VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

01/12/2026

REGULAR SESSION

The Village of Frazeysburg Council convened in regular session from 6:02 p.m. to 7:06 p.m. at the Township Hall with ***Mayor Fred R. Wolford, Jr.*** presiding.

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

PRESENT:
EMPLOYEES*:* Eli Bourne, Erich Schultz, Solicitor Bennington, and Office Assistant Evans

VISITORS: Rich Pierce, Terry Swartz, Shellie Adkins, and Diane Wolford

Roll call was made with the following members present:

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

Absent: NONE

- KC Smith and Emmett Reisinger were appointed and sworn into two vacant Council seats
  Roll Call: Laughton-yes, Ross-yes, Robison-yes, Hindel-yes
  FOUR (4) YEAS< ZERO (0) NAYS
- Motion Laughton, Second Ross approving the minutes from **December 8th, 2025** regular council meeting. **SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**
- **President of Council Laughton read the State of the Village**
  In January lifeguard training had been announced on Facebook. The Village was in the process of closing on the Ballpark from Jackson Township. The Village was waiting on better weather to seal the Tennis courts for the start of renovation into Pickleball courts. Citizen Rocky King has the equipment to paint the courts once sealed and offered to donate the use of equipment. Councilperson Smith has an acquaintance that is willing to teach citizens how to play pickleball.
  In February the Finance Committee met to open bid that were received for the Valve Replacement before the Council meeting, but there were no bids received. Finance decided extend the bids and advertise in different publications. Parks and Recs decided to up the pay for lifeguards as the current pay would not satisfy teenager today with the responsibility that come with the job. A date was set for the annual Oktoberfest for October 11th, 2025. The safety Committee discussed putting CO^2 alarms in Village building, purchasing new road closure signs as citizens currently drive around or steal ours, and looking into emergency communication system such as GMRS or FRS. The Zoning Committee wanted to increase the zoning fees as the last increase was 2018. The Village was working on a fee schedule with Sixth Street expansion possibly coming.
  In March the Board of Public Affairs thought of bring to council the thought of an Ordinance that would allow for landlords to request water to be shut off and pay a tap fee but if little usage of water was used

not be billed for usage until a read before water was turned back on. Council thought the Ordinance was a good idea and passed it. Council approved the new lifeguard training agreement form for reimbursement for lifeguard certification cost.

In April the Finance Committee opened bids for the water valve replacements. They decided to go with Ferguson Withholding Inc. for $75,888.75. It was asked about purchasing a Vac truck as it had previously been passed in Resolution 03-24 and the mayor had found one that came under the amount of $79,600 as approved by the legislation.

In May Parks and Recs were discussing taking over the annual firework show as Chris Sutton was stepping down from planning the event. There was an open Council seat that had been advertised, only one application was received. Paul Hindel introduced himself to the Council and explained why he want to be a part of Council. Paul was voted in to fill the open Council seat.

In June Rob Beglin was at the meeting to go over the renewal of the property and liability insurance for the 2025-2026 year. Council talked about what they had decided about the electric in the shelter house and it was determined that Olde Village Meats would sponsor the electric for the shelter house.

In July Pat Smeltzer was at the meeting to answer any questions that Council had for the yearly firework show. The Finance Committee had found overages for reimbursements for 21-22 they explained that the auditors would like to know how they were going to deal with it. The Council went into executive session and when they returned it was stated they would like for Solicitor Bennington to look into it before they decided on what to do.

In July there was also a special meeting to discuss whether to keep the original request for bid proposals for the trash contract or not. After discuss made by both the Council and the trash bid representatives it was decided to keep the original bids.

In August the trash bid representatives were given a chance to speak again on why they felt they would be the best choice for the Village trash service. After the Council heard everyone speak, they went into executive session once they returned from executive session a vote was done to decide on who would be awarded the contract. It was voted Shackleford 4-0. The pool was discussed and Parks and Recs wanted to do a comparison at the end of the year to see the difference from 2024 to 2025's season. Zoning went through with the court case with SEO Properties about adding a third trailer to the lot. Solicitor Bennington updated the Council that the Village had lost the case and SEO's was grandfathered to add the third trailer as it had not been over 24 months.

In September the Finance Committee reviewed two insurance plans. One was Anthem that the Village was currently with and the other was QCP. After reviewing the plans and hearing the employees' opinions the Council decided to stay with Anthem.

In September there was a special meeting to pass Ordinance 19-25 this Ordinance was to enact a memorandum of understanding agreement between the Village and the Muskingum County Port Authority for the provision of sanitary sewer services. This Ordinance passed with four (4) yeas, zero (0) nays.

In October Shackleford's Disposal representative Terry McKiernan was present to answer any questions that citizens had. He spoke on the cost of extra totes and bulk item pickups. Guest speakers Eric Reed and Don Madden from the county spoke on the future sewer plant and the Memorandum of Understanding.

