

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE

Village Council Meeting

February 2, 2026

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on February 2, 2026 with Jerry Siebert and Beverly Coomer members present. Charles Elliott was absent.

Tammy Keller and Lyndsey Marshall was sworn in.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, Travis Stone, Tim Saylor, and David Grimes. Public: Cheryl Pierce, Heather Gulley, Steve Marshall, Donald Schindel, Paul Riley, Dale Owsley and Angela Marlow.

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Justin sworn in Tammy Keller and Lyndsey Marshall.

Melissa – I will need both ladies to fill out the forms.

Jerry – can we do anything about the K9 money? Move it to the general?

Melissa – I don't think we can but I will ask Sheila (the one training me).

Public Participation

Justin – asked Paul Riley if he wanted to speak tonight.

Paul – Yes. Thanked everyone for allowing him to come. He stated he will be running for the Brown County Commissioner. Will be dropping his petition off on Tuesday to get it certified. Wanted to take the opportunity to meet everyone. Wanted the opportunity to see what's going on in the different Village's within the county. This month he is taking the time to visit council meetings within all the Village's. I want to keep doing this if he is elected. He doubts there has ever been a commissioner here. The main reason why he is here is he wants transparency throughout brown county. It starts right here in every county office like this. His assessment in Hamersville when it comes to transparency to the public, right now today, a total F. He went through the Village website it's a blank page. The tax payers that fund this Village pays for that website with that in mind they deserve to have the opportunity to have transparency on anything and everything that happens during these meetings.

Justin – I think Travis made the website with his own money.

Travis – no was not with my own money. I volunteered my time.

Paul – and I understand. Nobody really exactly knew why I was even coming here to talk about tonight. I'm not holding everybody to the fire right this second. This is the opportunity to start heading in the right direction. And that's why I wanted to address you guys. Some ideas of what you guys can do. Some things you guys can do that is relatively inexpensive that provides that level of transparency everybody in the public. Cause frankly let's face it not everybody can be at

these meetings. People have families, jobs, soccer, etc the whole nine yards. My question to the council is why is there no option for livestreaming available.

Justin – we have no problem with it.

Paul – Ok. Like I said on the website things need to be addressed like getting a calendar up so people know when the meetings are, having clickable links where they can get to them when they get off work. Cause just like you guys they all have jobs and businesses and family and stuff.

Justin – that's why we made a Facebook page. So, people can get it out. I would say the word gets out pretty good on there. Compared to where it was. We differently moving, we've been moving in the right direction.

Paul – out of all the county websites I have seen, Hamersville is probably the only one to where you still have to come to the Village office to make your payments. If you get a ticket, water bill things of that nature. That's something else that could differently be addressed. It's a pretty easy fix.

Jerry – we are waiting for the upgrade. We are in line. Basically we paid for the upgrade but we are in a line waiting for the upgrade to where you can pay online of that nature.

Tim – you can pay online now.

Justin – that's what I thought.

Paul – but not from the website.

Tim – you can from the mobile one. For some reason desktop won't let you do it but if you get on your phone, it has a pay utility.

Paul – but see where I'm getting at the inconsistencies of this. Being able to find to find information. Like who answers the email address that's on the bottom of web page.

Justin - Which one?

Paul – the one that's on the bottom left corner.

Justin – the mayor

Paul – yeah I guess the mayor one

Justin – I do. I'm the only one that has access to it

Paul – do you check it

Justin – yeah I got it. I told Melissa. We're on it.

Paul – so you got the public record request

Justin – yes

Paul – awesome. That's great. Sounds like it to me you guys are well on your path you know so how long do you think it will take for you to get some of these things implemented

Justin – I don't think there is anything I've tried to hide or turned down. So the idea that we've not given everything over a bit weird.

Paul – its not so much that you're trying to hide anything its just the perception of not being able to see it creates an opportunity to for doubt. Just like some of things going on with the mega site over in Mt. Orab. Are the people that are involved in this doing varies things, not likely, but because of the secrets and hidden stuff, the stuff that you're not able to access easily it creates a shadow of doubt. I know all you guys here are good people. You all work, you put your boots on just like everybody else you didn't come and apply for this job and get signatures on your petitions because you wanted to rack cash out of the Village of Hamersville because I know there's not much to be had but at the end of the day I mean if you guys are willing to make these steps I am willing to work with you, once I get in the commissioners role I am totally willing to work with you on these things. To where if you need help getting any of these things taken care of, I am a pretty resourceful guy, I can figure it out.

