

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Village of Williamsburg Regular Council Meeting

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

February 12, 2026

Held

The regular meeting of the Williamsburg Village Council was held on Thursday February 12th at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center -107 West Main Street, Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio.

Chris Rolph of Clear Mountain Community Church gave the Invocation and Mayor Weaver called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR: Jim Weaver **VICE-MAYOR:** Tim Wood was absent; **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Mark Herren, Katie King, Clarence Klopstein and Jessica Wendel. **POLICE:** Chief Herren **CLERK/TREASURER:** Lori Pegg; **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:** Jeff Bachman, Kyle Cribbet **ADMINISTRATOR:** Andrew Gephardt.

AUDIENCE: Justin Russell, Kristen Hess Winters, Lisa Kirk, William King, Denise Demoss, Andy Watkins, Dewey Turner, Chris & Ronda Rolph, Charlie Maklem & Liz Betemps

AUDIENCE STATEMENTS: Liz Betemps shared an update on the Williamsburg Farmers Market which is scheduled to open on May 5th and continue every Wednesday through October. A seed library will be installed there and at the library that will provide seeds for personal garden starts.

In conjunction with JIOW as part of America 250 (Williamsburg's 230th) there will be a Village wide picnic on June 21st from 12-3pm at the Community Park. The Mayor and Council will be grilling and several local churches will be providing side dishes. There will be more details on the Village website and facebook page.

Andy Watkins shared an update on several improvements his group is working on for the disc golf course and with the Clermont County Visitors Bureau for future events. Anyone wishing to sponsor a hole or other improvements can contact the Village Office.

Lisa Kirk shared concerns about liability and issues regarding her parking lot and the new owner of The Double E. Solicitor Moore to follow up with information as requested.

Kristen Hess-Winters of the Flour Bee shared concerns regarding how the snow plowed and piled in the business district after the recent snow. She noted that three elderly people fell in front of her business and the snow blocked and limited access to many businesses. She stated that a better plan should be undertaken to move/pile snow to certain parking spaces and then cleared to allow businesses to be accessed.

She further stated her dissatisfaction with the current zoning that prohibits her from hanging her flag type banner in front of her business, yet a folding sign is permitted. She was advised that zoning language prohibits these signs and that a zoning variance or a petition for a zoning change are options for her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Klopstein made a motion to approve regular council minutes from the January 8, 2025, meeting, Mrs. King seconded, all present voted "YEA."

MAYOR'S REPORT

Court Costs for January 2026 were \$2740, Computer Fund \$261, Revenue from fines was \$4017, Total to the Village was \$7545 and the total to the State was \$751. Total Revenue minus Miscellaneous Fees was \$8574. Mrs. King made a motion to accept the Mayors Court Report, seconded by Mr. Klopstein and all present voted "YEA."

Mayor Weaver asked that council approve a budget for the purchase and framing of a picture of the America 250 Mural to be given away at the Picnic this summer. Mr. Herren made a motion to approve up to \$500 for the cost of the mural and framing for the event, seconded b Mrs. King and all voted "YEA."

There was discussion regarding our Planning Commission and the number of council/village residents on the committee. Traditionally, it has been the Mayor or Representative, 1 Council Member and 3 residents. Per Solicitor Moore this can vary and include up to 2 Council Members (as they are also residents).

The mayor also noted that Auto Zone will be moving into the former Dollar General building and should up later this year.

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Solicitor Moore introduced Justin Russell, the new Fiscal Officer from Batavia, who was in the audience observing the proceedings.

Solicitor Moore recommended the Village pass moratorium language to prohibit data centers in Williamsburg. Council agreed to proceed with the necessary legislation.

Solicitor Moore recommended going into Executive Session at the end of the meeting, relative to Section 121.22(G)(8) for matters related to Economic Development and 121.22(G)(3) for matters related to Pending Litigation.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Herren gave an update on calls for service from the Police Department for January 2026. There were 259 calls for service, there were 197 offense reports, 14 criminal arrests, 24 traffic citations, 35 traffic warnings, 3 traffic accidents, 3 property damage reports and the k9 was deployed 3 times.

FIRE & EMS REPORT:

Chief McCarthy reports 25 of their 56 fire runs and 64 of their 126 EMS runs for January 2026 were in the Village.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The team reported 2 new water taps were completed in the Cornerstone Development, they assisted residents with several frozen water meters, spread 65 tons of salt and hauled 40 truckloads of snow from Main Street after a large snow event.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Gephardt reported the damage to the fence at the park has been reported to insurance and we are awaiting completion. The Pop Shop on 5th Street is scheduled to open in the next few weeks and The Create Escape located at 406 W Main Street will be opening soon and will offer paint & sip parties, tea parties, kids' birthday parties and unique gifts.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Safety Committee met on 1/26/26 and discussed school emergency and gathering procedure plans.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Pegg presented the financial reports for January 2026. Mrs. King made a motion to approve the reports, seconded by Ms. Wenzel. All present voted "YEA".

Ms. Pegg presented the Income Tax Report for Period 12. Ms. King made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Herren and all voted "YEA".

Ms. Pegg noted that 2025 had been closed and the Village is in good financial condition.

Mr. Herren made a motion to approve the payment of bills, seconded by Ms. Wenzel all voted "YEA."

OLD BUSINESS:

- Council Meeting Streaming and Recording – Mr. Klopstein made a motion to begin recording Council meetings with the March Meeting and to purchase a hard drive capable of archiving meetings for 2 years and then be deleted. No transcripts will be available as our meeting minutes detail the meeting facts, seconded by Ms. Wenzel and all voted "YEA."

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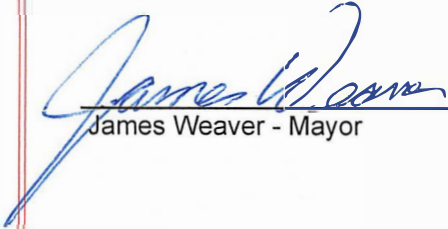
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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Herren made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:55 pm, relative to Section 121.22(G)(8) for matters related to Economic Development and 121.22(G)(3) for matters related to Pending Litigation, seconded by Ms. King and all voted "YEA."

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:20 pm, No action was taken.

Mr. Herren made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "YEA."


James Weaver - Mayor



Lori Pegg- Fiscal Officer

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