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
October 13, 2025
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_; Polatsek, _Y_; Belcher, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _A_.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. SET AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Weidner moved and seconded by Belcher to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _Y_; Weidner, _Y_; Polatsek, _Y_; Belcher, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _A_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

4. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of August were $18,326.27 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling $21,215.61. Expenditures included $14,887 in legal fees and $326 for multi-year web hosting and domain registration.
Two invoices were received from North Lewisburg in August. The most recent (8/12/2025) shows a balance due of $225,780.04.

Belcher moved and seconded by Weidner to accept the financial statements for August 2025 and approve August 2025 expenditures as presented by the Fiscal Officer.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _Y_; Weidner, _Y_; Polatsek, _Y_; Belcher, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _A_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

Total receipts for the month of September were $19,169.50 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling $16,773.36. Expenditures included $7,727 in legal fees and $712 to Koenig for repair of the John Deere.
The most recent North Lewisburg invoice (10/1/2025) shows a balance due of $245,616.88.

Polatsek moved and seconded by Belcher to accept the financial statements for September 2025 and approve September 2025 expenditures as presented by the Fiscal Officer.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _Y_; Weidner, _Y_; Polatsek, _Y_; Belcher, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _A_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

The biennial state audit is picking up speed as a large number of documents were handed over to the contract auditors last week.

A resolution accepting the amounts and rates for the Budget Commission and an ordinance authorizing supplemental appropriations in the Sewer Fund for legal fees will be considered later in the meeting.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Brad and the Mayor are meeting tomorrow with representatives of the Logan County Sewer District to obtain information about their regionalization efforts and Woodstock's possible participation.

6. PUBLIC

Bryant Bailey asked if the zoning for his property is now "multi-use." Herron stated that "cottage style housing" is the term recognized in the amendment. Rusty Pence stated that he had already explained that the limitations imposed by North Lewisburg prevent the issuance of a building permit. Bryant Bailey stated that he had spoken to the EPA and that he was told by them that, because he's unable to connect to the system, they would authorize treatment on-site. He's awaiting documents from them. Herron stated that the Village needs those documents to respond. Attendee Loretta Dillon distributed documents apparently related to the zoning question. They were not reviewed at this meeting.

Rusty Pence asked Council to consider the implementation of the County Building Regulations. He stated that over his 30 years of experience in construction he found that they were beneficial in that they prevent contractors from ripping people off. They ensure that foundations aren't subject to collapse and ensure quality in the installation of electric, plumbing, and HVAC. The Mayor stated that the proposal would be considered. Herron stated that Council may want to consider it after reviewing info Rusty has, but recommends against it.

An attendee asked about the sewer fee structure for residences not connected to the system. He stated that he is referring to the property at 218 W Bennett which he is in the process of purchasing. Herron stated that, in the past, residents with grinder facilities but no building were charged a lesser VAC fee but the Village stopped doing that several years ago when the debt was retired. He stated that we've been in touch with the owner recently and the charges have been stopped. We'll contact them again in the near future.

Attendee Loretta Dillon questioned the timing of Ordinance 2025-02, and asked a number of questions about the Village's actions regarding Bryant Bailiey's project. Herron stated that Bryant's attorney has sent a request for responses and a reply is being worked on.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Herron stated that he had been contacted by Chris Jones with Hillstone Renewable Energy, LLC. They are interested in annexing the idle solar site into the Village. If the Village would

permit the project to proceed after annexation, it would provide significant benefit to the Village. Herron suggested that Council read the letter before deciding how to proceed.

North Lewisburg has reached out again to the Logan County Sewer District regarding regionalization. The Logan County Commissioners have discussed this proposal. It's hoped that the discussion tomorrow will yield a better feel for the possibility a cooperative connection with North Lewisburg.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2025-05R – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Belcher moved and seconded by Current to accept the County Auditor's amount ($6,000) and tax rate (1.2) for fiscal year 2026.
Floor is open for discussion on the motion.
Roll Call: Current, _Y_; Weidner, _Y_; Polatsek, _Y_; Belcher, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _A_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-03 – AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SEWER FUND

Supplemental appropriations are needed for additional legal assistance associated with current sewer service litigation as follows:

5201-541-341 Accounting and Legal Fees $35,000

Unencumbered funds are available. This is an emergency ordinance.
Belcher moved and seconded by Current to make supplemental appropriations in the Sewer Fund.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _Y_; Weidner, _Y_; Polatsek, _Y_; Belcher, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _A_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

The Mayor proposed that Trick or Treat in the Village take place on Thursday, October 30, from 6:00 to 8:00PM.
Zizzo moved and seconded by Belcher to set Trick or Treat in the Village as stated by the Mayor.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _Y_; Weidner, _Y_; Polatsek, _Y_; Belcher, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _A_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

Weidner moved and seconded by Zizzo to enter executive session to discuss on-going litigation.
Floor is open for discussion on motion.
Roll Call: Current, _Y_; Weidner, _Y_; Polatsek, _Y_; Belcher, _Y_; Zizzo, _Y_; Morgan, _A_.
Motion Carried; _Y_.

Council entered executive session at 7:15PM.
Council left executive session at 8:00PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

This meeting was recorded.

Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer

Council President

Phil Garland, Mayor