Justin – we appreciate it and the things you mentioned we've all talked about it several times in the past, correct? We've tried to tackled those issues but with limited funds you kind of got to be smart with your approach more than just throwing it

Paul – so you are interested in moving forward

Justin – yes, this is some things we've talked about numerous times.

Paul – sounds like Hamersville is well on the way

Justin – did we have the online payment before I got in

Tim – yes, its just on brown county

Travis – that's the one Eid made up

Paul – well you took all the mojo right out of everything I put together because you're willing to compromise

Paul – when a government comes together and agrees with their people it is a beautiful thing

Justin – that's why I sent you a message if you ever have any questions let me know. And I honestly can say anybody that has ever sent me a message with an issue in the Village I've helped them.

Paul – for future reference when you get those public records request its nice to confirm that you got it

Justin – got it

Paul – alright. That's all I got for you guys. Enjoy the rest of your meeting. I'm going to sit over here and mind my business.

Melissa – you didn't really call the meeting to order, you didn't do the pledge.

Justin – oh yeah. We need to do the pledge.

Justin led us in the pledge.

Angela – I would like to add to that. He said we have a Village website, we do. We have literally scanned all of our minutes, ordinances, and resolutions into the computer but not accessible to the public. Which brings me to the next thing, I sent a records request to be able to receive these meetings prior to the meetings. I've been going back and forth with Melissa and Mr. Grimes sent me something saying that council decided, council never took a vote, plus revised code said those meetings are to be prepared promptly and posted, prior to this meeting. So why you withholding these minutes from me for these meetings, this meeting, which I spoke and you are putting what I speak in them? They are drafts which they are covered on the Ohio Sunshine Law. And I guess I am just losing patience with this. So, are we going to fix that?

Melissa – Mr. Grimes

Mr. Grimes – well there is nothing to fix. I gave you right out of the Ohio Sunshine Law manual there is no clear answer rather that is consider a public record.

Angela – you set precedence.

Mr. Grimes – I am not going to talk to you, you won't let me explain it so no.

Justin – he told Mr. Grimes to go ahead.

Mr. Grimes – its what we have talked about before. I read it right out of the manual there's no clear law precedence on when it is exactly public record. Obviously at some point it is public record and we have to disclose it. Even though the Sunshine Law manual basically said there's a grey area as far as when it becomes a public record. That's why you guys need to decide how you want to handle it. You can support it either way. I don't know that you have to give them to her the same time you guys get them for review.

Angela – but it does say to prepare promptly and post. So why does it matter if I get them today if its supposed to be prepared promptly and posted?

Mr. Grimes – you also know with a small Village there's leeway as far a how quickly we even have to respond to your request. There's nothing that said that we have to give it to you the moment you ask for it. You know that. You know that.

Angela – I have a running records request with this Village for council packets. I was getting the minutes, I've been refused the minutes, we set a precedent. I've told you the Ohio Law I've told to write rough draft. To me its not grey.

Justin -I've got a copy right here, as soon as they approve them ill get you a copy

Mr. Grimes – its whatever you guys want to do

Angela – ok, I want to move on. Hopefully you guys settle that cause I don't want to go to court.

Mr. Grimes – yes you do

Angela – no I don't

Heather – that's not going to help the Village at all tho

Angela – listen but its not going to help the Village.....

Angela – ok, Mr. Grimes, I am approaching the table, is that ok? Jerry would you mind reading this? Right here, what that said.

Jerry – where at?

Angela – I've got it circled

Jerry – oh. Ok council approval (it was a plot of land that was surveyed for sale of a property, Jerry read it.)

Angela – I want you to ask your lawyer does council approve that? Or your mayor and fiscal officer and I want you to know that date was before our fiscal officer was even hired.

Justin – I am tiring to think of what that lot is. Is that that empty lot is the grown-up lot?

Angela – we've done about 12 lots without going through council has sent to the ethics commission. Everything comes before council. Building, zoning, planning, platting.

