

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
*Village of Williamsburg Regular Council Meeting*

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

Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

*May 8, 2025*

Held \_\_\_\_\_

The regular meeting of the Williamsburg Village Council was held on Thursday May 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center -107 West Main Street, Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio.

Vice Mayor Wood 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, Randy Mercer and Jacob Simpson. **POLICE:** Chief Herren **CLERK/TREASURER:** Mike Murray; **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:** Kyle Cribbet, Jeff Bachman **ADMINISTRATOR:** Andrew Gephardt **SOLICITOR** Chris Moore

**AUDIENCE:** Liz Betemps, Charlie Maklem, Kristin Sampsel, Gayle Burroughs, Michael Tripp, Jace Tripp and Ed Boll Jr.

**AUDIENCE STATEMENTS:** Kristen Sampsel gave an update on the Farmer's Market, approximately 210 people came through on the opening market day on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Several vendors sold out and others came close. The touch a truck event was also a big success.

June in Old Williamsburg will be held the 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> and the fireworks will be held on Saturday night after the band.

Liz Betemps noted the annual Garden Club plant auction was held May 6<sup>th</sup> and raised approximately \$5000. The Club participated in Art In Bloom with Vicki Wallin winning second place overall.

The America 250 committee is still searching for a location for the mural.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve regular council minutes from the April 10 ,2025 meeting, Mrs. King seconded. Mr. Mercer abstained, and all others voted "YEA."

Mrs. King made a motion to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes from the April 28, 2025 meeting, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wood. Mr. Mercer abstained and all other voted "YEA."

MAYOR'S REPORT

Court Costs for April 2025 were \$4352, Computer Fund \$420, Revenue from fines was \$5125.29. Total to the Village was \$10771.29 and the total to the State was \$1352.50 Total Revenue minus Miscellaneous Fees was \$12176.29. Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to accept the Mayors Court Report, seconded by Mr. Herren and all voted "AYE."

The Mayor also read a letter from Harmony Hill thanking the Village for their support.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Moore advised there were 40 court cases during the last Mayor's Court session. The Old Chair Factory property has been approved for cleanup through a grant from the Land Bank, once the money is released cleanup will be scheduled. The Gerrard Property is set for a 5/17 trial hearing date.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Herren gave an update on calls for service from the Police Department. There were 412 calls for service in April , there were 32 offense reports, 11 criminal arrests, 56 traffic citations, 56 traffic warnings, 5 traffic accidents and the k9 was deployed 2 times.

Chief Herren reports that three officers attended Advance Traffic Stop, Bullet Proof Report Writing, Advanced Search and Seizure and First Line Supervision.

Chief Herren, Bragi & Modi attended Hold The Line K9 Training and the Project KP Hero 5K which provides financial support for retired Police K9's.

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FIRE REPORT:

Chief McCarthy provided his report for April 2025. 41 of their 94 EMS runs and 16 of their 52 fire calls were in the Village.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Bachman reported the 6<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk is complete and paving is scheduled to be finished by May 9<sup>th</sup>. The Main Street lights are 50% upgraded to the LED bulbs. The Village crew has been completing mowing and maintenance throughout the Village as weather permits.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Mercer made a motion to approve the parade permit for June in Olde Williamsburg, seconded by Mrs. King; all voted "YEA."

Mr. Gephardt noted that Congressman Dave Taylor's office has moved our grant application for a sewer extension on the to the next round. He also has applied for a CDBG grant for playground equipment.

The DORA signs will be going up soon and signage/stickers for the establishments will be provided.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**PARK COMMITTEE:** Met regarding the pickleball tournament during June In Olde Williamsburg. Planters were approved for the park to be planted by the Garden Club and the Kiwanis Club.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE:** Met regarding new carpet for the office and PD and the cleaning and inspection of ductwork.

Other Committee's did not meet.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. A motion was tabled to accept the April 2025 Financials
2. Mr. Murray presented the Utilities Snapshot report through April
3. A motion was tabled to accept the Income Tax Report for Period 4
4. Resolution 988-25: The electrical aggregate rate for the Village was discussed. The new rate is 9.4 cents per KWH, Duke's rate is 10.4 cents per KWH.

Resolution 988-25 Mr. Mercer made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "YEA."

Resolution 988-25 Ms. King made a motion to pass Resolution 988-28, seconded by Mr. Mercer and all voted "YEA."

5. There was extensive discussion regarding an application from Ron Anderson and his business operation to annex into the Village. Mr. Anderson was present to answer any question regarding the matter. No decision was made and additional meetings will be scheduled to bring this matter to resolution.
6. Mr. Mercer made a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding OAC 121.22 (G)(3) for pending court matters, Mrs. King seconded and all voted "AYE." Council entered into Executive Session at 7:05 and came out of Executive Session at 7:15.
7. Mr. Simpson made a motion approve the payment of bills, seconded by Mrs. King and all others voted "YEA."

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sunesis Development** – no update
- **Annexation of "Taking a Toll on Us" Property** – no update
- **New Elementary School Plans** - no update
- **Main Street Lighting** – approximately 50% have been replaced
- **Village Office /PD Flooring** – to be replaced based on vendor scheduling.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Herren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30, Vice Mayor Wood 2<sup>nd</sup>, all votes "AYE".

  
James Weaver - Mayor

  
Mike Murray - Clerk/Treasurer

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