VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

9/8/2025

REGULAR SESSION

The Village of Frazeysburg Council convened in regular session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:42 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

PRESENT:
EMPLOYEES*:* Josh Marohl, Chief Eli Bourne, Fiscal Officer Grable, and Office Assistant Evans

VISITORS: Terry Swartz, Diane Wolford, Rocky and Deana Brown, Tom Starner, and Jillian Flowers

Roll call was made with the following members present:

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

Absent: NONE

- Guest Speaker Jillian Flowers- Mrs. Flowers explained that she was running for Jackson Township Trustee and wanted to introduce herself to Council. She offered that she works as a grant writer and is involved in the Hanover Fireworks.
- Council Member Smith explained that we had a Firework Committee meeting coming up on September 16th. It was determined later that the meeting would be September 9th at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The fireworks committee was decided to be a part of the Frazeysburg Revitalization Association and not a Village sponsored activity.

- Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger approving the minutes from **August 11, 2025** regular council meeting. **FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

Council Member Reisinger had questions on the payment of bills. Reisinger was not aware that Village Laborers received a boot allowance. Grable explained they receive an allowance because of water breaks. Reisinger suggested not closing out the square each day in order to have less charges. Fiscal Officer Grable stated she would look into it. Reisinger also asked why there were multiple purchases for weed eater equipment on the same day. It was explained that it was one purchase and the cost was split between three (3) departments.

Motion Laughton, Second Smith approving the payment of bills for **September 8, 2025**. **FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

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

ENTITY	AMOUNT	MONTH
Village	$ 2,516.47	August
State	$ 254.00	August
Muskingum County Court	$ 9.00	August
Total paid out	$ 2,779.47	August
Computer fund	$ 70.00	August
Computer fund YTD	$ 970.00	August

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: (regular type from meeting**, bold from council discussion)**
Met 9-5-25

Present: KC Smith, Carol Ross, Emmett Reisinger, Fiscal Officer Natalie Stillion Grable, and Office Assistant Whitney Evans

- Smith stated we did not need to look into the life insurance policy as it was locked in for two years and began in 2024
- Smith had communicated with Anna with Acrisure about the quotes for the dental and vision policies, Anna did note that the policy was not with their office.
- Reisinger asked what the consensus was with the employees on the medical insurance choice and was told that it was split; some wanted to stay with Anthem and others would like to try the QCP Policy.
- Smith explained if the Village went with the QCP Plan it would only be saving $5,326 annually.
- Reisinger explained that he felt if some employees already had surgeries scheduled and the Village would only save $5,326, then it was better to stay with Anthem so the employees would not have to find new doctors or go through the approval process again: explaining that he cared more about the employees wants since it was not going to save the Village much
- Grable explained that the ones that would like to try the QCP mostly only deal with Genesis so it would work well for them but others do not deal with Genesis
- Ross stated that she agreed with some of the employees that she would not want to deal with Genesis
- The Committee stated they would show the figures to Council and let everyone help decide
- Smith stated the Village needed to look into how the HRA was set up as she suspected it might be set up wrong
- It was asked what the employees pay for with the current plan
- Grable explained that they pay 10% of their premium and 10% of the $2,000 increase of deductible from $3000 to $5000 that occurred in 2022; so for a single person they pay $38.99 per pay
- It was asked what they pay for the dental and vison and Grable stated they do not pay for that as it is part of the fringe benefits
- It was stated that the Village needs to find out who the dental and vision is through
- Grable asked Smith why she was in contact with Acrisure as the communication is supposed to be between Grable and Acrisure

- Smith explained that she had questions on the quotes
- Grable explained that the HRA form had been through Acrisure's legal department many times when it was being made so she was sure it was set up right
- Smith asked Grable if she had received the quotes from Tony Palandrani from Rankin & Rankin to which Grable stated she had not
- Smith then asked if he had known about these meeting date to which Grable stated he did not
- The Committee decided they could not decide on this since they did not have the quotes
- Grable then asked Smith if she was saying she did not know how to do her job
- Smith stated that Grable was putting words in her mouth
- Then Smith preceded to ask her again if she had gotten the quotes or knew of Anna from Acrisure stating the dental and vision was not through them, to which Grable again stated she had not
- Smith then stated that she must not be doing her job then
- Reisinger stated that everyone needed to calm down and handle this another way
- Reisinger asked Grable if she would be able to get the quotes for Monday so they could review them then
- Grable stated she would try to get the information on Monday
- Smith stated that the Audit had been completed and they would like to set a date to meet go over the 22-23 plan year insurance reimbursements
- Smith asked why it was stated to the Auditors the Wage Ordinance would change
- Grable explained the wording would change to state the Village does not reimburse for dental or vision
- Reisinger explained he felt employees should not be reimbursed for Vision if the Village pays their premium

The meeting ended at 6:58 P.M.