In October there was a special meeting to pass Resolution 50-25 this Resolution was to award construction contract for the water treatment plant improvements. This Resolution was passed with Five (5) yeas, and Zero (0) nays.
In November guest speaker Darrell Bragg from RD Energy was at the meeting answer any questions council or citizens had. Bragg explained the next steps with the passing of aggregation. Jeff Robison was appointed to the open seat on the Village Council.
In December guest speaker Darrell Bragg from RD Energy was at the meeting with two Resolutions for Council to pass for the next steps in aggregation. Mr. Bragg also explained that they would work on getting all the paperwork submitted to PUCO by the end of December.

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

ENTITY	AMOUNT	MONTH
Village	$ 1,092.00	December
State	$ 300.00	December
Muskingum County Court	$ 12.00	December
Total paid out	$ 1,404.00	December
Computer fund	$ 88.00	December
Computer fund YTD	$ 1,390.00	December

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

Met 1-2-2026

Present: KC Smith, Carol Ross, Emmett Reisinger, Mayor Wolford, Whitney Evans, Shellie Adkins, and Diane Wolford
Mayor Wolford introduced Shellie Adkins to the committee and explained that she had been coming over to help Whitney with the Fiscal Officer tasks since Natalie had resigned. Shellie explained to the committee that she had worked in accounting for years when she went to work at Dresden as the Fiscal Officer in 2020. The committee asked how long she would help and Shellie stated she would help as long as needed but she would charge a consultant fee of twenty-five dollars ($25) an hour. Sick leave was brought up and Shellie explained that when she went to work in Dresden, she contacted the State and was told that the Section of the Ohio Revised Code Natalie had used for the sick leave did not apply to Villages. Shellie ran a report on the UAN system to see the build up of sick time. Shellie also mentioned that Dresden does not have comp time they just pay overtime. The committee would like to look into changing sick time to use it or lose it. Shellie explained in Dresden they did a freeze on employee's sick time so they did not lose their time but they did not gain any more time. Committee member Smith brought up that the committee had been working on the 2023-2024 audit, she explained that they would not have time to review it at this meeting so she would like to schedule another meeting for January 9th at 12 P.M.

Met 1-9-2026

Present: KC Smith, Carol Ross, Emmett Reisinger, Mayor Wolford, Office Assistant Whitney Evans, and Diane Wolford.
Finance Member Smith explained that the committee would be reviewing the 2023-2024 audit and health care reimbursements to employees as overages had occurred. The last meeting that they had to go over the audit was in June and they had completed reimbursements up to June of 2023. Smith explained that for this meeting she would like for the committee to get through July to the end of 2023. Committee member Reisinger stated that there should not have been any overages and Smith explained that there was and that it why they were going through this process. Smith explained that she had a spreadsheet that listed what each employee was over reimbursed from October 2022 to June 2023. At this point of the meeting the Committee was going through paperwork so Office Assistant Evans left the meeting.

- **The Committee wanted to wait to discuss with council for Shellie Adkins to have permission to contact the Auditors and health care providers.**
- **Mrs. Adkins explained that the way the committee was going through stuff they would never find the answers, so she will run reports to help them get to the bottom of the reimbursements.**

Board of Public Affairs:
Did not meet
The next Board of Public Affairs meeting will be held January 27th, 2026 @3:00pm at the Village Office.

INCOME TAX: Nothing Received

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

- **Andrea Janessen had contacted the Committee and stated that she would like to come back to the pool for the 2026 season if she could have an assistant manager**
- **Committee member Laughton wanted to know if there could be a Parks and Recs bank account instead of a pool bank account**
- **The Committee wanted to know the mayor's vison for the Ballfields**
- **Mayor Wolford explained that the IBW was going to donate $200,000 to Frew Park and a new sign would be put at the park that would have IBW on it was well**

SAFETY COMMITTEE:
Did not meet

ZONING REPORT: (the following info in regular type is the committees' notes, **the bold letters are what was discussed during the council meeting)**
Did not meet. Next meeting is Tuesday January 27th, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

POLICE REPORT:

January 2026 Report to Council and Jackson Township

Statistics for December 2025 [vs previous month]:

Total Incidents: 57 [43]

Calls for Service: 40 [22]

Traffic Stops: 17 [21]

Citations/Criminal Summons Issued: 6 [15]: 4 Speeds (42/25,49/35,55/35,66/35), 1 DUS 1 DOC

Arrests made: 1 Felony DV/Strangulation

Notes for the Month:

Winter has settled in, We are not getting many calls when we are available but are missing some calls when we do not have anyone available. We are seeing our winter slow down but have had some serious calls and have been handling business as necessary. As always, please call the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office dispatch to report any issues. 740-452-3637. This is the fastest way to get help or assistance if needed.

Jackson Township:

Of the 40 calls for service, 10 [5] were in Jackson Township. They were as follows:

12/01 Susp. Veh., Spencer Rd., Juveniles parking, taken home

12/03 Road Haz. SR16 MP4, Metal removed from roadway

12/03 Unruly Juv., Hamby Hill, Assisted SO

12/05 Assist Newark PD, SR16 EB from Marne, Robbery suspect fleeing, turned around and head west

12/09 Inj deer, Scout Rd, 1 dispatched and given to property owner

12/12 Check Welfare, Canal Rd, Gave older woman walking along road a ride to town.

