VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6/9/2025

REGULAR SESSION

The Village of Frazeysburg Council convened in regular session from 5:59 p.m. to 7:32 p.m. at the Township Hall.

The reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wolford.

PRESENT:
EMPLOYEES*:* Josh Marohl, Fiscal Officer Grable, Office Assistant Evans, and Water Clerk Pam Parrill

VISITORS: Diane Wolford, Ricky & Becky Priest, Elizabeth Gast, and Rob Beglin

Roll call was made with the following members present:

- ✓ SMITH
- ✓ ROSS
- ✓ REISINGER
- ✓ LAUGHTON
- ✓ MCINTIRE
- ✓ HINDEL

Absent: NONE

*Councilmember Smith had a question pertaining to the information contained in the May 12, 2025 minutes on the status of the electric at the Shelter House. She was not sure that the minutes reflected properly what had been discussed.
The following discussion ensued:
Mayor Wolford explained that after going down and looking at the meter it would be easier to leave the meter there and just have a switch that you turn on and off. Smith stated that she thought they had decided to take the meter out. It was asked if we should just charge the $50 fee as a flat rate for the rental of the Shelter House. It was asked who does the reserving for the shelter house and answered that the pool handles that. It was mentioned that we can put it on the website when the shelter house is rented. Water Clerk Parrill, in attendance, stated that the Village had tried the "switch" process before and it did not work as it was the responsibility of one person and the availability was an issue. The question was raised if the Council should just get a sponsor to pay for the electricity on an annual basis so that it could still be free for use for the citizens with a sign advertising the sponsor. Councilperson Smith stated that Olde Village Meats would be interested in being that sponsor. Councilmember McIntire stated that she would make the design for the sign.

- Motion Laughton, Second McIntire approving the minutes from **May 12, 2025** regular council meeting. **SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

- Motion McIntire, Second Laughton approving the payment of bills for **June 9, 2025**. SIX **(6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

- **GUEST SPEAKER: Rob Beglin from USI Insurance was in attendance and spoke on the renewal of the property and liability insurance. The current policy will increase approximately 3%; however, others are seeing a 5% increase. Public Entities Pool (PEP) has been in business for 37 years and have $47 million in equity in comparison to their main competitor the Ohio Plan who has $7 Million in equity. Beglin stated that PEP can provide products and services that other insurance companies are unable to provide. He also stated that they provide a $1,000 safety grant every year. If the safety grant does not get used, they usually call and remind you to use it. They also provide educational classes such as sexual harassment training, along with a handbook feature that allows you to update your handbook with current ORC's. The policies largest increase is being seen in the Village Cyber Security limit. Another PEP offering that benefits the Village is their representative Lindsey Baldwin comes to the Village every two (2) years to review safety issues that may exit such as issues with roads or even some buildings to assist the Village. The rate for the renewal period is better based on the fact that the Village bid out the process to competitors.**

Mayor's Court report: (as per ORC 905.033)

ENTITY	AMOUNT	MONTH
Village	$ 2,177.00	May
State	$ 629.00	May
Muskingum County Court	$ 24.00	May
Total paid out	$ 2,830.00	May
Computer fund	$ 170.00	May
Computer fund YTD	$ 660.00	May

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: (regular type from meeting**, bold from council discussion)**
Met 5-21-25 Special Meeting
Present: Emily McIntire, KC Smith, Carol Ross, Natalie Stillion Grable, Marty Grable, Fred Wolford, Whitney Evans, Pam Parrill, and Eli Bourne

- Fiscal Officer Grable explained to the committee that there is a difference of how she does the Payment of Bills compared to how the old Fiscal Officer Jessica use to do them.
- She explained that with the amount of time she had to prepare the requested paperwork she had not yet finished redacting all the information.