- **Council Member Smith stated that the main concern was there were two plans to choose from Anthem and QCP**
- **The savings would only be $5,326 so there is really no need to switch**
- **With QCP employees would only be able to use doctors through Genesis and some employees choose not to doctor with Genesis**
- **Smith mentioned that in the meeting she brought up the HRA may be set up wrong, she stated that after the meeting she found that it is in fact set up wrong**
- **It was asked if we would need a new Resolution to correct this**
- **Fiscal Officer Grable stated she can write out a Resolution stating the HRA was written incorrectly and amend the one from last year**
- **Smith asked to go into Executive Session to discuss attitude at the Special Finance Meeting, Grable stated that she should state "go into Executive Session for personnel"**
- **Laughton Motioned to go into Executive Session and Smith Second FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**
- **Laughton made a motion to return from Executive Session and Smith Second FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

Board of Public Affairs:

Met 8-26-25
The Board met at the Village Office with the following members present: Kenny Jenkins, James Wriston, and Pam Parrill.
Absent were Dave Ludinich, and Mayor Wolford
The Board went over the minutes from the meeting in July.
Motion to approve: James Wriston
2nd: Kenny Jenkins
The Board went over the adjustment reports and the monthly reconciliation reports.
There was no other business to be discussed.
Motion to adjourn was made by Kenny Jenkins
Second was made by James Wriston
Next meeting will be held on September 30, 2025 @ 3:00pm at the Village Office.

INCOME TAX: Nothing Received

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:
Met 9/3/25 (the following info in regular type is the committees' notes, the bold letters are what was discussed during the council meeting)
Members Present: Kurt Laughton, KC Smith

Concessions:

- Address "tap down" menu items.
- Discuss with Doug Lindsley if he is interested in managing concessions and validate viability based on cost.

Pool:

- Consider the cost of pool passes and parties.
- Determine the start date for putting in the liner.
- Confirm if concrete in broken areas will be fixed.
- Review total wages for the pool manager to consider setting manager wages as salary.
- Explore creating a designated "pool guy" for chemical duties.

Ball Parks:

- Schedule a meeting with Fred to discuss the vision created for the ball parks.
- Meet with current softball programs.
- Focus on developing and working with trustees and Muskingum Development to gather input.

Town Hall/Community Center:

- Continue developing the town hall into a community center.
- Increase public awareness of its availability.
- Explore possible uses such as a mobile library and community clubs.
- **Council Member Laughton mentioned that they would like to reduce concession items for the pool**
- **The new pool liner goes in September 26th**
- **The committee would like the total wages for the pool manager**

- **Mayor Wolford explained that there was no need for a pool guy as with Hawkins we can talk to a pool professional**
- **The committee would like to get with the Trustees (Jackson Township) and Muskingum County _____? to find ways to fundraise for the ball fields**

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Did not meet

Council Member Ross brought up a safety concern that she had. Ross stated there was a hole in the road at the corner of Second Street and Basin Street. She also noted that Pam Gayheart, who owns the property at 4 Fourth Street, asked that State Street be patrolled when busses drop kids off as people are speeding. Chief Bourne acknowledge the request and explained also that the new parking signs at the Old School property had been ran over; but they would be putting new signs up to remedy the situation.

ZONING REPORT: (the following info in regular type is the committees' notes, the bold letters are what was discussed during the council meeting)

July 29, 2025 Zoning Meeting Minutes

Attending- Mayor Wolford, Paul Hindel, Earl Jenkins, Emmett Reisinger, Anita Brock. Visitor Jeff Robison

Mayor has spoken with Muskingum County Land Bank on the Ridgway and Harlan properties; the owners need to sign over Deeds to the Land Bank. They will then tear down the structure on each property.

Discussed S.E.O. The Village is not pursuing this matter any further, the court made a ruling on this in favor of S.E.O.