Mr. Grimes – so what's your question?

Angela – my question is why my mayor and fiscal officer signing that why is my fiscal officer signing that prior to being fiscal officer and why are they signing that without a council vote? And then turn it into the county?

Angela – there's a bunch you haven't voted on with this council.

Justin – yes it needs to be done right.

Angela – so do I need to get them all and have council. And your Village needs to know when they go to plan, build, plat they are to come to this council

Beverly – who signed off on that

Justin – I did but I don't know why I did

Angela – and she wasn't even hired yet. The dates wrong.

Justin – I need to see the original

Beverly – are we replating a piece of land? What if we vote on it tonight? I didn't vote on it.

Angela – ask your lawyer I don't know why it is getting by here. It's consistent.

Guy – which property is that?

Justin – High Street and Walnut

Angela – who turns this into the county? Who is going to the GIS site? Who's going to the engineer's office with these? Who's takes these from Hamersville to the Engineers office?

Beverly – should be Sutton

Mr. Grimes – typically the landowner gets these. It's the landowner.

Melissa – I think I remember this here being an issue between auditors had it posted someplace but the treasurer had it posted to a different owner. So, the two owners were going back and

forth who owned it and that was a mistake from the treasurer's office and auditor's office all them.

Angela – anyway it has to be done right.

Melissa – they hired the survey to go out there I guess to investigate it

Angela – which you guys didn't even know about it the council

Guy – is that the one they just dropped off a copy of it

Melissa – yes

Angela – my next question is I told you that I was going to be discussing the electric account. I was going to be ripping it apart and talking about it. Here's what I saw in the beginning of 2016 you had 589,000 in your electric account that's when you still had a BPA, you changed to a BPA in 2017. In 2017 you went from 589,000 to 408,000, 2018 408,000 to 267,000, 2019 267,000 to 159,000, 2020 159,000 to 91,000, 2021 91,000 to 82,000. Now 2020 and 2021 is very interesting all of a sudden in our general fund we came up with a new line item that said kilowatt per hour tax. I called the State about it that is a statutory allowed you didn't have the line item before that, it is statutory allowed but in order to add that line item to your finance sheet you have to have an ordinance that creating that new account, which is kilowatt per hour tax. Consistently you are moving your electric account about 30,000 to 35,000 into your general fund for this tax. Another interesting thing that happened in 2020 and remind you your electric contract was renewed mid-2021, so in 2020 all of a sudden for some reason we started paying Duke. Erratically, a Duke bill. Here, there, Duke. And then the next thing we started doing in 2020 prior to the new contract we started sending these kilowatts per hour taxes over to the general fund like I said there was no vote to create that line item or be able to move that money. So.....that being said another thing I ran into, now I would like some answers on this because Sheila's here, and that was during Sheila and you're here and that's during you. So since it didn't go before council and its not in the minutes how did this happen? And we've moved money around accounts, created new accounts and decided were going to switch it around. And this was after your two levies didn't pass for your police department and this was after they said there was not enough money to pay them and all of a sudden, this kilowatt per hour tax is going into your general fund. The next thing is your, the other thing that really got me was your payroll. Your payroll up until 2021 on your financial was showing just 8,000. That's it. 716, 17, 18 whatever, no more than 8,000. Then all of a sudden, we ended up in, let's see if I can find it, 21 or 22 your payroll went up to 380, 000. How did you jump from 8,000 to 386,000 in payroll in a year. Did you switch how you were doing payroll? Was there another account? Were you paying these people subcontractors? Because that was a huge jump. I got that from your paperwork.

Justin – that doesn't make sense. I'll look into that for sure.

Angela – so how did that happen? Where were we paying people from? Were there ever another bank account?

Justin – did you say 2021?

Angela – yeah. Well, let me make sure, I've got to find my right sheet here. And then I wanted to bring up that yes, during this 20 when we changed the kilowatt per hour tax when we started moving it over here without councils' approval its true, that at the same time we used our electric

fund and our water fund to purchase our police department and totally remodeled it. Which was about probably 60,000 each account. And you cannot use utility fund to purchase police things. So....I want to know what happened there?

Heather - Can I ask a question?

Justin - yes, go ahead.

