

# VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5/12/2025

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 12, 2025

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The Village of Frazeytsburg Council convened in regular session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:28 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 Solicitor Bennington

**VISITORS:** Diane Wolford, Terry Swartz, Darrell Braggs, and Paul Hindel

**Roll call was made with the following members present:**

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

Absent: NONE

- Motion McIntire, Second Laughton approving the minutes from **April 14, 2025** regular council meeting. **FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**
- Motion Reisinger, Second Laughton approving the payment of bills for **May 12, 2025**. **FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

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

ENTITY	AMOUNT	MONTH
Village	\$ 2,007.00	April
State	\$ 667.50	April
Muskingum County Court	\$ 25.00	April
Total paid out	\$ 2,700.00	April
Computer fund	\$ 180.00	April
Computer fund YTD	\$ 490.00	April

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#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** (regular type from meeting, bold from council discussion)

Met 4-14-25 before the meeting

The last meeting was before the April 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting the Committee went over bids

#### **BPA:**

Met 4-29-25

**The Board met at the Village Office at 3:00 pm with the following present:  
Dave Ludinich, Kenny Jenkins, Mayor Wolford, and Water Clerk Pam Parrill.  
Absent: James Wriston**

**The Board went over the minutes from the March meeting.  
Kenny Jenkins made motion to accept  
Second by Dave Ludinich**

**Various reports were distributed to the Board, and each one was gone over.**

**Jeremy Ludwig had a leak at his water softener, in which the water went thru the sewer.  
The Board discussed this leak and said the sewer could not be adjusted due to the water  
Going thru the sewer; but they were in agreement to allow Mr. Ludwig to do 3 payments to pay  
the high bill.  
Motion to accept: Dave Ludinich  
Second: Kenny Jenkins**

**There was no other business to discuss.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dave Ludinich  
Second Kenny Jenkins**

**Next meeting to be held May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm at the Village Office.**

**INCOME TAX:** Fiscal Officer Grable stated the village received payment on one of the legal with  
RITA for \$6,000

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:**

**Met 5/7/25** (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 and Mayor Fred Wolford  
Community Participant: Michelle Schneider

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Discussion was had on the following:

- Oktoberfest is on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-7 pm Vendor set-up to being at 12 pm
- Beer Garden is still in discussion
- Michelle proposed several games and states she has all materials necessary for these games.
- Vendor fees for 2025 Oktoberfest shall remain the same as previous year: \$50 for food vendor and \$10 for arts/crafts/specialty products
- We will be appealing to local businesses for prize donations. We will also be seeking support for the hotdog eating contest to keep the entry free again this year.
- Should we begin taking donations for next year's fireworks?
- Stocking of the pool concession stand was discussed. It was decided that Natalie and Whitney should take care of the initial stocking of the pool and then Andrea will take over from there.
- Discussion for the throw-back dance will happen at next month's meeting.
- **Parks and Recs want to take over the firework show since Chris Sutton that plans it is stepping down so it was asked if they should start fundraising for that as it would start next year.**
- **Councilmember Laughton mentioned that now that the pool liner is funded, they could start doing donations for other things such as the fireworks.**
- **It was asked if the fire Department could help with it Assistant Chief Swartz stated that they would have to look into what they could help with since they do inspections, they have certain things they cannot do.**
- **Fiscal Officer Grable is going to check into the insurance and what is required for the fireworks on Village property**
- **Grable stated that she will check with Coshocton on how they handle the fireworks on Village property**
- **It was mentioned that the fireworks have been on Village property for years**
- **Check with churches around town about donating for fireworks**
- **Councilmember Reisinger asked about the beer garden it was stated that it did not go over as well as expected last year.**
- **It was discussed moving the beer garden closer to the bands and having the bands with less time in between**
- **Councilmember Reisinger mentioned contacting Nickle Valley about what bands they book**
- **Should we do Oktoberfest as bring your own bottle**
- **Swartz mentioned there would be a new band at the homecoming this year if Parks and Recs wanted to see how they were**

#### **SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Met 4-21-25

- The Safety Committee went over the list of roads and agreed with the ones that the Mayor had chosen
- Councilmember Reisinger mentioned that he has seen a lot of spot pot holes that need fixed

