

Fredericksburg Village Council Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Convene / Establish Quorum:

Roll call: Barb Yutzy, Jean Spencer, Missy Sidle, Lucas Martin, Jenny Reed

Others: Joe Chupp, Mayor; Shawn McKelvey, Fiscal Officer; Barbara Biro, Solicitor

Library Minute: Charlotte Cutting- Soup supper is scheduled for February 22. The meal will be from 5-6:30pm that will include salad, rolls, desserts, and drinks at the Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church. Entertainment provided by Honeytown Band will begin at 7pm. Story walk in the park will open sometime in the Spring with more information to come.

Visitors: Edna Wade, Corrine Stanley, Mary Ann Duncan, Robert Collins, Gary Sands, Phyllis Miller, Logan Shirk, Mick Stebelton, Tim Miller, Jerry Herman, Connie Herman

Corrine Stanley- Asking if Council could reinstall the mirror at the intersection of Jackson and Mill Streets. Mayor Chupp will check with the Street Superintendent. Ms. Stanley has concerns with the increase in water rates. Mayor Chupp explained that water upgrades are needed due to Ohio EPA guidelines on manganese. The water rate increases are necessary to receive this \$500,000 grant and also aligns us with the median household income throughout the Village.

Edna Wade expressed her concern with the water rate increase as some of the Village residents live off Social Security and may not be able to afford such an increase. Ms. Wade living outside the Village will be checking on the cost of installing a water well. Ms. Wade is also concerned with the cost of Kimble. Mayor Chupp explained that we are still under contract which locks us in at a rate for those years which is lower than the outlying rural areas

Phyllis Miller also expressed concerns with the water rates and those who have fixed incomes. Ms. Miller states water rates have been climbing over the past few years.

Tim Miller expressed concern why the Village's rates are more than the City of Wooster and claims the City of Wooster has water, sewer and trash at a lower rate than what we are paying in the Village.

Mick Stebelton explained that manganese is in most water, however the Ohio EPA over the years has developed a set of standards to decrease and/or remove manganese from public water sources putting a strain on small Villages to improve water systems to remove such materials.

Mayor Chupp explained the process of how the new water system will work. The original price for new wells and a system would have cost the Village \$4-\$5 million dollars. With constant discussions with the Ohio EPA over the past few years, the Village and the Ohio EPA agreed the existing wells could be used, but improvements would need to be made along with a filtration system. Current estimates of this system would cost the Village around \$1.4 million dollars. Mayor Chupp is confident this new system will be much better for all and once this is completed, the Village can continue improving outdated water lines and hydrants.

Connie Herman- Asking if Council could place topsoil where trees have been removed at the park. Mayor Chupp will contact Les Miller to take a look at. Questions pertaining to the basketball and pickleball court should be directed to Paul Miller.

Gary Sands- Can Council meeting minutes be placed on the website. Ms. Reed has been talking with our developer to do so.

Sheriff's Office Report: Sheriff Deputies are seen in the Village which is a good sign. Ms. Sidle would like to see if we can get monthly reports as we did a few years ago. We still have issues with vehicles parking on the wrong side of the street. Everyone is instructed to notify the Wayne County Sheriff's Department for any and all issues that are seen. Still waiting for a contract.

Street Administrator Report: Some potholes need to be filled and will be completed when the weather warms up.

South Central Fire District Representative Report: Asbestos is beginning to be removed from the Elementary School building and is scheduled to take 5 weeks.

Mayors Report: Joe Chupp: Mick Stebelton has a plat map change that needs approval after purchasing a neighboring property. Plat map was shown to Council for approval.