Heather - was there anybody on council today that was in office in 2020?

Angela - yeah

Justin - when did you get in Jerry? 2022?

Beverly - I don't think so

Jerry - 2023. I did ask Angela, I can answer one question because I asked Melissa about it, the Duke, that's for the lift station. Because that's not our power all the way out there so that's why get that

Angela - that started in 2020. We didn't it get prior to 2021.

Jerry - oh. I asked the question, that's the answer I was given

Angela - the amount of checks are writing out of out of our electric fund into our general fund through this kilowatt per hour tax is quite substantial and it isn't monthly it is erotic. You will come to December and there is 6 or 7 of them. It isn't like monthly. Or follows a pattern. Or follows a money amount. The next thing is when you got your utilities raised in July, July bill, everyone said we were losing money. I have no idea how this phenomenon happened but you didn't lose money. You gained money. You gained money and you did a almost 40,000 project out here. So you weren't even losing money even at the new rate at that point, I mean as far a losing big money. We exactly gained in billing. I don't know how it happened it's a mathematic I don't know but that's what happened here's my figures, I took it all from you sheets and all through your records. Broke it down and I really would like some answers how that money being shifted around.

Jerry - could I ask you a question please

Angela - yes

Jerry - that was before 2020 when did you start seeing the Duke bill so we now how far back to look, please?

Angela - Duke bills began 2020, kilowatt per hour tax, I don't know if all the checks written were kilowatt per hour, that's what Melissa told me, some of the checks written to the Village of Hamersville is in small case, some is written in large case and I don't know and I don't know the reason the payroll is so low and all of a sudden jumped 300,000 we were paying everyone as a subcontractor, Guy you were here when that payroll changed like that.

Guy - yeah I am not an accountant, ok, and I wasn't then. I don't know when Sheila first started, I don't remember off the top of my head but you know prior to her starting we had some serious accounting issues

Angela – I went through all of the accounting. There weren't serious issues. I got everything for ten years. And I had to beg for it. So when he is saying records and, no. I still have to beg for stuff.

Guy – I am still having a hard time where you said 8,000 for salaries, is that correct?

Angela – yeah

Guy – and then it went 300,000

Angela – yeah

Guy – I can't ever remember when it was 8,000 a year

Angela – well that's what I am saying Guy. Was there another bank account when it was a BPA? Because the BPA could have been paying those people out of it but somehow, you had a 8,000 payroll you had a 360,000, we don't know if there is another bank account we don't know about, another checking account, where the money come when they paid subcontractors

Guy – there was a few people that were paid as contractors back then but still had water clerks name, but we had him on staff we had fiscal officer we had normal kind of stuff

Angela – when I got wages and earnings chart from the Village from 16 to present there were peoples names with no payroll assigned to them, zero. So, they had to be a subcontractor getting paid from another account. They were getting paid. How were they getting paid?

Guy – that's an accounting issue that is above my head and I don't have control over it

Angela – well can I get those important questions answered? And can I please get the minutes before the meeting? Because I am speaking. I am in those minutes. You guys want approval. You guys can put something in there that I didn't say. And I have no choice but and its record. I can't even correct my own language.

Justin – nobody is denying you tho

Angela – I have been fighting for 5 months

Justin – hold on, hold on, you are going to have to let me respond. We've been letting you speak for quite a while so. Let me respond. The lawyer just said we need to put some kind of policy as far as that its not real clear either way. Once we do that, I'll follow what's the council puts forward.

Angela – well it just took a while. And also, can I have ordinance for the KWH per hour tax, new line item that's going into the general fund? You're not going to find it. It just appeared.

Beverly – it doesn't exist

Justin – ok. Well I've got to look into it

Jerry – and Angela I do have one possible answer because I've dug into this when you mentioned it to me. Tim found this and him and Melissa dug for it ORC 5727.81 here on page 3 it literally. Jerry reads the ORC.