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- The Mayor stated that they were working on getting the pool ready for opening day then they would be fixing the roads
- The Mayor stated they were going to try and fill the holes at the end of West Carlisle with something different with the help of John that works for the Township
- The estimated cost for the street repairs to 4 streets is \$148,000

#### **ZONING REPORT:**

Met 4-29-25

Same properties are being worked on as the last meeting

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

##### **May 2025 Report to Council and Jackson Township**

#### **Statistics for April 2025 [vs previous month]:**

**Total Incidents: 82 [67]**

Calls for Service: 55 [44]

Traffic Stops: 27 [23]

Citations/Criminal Summons Issued: 17 [14]: 8 Speed, 4 Expired Registration, 1 No OL, 1 DUS, 1 Fict. Plate, 1 Dist. The Peace, 1 Underage Drinking

Arrests made: 6 [0] 2 Mis. Warrants, 1 Domestic Violence, 2 for theft, 1 Juv. Probation Violation

#### **Notes for the Month:**

Calls for service are up again as the weather continues to get nicer as expected. School is winding down and we will be transitioning into summer schedules where more evening and weekend patrols will be being made to address the inevitable increase in calls during those times. PLEASE call dispatch to report any activity you think needs our attention. Please also spread the word to those you know. We are still getting reports of crimes days later when an officer is available at the time to handle the call.

#### **Jackson Township:**

Of the 55 calls for service, 17 [11] were in Jackson Township.

3 were in Dresden

2 were in Cass Twp

See attached call list:

**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.**

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#### FIRE REPORT:

EMS	Fire	Misc	Total
#	#	#	#32
Village	Jackson	Pike	Hanover
#20	#4	#2	#
Falls Twp. Mut Aid #	Licking Twp. Mut Aid #1	Mary Ann Mut Aid #1	Tri-Valley Mut Aid #4

Darrell Briggs from RD Energy was at the meeting, he explained that the Public Utility Commerce allows communities to group together to get better prices on utilities. Right now, the Village is on a plan that saved us \$16,000. The plan the Village is on is locked in at 7 cents a kilowatt where AEP just went up to 10 cents a kilowatt which will more than likely save the Village around \$16,000 again this year. He presented flyers that he had created and the Office had posted to Facebook. It was mentioned to make copies of the flyers and pass them out at the dedication of the Eagles May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Before legislation Mayor Wolford stated the visitor Paul Hindel had submitted a letter of intent for the open council seat. He then asked Paul to stand and tell the Council about himself. Paul explained that he had lived in Frazeytsburg all his life and wanted to get to know the ends and outs of what it takes to run the Village. Councilmember McIntire asked him what he would do if he was on Council. Paul explained that he would clean up town, he brought up a property on 3<sup>rd</sup> street that has sign in its windows and how these are some of the things people from other towns see and it only takes one negative thing to be spread around instead of the good things about town. It was asked if there was anything we could do about the signs in the windows that would not go against the first amendment. The Solicitor stated that she would have to look into that. It was asked what he loved about Frazeytsburg and Paul stated that he loves the small-town atmosphere that the Village has and that is hard to find now. He also stated that you can ask neighbors for help here and if you go to other towns they do not even talk to their neighbors.

Councilmember McIntire made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, Second was made by Laughton FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Laughton made the motion to return from Executive session, Second by Smith FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 21-25** Motion Smith, Second Laughton suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL HINDEL TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT ON THE VILLAGE COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

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- Motion Laughton, Second McIntire approving A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL HINDEL TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT ON THE VILLAGE COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

#### **LEGISLATION:**

**DECLARATION 01-25** A DECLARATION ALLOWING FOR WEST 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET FROM STATE STREET TO BASIN STREET BE CLOSED JUNE 1-8, 2025 FOR THE ANNUAL FRAZEYSBURG HOMECOMING

**FIRST READING: NONE**

#### **SECOND READING:**

\*Councilmember Smith asked if with the passing of this Ordinance if that meant the Village would not have a right-of-way through this property to the ball fields. The Mayor stated that was correct. He explained that the Railroad had decided to back out of giving the Village a right of way because they have plans to put more tracks in, in the future and without there right of way we have no access to the back side of the ball fields. The Mayor did state that he had talked to a property owner down the street and they agreed to give the Village a right of way. Proper legislation will be prepared for that at a later time.

