

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Village of Williamsburg Regular Council Meeting Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO Form 6101

May 14, 2026

Held

The regular meeting of the Williamsburg Village Council was held on Thursday May 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center -107 West Main Street, Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio.

Mark Otten of Clear Mountain Community Church, the Invocation and Mayor Weaver 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, Jacob Simpson and Jessica Wenzel. **POLICE:** Corporal Richey **CLERK/TREASURER:** Lori Pegg; **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:** Kyle Cribbet, Jeff Bachman.

AUDIENCE:, Liz Betemps, Denise DeMoss, Gayle Burroughs, Jessica Baker and Kristen Sampsel,

AUDIENCE STATEMENTS: Liz Betemps updated Council on the America 250 Celebration and picnic. Volunteers are still needed.

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 shared an update on the Farmers Market. For the second market day there were 126 patrons, 12 vendors and 1 food truck. Police and Fire were also there for a touch-a-truck event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr, Herren made a motion to approve regular council minutes from the April 9, 2026, meeting, Mrs. King seconded, all others voted "YEA."

MAYOR'S REPORT

Court Costs for April 2026 were \$6228, Computer Fund \$596, Revenue from fines was \$7540, Total to the Village was \$14985 and the total to the State was \$2002. Total Revenue minus Miscellaneous Fees was \$17064. Mr. Herren made a motion to accept the Mayors Court Report, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "YEA."

Mayor Weaver presented information regarding zoning cases in the Village.
February: 6 opened, 0 summoned, 1 closed
March: 5 opened, 4 summoned, 7 closed
April: 4 opened, 0 summoned, 8 closed

The letter from the school time capsule has been transcribed and will be on display and read at the America 250 picnic.

In March we looked at quotes from Beach's Trees to replace 18 of the 36 trees on Main Street with something non-invasive and that would require less maintenance. Beach's recommended the Eastern Redbud, Japanese Lilac and Kousa Dogwood as hardy species and examples that they have used in other communities (Florence). The Tree Board met and unanimously agreed to recommend the redbud and the dogwood for Main Street. The recommendation is to alternate every other tree, which will provide nice color in the spring as well as foliage color in the fall. The quote to remove 18 trees, grind stumps and remove debris is \$13950, to replace 18 trees this year the cost will be \$12330 and the same next year for a total of \$26280 each year...

Mr. Herren made a motion to approve the replacement of 18 trees this year in an amount not to exceed \$27,000, seconded by Mrs. King and all voted "YEA."

The Mayor also shared a \$19,000 quote to run electric in the park for future events. The quote includes boring under pavement to avoid digging and related repairs.

Mrs. King made a motion to approve \$19,000 for park electric, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "YEA."

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Moore noted that some personnel matters and Mayor's Court were handled by his office this month.

Solicitor Moore recommended to go into executive session relevant to 121.22.G3 regarding pending litigation at the end of the meeting.

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POLICE REPORT:

Corporal Richey gave an update on calls for service from the Police Department for April 2026. There were 416 calls for service, there were 332 offense reports, 5 criminal arrests, 48 traffic citations, 29 traffic warnings, 7 traffic accidents, 7 property damage reports and k9 Modi was deployed 6 times.

Officer Cruey attended a Bulletproof writing class, Ofc. Gumino attended a grant management class, Cpls Hammond and Richey attended generational differences in the first responder workplace class. Coco and Chief Herren completed the USPCA K9 Therapy/Emotional Support training and test. Chief Herren and Modi attended the Blue Line K9 Conference and training.

The department participated in the Williamsburg High School Mock Crash, Eastern and Fayetteville Schools k9 narcotics search, Rotary Bowling Fundraiser and the Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony.

Chief attended 2 rotary club meetings, the County Chief's Meeting, County Wide Law Enforcement Banquet Association Meeting, Williamsburg Schools Safety Meeting, Chief and Corporal Richey attended the ICAC case review meeting and Sgt. Clemons attended the Ohio Collaborative Compliance meeting.

FIRE & EMS REPORT:

Chief McCarthy reports that 14 of their 61 fire runs and 42 of their 113 EMS runs for April 2026 were in the Village. They attended a touch-a-truck event at the park and the Mock Crash event at the school prior to Prom.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The team reported that they repaired a water leak across from the school on Old 32 and installed the water tap for the new school. Kendal and Kyle attended 811 training.

They replaced some damaged park bench boards and will be painting this fall.

The 2016 truck that had the engine replaced last year is in the shop with failing injectors. The injectors are under warranty and will be in next week.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Gephardt did not attend but left a report.

He met with Autozone and asked that they fill in the deep ditch along the property with culvert pipe and leveled for appearance, safety and easier maintenance. Kyle is checking on pipe pricing to engage Autozone on a possible partnership for the repairs.

Currently, solicitation in the Village requires a background check by the Sheriff's office and a daily permit. The administrator asked to ban all solicitation in the Village, Council decided to keep the process as is.

Mr. Gephardt also reports that Paradise Brewery on Main Street is for sale and their last day open will be June 1st. He also reports the grant money for the ADA playground equipment will be available soon.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Utility Committee met regarding sewer adjustments.

The Park Committee met and noted that a recent disc golfing outing managed by Andy Watkins was a success and they raised \$500 for course improvements. They hope to hold several more tournaments this year.

The Personnel Committee met and approved the end of Dana Evan's probation and pay increase.

The Facilities Committee met regarding water adjustments.

The Safety Committee met regarding active shooter and reunification training.

The Tree Board met regarding the trees on Main Street.

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CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:
Ms. Pegg presented the financial reports for April 2026. Ms. King made a motion to approve the reports, seconded by Mr. Herren. 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 the Utility Fund Snapshot report.

Ms. Pegg noted that Ordinance 1252-26 is on hold awaiting some county changes.

Ms. Pegg presented Ordinance 1253-26 Appropriations Increase Revision 2. Ms. King made a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1253-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "YEA." Mrs. King made a motion to pass Ordinance 1253-26, seconded by Mr. Klopstein and all voted "YEA."

Rich Surace from Energy Alliances discussed the electric and natural grass aggregation. He recommended not renewing the electric aggregation as Duke Energy rates are expected to be in line with aggregation rates due to volatility in the market and the war overseas. He did however recommend that we participate in the natural gas aggregation program. Our current contract expires in October.

Ms. Pegg read Ordinance 1254-26, Natural Gas Aggregation for the first time.

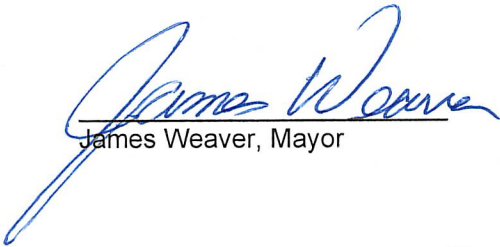
Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Herren and all voted "YEA."

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.

Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session relative to 121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Mr. Herren 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 Vie-Mayor Wood a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm, seconded by Mr.Herren and all voted "YEA."


James Weaver, Mayor


Lori Pegg- Fiscal Officer

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