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# Village of Woodstock Village Council
## REGULAR MEETING
## Woodstock Municipal Building
## March 9, 2026
## 6:30 P.M.

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

### 2. SET AGENDA

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

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Weidner moved and seconded by Current to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _Y_; Weidner, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _Y_; Polatsek, _A_; Bailey, _Y_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

### 4. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of February were $21,376.29 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling $18,201.00. Expenditures included $2,687 for contract maintenance including repair of grinders, about $5,500 to Covalen for grinder repair parts, $447 to Clemens to electrical repairs at the lift station, and $1,052 to Vadim Software for the annual maintenance agreement for the sewer billing system. Revenue looks good relative to the temporary budget, especially in the General Fund. The Local Government Distribution and Income Tax, for example, are both at 22% of annual budget.

The most recent North Lewisburg invoice (3/3/2026) shows a balance due of $303,171.52.

2023-24 Financial Audit has finally concluded. The only two findings were Fiscal Officer training compliance and insufficient use of Then and Now purchase orders. Copies of the audit report were distributed to Council members and will be posted on the web site.

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

## 5. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor couldn't make the meeting tonight, although she asked for some details about the income tax so that she could provide information to Council about discontinuing it.

## 6. PUBLIC

Residents Jacob and Marlene Reed questioned the basis for recent complaints about goats being kept on their property on N. Main. The Mayor explained that their presence doesn't comply with a current Village ordinance. The Reeds cited other non-domestic animals being kept elsewhere in the Village. The Mayor pointed out that the others were "grandfathered" and that there has never been a statement that action would be taken. Mrs. Reed stated that the animals are medically recommended therapy for a child and presented documentation to the Mayor. The Mayor sated that he would look into the issue. The Reeds further questioned the permissibility of agricultural activity, like beekeeping. Herron stated that agricultural activity is not permitted, but that he would research the issue and provide more information at a future meeting.

Rush Township resident Josh Holland asked a series of questions about the current sewer issue. Q: What is the total number of taps for residents that are in Woodstock? A: 138. Q: When was the start of the legal proceedings between North Lewisburg and the Village of Woodstock? A: August, 2024. Q: How many taps have been added since the legal proceedings started? A: None. There were two zoning permits and taps approved before the legal proceedings and before we were notified by North Lewisburg not to add taps. Q: What is the current Woodstock resident's sewer bill per month? A: $100. Q: When was the bill changed from $75? A: It was changed twice. It was reduced from $75.85 to $55 when we believed that an agreement was imminent in 2022. It went to $100 about eight months ago. Q: When was the amount paid to North Lewisburg last changed? A: $14 per EDU since 2009.
Q: What were North Lewisburg's rates to their own customers? A: $34.50 in 2009, $37.70 in 2024, $50.52 in 2025, and $67.69 in 2026. Comment: North Lewisburg is charging $30+ more to its own residents than Woodstock is. Q: Do we have an estimate of the flow per resident? A: We estimate about 22,000 gal/day. Our flowmeter is currently not working. Q: How long has the flowmeter not been working? A: A while. North Lewisburg has a meter on our line. The flow has been consistent since 2006. Q: The current debt to North Lewisburg is $300,000? A: According to North Lewisburg. Q: When is the next court date? A: Some time in April. Q: How many taps would be required for the SOV development. A: To be determined. Q: Is there documentation of when the flowmeter stopped working? A: Earlier this year.

Resident Nico Frasca asked how the rate evolved from $55 to $100. Herron explained that money has been set aside since the beginning, but it has reached the point that with the possibility of an unfavorable court outcome, attorney fees, and anticipated much higher payments to North Lewisburg, that the higher rates will be needed to maintain operations.

Josh Holland respectfully re-entered the discussion by suggesting the Mayor and Village Administrator resign immediately.

Past difficulties recruiting Council members and members of various boards were discussed with input from many present. No conclusions were reached.

Resident Tearra Amidon lives next to the bar and described extremely negative living conditions due to noise, threats, violence, profanity, and indifference from the owner. She asked that the Village consider a noise nuisance ordinance as the police say that they can't do anything without one.

## 7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The lift station backup pump is out for repair. Rusty has been working on backup grinders and we currently have seven available.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

Bailey asked that the following items be considered in this meeting.

1.) Noise ordinance. The recently-adopted North Lewisburg ordinance seems to be suitable. Hallinan agreed that he would format it for Woodstock for a first reading next month.
2.) Dog leash ordinance. An ordinance covering this is included in the 2009 Ohio Basic Code previously adopted by Council.
3.) Ohio rule for zoning and use Urbana certified zoning officer. Tabled for clarification.
4.) Sell equipment unused for 2 years. Hallinan agreed to list the fire truck on govdeals.com before the next meeting.
5.) Install street signs/poles at all 5 Village limits. This was meant to describe a provision allowing non-profits to hang id signs on the Village limit signs. This item will be tabled until after November.
6.) Rusty's employment status. Herron stated that the current arrangement with Rusty is advantageous to the Village and is working well. It was decide to take no action.
7.) Time required to change a grinder pump. Withdrawn.

Weidner requested Village Administrator compensation be considered for purposes of recruiting Herron's replacement. Hallinan suggested that wage surveys be looked at before action on this item. Council agreed.

Bailey asked if the ballpark is available April 4, at 11:30 for an Easter event with the church. There are no known conflicts.

Weidner stated that he contacted many different engineers for a feasibility study for regionalization. One firm quoted $1,400 to start. It was agreed that a contract is needed. Weidner agreed to pursue that.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-01 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

Current moved and seconded by Weidner to accept Ordinance 2026-01 for annual appropriations for 2026 by major object in title only.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _Y_; Weidner, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _Y_; Polatsek, _A_; Bailey, _Y_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

Current moved and seconded by Morgan to enter executive session to discuss a settlement offer from North Lewisburg.

Roll Call: Current, _Y_; Weidner, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _Y_; Polatsek, _A_; Bailey, _Y_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

Council entered executive session at 7:57PM.
Council returned from executive session at 8:43PM.

Weidner moved and seconded by Bailey to accept the most recent settlement offer presented by North Lewisburg, with amendments attached in this meeting.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _Y_; Weidner, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _Y_; Polatsek, _A_; Bailey, _Y_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

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

This meeting was recorded.

T. Hallinan
Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer

James Weidner
James Weidner, Council President

Phil Garland
Phil Garland, Mayor