Brought to the committee's attention a junk grey truck on First Street.
Followed up on letters that have been sent along with E-Mails. These are a work in progress

Anita Brock

Zoning Minutes August 26, 2025

Attending Emmett Reisinger, Jeff Robison, Paul Hindel, and Anita Brock

Jeff Robison has become a committee member.

The Harlan property owner has agreed to sign deed over to Muskingum County Land Bank.
The Ridgway property owner is considering to fix up his property on Basin Street.
A notice had been sent giving him 10 days.

Contacted the owner at 150 3rd Street. He assured he would address the issue at this property.
The next day improvement was seen.

Byrd property on Basin time has been up, going to do a check up on August 29th. If no improvement shown a ticket will be given.

The renter at Smeltzer property is due in court September 3rd.

Situation on George Nethers Lane renter moved out in June left trash and exterior condition of the trailer is in much need of attention.

Anita Brock

Mayor Wolford presented the blue prints he had received from Brightspeed, stating that in the construction of the improved paving in the Fire Department Alley it was necessary to have some of the poles in the alley removed.

POLICE REPORT:

September 2025 Report to Council and Jackson Township

Statistics for August 2025 [vs previous month]:

Total Incidents: 70 [71]

Calls for Service: 40 [49]

Traffic Stops: 30 [22]

Citations/Criminal Summons Issued: 15 [10]: 11 speed (47/25, 40/25, 55/35, 56/35, 44/25, 47/25, 43/25, 42/25, 49/35, 42/20, 35/20), 3 expired registrations, 2 DUS, 1 junk vehicle, 1 failure to display trailer plate

Arrests made: 0 [2]

Notes for the Month:

We remained steady for the month, with approximately the same number of incidents. Calls were slightly down, and traffic stops were slightly up. We took possession of our two new cruisers that were donated by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and are in the process of getting those upfitted with our own equipment. This will likely be done around the beginning of next year. As always, please call the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office to report any suspicious activity.

Jackson Township:

Of the 49 calls for service, 11 [8] were in Jackson Township. They were as follows:

08/01 Road hazard on OH-16. Located vehicle but did not observe any violations.

08/01 Report of vehicle driving westbound on Narrows Rd w/ small child on roof. Unable to locate.

08/06 Reckless driver reported on OH-586 near OH-16. Located on Vansickle Dr in Licking Twp and assisted MCSO w/ handling the investigation.

08/13 Garage fire on Raiders Rd. Assisted FD.

08/14 Assist MCSO w/ attempting to locate offender at Perryton Rd address. Not home at the time.

08/14 Report of possible drunk driver coming towards village on Shannon Rd. Caller disconnected before we could get vehicle description. Unable to locate.

08/15 Report of a black Dodge truck driving recklessly on OH-16 westbound from Coshocton. Saw 2 black Dodge trucks, but observed no reckless driving.

08/27 Assisted MCSO w/ domestic on Hamby Hill Rd.

08/28 Gray SUV reported driving recklessly on OH-16. No vehicles observed doing so.

08/28 Removed debris from westbound lanes of OH-16.

08/29 Report of blue Acura driving recklessly on OH-16 eastbound. Saw one blue car, but was not a match.

(Calls in other Jurisdictions to follow...)

Calls in other Jurisdictions:

Dresden:

08/05 Assisted Dresden PD w/ juvenile complaint on Main St

08/05 Assisted Dresden PD w/ harassment complaint on Main St

08/07 Assisted Dresden PD w/ domestic at Dresden Swim Center.

Cass Township:

08/14 Assisted SO w/ warrant at The Landing

Licking Township:

08/07 Assisted OSP/FDs w/ fatal crash on OH-586 at Canal Rd

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.

- Chief Bourne explained that the department had received two new police cars from the Franklin County Sheriff Department and that he and his staff were working on replacing the old decals with the Village information.
- Reisinger asked where the Humvee was as he had not gotten to see it yet; Bourne stated it would be at the Oktoberfest so they could do hayrides; It was stated there will be no Oktoberfest this year to which Chief Bourne stated they would find some time to do a hayride then!