To approve the updated plat map as shown to Council

Motion Reed	Second Spencer	Vote	Yutzy-Yes Martin-Abstain Reed-Yes Spencer-Yes Sidle-Yes
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Fiscal Officer Reports: Shawn McKelvey

1. Approve Meeting Minutes dated January 13, 2025:

Motion Martin	Second Sidle	Vote All Yes
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2. Approve Current Financial Reports from January 2025:

Motion Spencer	Second Reed	Vote All Yes
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Legislature:

1. Ordinance # 2024-20 Vacation of Alleys East-West to Mill St. and North-South to Decatur St.- Final Reading

Motion Yutzy	Second Sidle	Vote	Yutzy- Yes. Martin-Yes Reed- Abstain Spencer-Yes Sidle-Yes
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2. Ordinance # 2025-1 Permanent Appropriations for 2025

Suspend the Rules:	Motion Yutzy	Second Martin	Vote All Yes
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Pass Legislation:	Motion Spencer	Second Reed	Vote All Yes
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3. Resolution # 2025-2 Appointing Member of Village Council for the Unexpired Term

Pass On Emergency:	Motion Martin	Second Yutzy	Vote All Yes
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Oath of Office: Logan Shirk appointed to Village Council term ending 12/31/2025.

Business:

1. Appointment of Council members to Committees and Boards:

- a. Subdivision/Planning Committee: Mr. Martin, Ms. Reed, Tanya Chupp, Joe Arthur
- b. Park & Recreation Committee: Ms. Reed, Ms. Yutzy, Jenny Miller (church), Connie Herman (resident)
- c. Board of Tax Appeals: Ms. Reed, Logan Shirk, Kate Yurick (resident)
- d. Personnel Committee: Ms. Sidle, Ms. Spencer, Mayor, Logan Shirk
- e. Street Committee: Mr. Martin, Ms. Yutzy, Logan Shirk
- f. Website Committee: Ms. Reed, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Sidle, Logan Shirk

Mayor appoints the above committee assignments for 2025

2. Manganese & Water Well update:
Continuing to wait on the Ohio EPA for final review approval. Engineering Associates will contact the Ohio EPA at the end of the month if review has not been received. This is time sensitive due to the deadline for spending grant funding.
3. N. Mill Street Dairy (Water & Sewer Issues) Keep on Agenda
4. Welcome to Fredericksburg Signs
Waiting for the weather to warm up before signs can be installed.
5. Tax Levy for Full-time Employment
Ms. Reed has sent Council a draft survey for review and some options. Residents will have the option to drop off the survey to the PO Box and the water drop box.
6. Other
Ms. Sidle proposed a Community ran, donation-based Farmers Market to be held at the park from late April-October. This could be held twice a month from 8am-noon on specific Saturdays. Council will look at the current Lease with the church.

Citizen’s comments: (limited to (3) three minutes per person per subject)

Applying for the open Council seat- each applicant gave a summary of their backgrounds.
 Robert Collins
 Logan Shirk
 Jerry Herman- due to conflict of interest with the Wayne County Health Board, he is unable to run.

Executive Session #1

At 8:06pm, Ms. Yutzy motioned and Ms. Reed seconded to proceed into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss personnel matters. Roll Call Vote: Yutzy-Yes, Martin-Yes, Reed-Yes, Sidle-Yes, Spencer-Yes

At 8:23pm, Mr. Martin moves, and Ms. Reed seconds to exit out of executive session. Roll Call Vote: Yutzy-Yes, Martin-Yes, Reed-Yes, Sidle-Yes, Spencer-Yes

Personnel Committee is requesting Council consider the hiring of a new street employee Dan Dorue. To hire Dan Dorue as a part-time street employee at the rate of \$20/hr for 20 hrs per week, beginning a 90-day probation period as of March 1st, 2025.

Motion Spencer Second Sidle Vote All Yes

Executive Session #2

At 8:25pm, Mr. Martin motioned and Ms. Reed seconded to proceed into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss the appointment of a member to the vacant seat of Council. Roll Call Vote: Yutzy-Yes, Martin-Yes, Reed-Yes, Sidle-Yes, Spencer-Yes

At 8:35pm, Ms. Spencer moves, and Mr. Martin seconds to exit out of executive session. Roll Call Vote: Yutzy-Yes, Martin-Yes, Reed-Yes, Sidle-Yes, Spencer-Yes

(See Resolution 2025-2 and Oath of Office above for appointment of the vacant Council seat)

Motion to pay bills:	Motion Martin	Second Spencer	Vote All Yes
Motion to adjourn:	Motion Martin	Second Reed	Vote All Yes

Next regular meeting will be March 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church.

I certify that the above is a reasonable accounting of the action and business of the Fredericksburg Council on February 10, 2025.

Shawn McKelvey, Fredericksburg Fiscal Officer