

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Village of Williamsburg Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of _____

Meeting _____

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held _____

March 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Williamsburg Village Council was held on Thursday March 13, 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, Mark Herren and Randy Mercer and Jacob Simpson. **POLICE:** Chief Herren
CLERK/TREASURER: Mike Murray & Lori Pegg; **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:** Kyle Cribbet, Jeff Bachman

AUDIENCE: Liz Betemps, Ashley Lemaster (Williamsburg Library)

AUDIENCE STATEMENTS: Liz Betemps debuted the William Lytle banner and promotional brochure that will be displayed around the Village. Harmony Hill is having a membership drive with a goal of 250 members to celebrate America 250 in 2026.

Harmony Hill will be holding an antique appraisal on June 21st that will feature an appraiser from the Antiques Road Show. There will be a \$20 fee to have your item appraised and more information is to come.

The Garden Club Plant Auction will be held May 7th at the High School and the Farmers Market will also open on May 7th with a "Touch a Truck" event.

June in Old Williamsburg with again be held at the old High School on June 20-22 and is actively looking for sponsors.

The Flour Bee will be opening on May 1st.

Ashely Lemaster, Williamsburg Library Supervisor, invited the community to come check out the library that is celebrating its 70th Anniversary in 2025. They hold a Senior Café on the 2nd Thursday of each month, she invites Seniors to stop in for coffee and fellowship. The library is also holding a Community Reading Challenge encouraging patrons to log their reading time at the library. You can sign up at clermontlibrary.beanstack.org. The library also offers a number of services including free community meeting rooms and notaries on staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve regular council minutes from the February 13,2025 meeting, Mr. Mercer seconded. All others voted "AYE."

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Court Costs for February 2025 were \$4812, Computer Fund \$470, Revenue from fines was \$6006. Total to the Village was \$9774 and the total to the State was \$1093. Total Revenue minus Miscellaneous Fees was \$11,721. Mr. Mercer made a motion to accept the Mayors Court Report, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "AYE."

Mayor Weaver asked if everyone had an opportunity to check out the sample streetlight which is a huge improvement over the current lights.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Moore reported that Mayor's Court continues to run smoothly, and the extra monthly date has alleviated a lot of delays with finalizing cases.

The Gerrard property zoning issue may be resolved by either bringing the property into compliance or the property has a pending buyer.

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The Old Chair Factory is slated to begin clean up the last week of March. Zoning issues will be tabled if the cleanup begins as scheduled.

In April, House Bill 29 will no longer allow the suspension of drivers licenses for those that do not show up to Court. The State's argument is that the suspensions may prevent offenders from being able to go to work or take care of family situations. This is a big change for our Mayor's Court as this has been the main way to ensure offenders show up for court or pay tickets received in the Village. The only exception will be DUI's.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Herren gave an update on calls for service from the Police Department. There were 346 calls for service in February, there were 7 offense reports, 13 criminal arrests, 58 traffic citations, 50 traffic warnings, 3 traffic accidents and the k9 was deployed 3 times.

Chief Herren reports that all officers attending training on death scene investigations, K9 Modi completed his K9 Certification and passed with flying colors, the new police cruiser is now in service, new police radios have been programmed and are in service and 2 sets of pursuit rated radials were donated by Continental Tire.

FIRE REPORT:

Chief McCarthy provided his report for January 2025. 42 of their 84 EMS runs and 9 of their 34 fire calls were in the Village.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The 6th Street sidewalk/water main project will begin on Monday, March 17th.

The Department replaced the wood floor in the 18',2014 trailer used to haul equipment to extend its useful life.

The ballfields at the Park are being cleaned up for local youth players to practice

The main street sidewalks have been cleaned, and 3.5 tons of cold patch were spread to needed areas.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Ms. Pegg gave several updates in Administrator Gephardt's absence:

- Easter Egg Hunt, April 5th at 9:00 am sponsored by the Methodist Church
- Clean Up Days, June 12-14
- Village Yard Sales scheduled for May 10 & 11 and September 20 & 21

Ms. Pegg requested approval for Roberts Paving to proceed with the new loop addition to the walking path at the park which will be paid for by funds from an ODNR grant. Mr. Mercer made a motion to proceed with the project, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "AYE."

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PLANNING COMMITTEE: Met regarding the Cornerstone Development, six new home plans were approved. Discussed the Sunesis Traffic Study and reviewed several zoning violations.

FACILITIES: Recommends:

- replacing the 35+ year old carpet in the building office areas
- replacing the flooring in the front office of the police station
- cleaning the duct work in the police station
- testing for mold in the police station

UTILITY COMMITTEE: Met with 4 residents to discuss rate adjustment applications.

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Other Committee's did not meet.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Simpson made a motion to accept the February 2025 Financials, seconded by Mr. Mercer, all voted "AYE"
2. Mr. Murray presented the Utilities Snapshot report through January.
3. Mrs. King made a motion to accept the Income Tax Report for Period 1 (January 2025), seconded by Mr. Pope, all voted "AYE."
4. Mr. Murray read Ordinance 1237-25 to approve final appropriations. Mr. Mercer made a motion to suspend the rules declare an emergency, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "AYE." Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance 1237-25, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "AYE."
5. Mr. Murray presented Resolution 986-2025, for the County 911 System. Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "AYE." Mr. Mercer made a motion to pass Resolution 984-2025, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "AYE."
6. Mr. Murray presented Ordinance 1238-25 Annexation of Property located at 4133 State Route 276 and read it for the first time.
7. Mr. Murray presented Ordinance 1239-25 Prohibiting Camping on Public Property and read it for the first time.
8. Mr. Mercer made a motion approving the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "AYE."

OLD BUSINESS:

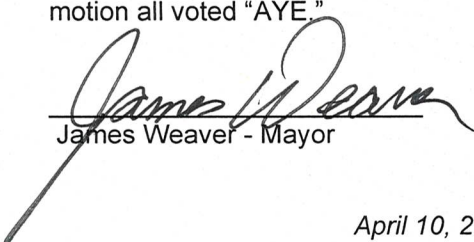
- **Sunesis Development** – Awaiting traffic study figures
- **Annexation of "Taking a Toll on Us" Property** – no update
- **New Elementary School Plans**
- **Main Street Lighting** – Mr. Mercer made a motion to proceed with updating the street lights throughout the Village in an amount not to exceed \$13,500, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "AYE."
- **Village Office /PD Flooring** - Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement carpet in an amount not to exceed \$8000, seconded by Mr. Pope and all voted "AYE."

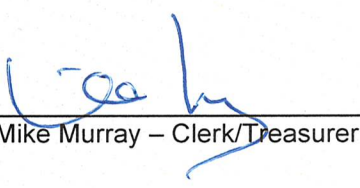
NEW BUSINESS

Proposed New Subdivision Parking (No Street Parking) – to be discussed further

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. King made a motion adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, Mr. Pope seconded the motion all voted "AYE."


James Weaver - Mayor


Mike Murray – Clerk/Treasurer

April 10, 2025