Angela – I called the State Auditor ok and I explained it and it is statutory allowed to have that line-item account. You have to vote on it as a council. You just don't need to say oh here this is and we're just goin to uh

Jerry – ok alright forgive me cause I thought your question was why was it going into the general fund because I remember we were discussing pretty much everything stays the same if it's a water fund it can only go to water, electric, trash, all down the line. Forgive me I thought your question was why is an electric credit being pushed into the general fund

Angela – yes the council has that choice, we have that choice that why statutory you have to create that line item as an ordinance

Melissa – I do know that line item was already here when Sheila started she checked to see what Tammie was putting it into and she followed what Tammie was doing

Angela – no cause it didn't start til 20 and Sheila was here in 19

Jerry – ok alright sorry I thought I was answering it

Justin – we need to get moving on

Angela – ok thank you I appreciate it

Justin – anybody else have anything. We need to do our interviews first, real quick. We need to have that the spot filled first.

Melissa – they can't vote on the minutes tho

Justin – should we do the interviews first for the open spot?

Mr. Grimes – that's your call if, what do you have right now? Five filled seats?Mr.

Justin – yes

Mr. Grimes – quorum is a majority so it will be 3 of your 5 if you got 3 people here you can have a meeting. So its just to you proceed from there within your meeting

Justin – you guys good with that

Melissa – now with the meeting minutes from December, two was not in December the other two were

Mr. Grimes – they should abstain the ones that weren't

Jerry – since Bev and I were the only two that were here in December

Mr. Grimes – still it would go by the majority of the two that can vote and if there is a tie between you two the mayor would break the tie

Justin – so let's do the interview and we'll get into the minutes and then we'll get into the thick of it

Beverly – interview for what?

Justin – council spot

Beverly – ok

Justin – don't make sense to back pack

Beverly – asking for clarity

Jerry – David and could you check would we just create an ordinance for the line item to be added to. We can't back date it but just create an ordinance KWH per hour line item to be added to

Mr. Grimes – yeah if we've missed up at the time then we just have to say

Jerry – Angela you just had a look of disbelieve you just it has to be an ordinance we can only create a line item by ordinance

Angela – yeah right but you have to decide if you want decide if you want your electric dollars to go into your general fund because you are raising our rates and you are moving money out of our account I just said you bought a police station and did a whole remodel now we are taking KWH per hour which comes to quite a bit a month

Jerry – KWH per hour that is that thing right there I handed you it states it goes into the general fund

Angela – it can

Jerry – it states

Angela – I mean you can put it anywhere you want but it is electric money

Jerry – cause I mean I glanced over it and it said it into the general fund so

Angela – ask Mr. Grimes. He's your lawyer

Guy – David, if there is already a State Law govern it, is it necessary to have an ordinance, saying the same thing?

Mr. Grimes – typically no you're talking about, I'm not aware of an electric ordinance if you as administrator are aware of it. If there is a State Law that said that then we wouldn't need a separate ordinance then to prove that

Beverly – is that a State Law Jerry?

Jerry – yes, it is a ORC

Angela – which means it is statutory allowed but you don't have to have it. I called the Auditor of the State. Call them.

Guy – Jerry, you read it does it say it shall go into the general fund or does it say it may go into the general fund

Mr. Grimes – how long we been doing this?

Angela – since 2020 during the pandemic

Mr. Grimes – I am sure we've been audited on that

Guy – yeah, several times

Mr. Grimes – so there's not an issue with the Auditor

Angela – well uh you use Bastin so

Jerry – read the ORC again

Guy – so it said shall. Which means you do not have to have

Angela – but you still have to vote to have the line-item sir and you did not

Jerry – well that's, Angela that's why I was just asking to make this right if we just need to vote to create an ordinance for that line item, cause we already have the line item

Angela – I would double check with your State and see what your option are

Jerry – ok

Jerry – cause Angela, I don't want you to think that I am trying circumvent something but if all we gotta do is create an ordinance that's I thought if we just knock that out of the way

Angela – I understand Jerry but we have lost tons of money out of our utilities and raising our rates above what our suppliers. And we have done somethings with our utility money that wasn't allowed. And I don't want to pay for the mess.

Angela – I would like to see the utilities accounts refunded from the general fund cause they paid for that police station and remodel and that's just not allowed

Justin – what year did that happen?

Angela – uh, 18 / 19, Sheila did all that

Tim – no she didn't

Angela – yes she did I have all the minutes

Tim – I'll get the minutes Angela. It's not true

Angela – it was voted on before she came but she did the paperwork. I have it. I'll show it to ya.