- **ORDINANCE 10-25** 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 29-61-01-000, WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG
- **RESOLUTION 15-25** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATING OF THE RULES OF COUNCIL
- **ORDINANCE 01-25** AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF AGGREGATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG (ORC 4928.20).

**THIRD READING: NONE**

**NEW AND EMERGENCY:**

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**\*After this Resolution was passed McIntire decided she would like to change her vote to abstain so this Resolution will have to be redone and voted on next month**

- **RESOLUTION 16-25** A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE FIRST QUARTER QUARTERLY WATER AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS PROCESSED BY THE VILLAGE WATER CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
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- **RESOLUTION 17-25** Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RCAP TO ADMINISTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**
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**\*Before Resolution 20-25 was passed Mayor Wolford stated the he had previous bills for the electric at the shelter house and for just the meter fee it cost \$36.04 a month. He stated the problem with taking the electric out is you have people that rent it and bring crock pots and they will no longer be able to plug those in. He asked if we should hold off until we get electric ran from the pool. Councilmember Hindel asked why they didn't charge \$75 and then if cleaned return \$50 of the \$75. Councilmember Laughton stated that he felt that the citizens already pay for it by paying taxes he does not feel they should have to pay to reserve it. Assistant Fire Chief Swartz mentioned that citizens technically pay for the water from taxes but still also pay for using the water so he saw no difference there. It was asked how much it was going to cost to run electric from the pool to the shelter house. Mayor Wolford stated around \$300. Fiscal Officer Grable asked if we could put some type of solar device up there that would work? It was decided that would probably not work. It was decided to not have electricity at the shelter house this year.**

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- **RESOLUTION 20-25** Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE PROCESS OF RESERVING THE SHELTER HOUSE NEAR THE SWIMMING POOL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**
- Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger approving A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE PROCESS OF RESERVING THE SHELTER HOUSE NEAR THE SWIMMING POOL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**
- **RESOLUTION 22-25** Motion Smith, Second McIntire suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG, OHIO TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE LAND AND WATER CONSRVATION FUND OF PURPOSES OF OBTAINING A PARK GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO FREW MEMORIAL PARK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**
- Motion Laughton, Second McIntire approving A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG, OHIO TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE LAND AND WATER CONSEERVATION FUND OF PURPOSES OF OBTAINING A PARK GRANT FOR IMPROVMENTS TO FREW MEMORIAL PARK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**
- **DISCUSSION/COMMENTS and MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**
- The Mayor announced that he had signed the paperwork for the deed of Frew Park
- There will be a Softball tournament June 7<sup>th</sup> and all entry fees will go towards the Parks and Recs
- The Village has applied for a grant for new playground equipment for Frew Park
- There was discussion about the County putting the Fire Department Alley up for bid and the mayor stated that the dip onto Second Street would be taken care of that way the Fire Department could use that access
- The Village received the Schooler Grant for \$42,564.26 for the remaining cost needed for a pool liner
- The Village received the grant for the Duralator project
- The updated pool contract was included in the packets
- Parks and Recs are currently taking donations for the pool



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- Fiscal officer Grable cashed out her comp time and Laborer Brian Gast wants to cash his out at the end of May
- Open enrollment for MCO's with BWC third party administration is open through May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fiscal officer Grable prefers staying with Sedgewick
- It was brought up that the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration on Independence would be coming up next year and the Village might want to look into doing something with that
- Councilmember McIntire stated that she was going to address Clayton Homes and see if they would want to sponsor a welcome sign for the Village and have it on their property at the east end of town
- VISITOR COMMENT:
- Assistant Fire Chief Swartz mentioned that the Fire Department had submitted a grant for an AED for Frew Park for the Township and if they were awarded the grant, he would let the Mayor know as now the Park is the Village's

Motion Laughton, Second McIntire to adjourn at 7:28 p.m., until June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at the corner of Second Street and State Street in Frazeytsburg, 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 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