FIRE REPORT:

EMS	**Fire**	**Misc**	**Total**
#37	#6	#0	#43
Village	**Jackson**	**Pike**	**Hanover**
#18	#5	#4	#1
Falls Twp. Mut Aid #0	**Licking Twp. Mut Aid** #2	**Mary Ann Mut Aid** #1	**Tri-Valley Mut Aid** #10

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- **Assistant Chief Swartz asked about a rumor that the Homecoming would be moved to the Ballparks; Mayor Wolford and the parks and recs committee explained that was planned for the future. Swartz stated that if it moved from the current location that the Fire Department would have to back out per their insurance policy. Mayor Wolford explained he did not want to take away fundraising efforts from the Fire Department. Since that was verified, Swartz stated the Fire Department would start planning for the 2026.**
- **Citizen attendee, Tom Starner, asked when the Village was going to be painting fire hydrants? Mayor Wolford explained that some had been painted but the problem was that they were painted with concrete paint previously and needed to be repainted with the proper paint. Mr. Starner explained that his had been needled as he had done it with his weed eater. Mayor Wolford offered to do the painting to which it was stated that Mayor Wolford does a lot for the Village in his free time**
- **Swartz asked if the Village did not need the AED that the Fire Department was trying to get for the ball fields, Laughton stated from what he had found that it was not a requirement, Swartz stated that he would no longer pursue it then.**

LEGISLATION:

FIRST READING: NONE

SECOND READING: NONE

THIRD READING: NONE

NEW AND EMERGENCY:

- **RESOLUTION 40-25** Motion Hindel, Second Laughton suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION ENACTED BT THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG OF MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO, IN COOPERATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

  Motion Laughton, Second Smith adopting A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG OF MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO, IN COOPERATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 41-25** Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION TO HIRE VARIOUS VENDORS FOR REPLACEMENT OF WATER

VALVES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG AT A COST NO GREATER THAN $77,500; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, Second Hindel adopting A RESOLUTION TO HIRE VARIOUS VENDORS FOR REPLACEMENT OF WATER VALVES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG AT A COST NO GREATER THAN $77,500; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **ORDINANCE 18-25** Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger suspending the rules on AN ORDINANCE SETTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF CYBER SECURITY INCIDENTS PER OHIO REVISED CODE 9.64 ENACTED BY HOUSE BILL 9.64 OF 2025; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

  Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger adopting AN ORDINANCE SETTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF CYBER SECURITY INCIDENTS PER OHIO REVISED CODE 9.64 ENACTED BY HOUSE BILL 9.64 OF 2025; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **Council had many questions regarding the next ordinance to be presented. Laughton wanted to know what would happen if we went with this and three years down the road the County decided they did not want to do this anymore? what would happen since we would decommission our sewer plant? Mayor Wolford explained that the County would have to remain until we had our sewer plant operating and had a waste water operator.**
- **Another concern Council had was that there were no numbers in this paperwork and they wanted to know what this would cost the Village. It was explained that A water line will be run with a meter on it that would only be used in an emergency.**
- **It was discussed that the Village has to have some kind of revenue to keep up with the infrastructure as the County will not take care of the infrastructure within the Village. Reisinger wanted to know what this would do to the bills and how much this could cost the residents. It was stated that the volume of users should make the pricing lower. Resinger stated the grant that the County received for forty (40) Million (SIC) the amount is twenty (20) million, will not be a drop in a bucket for the sewer plant that the County is planning to build and asked who was going to pay for the rest. It was explained this would help the Village as our sewer plant is close to capacity now and the Village would have to build a new one in the coming years. Mayor Wolford explained that development was coming as there are talks of a factory coming to the township and since the township does not have zoning there is**

nothing the township can do to stop it. Council decided to table this Ordinance to the next meeting.

- **ORDINANCE 19-25** Motion to table to next meeting Reisinger, Second Laughton AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT WITH THE MUSKINGUM COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY FOR THE PROVISION OF SANITARY SEWER SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 42-25** Motion Laughton, Second Hindel suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE POLICY WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD FOR THE VILLAGE MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

  Motion Laughton, Second Smith approving A RESOLUTION RENEW THE POLICY WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD FOR THE VILLAGE MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR 2026
  FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

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

- **Trick or Treat will be October 31st 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.**

- **Thank you, KC, and Jeff, for the donation of hot dogs to the pool we made $614.36 from hot dogs with only having to buy buns!**

- **VISITOR COMMENT: None**

Motion Laughton, Second Hindel to adjourn at 7:42 p.m., until October 14th, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at the corner of Second Street and State Street in Frazeysburg, Ohio. **FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

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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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Vacant seat

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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