



# Village Council Regular Meeting

August 28, 2025 at 7:30 PM  
2829 Minerva Lake Rd.

## Minutes

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### Roll Call/Vote to Excuse any Absent Member

PRESENT: Councilpersons Camara, Koss, Martin, Paessun, Grant, Pinter  
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Southard, Police Chief Delp, Planner Fischer

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Swearing in of Officer Frank Rhodes

### Minutes

#### MOTION TO APPROVE 8/14/25 Committee as a Whole Minutes

Motion made by Council President Camara, Seconded by Pinter.

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

#### MOTION TO APPROVE 8/14/25 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Council President Camara, Seconded by Paessun.

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

### Guest Speaker

Kevin Hoffman of the Westerville City Schools Levy Campaign shared a presentation and slide show explaining the November 2025 Ballot Issue requesting a .75% income tax. Discussion followed.

### Committee as a Whole Report

#### Streets - Stacey Koss

An updated document regarding the 2025 Roadway Project will be developed to address recent concerns expressed by residents regarding the document. Street signs in the Village will be assessed for condition.

#### Services - J.P. Martin

Working with Groundmaster regarding MLR and construction; review of upcoming food trucks. Reports that residents can opt out of mosquito spraying-spraying is only done if West Nile positive mosquitos are found in Minerva Park.

#### Recreation & Parks - Jason Camara

Last day of pool season 2025 will be 9/1; memberships for 2026 will go on sale in January. RFP's have been received for the bathhouse project-they are under review. Bids will be sought to plant at entrances of the Village.

### Citizen Comments

Senator Bill DeMorea spoke to share updates from the Ohio Legislature. Arrangements to be made regarding have a representative present to Council regarding projects on SR 161.

## Legislation

### **ORDINANCE 2025-16** Shortcutting

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 432.38 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK (2nd reading)

### **MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES THAT REQUIRE 3 READINGS** for ORD 2025-17

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Koss.

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

### **MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE** 2025-17 Supplemental Appropriations

AN ORDINANCE TO REALLOCATE APPROPRIATIONS AND MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK FOR THE YEAR 2025 (1st reading-intent to suspend the rules that require 3 readings)

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Pinter.

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

### **MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES THAT REQUIRE 3 READINGS** for RES 2025-18

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Koss.

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

### **MOTION TO APPROVE** RESOLUTION 2025-18

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF FRANK RHODES II AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA 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 Paessun.

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

## Old Business

Some permits for Maintenance Garage have been approved; initial brush clearing has taken place. Construction will move forward as approved permits are received.

## New Business

The resident survey is in beta testing. Staff will send results to the survey developer; he will make revisions and send back to staff for final review. Hope is to get the survey out in September.

A quote has been received from Groundmaster to reinforce the creek bed-especially near the tunnel. The hope is to slow down erosion. Staff is seeking second estimate. Council agreed that-if the bid was less than \$10,000 and the project would help-the Mayor need not bring it back to council.

### **New Business (continued)**

A resident shared a concern about the intersection of 161 and Farview: he feels that the intersection is dangerous-especially for west-bound traffic trying to turn onto Farview. He would like to see a traffic light installed. This is under the purview of ODOT and Franklin County-not the Village.

Reminder that First Responder's Night is coming up 9/10 5:30-7:30 PM; food trucks, helicopters, area first responder agencies, face painting, inflatable maze and fun for all!

### **Adjourn**

Motion made by Paessun, Seconded by Koss.

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