

VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

3/10/2025

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 10, 2025

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The Village of Frazeytsburg Council convened in regular session from 5:58 p.m. to 6:47 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

PRESENT:

EMPLOYEES: Solicitor Bennington, Chief Eliasha Bourne, Fiscal Officer Grable, and Office Assistant Evans

VISITORS: Terry Swartz, Rick and Becky Priest, and John Furek.

Roll call was made with the following members present:

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

Absent: GAYHEART

- Motion Laughton, Second McIntire approving the minutes from **February 13, 2025** regular council meeting. **FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**
- Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger approving the payment of bills for **March 10, 2025**. **FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

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

ENTITY	AMOUNT	MONTH
Village	\$893.00	February
State	\$283.00	February
Muskingum County Court	\$ 9.00	February
Total paid out	\$1,185.00	February
Computer fund	\$ 80.00	February
Computer fund YTD	\$240.00	February

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Nothing new since last meeting

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BPA:

Met 2-25-25

The board met at the Village Office at 3:00 pm on February 25, 2025 with the following members

present:

James Wriston, Kenny Jenkins, Mayor Wolford, and Office Assistant Whitney Evans.

Absent: *Dave Ludinich*

√Reports were reviewed for the month of January: monthly reconciliation, and adjustments.

√Krystal Myers from Railroad 4 LLC was present at the meeting as she had questions on why she was responsible for the previous owner's water bill at 24 and 26 First Street; and if late fees could be dropped since she had not received a bill to know that she owed anything.

Motion Wriston and Second Jenkins to waive late fees for Myers

√President of the BPA Wriston brought up that he had heard there were some shut-off that were not working and needed replaced to which Mayor Fred Wolford mentioned that yes there were and that there is a list at the water plant that the guys will work on in the spring to get this fixed.

√The board discussed changing the two increases on water bills a year to one, they did have concern of people on a budget getting hit all at once.

√Mayor Wolford brought up creating an Ordinance for landlords that have empty rentals to not have to pay the minimum water bill for little usage until it was time to rent it out again. The board thought that would be a good thing to bring up to Council.

Motion to adjourn: James Wriston

Second: Kenny Jenkins

The next Board of Public Affairs meeting will be held March 25, 2025 @ 3:00 pm at the Village Office.

INCOME TAX:

Nothing in packets

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Met 3/5/25 (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, and Mayor Fred Wolford

Community Participant: Michelle Schneider

Discussion was had on the following:

- Lifeguard Training Agreement: Change 10% per pay to 5% per pay other than that it looks good
- Resolution 12-25: The ending date of 5/30 for presale passes is good! That is a go
- Prices are on the Price Page
- Decision was made to donate a family pass to Outreach Silent Auction

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- Do away with assistant manager position
- Michelle suggested a basket raffle during the homecoming for a pool fundraiser
Sell tickets on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday- drawing to be Saturday evening
- Fred to get pricing for signs to sell for fences
- **The committee likes the pre-pass date being extended to May 30th**
- **Since Andrea has flexibility during the pool season and we are doing merit raises we can do away with the assistant supervisor position**
- **Mayor Wolford was looking into prices for selling signs for the fences at the ball field**
- **Councilperson Reisinger asked about turnover rates with lifeguards, he wanted to know if the percent we were charging would be enough to make up for the certification cost, it was explained that we do not have them leave very often and that this way is better than what we had before as before we did not get any back**
- **Mayor Wolford mentioned that the lift chair that we currently have at the pool does not work and that he and the laborers were looking into ways to get it back into service and meet ADA requirements.**
- **Office Assistant Evans made some sample Pool Pass cards and application forms that the committee had mentioned to put in place and presented what she had for Council to look at.
Council liked what she had done and are still apprehensive about deceit in use of passes**
- **Councilperson Laughton suggested a polaroid camera to add a family picture to the application**
- **Councilperson Smith asked about adding the QR code to the pass itself, Office Assistant Evans explained that when she did an online chat with a square representative and there is no way for us to add on to the pass**
- **Councilperson McIntire suggested that there must be a program that you can scan a QR code that shows pictures**

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Did not meet

Mayor Wolford asked that the committee drive the roads in town and make a list of which roads they believe we should fix first.

