



Village Council Regular Meeting

June 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM

2829 Minerva Lake Rd.

Minutes

Roll Call/Vote to Excuse any Absent Member

PRESENT: Councilpersons Camara, Koss, Martin, Paessun, Grant, Pinter

Also in attendance: Mayor Southard, Chief Delp

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

- 1. MOTION TO APPROVE 5/22/25 Committee as a Whole Minutes**
Motion made by Council President Camara, Seconded by Grant.
Voting Yea: Council President Camara, Koss, Martin, Paessun, Grant, Pinter
- 2. MOTION TO APPROVE 5/22/25 Council Meeting Minutes**
Motion made by Council President Camara, Seconded by Grant.
Voting Yea: Council President Camara, Koss, Martin, Paessun, Grant, Pinter
- 3. MOTION TO APPROVE 6/5/25 Work Session Minutes**
Motion made by Koss, Seconded by Paessun.
Voting Yea: Council President Camara, Koss, Martin, Paessun, Grant, Pinter

Village Official Reports

4. Police - Chief Matt Delp
Report in Packet: new radar signs are out; issues with batteries reported to vendor (waiting for update); still working to fill final opening in department.
5. Fiscal Officer - Jeffrey Wilcheck
6. Engineer - Mike Flickinger
Reported by Mayor Southard: Engineer Flickinger was here on 6/5 to review projects with council; Mayor encourages those interested to listen to the 6/5/25 audio recording.
7. Legal - Jesse Shamp
excused
8. Village Planning - Eric Fischer
excused
9. Zoning Officer - John Canty
report in packet-desire expressed to discuss street trees and sidewalk enforcement.
10. Planning & Zoning - Tommy Grant
met 6/11; will begin to investigate commercial sign code for uniformity etc. per request of Councilperson Koss
11. MPCA - Jason Camara
Did not meet in June; Arts in the Park was a big success; 1st Sip N Dip of the summer will be 6/21 at the pool; there has been an ask for \$1400 for mulch to prepare the Mary Yost Garden for the garden tour on the 29th.

Village Committee Reports

12. Finance - Tony Pinter

Tax Budget is on the agenda; will be reviewed with Council and public hearing to be held prior to Council approval; May financial report has been sent

13. Safety - Cathy Paessun

In May, the MPPD was recognized with Lexipol's Gold Standard Award for excellence in law enforcement policy management for 2024.

Residents are encouraged to "see something, say something." Please do not hesitate to call the police if you need help 614-525-3333.

14. Legislation - Tommy Grant

brief review of legislation on agenda

Mayor's Report

Upcoming tree survey: Davey Tree will be surveying trees around the North and South Lakes for condition, species and impact on lake health. No cutting of trees will be performed as part of this work. Affected residents will be noticed by post card

A project to reconstruct Minerva Lake Road between Farview and S.R. 3 is coming! Storm sewer and curb/gutter will be installed as part of the project. Minerva Lake Road will be limited to one lane of west-bound traffic during the project. Anticipated start date is mid July. Expect delays in the area.

Thanks to MPCA for their outstanding work on Arts in the Park last weekend. Appreciation to Sarah Canitano and the entire team.

Citizen Comments

David Roscoe of Maplewood Dr. Shared his thanks to MPPD for installation of the radar sign on Maplewood. He also thanked Mayor for speaking with him regarding the Maintenance garage. He hopes to save as many trees in the reserve as possible. He asks for resident involvement regarding any landscaping around the facility.

Dick Busick of Maplewood Dr. spoke to thank council for their discussion about the garage at the previous meeting. He would like Council to consider lighting that is residential in nature and perhaps on motion sensors. He would also like to remind that this area can become very wet and for this to be taken into consideration.

Legislation

15. MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES THAT REQUIRE 3 READINGS for ORDINANCE 2025-11

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Council President Camara.

Voting Yea: Council President Camara, Koss, Martin, Paessun, Grant, Pinter

16. MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-11 Concession Pricing
AN ORDINANCE SETTING POLICY FOR PRICING OF CONCESSIONS, SPECIAL EVENT ADMISSIONS AND OTHER ITEMS SOLD AT THE MINVERA PARK POOL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st reading-intent to suspend the rules that require 3 readings and pass as an emergency)

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Council President Camara.

Voting Yea: Council President Camara, Koss, Martin, Paessun, Grant, Pinter

17. MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES THAT REQUIRE THREE READINGS for RESOLUTION 2025-14

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Council President Camara.

Voting Yea: Council President Camara, Koss, Martin, Paessun, Grant, Pinter

18. MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-14
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF AMBER BLACKBURN AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF MINVERA PARK, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st reading-intent to suspend the rules that require 3 readings and pass as an emergency)

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Council President Camara.

Voting Yea: Council President Camara, Koss, Martin, Paessun, Grant, Pinter

19. RESOLUTION 2025-15 2025 Roadway Improvement Project

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY (1st reading-intent to suspend the rules that require 3 readings and pass as an emergency on the 2nd reading)

20. RESOLUTION 2025-16 Tax Budget

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK, OHIO FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND TO SUBMIT THE SAME TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY (1st reading)

Old Business

Council would like to see a recap of ongoing projects appear in the "old business" section of the agenda.

Councilperson Pinter asked for an update on Phantom Fireworks-asking when they might open. We have not received any recent updates.

New Business

Councilperson Martin announced the following food trucks: June 13 Explorers Club, June 20 Holy Crepes, June 27 Kubido Kabobs

Mayor Southard announced the Blendon Township free concert this Saturday 6/14 from 6-8 PM at Minerva Park Middle School.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council President Camara, Seconded by Koss.

Voting Yea: Council President Camara, Koss, Martin, Paessun, Grant, Pinter

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM