

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of _____

Village of Williamsburg Regular Council Meeting

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

April 9, 2026

Held _____

Chief attended 2 rotary club meetings, the County Chief's Meeting, County Wide Law Enforcement Banquet Association Meeting, Williamsburg Schools Safety Meeting and a County Wide Leadership Meeting.

FIRE & EMS REPORT:

Chief McCarthy reports that 50 of their 104 fire runs and 26 of their 59 EMS runs for March 2026 were in the Village. Both departments attended a safety meeting at the school.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The team reported that brush chipping and mowing have begun, the chipping schedule is posted to the village website. Five tons of blacktop patch/repair has been completed so far this spring.

The Phase I water taps for the Cornerstone Development have been finished. There were also water taps on High Street and Tollgate.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Gephardt revisited a quote for wifi in the park from a few years ago that came in at 21k. Mr. Klopstein proposed Starlink as an option and will do some research and report back.

The OPWC advised that the 5th Street waterline project has passed their review process and Andrew is optimistic that this will be awarded soon. The Village match will be 25%.

Work inside the former Dollar General building will begin soon and Auto Zone is scheduled to open mid-summer.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Utility Committee met regarding sewer adjustments after several water lines burst with the weather.

The Safety Committee met for active shooter and reunification training.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Pegg presented the financial reports for March 2026. Mr. Herren made a motion to approve the reports, seconded by Ms. King. All voted "YEA".

Ms. Pegg presented the Income Tax Repot. Mrs. King made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Mr. Klopstein. All voted "YEA."

Ms. Pegg presented Ordinance 1250-26 Allocation of Funds. Mrs. King made a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1250-26, seconded by Mr. Herren and all voted "YEA." Mr. Herren made a motion to pass Ordinance 1250-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "YEA."

Ms. Pegg presented Ordinance 1251-26 Appropriations Increase Revision 1. Mr. Herren made a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1251-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "YEA." Mr. Herren made a motion to pass Ordinance 1251-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "YEA."

Mr. Herren made a motion to approve the payment of bills, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "YEA."

OLD BUSINESS

Vice-Mayor Wood shared that Steve Ogden on Julian Drive talked with WJAA regarding the ditch repair on Julian early in the project. He asked that the public works department check to ensure that the repairs were sufficient.

Mr. Herren made a motion to suspend the rules for Resolution 993-26 regarding the objections to the Double E Liquor License renewal, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "YEA." Mr. Herren made a motion to pass Resolution 993-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "YEA."

NEW BUSINESS

Vice-Mayor Wood shared information from March regarding zoning. There were 5 opened cases, 4 were summoned to Court and 7 were closed.

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Michael Tripp of Welcome Baptist Church, the Invocation and Vice-Mayor Wood called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

AUDIENCE: Thomas Osborn, Liz Betemps, Angel Burton, Gayle Burroughs and Grant Stegman.

AUDIENCE STATEMENTS: Liz Betemps updated Council on the America 250 Celebration and picnic. Donations for food and volunteers are coming in, but more are needed to make the event scheduled for June 21st from noon-3pm at the park a success.

Angel Burton from Clermont Senior Services spoke regarding the upcoming levy to be voted on and highlighted some of the many services CSS provides. The levy will not raise taxes as a renewal and would amount to about \$26 per 100k home value.

Gayle Burroughs spoke on the upcoming opening of the Farmers Market. Due to open on May 6th. They are looking forward to food trucks, new vendors and monthly events.

Thomas Osborn inquired about the earlier discussion with Council about zoning regarding chickens. Some Council members expressed interest in having the issue put on the ballot. There was some discussion regarding the ballot language and it possibly being too strict. Vice Mayor Tim Wood advised Thomas to go ahead with ballot language, how he sees fit and if desired Council can review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Wenzel made a motion to approve regular council minutes from the March 12, 2026, meeting, Mrs. King seconded, all others voted "YEA."

MAYOR'S REPORT

Court Costs for March 2026 were \$4543, Computer Fund \$479, Revenue from fines was \$6025, Total to the Village was \$11862 and the total to the State was \$1277. Total Revenue minus Miscellaneous Fees was \$13607. Mr. Herren made a motion to accept the Mayors Court Report, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "YEA."

The Groundbreaking for the new elementary school was a huge success. The time capsule was opened and many of the fragile documents will be opened at a later date. A notarized letter to the Mayor will also be opened at a future time to be determined. The school board plans to display the contents for all to see at some point.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Moore recommended to go into executive session relevant to 121.22.G3 regarding pending litigation and the transfer of the Liquor License for the Double E. He also advised the Village had received notice from the State Liquor Board that it is time for renewal of all liquor licenses in the Village. He distributed a copy of a resolution regarding objections from the Village for consideration.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Herren gave an update on calls for service from the Police Department for March 2026. There were 400 calls for service, there were 324 offense reports, 6 criminal arrests, 47 traffic citations, 28 traffic warnings, 5 traffic accidents, 5 property damage reports and K9 Modi was deployed 5 times.

The department along with Williamsburg High School, Fire & EMS and the Ohio Highway Patrol conducted a full active shooter training and reunification drill that went very well.

Chief and Modi participated in a K9 search at Southern Hills Vocational School. Modi and Family attending the K9 Down Memorial in Columbus GA where K9 Bragi was recognized and the family was gifted a flag that had flown at all K9 funerals since 2023, including Bragi's. It was a great honor.

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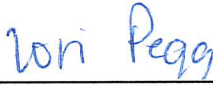
Mr. Herren made a motion to go into Executive Session relative to 121.22(G)(3) to discuss the notice from the State Liquor Board for renewal of all liquor licenses in the Village including the Double E, seconded by Ms. King and all voted "YEA."

Mr. Herren made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. King and all voted "YEA."

No action was taken and Mr. Herren made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "YEA."



Tim Wood – Vice Mayor



Lori Pegg- Fiscal Officer

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