ZONING REPORT:

Met 2-25-25

- Discussed the same properties that had been discussed last month at the Council meeting.
- **Concerning the property at 55 Beard Street; the owner of the mobile home on the property was seen in Mayors Court the preceding Wednesday March 5, 2025. The property was cited as a public nuisance. The mobile home is owned by one person and the land is owned by that person's family member. The owner of the land has a buyer and Mayor Wolford ruled that the charges can be dropped if the respondent included the MH with the land sale as the property has stood empty for some time.**
- **Mayor Wolford was notified by the Muskingum County Health Department that the property at 165 3rd Street is condemned.**

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POLICE REPORT:

February 2025 Report to Council and Jackson Township

Statistics for January 2025 [vs previous month]:

Total Incidents: 51 [60]

Calls for Service: 42 [43]

Traffic Stops: 13 [17]

Citations/Criminal Summons Issued: 6 [10]: 1 Speed (35/20), 3 EXP Reg, 1 Dog at Large, 1 Zoning

Arrests made: 3 [1]: 1 Felony Warrant, 1 Misdemeanor Warrant, 1 Misuse of 911

Notes for the Month:

It was a steady month for as cold as it has been. I have been sick and taking some time off. So that contributed to a few less calls handled this past month. As always please call MCSO Dispatch at 740-452-3636 to report any suspicious activity or problems. And 911 in emergencies.

Jackson Township:

Of the 43 calls for service, 11 [11] were in Jackson Township. They were as follows:

See spreadsheet of calls

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.

Call Type	Address	Area	Priority	Call Date/Time
Suspicious Vehicle	E 3RD ST / E 5TH ST		Medium	2/3/2025 7:21
Suicide Threat	12345 HAMBY HILL RD		Police High	2/3/2025 9:37
Traffic Stop	262 2ND ST		Medium	2/3/2025 13:46
Dispute	187 W 1ST ST		Police High	2/3/2025 14:38
Dispute	187 W 1ST ST		Police High	2/4/2025 10:52
Investigate Comp	72 2ND ST		Low	2/4/2025 16:49
Disturbance	8970 BLACK RUN RD		Medium	2/4/2025 22:12
Investigate Comp	72 2ND ST		Low	2/5/2025 11:22
Harassment/Threat	72 2ND ST		Low	2/5/2025 16:32
Missing/Runaway	115 W 1ST ST		Medium	2/5/2025 18:16
Theft-ID	109 NORA DR D		Low	2/6/2025 13:45
Traffic Stop	27 E 3RD ST		Medium	2/6/2025 15:08
Traffic Stop	9985 CANAL RD		Medium	2/6/2025 16:45
Traffic Stop	RAIDERS RD / SPENCER RD		Medium	2/6/2025 17:32
Domestic	187 W 1ST ST		Police High	2/6/2025 17:44
Assist Citizen	OLD RILEY RD / RAIDERS RD		Medium	2/7/2025 11:42
Traffic Stop	6350 RAIDERS RD		Medium	2/7/2025 12:09

