This is a meeting of the Village Council of Woodstock in public for the purpose of conducting Village business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda. Council may recognize you during their discussion for your comment.

Village of Woodstock Village Council
REGULAR MEETING
Woodstock Municipal Building
July 13, 2026
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Phil Garland, Mayor
Roll Call: Current, _A_; Weidner, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _Y_; Polatsek, _A_; Bailey, _Y_.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. SET AGENDA

Zizzo moved and seconded by Morgan to set the agenda.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _A_; Weidner, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _Y_; Polatsek, _A_; Bailey, _Y_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Weidner moved and seconded by Bailey to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _A_; Weidner, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _Y_; Polatsek, _A_; Bailey, _Y_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

4. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of June were $20,395.35 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling $257,257.64. Expenditures included $250,000 for the initial legal settlement payment to North Lewisburg, $1,317 in legal fees to McMahon-DeGulis, and $1,659 in contracted maintenance services. Except for the Permissive Fund, all funds are slightly ahead of plan on the revenue side.

The Village is required to submit a Tax Budget to the County Auditor by July 20 every year. The proposed Tax Budget was distributed to all members. Herron stated the some appropriation amounts don't match his estimates. Hallinan stated that they would be corrected prior to submittal.

Zizzo moved and seconded by Morgan to accept the financial statements for June 2026 and approve June 2026 expenditures as presented by the Fiscal Officer.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _A_; Weidner, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _Y_; Polatsek, _A_; Bailey, _Y_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Brad and the Mayor met this morning with Logan County and North Lewisburg about the proposed regionalization. Brad will have more to say about that.

The Mayor received a call from a company seeking to run fiber lines through the Village. Not much detail was shared. It appears that they're proposing an underground link between Marysville and Urbana to connect data centers. There is concern about the risk to the sewer collection system. More information will be sought.

Issues with open burning have come up. After consulting with the Fire Chief, it appears that the best option for the Village is to pass an ordinance restricting it. The Fire Chief stated that he would consult with the EPA. There were questions about what was actually being burned. Some believe that it's primarily tree trimmings, others believe that it's construction material which is already prohibited by ordinance. The Mayor stated that the Village and the Fire Department have addressed the issue with the property owner.

The sewer service litigation has been formally resolved since the last meeting. Regionalization is next and the idea of Woodstock and North Lewisburg connecting to Logan County is the current focus and all parties seem to be on board. Logan County is currently working with their engineer to estimate the cost of a connector considering various routes.

6. PUBLIC

Several residents expressed concern about the impact of possible future rates on fixed income residents. This was fueled in part by an article about the settlement recently published in the Marysville paper. Herron stated that the reporter appears to have used the actual settlement agreement as the basis for the story. The current focus is regionalization. Council is required to meet the Village's obligations and failure to do that would result in even higher costs. There is a possibility that the service fees under a contract with Logan County could go either way.

A resident asked about maintenance of the Woodstock system if the Logan County connection happens. Herron stated that, as it stands now, if we do connect Logan County will maintain the lift station and the line to their plant. If in the future we are unable to maintain the collection system, Logan County would reluctantly assume maintenance of that as well. North Lewisburg would contract with Logan County separately.

Urbana resident Alfredo Gutierrez, coordinator for Champaign County Special Olympics, provided information about the organization's successes and services available to Champaign County residents.

Union County resident Melissa Withrow asked why nothing was moving on the Save Our Veterans project. Herron explained that we were notified by North Lewisburg to make no additional tap-ins to our wastewater collection system. Bailey stated that was untrue During this exchange Bailey was reminded several times that ethics rules prohibit him from discussing issues in which he has a personal interest while acting as a member of Council. Herron stated that there are zoning issues and, although approval from North Lewisburg may happen soon, it hasn't happened yet. In addition, Bailey's attorney sent a letter inquiry to the Village. The Village Solicitor provided his attorney with a list of items required before a connection. Withrow stated that the development would be good for Woodstock's image and that the restriction makes no sense since North Lewisburg was considering allowing a 90,000 unit apartment complex.

Resident Peggy Dixon asked about mowing and trash. Herron stated that there is a "noxious weeds" ordinance and the new Administrator should write letters to the property owners. The ordinance allows the Village to contract mowing such properties twice a year and charge the cost to the owner.

Resident asked about the standing water issue behind her property. Herron stated that he contacted Soil & Water Conservation. The conclusion is that the new pond is causing stagnant water to build up to the south. Problems exist on the property to the north as well.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Bailey asked about the status of Ordinance 2025-02 prohibiting new sewer connections and recommended its repeal. Herron stated that as of today we don't have permission to connect and he would not recommend repeal of an ordinance that prohibits connections. A discussion of the approval process likely to be required by North Lewisburg followed.

RESOLUTION 2026-03R – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

Zizzo moved and seconded by Morgan to adopt the tax budget for fiscal year 2027.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
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Roll Call: Current, _A_; Weidner, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _Y_; Polatsek, _A_; Bailey, _Y_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Zizzo moved seconded by Bailey to adjourn.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

This meeting was recorded.

T. Hallinan
Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer

J. Weidner
James Weidner, Council President

Phil Garland, Mayor