12/17 Reckless driver, SR16 EB from Licking Co., UTL

12/18 Car vs Deer, SR16 MP4, See report

12/19 Car w/no lights on SR16 EB from Old riley, UTL

12/23 Road Haz, SR16 MP3, Trash removed from roadway.

Calls in other Jurisdictions:

Cass Township:

12/17 Reckless Veh., SR16 WB from Coshocton Co., Semi all over roadway, Located and stopped Driver checked OK and advised.

12/31 Reckless Veh, SR 16 WB from Coshocton. UTL

Dresden:

12/04 Main St, Fight, Fleeing suspect, Assisted Dresden and SO with combative Juvenile, See UOF report.

FIRE REPORT: 2025 Totals

EMS	**Fire**	**Misc**	**Total**
#384	#74	#	#
Village	**Jackson**	**Pike**	**Hanover**
#230	#93	#38	#8
Falls Twp. Mut Aid #5	**Licking Twp. Mut Aid** #16	**Mary Ann Mut Aid** #5	**Tri-Valley Mut Aid** #51

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LEGISLATION:

FIRST READING: NONE

SECOND READING:

Council member Laughton explained that he would be ok with all the profits going into the General fund as long as when money was needed for the pool there was no issue with getting it moved. It was explained that Parks and Recs Is already in the General fund so there would be no issue with moving the money when it was needed. Council decided there was no need for this Resolution

- **RESOLUTION 54-26** A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER TEN PERCENT (10%) OF PROFITS MADE FROM EVENTS AT FREW PARK ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO THE POOL FUND

THIRD READING: NONE

NEW AND EMERGENCY:

- **RESOLUTION 01-26** Motion Laughton, Second Hindel suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF FISCAL OFFICER NATALIE STILLION GRABLE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- Motion Laughton, Second Ross adopting A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF FISCAL OFFICER NATALIE STILLION GRABLE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 02-26** Motion Reisinger, Second Laughton suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF SHELLIE ADKINS HELPING TRAIN THE NEW FISCAL OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG AND RECEIVE A CONSULTANT FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS ($25) AN HOUR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- Motion Laughton, Second Smith adopting A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF SHELLIE ADKINS HELPING TRAIN THE NEW FISCAL OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG AND RECEIVE A CONSULTANT FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS ($25) AN HOUR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 03-26** Motion Laughton, Second Hindel suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE FOURTH QUARTER QUARTERLY WATER AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS PROCESSED BY THE VILLAGE WATER CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- Motion Laughton, Second Hindel adopting A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE FOURTH QUARTER QUARTERLY WATER AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS PROCESSED BY THE VILLAGE WATER CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 04-26** Motion Smith, Second Laughton suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENT OF EMMETT REISINGER AS FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- Motion Laughton, Second Ross adopting A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENT OF EMMETT REISINGER AS FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 05-26** Motion Hindel, Second Robison suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR WAGE INCREASE FOR THE VILLAGE DEPUTY CLERK (UTILITY AND MAYOR'S COURT CLERK) AND OFFICE ASSISTANT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
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- Motion Laughton, Second Smith adopting A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR WAGE INCREASE FOR THE VILLAGE DEPUTY CLERK (UTILITY AND MAYOR'S COURT CLERK) AND OFFICE ASSISTANT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 06-26** Motion Laughton, Second Smith suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION APPROVING THREE SIGNERS ON THE VILLAGE BANK ACCOUTNS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- Motion Laughton, Second Hindel adopting A RESOLUTION APPROVING THREE SIGNERS ON THE VILLAGE BANK ACCOUNTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **ORDINANCE 01-26** Motion Laughton, Second Robison suspending the rules on AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 23-25 TO APPROVE TEMPORARY APPROPRATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- Motion Laughton, Second Hindel adopting AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 23-25 TO APPROVE TEMPORARY APPROPRATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
  SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

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

- Mayor Wolford told the Council that he had sent in the paperwork for the Duralator project and more paperwork will be sent back and he will send it out to Council so that they can look over it.

- Safe Routes to School paperwork had been signed and sent. ODOT will send payment directly to the contractors so they Village will not have to deal with writing checks out.

- Solicitor Bennington talked on the meeting that the Mayor and herself had with Tri-Valley Schools on the pool property. Right now, she is still waiting on an answer from Tri-Valley for why they want the property back. Bennington explained that right now the Village owns the property at the pool but Tri-Valley wants them to deed it back over to them. Council explained that they would like to tell them no we own it. Solicitor Bennington remined them that the bulk water is currently on school property and that at this time it has not been found when it went from Village property to the school.

- Paving of the Fire Department Alley- it was explained that Council was under the impression that the alley was covered by a grant but it was found that Muskingum County had paid $41,000 and Community Development had paid $104,000 towards the alley and from contacting Kyle Dunn from Muskingum County the remaining $134,000 was the Villages responsibility to pay.

- **VISITOR COMMENT:**
- **Assistant Fire Chief Swartz stated that Homecoming would be June 4, 5, 6, 2026**

Motion Laughton, Second Smith to adjourn at 7:06 p.m., until February 9th, 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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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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Mr. Jeff Robison

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Mayor Fred R. Wolford, Jr.

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