor

  
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 Mike Murray – Clerk/Treasurer

1/9/2025  
Date Approved