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Dispute	NARROWS RD / MOORE RD	Police High	2/7/2025 14:09
Dispute	41 CANAL ST	Medium	2/7/2025 16:28
Dispute	220 W 3RD ST	Medium	2/8/2025 12:56
Road Hazard	SHANNON RD / S STATE ST	Medium	2/10/2025 13:24
Traffic Stop	SPELLMAN LN / S STATE ST	Medium	2/11/2025 7:39
Litter Complaint	OLD RILEY RD / SR 16	Low	2/11/2025 10:49
Road Hazard	40.10401, -82.17553	Medium	2/11/2025 17:10
Traffic Stop	KINGFISHER CT / W 3RD ST	Medium	2/13/2025 11:55
Traffic Stop	120 E 3RD ST	Medium	2/13/2025 12:49
Traffic Stop	SPENCER RD / CANAL RD	Medium	2/13/2025 17:42
Alarm-Burglar	10 W 3RD ST	Police High	2/14/2025 22:43
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Warrant	65889 8TH ST CAMBRIDGE	Police High	2/15/2025 10:41
Loud Music/Noise	210 W 1ST ST	Medium	2/19/2025 7:06
Traffic Stop	JACKSON ST / E 3RD ST	Medium	2/19/2025 9:11
Warrant	194 SOUTH ST	Police High	2/19/2025 9:47
Investigate Comp	55 BEARD ST	Low	2/19/2025 11:09
Harassment/Threat	27 E 3RD ST	Low	2/19/2025 13:00
Civil Paper	255 W 4TH ST	Low	2/19/2025 18:15
Check Welfare	91 W 5TH ST 1	Medium	2/19/2025 21:34
Traffic Stop	E 3RD ST / E 5TH ST	Medium	2/20/2025 8:52
Animal Complaint	27 E 3RD ST	Low	2/20/2025 9:03
Alarm-Burglar	5390 RAIDERS RD	Police High	2/20/2025 12:06
Traffic Stop	9985 CANAL RD	Medium	2/21/2025 11:19
Theft	8595 RAIDERS RD	Low	2/24/2025 9:45
Traffic Stop	E 3RD ST / E 5TH ST	Medium	2/25/2025 6:59
Unauthorized Use	211 W 4TH ST	Medium	2/26/2025 12:24
Domestic	6635 NARROWS RD	Police High	2/26/2025 14:40
Harassment/Threat	35 S STATE ST	Low	2/27/2025 17:06
Road Hazard	40.10163, -82.17952	Medium	2/27/2025 19:16
Accident-No Injury	9220 NORTH RIVER RD E	Medium	2/27/2025 23:36
Road Hazard	40.10163, -82.17952	Medium	2/28/2025 16:41
Animal Complaint	14 STEVY LN	Low	2/28/2025 17:28
Drunk	NEWARK RD / BLACK RUN RD	Medium	2/28/2025 22:42

Councilperson Smith asked if Sgt. Josh Marohl was still working for the Village as she had not seen him recently, Chief Bourne explained that he was and that we also had three other part-time officers. He then explained the schedules and availabilities of the three-part timers: Erich, Ian, and Taylor.

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FIRE REPORT:

EMS	Fire	Misc	Total
#31	#6	#	#37
Village	Jackson	Pike	Hanover
#16	#9	#1	#1
Falls Twp. Mut Aid #1	Licking Twp. Mut Aid #2	Mary Ann Mut Aid #	Dresden Mut Aid #5

LEGISLATION:

FIRST READING: NONE

SECOND READING:

*Councilperson Laughton inquired about Resolution 09-25 and suggested that citizens within the Village should not have to pay for this information as they already pay RE Taxes and Payroll Taxes. Councilperson Smith asked if we needed to make an Ordinance for citizens within the Village.

Chief Bourne explained that this was for public record requests and the Village does not get many PR requests from citizens in the Village. Bourne explained that often there are individuals or groups that request public records but decline picking up the information once they are told that there is a fee for the paper used, ink used and or video editing. Many times, the requestor is perpetrating a scam and there are people who do this to make a living.

Chief Bourne explained that this resolution addresses public records request whereas what Council may be referring to is information on a police report and is part of discovery which is not charged.