Tim – yeah but it was voted on

Angela – either way she carried through with it

Tim – so you got to make up your mind. You are blaming the council for not voting on something

Angela – well if your fiscal officer

Tim – or you're blaming everybody else for doing something wrong even though the council voted on it

Justin – ok we need to go. Guys, we are moving on. We need to go into executive session we've got Dale, Cheryl, and Heather applying for it. How we've done the other ones is we go into executive session talk about it ill bring one at a time and if we have any questions well ask you then well break from executive session and then we'll hold the vote.

Jerry makes a motion to go into executive session, Beverly seconds, all yes. Time 7:44 p.m. to conduct interviews for council seat.

Council came out of executive session at 8:58 p.m.

Justin – you want to motion Jerry?

Jerry – no sir

Justin – somebody has to

Jerry – we need a motion

Beverly made motion to put Cheryl Pierce on Council. Lyndsey seconded. All yes.

Jerry – I would like to say something. Dale, thank you. Please help us with the committees. Ms. Heather, I've got to tell you, your resume, impeccable and impressive. And we just sat in here and discussed this forever. What I struggled to reconcile with is quite honestly the fact that, if Cheryl had signed her name a half inch north or south with where she signed it, she would already be on council. I mean you have offered to help with a great many things and thank you so much because that is what literally what I have, my stomach has been sitting here in knots thinking about because you could help being so much to the dang table of knowledge we need.

Justin – you don't say

Heather – well I am also friends with everybody so. I am friends with everybody. Melissa, you know I have offered you many of times. That doesn't stop I am still a member of the community.

Justin sworn in Cheryl Pierce

Tim – handed out hand outs of what he brought to the table a discuss concerning different sewer protection plans. Had been brought up late summer last year but was never decided on, at the time it was tabled.

Continued discussion concerning different sewer protection plans.

Guy – updated council where we are at on getting the vac trailer – 6 to 8 weeks before it is built by the manufacturer.

Guy – we need to generate \$1,000 a month for the vac trailer. That's for 60 months.

Guy – wants to revoice his opinion. Whatever plan you decide to do if you're the innocent party on a shared pump charging and you charge half the cost to each party because you cannot determine who has flushed something that gets stuck in the pump he feels is not right.

Jerry – asked Tim to research is \$16 a month enough.

Motion made by Jerry to accept the sewer pump protection plan - draft #2 (See Exhibit A) for the first option presented, Seconded by Cheryl Pierce, All yes.

Tim – handed out packet for the water rate increase. He explained how the water rates are going up for the Village from Brown County Rural Water. He explains aging infrastructure for the main water lines. He shows the water rates that Village of Georgetown is charging their water customers, in town, out of town, commercial rates, etc. He goes over the rate schedules for the

Village of Hamersville that Brown County Rural Water will be increasing to Village. In his hand-outs he has several options for increasing water rates. This is a 5-year plan. This isn't about lining our pockets like we are always accused of. If the Village does have extra money maybe we could upgrade our main water lines to benefit the people.

Angela – it is required that council have two meetings a month by ORC

Cheryl – ORC 705.74

Beverly – asked Mr. Grimes about the ORC Angela was talking about.

Jerry – mentioned that that guy who does all the Village's digging is wanting to retire and the Village is not going to be able to find someone who charges his low rates. The Village will have to buy something because anybody else the Village gets their rates will be extremely high.

Everyone is discussing how expensive the rate will be if they have to call someone in to dig especially if it is an emergency.

Angela – walked out

Motion made by Jerry to go with plan A rate schedule (See Exhibit B) on the water rate increase, seconded by Lyndsey, Cheryl; yes, Tammy; yes, Beverly; no

Motion made by Jerry be to accept the December 29, 2025 meeting minutes, Beverly seconds it, Cheryl; yes. Lyndsey and Tammy both abstain.

Fiscal Officer Report

On ordinance 2025-07, the increasing electric rates I know it's been read three times but I have seen in the minutes when the effective date should be. Effective date will be 1-26 to 2-26 reading dates, billed in march, due date will be March 16th 2026.

Mr. Grimes – read ORC 731.20 that reads no ordinance can take effective till expiration of 10 days after the first publication of such notice.

