



Village Council Regular Meeting

February 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM
2829 Minerva Lake Rd.

Minutes

Roll Call/Vote to Excuse any Absent Member

PRESENT: Council Members Camara, Koss, Martin, Paessun, Grant, Pinter

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Southard, Law Director Shamp, Fiscal Officer Wilcheck, Planner Fischer, Chief Delp

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE 1/29/2026 Committee as a Whole Minutes

Motion made by Camara, Seconded by Koss.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE 1/29/2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Pinter.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE 2/3/26 Pool House Work Session Minutes

Motion made by Council President Camara, Seconded by Koss.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE 2/5/2026 Council Work Session Minutes

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Koss.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE 2/8/2026 Council Work Session Minutes

Motion made by Council President Camara, Seconded by Pinter.

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

Village Official Reports

Police - Chief Matt Delp

Report in Packet; nothing to add

Fiscal Officer - Jeffrey Wilcheck

2025 annual report has been completed, filed, posted; Jan. report emailed and posted

Engineer - Mike Flickinger

Report in packet: Task Orders 30, 38, 39, and 40 were updated.

Legal - Jesse Shamp

Law Director Shamp apologized for the confusion regarding council members ability to run for the Charter Commission; no formal report.

Village Planning - Eric Fischer

850 K of lake funding has been re-awarded; this can be used for forebays and ecological restoration.

Zoning Officer - John Canty

Report in packet; discussion held regarding food trucks in the Village (both stationary and those that come in weekly) and permitting/taxation.

Planning & Zoning - Tommy Grant

No meeting to be held in February; next meeting set for Wednesday March 18.

MPCA - Jason Camara

Met 2/11: concern shared about payment to Inskeep for Newsletter Printing-discussion held regarding the newsletter being the only communication method that is delivered to every residence in the village; upcoming events: 4/11 Spring Fling, 6/6 Arts in the Park- would LOVE to see an increase in membership (currently approx. 120 members); MinervaFlora has been meeting and will hold several classes for those interested- Spring garden award will be presented this year.

Committee as a Whole Report

Finance-Tony Pinter Safety-Cathy Paessun Tommy Grant

Finance Committee sends thanks to the fiscal team for great reporting! Finance Committee to meet 3/10.

Safety shared concerns about potholes-repairs to be investigated weather permitting- also thanks to those who moved vehicles during recent snow events. Discussion held regarding revising snow parking ordinance to permit parking in drives that blocks sidewalks during such events.

Legislation reviewed items in the upcoming agenda.

Mayor's Report

Pool Chair Order should be complete and shipped late February; no parking during snow emergency signs received; will be installed weather permitting; Council is encouraged to submit items (committee, charter, etc.) for the monthly newsletter-deadline is Fri 2/20.

Citizen Comments

Tony Benedetti of Berry Lane Ct. expressed concerns about the expense of the proposed pool renovations. He shared some possible cost cutting ideas, and requested that Council table Resolution 2025-35 which would enter into contract for engineering of the pool renovation.

Legislation

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES REQUIRING 3 READINGS for ORD 2026-01

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Koss.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK FOR THE YEAR 2026 (1st reading-intent to suspend the rules requiring 3 readings)

Motion made by Grant, Seconded by Koss.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-35 - Pool Renovations

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR DESIGN, BID DOCUMENTS AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT FOR THE POOL RENOVATION/IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (3rd reading-intent to pass as an emergency to keep the project on schedule)

Motion made by Koss, Seconded by Grant.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-36 - Council Oversight on Hiring

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING VILLAGE COUNCIL OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING AND PERSONNEL DECISIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK (3rd Reading)

Motion to TABLE RES 2025-36 made by Pinter, Seconded by Camara.

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

Old Business- None

New Business

Chief Delp suggested a possible collaboration with Westerville School Art students to paint the generator; brief discussion followed.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION -

MOTION THAT COUNCIL ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER OHIO REV. CODE 121.22 (G)(1) TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

Motion made by Camara, Seconded by Koss.

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

Adjourn

Upon return from Executive Session

Motion to adjourn made by Camara, Seconded by Koss.

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

Jeffrey Wilcheck, Fiscal Officer

Tiffany Southard, Mayor