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REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | NOVEMBER 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by John Dierksheide

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Clerk was not in attendance.

Ryan Caudill	Mike Thomas	Dan Conner	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanieta Rodriguez
P	A	P	P	P	P

GUESTS – Lauren Cox – Risingsun Community Corp. Update

Golf Cart Parade – Saturday Dec. 6th – Come dress up your golf cart, utv with lights and we will loop around the village and land back at Central Park for the tree lighting and hot coco.

Officer board meeting in December for the establishment of the 501C3. All meeting will be suspended until March.

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting September 23, 2025.

1st: Rodriguez 2nd: Conner All in favor – Y Thomas – Absent

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting SPECIAL MEETING – ZONING September 18, 2025.

1st: Morse 2nd: Thomas

All in favor – Y Caudill / Woodruff – Absent

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT and FINANCE COMM. – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk (Comm. Morse, Rodriguez, Vacant)

Morse – Reviewed bank statements, discussed uncashed checks Gena to look into. Discussed camera quote for 2026 upgrade and was in favor of running cords in conduit for clean and secure install.

MOTION: To accept emailed reports/financials.

1st Morse 2nd Rodriguez

All in favor (yes) Motion passed Thomas - Absent

STREET COMM. / STREET DEPT. – (Conner, Woodruff, Thomas) – Mike Cox “Town Man” – St. Dept.

- Water issue: Holman arrived and was unable to drop in a new pump. So, the next course of action will be a new well to be installed for 9000.00.
- Weather coming in no salt on the truck.
- Planer has been purchased it is on site and has been used. Will be very useful maintaining the gravel alleys within the village.

FIRE DEPT. – Chief Mike Cox.

- 5 people to take the basic EMT class in 2026 totaling 16000.00
- Hose testing done in November.
- Applied for a grant.
- Need new tires for the Pierce Engine due to the age and regulations surrounding that.

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Nick Baker

- Nothing to report.

ZONING REPORT – David Feahr (President of Zoning Board)

- Ordinance 854 to be reviewed. This ordinance was created however, never passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Police cruiser – What will be the plan going forward to procure a new police car as the current one is a 2017.
Rodriguez asked if we really need a SUV. Morse reacted that Tahoe vs Explorer is about a 12,000-difference meaning the Tahoe would be significantly more expensive. Morse also stated that to procure and outfit a new police vehicle that a SUV would be 40 – 50 thousand and that a car would be around 34,000.
- Fraud Training – Most everyone has taken the course. Gena will reach out to those who have not.
<https://ohioauditor.gov/trainings/fraud.html>

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance 2025-010** – An ordinance amending 2024-014 as a supplement to the 2025 annual appropriations, and declaring and emergency
Motion: 1st Morse 2nd Woodruff AIF Y
No Vote / Abstain: Thomas Absent
- Capital needs for all departments for budgeting the 2026 year.

General Fund Transfer funds to park and initiate a levy in 2026. Mayor and Fiscal Officer looked into the funds generated by the past levy and feel that \$4 -5,000 would be a good number.

Cybersecurity HB96 working with Dean to see what amount of funds we will need for additional equipment.

* Fire Dept and Police Dept. should reach out to Dean to see if they will need addition equipment or upgraded equipment.
Assuming \$5500. Will meet with Dean this will cover Technology Solutions labor as well. Gena stated that this figure was high however, more discussions will be had.

Cameras for Hall \$6000. Joe Clinger and Shawn Beckley to install. How will they be compensated? Gena to look into this.

Flags w/ new hardware for Main Street. Budgeting for 10 poles at \$150.00/pole = \$1500.00
Rodriguez asked if these would be American Made flags. Cox responded Yes.

Subscriptions and equipment costs out to 2029 for police.
Body Camera – \$2800.
Dash Camera - \$5100.
Tasers - \$2000.

Compensation for Install of Cameras - \$3000.

MOTION: To allow Chief Beckley and Sergeant Clinger to install cameras and be paid from the General Fund.

1st Rodriguez 2nd Morse AIF – Yes Thomas – Absent

Total for Gen Fund: \$25400.

Street Dept. \$14500. For an alley fix.

Fire Dept purchase of new hose. -\$5000. Cox stated the hose had timed out. The purchase would be for TAC hose and not LDH as it is hard to get and more expensive. Cox also stated the Dept. would try for a grant for the LDH hose in the future.

Purchase of new gear -\$8000.

EMT Class for Fire Dept – Est. \$16000.

Tires for Pierce engine – \$6000.

Helmets (new vol. only) - \$2000.

Jaws of Life – \$15000.

Pagers - \$2500.

Total: 54,500.

(Gena to meet with Mike to get any additional items on the list)

TOTAL: \$113832.



- 2026 Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat. Due to the Holiday landing on Saturday the 31st we will need to decide when the festivities will happen. Most likely someone will want the hall for Sat. Oct. 31. The Sat. before would be Oct. 24th. Rodriguez stated she would like to discuss at their upcoming meeting.

- Flyers for the Christmas Party on Dec. 12th will be going out this week.
- Tim and Barb Weber from Burgoon donated a fiber optic tree for the Park Building. Thank you!

MOTION: To Adjourn 1st Morse 2nd Conner All in favor (yes) motion passed.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting December 23, 2025 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall

Finance Meeting: December 23, 2025 @ 5:45p.m.


Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk
John Dierksheide
Mayor