Motion made by Jerry to pay the bills, Beverly seconds it, All yes.

I have Lyndsey's employee packet, she brought that today. Tammy just got hers today. Just when you can bring that into me, please. I still haven't got Beverly's and Cheryl's I need those. In order for us to pass the audit I need those papers filled out. That is part of my job. I have to have this, so the Village don't in trouble. So, I have to have this. That is the only reason why. Employee filed are locked up.

Last meeting it was brought up by someone, that I didn't know about that someone was complaining that council was not receiving their council packets. Which no one had said anything to me. So, I took it upon myself to cover myself as well as council members can say Melissa did not do her job Justin this is what I filled out so it covers you as well. But I not only did it for council but I also did it for mayor and administrator. Each one gets one. There are different options.

Beverly – can we also include the cash flow sheet in that packet?

Melissa – does everybody want the cash flow sheet too?

Justin – yes. It saves us time too

Melissa – yes that is fine

With the email delivery, I didn't put that in there, it's my fault, do you want it one week before council meeting or the day of meeting?

Justin – the week before.

Melissa – ok, one week before. Keep in mind, when I email these packets to you it will not have all the way up to date. For the payment listing, any bills that were paid after that, I will bring a payment listing from the date I emailed you the packets to the day of the meeting any bills that were paid in that week.

Melissa – if there are any problems, I had no idea that no one was receiving the emails. I am here Monday thru Friday 8 to 4, I close 12:30 to 1 for lunch, well I TRY to close 12:30 to 1 for lunch, it don't always happen, Thursday's I am here from 8 to 12.

Guy – and you have a message machine.

Melissa – yes, just call me. I am not trying to withhold information. I don't care. I am not being mean when I say I don't care but.....

Beverly – I really appreciate you getting that together.

Motion by Beverly to make Jerry protempo of council, Cheryl seconds, all yes, except Jerry.

Beverly – we have the option to go with ORC or American Legal Publishing. American Legal Publishing has got quite expensive. Does anybody object to ORC? Everyone said no.

Mr. Grimes – you do not have to vote to go with ORC. It's the Ohio Revised Code. You only have to vote if you are not using ORC.

Motion by Beverly to adopt ORC, Cheryl seconds, all yes

Beverly – asks about committees

Committees – List

Records

Justin - Chair

Melissa

Jerry

Cheryl

Policy & Procedures

Jerry – Chair

Beverly

Lyndsey

Utilities

Chuck - Chair

Beverly

Jerry

Finance**Beverly – Chair****Tammy****Jerry****Melissa****Tim****IT****Jerry – Chair****Travis****Cheryl****Recreation****Justin - Chair****Dale****Tim****Jerry****Guy****Heather****Grants****Jerry – Chair****Beverly****Tim****Safety****Guy - Chair****Cheryl****Chuck**

Jerry – brought up about the payroll resolution.

Melissa – you don't have to do that. You guys were trying to get it all caught up.

Jerry – it had everybody in the Village.

Melissa – the way you are doing it now if someone gets a raise you do a resolution at that time.

Guy Sutton, Village administrator

Vac trailer all dealings done on that.

Eid is getting on it about the ipad

Duke project on North Avenue. Putting in new gas lines.

Spectrum project at three locations that will generate us a little bit of money for the Village. Back up station.

We have another Frontier pole that needs to be replaced that has high voltage on it. They will furnish the pole but we have to move it over. We have a contractor that will do the high voltage move and install the other stuff for \$2,500. With Louie's pay total cost about \$3,000.

Melissa and I are reviewing the PEP insurance policy to see if there is anything on there that shouldn't be and check the value to see if it needs increased or decreased. PEP has an audit coming up for us. But we usually pass it.

Another thing that is completed is MOU's Memo's of Understanding, all of those are completed but one but that one will be completed this week.

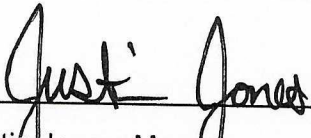
All officer has completed their CPG training of 24 plus hours. Continuing Professional Training. Not including firearms.

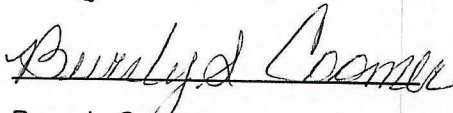
I had bunch of other stuff but it is not essential right now at this point.