- Grable explained that she had talked to Solicitor Bennington about how to handle the information with HIPPA and Bennington had some calls out but assured her if she wanted to contact another Solicitor she could
- Grable contacted Steve Baldwin and asked him about the situation and he explained to her to handle it like a Public Records request and what needed to be redacted.
- Councilmember Smith explained that the Auditors had asked them to start with 21-22 because of some information they were questioning while finishing the audit.
- Smith proceeded to hand out a packet to everyone in attendance that showed the insurance plan coverage at the time.
- Smith asked if when seeing the paperwork if it could be included whether it was family or individual.
- Fiscal Officer Grable asked why that needed to be on there and Smith explained so they knew the different deductibles
- Fiscal Officer Grable asked if the committee would like her to get the Ordinances that where in place at that time for insurance and the committee stated yes that would be great.
- The committee read through Ordinance 12-20 and 10-21 and found that employees could be reimbursed for $3,000
- Smith explained that meant the Village was paying employees beyond the plan at that time.
- Smith then explained that whenever you have a rich plan people are going to use the plan and that is something the village will need to be careful of at renewal time. The cost of medical group insurance will always go up in cost unless you change the deductible.
- Smith then stated just because you have health insurance does not mean you should use it because there could be an alternative treatment.
- Fiscal Officer Grable explained that she understood that but at the same time you want to keep your employees healthy
- Chief Bourne asked Smith what she saw the ideal insurance plan being, Smith stated there is no ideal plan. Bournes asked if she thought the employees plan was too good.
- Smith explained they were not here to talk about the plan just to find the overage of the plan
- Bourne explained that if insurance kept getting cut employees like himself would leave as the insurance is part of the fringe benefits, Mayor Wolford stated that if that is how employees felt they could go elsewhere
- Mayor Wolford stated we were getting off topic and had to stay on the topic of the meeting which was finding the overage
- The auditors asked to have the check number, date, and receipt to corollate with the payout
- It was questioned how Fiscal Officer Grable was able to specify which employee it would reflect when a check was written straight to the provider whether it be the pharmacy or the hospital.

- Grable explained that she had a spread sheet for each employee and had it specified on that.
- Some dental and vison was reimbursed but it was not specified in the Ordinance if it fell under health care so it was noted to clean that up in the next legislation written.
- It was asked if the legislation written was for the fiscal year or the plan year but it was not specified in the Ordinance so it was noted to specify that in the next Ordinance.
- Fiscal Officer had printed off a spreadsheet of reimbursement checks for the committee to look over
- It was found that some employees had a $3,000 deductible and others had a $5,000 deductible, Grable stated that she must have made a mistake and started the $5,000 deductible before Ordinance 29-22 went into place.
- It was questioned if the insurance would be renewing in October this year or if it would be January, so Councilmember Smith sent an email to Tony Palandrani the Village insurance broker to get an answer on that.
- The committee found that employee 3 and 4 had been over imbursed as they got more than the $3,000 deductible back.
- The Committee ended the meeting by sending an email to Bethany Nelson at the Auditors office stating that they had found the overage and why it had happened.
- **What was found was there was a flat rate whether it was a family or just a single policy**
- **The Auditors now have the information just waiting to hear back from them**
- **Finance is going to go through 22-23 as well**
- **Going to try to get the dates to line up for plan year and fiscal year**

BPA:
Met 5-27-25

The Board met at the Village Office and the following were present:
Dave Ludinich, Kenny Jenkins, James Wriston, and Pam Parrill

The Board went over the minutes from the April meeting.
James Wriston made a motion to accept
Second by Kenny Jenkins

Various reports were distributed to the Board, and each one was gone over.
The adjustments for April were gone over.
Motion to accept: Dave Ludinich
Second James Wriston

There was no further business to discuss.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dave Ludinich
Second by James Wriston

Next meeting to be held June 24th @ 3:00 pm at the Village Office.

INCOME TAX:

RITA monthly legal breakdown was included in the packet.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Met 6/4/25 (the following info in regular type is the committees' notes, the bold letters are what was discussed during the council meeting)

Members Present: Committee Chair Emily McIntire, Kurt Laughton, KC Smith, Pool Supervisor Andrea Janssen
Community Participant: Michelle Schneider

Discussion was had on the following:

- Jason would like to donate Gaga ball and over $4k in basketball equipment.
- We discussed possible locations being the ball fields or old Ferrell property if arrangement could be made with the land bank?
- Who owns the parcel next to the old elementary school? Could this be a potential park area?
- Can we discuss Throwback dance again at council to realize complete vision?
- Andrea is concerned about being able to make purchases without excessive questioning.
- The Pulled Pork Sandwich will be sold for $4.75
- We have 45 season pass holders and 18 lounge chairs. We are interested in using some of the donation money to purchase more chairs and furniture. Andrea to speak at council regarding this.
- Handicap chair is an issue. Council is split on how to proceed to be discussed at council meeting