- **RESOLUTION 09-25** A RESOLUTION CREATING THE FEE STRUCTURE AS ESTABLISHED BY HOUSE BILL 315, PASSED JANUARY 2, 2025 BY GOVENOR MIKE DEWINE FOR THE CHARGING OF FEES IN PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST THAT INCLUDE VIDEOS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS
- **ORDINANCE 05-25**
A CODIFIED ORDINANCE TO OUTLINE PROCEDURES AND FEES RELATED TO EXPANSION, BUILDING AND RIGHT OF WAY MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG
- **ORDINANCE 06-25** AN ORDINANCE DELCARING THE NECESSITY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG TO PUT ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 BALLOT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR (GAS) AGGREGATION

THIRD READING:

- **RESOLUTION 04-25**
Motion McIntire, Second Laughton approving A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR TRASH PICKUP SERVICES WITHIN THE VILLAGE **FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

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NEW AND EMERGENCY:

- **RESOLUTION 12-25**

Motion Laughton, Second Smith suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR THE DISCOUNTED PRE-SALE OF POOL PASSES BEGINNING APRIL 2 THROUGH MAY 30, 2025, SETTING REGULAR 2025 SEASON RATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

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- **ORDINANCE 07-25**

Motion Reisinger, Second Laughton suspending the rules on AN ORDINANCE TO SET STANDARDS FOR THE WATER SHUT OFF PROCESS IN THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

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- **DISCUSSION/COMMENTS and MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- **VISITOR COMMENT:**

- Citizens Rick and Becky Priest were present at the meeting and wanted an update on the bike path that Mayor Wolford is proposing near their property at and near 67 Clay Street Frazeysburg. Mr. Priest explained to Council that Mayor Wolford had meet with the Priest's and their lawyer concerning 1) The Priest's inquiry in vacating the alley between their two parcels that houses a garage owned by them. 2) The mayor's inquiry of right of way for a bike path once the Village purchased the ballfields from Jackson Township. Mr. Priest also wanted to know if the subject had been discussed with Council to which it was remarked that it had been mentioned in the February Council meeting. Mayor Wolford explained to Council that the Village needs a right of way near Mr. Priest property to be able to get to the ball fields and keep kids off Canal Road and ultimately to accommodate the bike path that Council has envisioned around the ballfields. Councilperson Reisinger stated he felt we needed that right of way in case we need to get emergency vehicles into the area as well to which Chief Bourne agreed. Mayor Wolford stated that he had got a right of way from the Railroad but would still need some from the Priest property to get to the ball fields. It was mentioned that the right of way from the Railroad was 10 foot wide. Assistant Fire Chief Swartz mentioned

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that with 10 foot they can get a firetruck in if they needed to. Mr. Priest mentioned that his concern with the right of way was he would not be able to get his mowing equipment to the back field of his property to mow hay to stay in compliance with the Zoning regulations of the Village. Councilperson Reisinger asked if we would be able to put drop post in for Mr. Priest like he had seen the Village of Danville use. Mrs. Priest asked Mayor Wolford if he had talked with other neighbors in the area yet to ask about right of ways from them as he had stated he was going to do in the meeting with the attorneys. Mayor Wolford explained that he had not yet but would next week and let them know what he found out. Mayor Wolford explained that if they could come to an agreement with a right of way, he would vacate the alley but until then he could not. Mr. Priest explained that the previous owner had built the garage and that she must not have known there was an alley there either. Priest also mentioned that the garage structure built by the previous owner was a cheap model that currently is used for storage but once the Priest's settle their estate, they are going to clean out the storage and use the structure for a car. Councilperson Reisinger mentioned that when the property was surveyed it should have shown the alley to which Mrs. Priest asked if they could not come to an agreement if they would have to tear down their garage and Council explained that is the last thing they want to do. The Priest's asked for a map to show exactly where the bike path would go, Mayor Wolford stated when he has more information on right of ways, he would bring the map with him so they could discuss it.

Motion Laughton, Second McIntire to adjourn at 6:47 p.m., until April 14th, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at the corner of Second Street and State Street in Frazeytsburg, Ohio. **FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

Ms. Emily McIntire

Mrs. KC Smith

Ms. Carol Ross

Mr. Kurt Laughton

Mr. Emmett Reisinger

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Mrs. Pam Gayheart

Mayor Fred R. Wolford, Jr.

Fiscal Officer Natalie Stillion Grable

All formal actions of the Village of Frazeytsburg 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