



# Village of Risingsun

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## REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | JANUARY 27, 2026

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Clerk was not in attendance.

Ryan Caudill	Mike Thomas	VACANT	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanietta Rodriguez
P	P	-	P	P	P

### ELECT PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE (PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL)

**Nominations:** Woodruff nominated Juanietta Rodriguez, Morse nominated Juanietta Rodriguez. No other nominations were made.

**MOTION:** To elect Juanietta Rodriguez as President Pro Tempore.

1<sup>st</sup> : Morse 2<sup>nd</sup> : Caudill All in favor - Y

**GUESTS** – No Guests

**MOTION:** Accept minutes from previous meeting December 23, 2025.

1<sup>st</sup>: Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup>: Woodruff All in favor – Y

### FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT and FINANCE COMM. – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk (Committee TBD )

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.

1<sup>st</sup> Morse 2<sup>nd</sup> Rodriguez  
All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**STREET COMM. / STREET DEPT. – (Committee TBD)– Mike Cox “Town Man” – St. Dept.**

- Looked at scrape edge on snowplow it is getting worn. Spoke with Truland and M & D Auto. Both locations came back with a cost of around \$1000.00. This would take care of 2 – 5’ edges for both sides of the snow plow.
- Happy to report that everyone in the village did a great job of removing vehicles off the surface streets to allow for plowing during the late January snow.
- Trained Perry Hartley in the plow as he is an auxiliary back up for the Street Dept.
- M. Cox will be out of town the first weekend in Feb.
- Cleaning and painting trash cans for the village that were purchased off gov deals and are being refurbished using electrolysis to remove rust then painting to refresh.

**MOTION:** To replace scrape edge on the snow plow and use M & D Auto to replace (Boss Plow Dealer)

1<sup>st</sup> Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> Morse

AIF – Yes

**FIRE DEPT. – Chief Mike Cox.**

- Rich Brown from Atlantic will be in to measure the new volunteers for turn out gear. We have a total of 4 new volunteers getting measured.
- Fire school coming up.
- Cinnamon roll sale will be coming in March.

**POLICE DEPT. – Chief Nick Baker**

- Nothing to report.

**ZONING REPORT – David Feahr (President of Zoning Board)**

- On pause as we are lacking volunteers due to work schedules and other circumstances. The Zoning will start back up in March.

**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  
Nothing new to report.
- Fraud Training – This is complete. All new employees and elected officials and volunteers going forward will need to complete this every 4 years.  
<https://ohioauditor.gov/trainings/fraud.html>

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Form Committee(s):** Mayor Dierksheide asked the council to decide what comm. they would like to sit on for the year.  
**STREET: Woodruff, Caudill, Thomas**  
**FINANCE: Rodriguez, Morse, Vacant**
  
- **Ordinance 2026-001** An Ordinance Enacting A Public Records Request Policy and Declaring and Emergency  
**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Morse 2<sup>nd</sup> Rodriguez AIF Y**  
**No Vote / Abstain:**
  
- **1<sup>st</sup> Read - Resolution 2026-001** A Resolution of the Village of Necessity to RENEW the 4 year 1.3 Mill Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation Which was Passed November 7, 2023 to Provide Additional Funds for the Current Expenses of the Village  
**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Woodruff 2<sup>nd</sup> Morse AIF Y N**  
**No Vote / Abstain:**  
**Roll Call Vote:**Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Woodruff – Y, Caudill – Y, Thomas - Y
  
- **1<sup>st</sup> Read - Resolution 2026-002** A Resolution of the Village of Necessity to RENEW the 5 year 6.3 Mill Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation Which was Passed November 2, 2021 to Provide Additional Funds for the Current Expenses of the Village  
**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> Caudill AIF Y N**  
**No Vote / Abstain:**  
**Roll Call Vote:**Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Woodruff – Y, Caudill – Y, Thomas - Y
  
- **1<sup>st</sup> Read - Resolution 2026-003** A Resolution of the Village of Necessity to ENACT an Additional 5 year .5 Mill Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the Maintenance and Improvement of Village Park Land.  
**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Morse 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas AIF Y N**  
**No Vote / Abstain:**  
**Roll Call Vote:**Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Woodruff – Y, Caudill – Y, Thomas – Y
  
- **Park Cleaning Position** - has been posted and we received 4 applicants. Mayor Dierksheide handed this over the Street Comm. to review, interview and make recommendations.
  
- **Open Council Seat** – Clerk will post on Facebook and will keep posting open for until the 9<sup>th</sup> of Feb. Mayor Dierksheide asked that the Street Comm. review and recommend to council and Mayor.

**MOTION:** To Adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> Morse All in favor (yes) motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting February 24, 2026 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall  
Finance Meeting: Always the same day @ 5:45p.m.

  
Gena Rathburn  
Fiscal Officer / Clerk

  
John Dierksheide  
Mayor