- **Mayor Wolford mentioned that we could put the basketball court with the Pickleball Courts**
- **Petition to get a park at the old Ferrell property?**
- **The mayor is trying to get a grocery store there but Fiscal Officer Grable mentioned it's not a big enough lot to put a grocery store**

- **Councilmember McIntire would like to see a gas station such as Sheets go out off of 16 to help the residents**
- **It was asked if Gaga ball has to be on asphalt or if it can be done in grass**
  It was stated it could be done in grass or dirt, Put it somewhere around the pool area
- **The Sixth Street development had gotten pushed back**
- **Throwback Dance at the VFW Hall or Old School Gym?**
  Councilmember McIntire is going to call the Crawford Barn and see if they would like to donate the Barn for the event, have a special meeting to plan the dance?
- **Pool Supervisor Andrea Janssen found some pool lounge chairs on Facebook Marketplace in West Virgina 30 chairs for $3,500? Ok to purchase?**
- **Clayton Homes is going to donate the welcome sign for the east side of town**
- **It was asked if the handicap chair could be repaired; the Mayor stated that the part needed you cannot buy, Fiscal Officer Grable is going to try to get a grant for a new chair, The Mayor stated that we cannot keep throwing money at the pool as we are trying to get an accurate number on the pool, It was asked if once we get the new liner if we can put in a ramp that won't have to be replaced, The mayor stated that new chairs are anywhere around $10,000 and if you have one disabled family member that's only $250 back which puts you out money**

SAFETY COMMITTEE:
Did not meet

ZONING REPORT:
Met 5-27-25
There was a property owned by Brayden Harney that was approved to build a garage on 50 N. Canal Street but once the Mayor went down, he found there was not enough room to build one.

POLICE REPORT:

June 2025 Report to Council and Jackson Township

Statistics for May 2025 [vs previous month]:

Total Incidents: 77 [82]

Calls for Service: 43 [55]

Traffic Stops: 34 [27]

Citations/Criminal Summons Issued: 23 [17]: 13 Speed, 6 Expired Registration, 2 DUS, 1 Fictitious Plate, 1 Failure to Control, 1 Illumination of Rear Plate, 1 Overtaking Left of Center, 1 Dog at Large

Arrests made: 1 Physical Control of Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated [6]

Notes for the Month:

Calls were slightly down from last month, but we continued to remain quite busy for the month overall. We have seen an uptick in speeding and other moving violations as the weather warms up and more activities are taking place in and around the village. We also continue to assist with several calls in neighboring jurisdictions.

Our new Intox DMT machine is up and running, and will be used to run our BAC tests, as well as tests for other agencies if needed. Our Humvee is also in the shop now, and should be ready for pickup very soon. We are also prepared for Homecoming and the fireworks display at the end of the month, and hope that weather cooperates with both of those. As always, please report any suspicious activity to the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office.

Jackson Township:

Of the 43 calls for service, 9 [17] were in Jackson Township. They were as follows:

05/06 Tree in roadway on W Carlisle Rd. Stood by until County Highway arrived to remove it.

05/08 Car vs deer on OH-16. Assisted OSP.

05/15 Report of carjacking on OH-16 near OH-586. Searched area for suspect, but incident actually occurred in Licking County near OH-146. Handled by LCSO.

05/16 Assisted medics w/ checking on unresponsive female in vehicle on W/B on ramp to OH-16 from Old Riley Rd. Female checked OK, was just pulled over because she was tired.

05/18 Assisted MCSO in searching for evidence from burglary in Zanesville.

05/26 Received call of suspicious/slow van on OH-16 coming from Coshocton. Located vehicle and made traffic stop. Driver was cited for DUS/Illumination of Rear Plate into County Court.

05/29 Checked area of Spencer Rd for possible drunk driver. Vehicle was gone by my arrival, but was later arrested by OSP after crashing on Shannon Rd at Shannon Valley Rd.

05/30 Checked on male in field on W Carlisle Rd. Male was given warning for trespassing and advised to get permission to be on property in the future.

05/30 Checked OH-16 for possible drunk driver coming from Coshocton County. Vehicle likely exited highway prior to Old Riley Rd.

Calls in other Jurisdictions:

Dresden:

05/15 Checked area of Main St and Dave Longaberger Ave for reckless driver. Vehicle was located parked and unoccupied on High St.

05/22 Checked burglary alarm at Thirsty Dawg on Main St. Checked OK.

