



Village Council Regular Meeting

February 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM
2829 Minerva Lake Rd.

Minutes

Roll Call/Vote to Excuse any Absent Member

PRESENT: Council members Camara, Koss, Martin, Grant, Pinter ABSENT: Paessun

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Southard, Police Chief Delp

Motion to excuse Councilperson Paessun made by Camara, Seconded by Grant.

Voting Yea: Camara, Koss, Martin, Grant, Pinter

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE 2/12/26 Committee as a Whole Minutes

Motion made by Camara, Seconded by Koss.

Voting Yea: Camara, Koss, Martin, Grant, Pinter

MOTION TO APPROVE 2/12/26 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Camara, Seconded by Pinter.

Voting Yea: Camara, Koss, Martin, Grant, Pinter

Citizen Comments

Tony Benedetti of Berry Lane Court spoke regarding Council interaction with those who comment during this section of the meeting. He is concerned that less residents will speak during comments based on how he feels they are treated. He also shared concerns about recent advice given to Council by the Law Director.

Legislation

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES REQUIRING 3 READINGS for RES 2026-03

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Camara.

Voting Yea: Camara, Koss, Martin, Grant, Pinter

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-03

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE 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 requiring 3 readings and pass as an emergency)

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Koss.

Voting Yea: Camara, Koss, Martin, Grant, Pinter

Old Business

Councilperson Pinter asked for an update about the 3219 MLR resident concern regarding sewers. Fiscal is working with the engineer and legal; Councilperson Grant has been corresponding with RotoRooter, and will reach out again to follow up.

New Business

Brief discussion held regarding recent legislation regarding pool renovations that was not approved: Council will discuss in depth at the 3/5 work session, and hopes to review repair vs. replace options.

Council discussed the waiving of readings for police officer appointments and confirmation. Council President Camara expressed concern that the current process does not allow for citizen input, and suggested not waiving readings. Chief Delp reached out to legal during the meeting, and shared that readings could begin prior to the final date of probation, but shared concern that full readings could take 6-8 weeks (the officer is still completing training during this time). He suggested perhaps 2 readings would allow for citizen input.

Adjourn

Motion made by Camara, Seconded by Koss.

Voting Yea: Camara, Koss, Martin, Grant, Pinter

Jeffrey Wilcheck, Fiscal Officer

Tiffany Southard, Mayor