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REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | DECEMBER 23, 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	Juanietta Rodriguez
P	P	P	P	P	P

GUESTS – No Guests

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting November 25, 2025.

1st: Morse 2nd: Rodriguez All in favor – Y

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 Rodriguez 2nd Morse

All in favor (yes) Motion passed Thomas - Absent

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

- Police Garage Door is not working will look into this after the first of the year.

FIRE DEPT. – *Chief Mike Cox.*

- Did not rec. the Marcs Radio Grant.
- Will be working with Wayne and Bradner on a grant for additional fire hose.

POLICE DEPT. – *Chief Nick Baker*

- Nothing to report.

ZONING REPORT – David Fehr (President of Zoning Board)

- Furniture on side of roads. Need to look into ordinance.
- Loose trash coming from trash dumpsters.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Police cruiser – (info brought forward in light grey)** 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. Morse
What will be the plan going forward to procure a new police car as the current one is a 2017. We will need to get a plan in order. C. McCafferty did state the General Fund could transfer to the Police Capital Fund with the intent to purchase a cruiser. This would require legislation and follow the RC 5705.13. Morse - added property tax issue at the state level will possibly be an issue going forward with procuring a Police Cruiser.
- **Fraud Training –** Most everyone has taken the course. Gena will reach out to those who have not. T. Woodruff / Ryan Caudill are the two remaining that need to take the class. Mayor Dierksheide – Get this done.
<https://ohioauditor.gov/trainings/fraud.html>

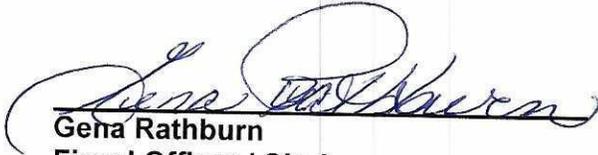
NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance 2025-011 –** An ordinance amending 2024-014 as a supplement to the 2025 annual appropriations, and declaring an emergency
Motion: 1st Woodruff 2nd Thomas **AIF Y**
No Vote / Abstain:
- **Ordinance 2025-012** Adopting the 2026 Fiscal Recovery Plan
Motion: 1st Morse 2nd Caudill **AIF Y**
Roll Call – Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Woodruff – Y, Caudill – Y, Thomas – Y, Connor - Y
No Vote / Abstain:
- Ordinance 2025-013** Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Permanent Appropriations and Declaring an Emergency
Motion: 1st Rodriguez 2nd Morse **AIF Y N**
Roll Call – Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Woodruff – Y, Caudill – Y, Thomas – Y, Connor - Y
No Vote / Abstain:
- Morse asked if the new cameras for the Village Hall was approved. – Gena replied Yes.
- Rodriguez – Wanted to thank Dan Connor for his service to the village.

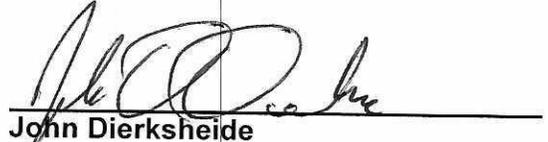
MOTION: To Adjourn 1st Connor 2nd Morse All in favor (yes) motion passed.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting January 27, 2026 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall

Finance Meeting: Always the same day @ 5:45p.m.



Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk



John Dierksheide
Mayor