05/26 Assisted Dresden PD w/ unruly juvenile call on Allison St

Cass Township:

05/05 Assisted MCSO in locating/arresting walk-away from The Landing

05/22 Checked for suspicious vehicle near Longaberger Homestead/Crawford Barn. Vehicle was gone on arrival.

05/23 and Checked for suspicious vehicle near Longaberger Homestead/Crawford Barn. Same call as previous day, vehicle was located and driver checked. No enforcement action taken.

As always please be sure to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and report it to the Muskingum County Sheriff's Dispatch center at 740-452-3637 or call 911 in case of an emergency.

FIRE REPORT: NONE RECEIVED

EMS	**Fire**	**Misc**	**Total**
#	#	#	#
Village	**Jackson**	**Pike**	**Hanover**
#	#	#	#
Falls Twp. Mut Aid #	**Licking Twp. Mut Aid** #	**Mary Ann Mut Aid** #	**Tri-Valley Mut Aid** #

LEGISLATION:

FIRST READING:

- **RESOLUTION 23-25** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ACCEPT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE.

SECOND READING: NONE

THIRD READING:

- **ORDINANCE 10-25** Motion Laughton, Second McIntire approving AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN ALLEY LOCATED IN THE GOFF AND BLIZZARD'S ADDITION OF FRAZEYSBURG, OHIO, AND NOW CALLED 67 CLAY STREET BETWEEN PARCEL 29-61-21-02-000 AND 29-61-21-01-000, WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG
  SIX YEAS, ZERO NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 15-25** Motion Laughton, Second McIntire approving A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATING OF THE RULES OF COUNCIL
  SIX YEAS, ZERO NAYS

- **ORDINANCE 01-25** Motion Smith, Second Laughton approving AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS THE

QUESTION OF AGGREGATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG (ORC 4928.20)
SIX YEAS, ZERO NAYS

NEW AND EMERGENCY:

- **RESOLUTION 24-25** Motion Laughton, Second Riesinger suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION ACKOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE FIRST QUARTER QUARTERLY WATER AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS PROCESSED BY THE VILLAGE WATER CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX YEAS, ZERO NAYS

  Motion Laughton, Second Hindel approving A RESOLUTION ACKOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE FIRST QUARTER QUARTERLY WATER AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS PROCESSED BY THE VILLAGE WATER CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX YEAS, ZERO NAYS

- **ORDINANCE 11-25** Motion Laughton, Second Smith suspending the rules on AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 04-25 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY
  SIX YEAS, ZERO NAYS

  Motion Laughton, Second Hindel approving AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 04-25 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY
  SIX YEAS, ZERO NAYS

*Before Resolution 25-25 was passed it was voted to stay with Public Entities Pool (PEP) for Village Property and Liability Insurance Motion Laughton, Second Smith (Cost is $21,718.00) SIX YEAS, ZERO NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 25-25** Motion Laughton, Second Smith suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH _____, AT A COST NO GREATER THAN $ _____; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY
  SIX YEAS, ZERO NAYS

  Motion Laughton, Second Smith approving A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH _____, AT

A COST NO GREATER THAN $ _____, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY
SIX YEAS, ZERO NAYS

- **DISCUSSION/COMMENTS and MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**:
- 3% Sewer Rate in July
  Councilmember McIntire asked if there was a way we could take away the increase
  It was mentioned that our water bills are higher than most places
  Councilmember Laughton explained that what most do not understand is that we do not have as many people paying into the infrastructure unlike Newark and surrounding areas
  One of the first things you think of when you think of Frazeysburg is the water bills
  Fiscal Officer Grable mentioned calling Heidi in to discuss what can be done with the increases
  Board of Public Affairs handle the late fee percent
- It was questioned if it was still cheaper to get water from the bulk water than to use the water in households, Mayor Wolford explained that the price had been changed to the same as the residents this year

- **VISITOR COMMENT: NONE**

Motion Laughton, Second Hindel to adjourn at 7:32 p.m., until July 14th, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at the corner of Second Street and State Street in Frazeysburg, Ohio. **SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

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Ms. Emily McIntire

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Mrs. KC Smith

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Ms. Carol Ross

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Mr. Kurt Laughton

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Mr. Emmett Reisinger

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Mr. Paul Hindel

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Mayor Fred R. Wolford, Jr.

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Fiscal Officer Natalie Stillion Grable

All formal actions of the Village of Frazeysburg concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised