

## Executive Summary: Committee of the Whole Work Session – November 20, 2025

### Meeting Overview

- **Date/Time:** November 20, 2025 – 6:33 PM
  - **Participants:** Council President Camara, Councilpersons Pinter, Paessun, Grant, J.P. Martin, Koss, and Monning; Mayor Southard; Administrator Jeffrey Wilcheck; others including Jesse (expected), Chief Delp (expected), and excused absence for Eric (family issue).
  - **Departments Present:** Street Services, Reps, and Parks.
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### 1. Street Services Discussion

#### A. Minerva Lake Road Project

- Primary focus of discussion.
- Ongoing paving and weather-related updates; council to verify if paving occurs the next day.
- Coordination with **Brad** for **leaf removal** depending on paving schedule; public communication planned before 2:00 PM Saturday.
- Emphasis on verifying whether **Strawser Paving** can allow access for leaf trucks.

#### B. Property & Design Concerns

- Residents affected by **sloping and grading**; uncertainty about inclusion of retaining walls in final design.
- Discussion to reach out to **Cody** and **Mike** for clarification and potential follow-up on design adjustments.

#### C. Resident Requests

- **Mailbox relocation** request at **3164 Farview Road** due to repeated damage from vehicle traffic. Council agreed to look into repositioning it several feet east, away from the intersection.

#### D. Road Markings & Safety

- Questions raised on whether **thermoplastic reflective striping** would be used; issues with unclear road edges on Ponderosa Drive leading to vehicles driving on grass.
- Council to confirm striping plans and costs.

#### E. Lessons Learned / Future Planning

- Recognition of **communication gaps** and **resident frustration** during the project.
- Agreement to hold a **post-project debrief** to document “lessons learned.”
- Suggestions included:
  - Improved pre-planning and public communication.
  - Possible road closures to speed up construction.

- Providing alternative parking options for residents.

### **Positive Feedback**

- Resident commendations for **Strawser Paving's work quality** and project results.
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## **2. Sidewalk & Trail Connectivity (LinkUS Project)**

- Discussion centered on **connecting the village trail network** to regional paths via **Old Dublin-Granville Road** or **Corporate Drive**.
  - Consideration of using existing **LinkUS pathways** to minimize costs.
  - **Eric** to consult engineers and evaluate route feasibility.
  - Discussion on financial logistics:
    - 100% reimbursement-based grant (village must front costs temporarily).
    - Risks include **cost overruns**; project fund to be created and reimbursed through **COTA grant**.
    - Council stressed need for close financial management and possible memo of understanding with the City of Columbus.
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## **3. Services**

### **A. Trash and Recycling**

- **Recycling** delayed but completed; **Local Waste** praised for responsiveness.
- **Trash pickup adjustments** to coordinate with paving schedules (Monday/Tuesday).
- Council to ensure Local Waste can access areas before paving starts.

### **B. Leaf Collection**

- Generally successful except in construction zones.
  - Some residents' leaves not yet collected; council noted possible rescheduling.
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## **4. Recreation and Parks**

### **A. Pool Membership Verification**

- Debate on **residency verification** for **resident pool memberships** due to misuse by non-residents.
- Proposed solutions:
  - Require **proof of residency** (driver's license or photo ID).
  - Add verification language to pool legislation.
  - Potential "verification days" at the pool before opening.
- Consensus: implement verification **starting 2025 season** to set precedent and discourage fraud.

### **B. Collaboration with Blendon Township**

- Proposal to meet with **new Blendon Township trustees** after the first of the year (possibly **February 5, 2026**) to discuss:
    - **Shared funding for pool operations** (as township residents use village facilities).
    - **Intergovernmental cooperation** on plowing and community projects.
    - Efforts to rebuild goodwill and communication.
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## 5. Legislation Review

### A. Pool Fee Resolution Amendment

- Addition of clause:

“Residency to be proven with provision of ID”

- To apply in Section 2 and exhibit for **resident discount eligibility**.

### B. Reappointment Resolution (2025-33)

- Reappointment of **Cliff Bigler** following his **retirement from the public pension system**; he will continue employment with the village under rehire status.
- This is a **procedural safeguard** to ensure statutory compliance.

### C. LinkUS Contract Concerns

- Discussion of **blanks in the contract** and ensuring complete documentation before final approval.
  - **Final reading scheduled for December 11, 2025.**
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## 6. Closing Notes

- Meeting adjourned following legislative review.
  - Future agenda includes:
    - Post-project evaluation (Minerva Lake Road).
    - Pool residency verification rollout.
    - February joint session with Blendon Township trustees.
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### ☑ Key Takeaways:

- Strong focus on **infrastructure coordination** (roads, paving, and trail connectivity).
- Emphasis on **accountability, communication improvement, and residency verification** for public amenities.
- Continued commitment to **inter-municipal collaboration** and **grant-funded projects** management.