

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Village of Williamsburg Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held

January 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Williamsburg Village Council was held on Thursday January 9, 2025, 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, Jacob Simpson and Mark Herren. Randy Mercer was absent. POLICE: Chief Herren ADMINISTRATOR: Andrew Gephardt CLERK/TREASURER: Mike Murray; PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR: Kyle Cribbet, Jeff Bachman

AUDIENCE:

AUDIENCE STATEMENTS: Thomas Krutka of Sunesis Development shared revisions regarding the proposed PUD on the Santoro properties. Further studies and information regarding traffic impact and resources needed are being sought at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve regular council minutes from the December 12, 2024, meeting, Ms. King seconded. All voted "AYE."

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Court Costs for December 2024 were \$, Computer Fund \$364, Revenue from fines was \$3257. Total to the Village was \$3679 and the total to the State was \$1199.50. Total Revenue minus Miscellaneous Fees was \$7302.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Moore advised that the Ohio Legislators had passed House Bill 315 regarding the onslaught of video requests from various agencies (to be posted to YouTube and Social Media) that municipalities may charge for redacting such videos at a rate of \$75 per hour up to a maximum of \$750 per video request so that municipalities can recoup the cost of redaction labor.

Mr. Moore requests to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting citing OAC 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss disputes involving the Village and Court action AND OAC 121.22 (G)(8) to discuss economic development and potential negotiations.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Herren gave an update on calls for service from the Police Department. There were 385 calls for service in December, there were 10 offense reports, 9 criminal arrests, 39 traffic citations, 48 traffic warnings, 6 traffic accidents and the k9 was deployed four times.

Chief Herren highlighted the Police Awards for the year: Office of the Year was Officer Alexander and TOP Cop for OVI arrests was Officer Hamel.

FIRE REPORT:

Chief McCarthy provided his report for December 2024. 41 of their 97 EMS runs and 13 of their 37 fire calls were in the Village.

For 2024 219 of their 566 fire runs were in the Village and 532 of their 1222 EMS runs were in the Village.

The Township recently purchase a 2007, 100ft ladder truck to assist with rescues and large scale fires.

The Fire Department received the 2024 Purina Charitable Fund Grant of \$25,000, which will be used for building repairs and improvements.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The Public Works staff posted 136 hours from 1/4 through 1/9 plowing roads and spreading 36 tons of salt....Thank You for the great job in these extreme conditions.

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ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Gephardt shared our 2007 Ordinance that authorizes the Mayor to declare a weather emergency. Although varying conditions can warrant this declaration, for the purpose of this communication it will incorporate snow and ice accumulation and conditions that could impact the safety and welfare of the Community.

When a weather emergency is declared:

- Prohibit parking on any or all village streets
- Close all City streets to non-emergency personnel
- Call upon any City personnel to report to work to provide essential emergency response functions

Any motor vehicle found parked or standing on those streets or portions thereof designated by the Mayor during a snow emergency may be removed and stored upon the order of any duly appointed police officer of the Police Department, at the expense of the owner of said motor vehicle.

Whoever violates any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a minor misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100 dollars.

Ms. King mad a motion that Council meeting dates for 2025 shall remain at 5:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month, seconded by Mr. Pope and all voted "AYE."

Council approved the application for an ODOT non-matching funds grant to be submitted by Mr. Gephardt. This grant would potentially fund sidewalks from Hilltop east to the WJAA Fields, which is the Village line.

Mr. Gephardt shared info about the Buckeye Trails System that pass through Williamsburg. These trails are potentially being looked at as one of 11 trails recognized by the National Park Service.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PLANNING COMMITTEE : Met regarding the Sunesis Development.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Met regarding pending water and sewer adjustments. The Committee adopted a policy that any adjustments requests that involving a plumbing leak or repair, the resident must be present at the utilities meeting to provide related information.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Met to discuss 2025 appropriations.

Other Committee's did not meet.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Herren made a motion to accept the November and December 2024 Financials, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wood and all voted "AYE."
2. Mr. Murray presented the Utilities Snapshot report through November.
3. Mr. Simpson made a motion to accept the Income Tax Report for Period 11 (December 2024), seconded by Vice-Mayor Wood and all voted "AYE."
4. Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Herren and all voted "AYE."

OLD BUSINESS:

Sunesis Development – Thomas Krutka made a presentation to Council

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, owners have taken no action

Gerard Property – awaiting information

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NEW BUSINESS

New Elementary School –

Ms. King made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:05pm citing OAC 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss disputes involving the Village and Court action, seconded by Mr. Simpson, all voted "AYE."

Council came out of Executive session at 7:30pm.

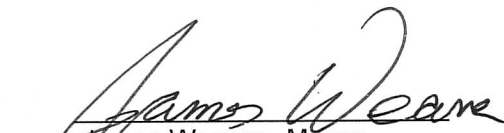
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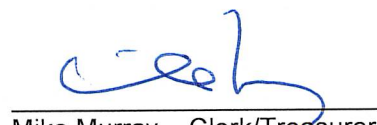
Council came out of Executive Session at 7:50 pm.

Vice Mayor Wood made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Mercer, seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE."

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. King made a motion adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, Mr. Simpson seconded the motion all voted "AYE."


James Weaver - Mayor


Mike Murray – Clerk/Treasurer

2/13/2025
Date Approved