Next meeting will be February 23, 2026

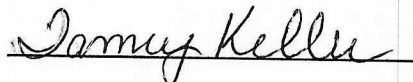
Mr. Grimes – I have a couple things. ORC 149.39 records committee is mayor, fiscal officer, solicitor and citizen appointed by the mayor. The two meetings a month was 705.74 that only applies if you adopt the federal plan as far as how you organize your council so it doesn't apply to us. If you adopted a federal plan then it would apply. Told you before section 3 county, title 5 is townships must of the low number 700's doesn't apply to us, til you get up in the higher 7's.

Beverly makes motion to adjourn at 11:04 p.m. Jerry seconds. All yes.

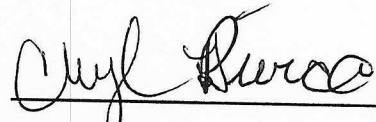

Justin Jones, Mayor


Beverly Coomer

Lyndsey Marshall


Tammy Keller

Jerry Seibert, President


Cheryl Pierce

Charles Elliot


Prepared by: Melissa Zahn
Fiscal Officer

Village of Hamersville Sewer Protection Policy

Purpose

This policy establishes a supplemental sewer protection program to help offset costs associated with sewer pump outs caused by negligence or the introduction of unapproved items into the sewer system.

Monthly Fee

- Residents may elect to participate in the Sewer Protection Program for an additional **\$16.00 per month**, added to the regular sewer bill.

Coverage

- Participation provides up to **two (2) pump outs per calendar year** if the pump is blocked or disabled due to negligence or unapproved items being placed into the sewer system.
- Negligence or unapproved items** include, but are not limited to grease, wipes (flushable or non-flushable), sanitary products, paper towels, foreign objects, or any material not intended for sewer disposal.

Additional Charges

- On the **third (3rd) pump out within the same calendar year**, the resident will be billed **\$150.00 per occurrence**, in addition to any costs for replacement or repair of damaged equipment.
- Any pump replacements or major repairs caused by negligence remain the financial responsibility of the residents.** Starting with the 3rd pump out / visit.

Administration

The Sewer Protection Fee is mandatory for all sewer accounts. The Village of Hamersville reserves the right to amend or terminate this policy as needed to ensure the protection and proper function of the sewer system.

Plan A – Rate Schedule (2025–2029)

Plan A uses annual percentage increases aligned with wholesale cost trajectory.
Commercial and out-of-town adders begin in 2026.

Minimum includes first 2,000 gallons per month; additional use billed per 1,000 gallons.

Year	In-Town Min	In-Town /1k	Commercial Min	Commercial /1k	Out-of-Town Min	Out-of-Town /1k
2025 (Baseline)	\$27.00	\$10.00	\$27.00	\$10.00	\$27.00	\$10.00
2026	\$28.50	\$10.56	\$29.00	\$11.06	\$29.25	\$11.31
2027	\$30.00	\$11.11	\$30.50	\$11.61	\$30.75	\$11.86
2028	\$31.50	\$11.67	\$32.00	\$12.17	\$32.25	\$12.42
2029	\$33.00	\$12.22	\$33.50	\$12.72	\$33.75	\$12.97

Plan B – Alternative Rate Schedule (2025–2029)

Plan B applies fixed-dollar increases each year as proposed.

All classes began at the same 2025 base rate (\$27.00 minimum, \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons).
Minimum includes first 2,000 gallons per month; additional use billed per 1,000 gallons.

Year	In-Town Min	In-Town /1k	Commercial Min	Commercial /1k	Out-of-Town Min	Out-of-Town /1k
2025 (Baseline)	\$27.00	\$10.00	\$27.00	\$10.00	\$27.00	\$10.00
2026	\$27.70	\$10.35	\$27.90	\$10.45	\$28.45	\$10.73
2027	\$28.40	\$10.70	\$28.60	\$10.80	\$29.15	\$11.08
2028	\$29.10	\$11.05	\$29.30	\$11.15	\$29.85	\$11.43
2029	\$29.80	\$11.40	\$30.00	\$11.50	\$30.55	\$11.78