

Village of Hamersville
Village Council Meeting

19 May 2025

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on 19 May 2025. Members present were Beverly Coomer, Dale Owsley, Jerry Seibert, Eid Edaili, Cheryl Toppin, Charles Elliot. Also present were Mayor Justin Jones, Police Chief/Village Administrator Guy Sutton, Travis Stone Police Officer. Tim Saylor Village employee, David Grimes Village Solicitor

Residents; Angela Marlow, Charlene Bronner, AJ McCormick

Meeting was called to order with the pledge at 7:02PM

Justin: We need to set up or reset the iCloud account so that everyone can clock in using Payor.

Eid: we could just set up Gmail accounts that may be easier.

Justin: Need everyone fill out direct deposit for Payor. It's costing us \$22 every time we run Payor to issue checks.

Jerry: I'll call Payor I do not recall this charge when it was set up.

Jayme: There is an issue with crediting sales tax also on the first invoice.

Ordinance 2025-02 was presented. An ordinance adopting the American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2025 Edition, as the code of Ordinances for the Village of Hamersville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency, effective immediately.

Motion by Jerry Seibert to waive and suspend the reading of an ordinance on three separate occasions and declaring it an emergency. Seconded by Eid Edaili. Roll call vote: Eid – Yes; Jerry – Yes; Beverly – Yes; Cheryl – Yes; Chuck – Yes; and Dale – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Eid Edaili to adopt **Ordinance 2025-02**. Seconded by Jerry Seibert. Roll call vote Eid – Yes; Jerry – Yes; Beverly – Yes; Cheryl – Yes; Chuck – Yes; and Dale – Yes. Motion carried and Mayor Jones declared Ordinance 2025-02 adopted.

Justin: Motion to pay bills.

Jayme: Need a permanent appropriation to increase the budget.

Eid: If we are in deficit spending then why?

Jayme: To dedicate that money until it comes into the account

Justin: We should wait that would be fine.

Mr. Grimes: Presented Sewer Tap Fee, junk car ordinance and Grass mowing ordinance.

Guy: The fines need to be \$125 at least. And what about warnings?

Jerry: 1st written warning....30 day notice 7 14 21 days?

Tim: In regard to the tie ins for running water into the sewer system. We could use video evidence if it is tapped directly into the sewer crock. It is tied to the system inside the house we would really have no way of knowing.

Angela: Who would be responsible to ensure these illegal tie ins are corrected and inspected. And what about contractor delays.

Chuck: I know of many plumbers that are a 24-hour operation it should be a problem'

Ordinance for mowing was presented.

Discussed height some council members feel 6 inches is too low. Questions raised about wet conditions in yards where one could not mow and how would it be billed.

David: They would have to be a repeat offender for it to be that big of an issue.

Jerry: I volunteer this I'll have a policy meeting. I'll tweak these ordinances and we'll come together and see if they are better or we could shoot holes in them and see what needs to be changed. 7th of June 3 Pm Meeting set.

Justin: In regard to committee meetings if there are four council members is this deemed a quorum? Please research this as I communicated this was a committee meeting and not a council meeting.

David: I'll research this and let you know.

First Reading on Ordinance 2025-03. An ordinance establishing regulations for the mowing and maintenance of properties and adjoining areas for the Village of Hamersville, Ohio.

Tim: Rates for public school and tap fees for commercial and residential.

Eid: Commercial and residential is there a difference?

Tim: The commercial ord is open ended due to the size of the pipe. Melissas sewer tap needs voted on for parts and labor and the ordinance for removing taps needs redone.

Justin: read Residential Commercial School tap fees.

: Water tap removal \$1200 8-hour estimate, \$150 hour and \$400 for backhoe + materials at market cost, + backfill cost and grading.

Electric meter removal 3 hour minimum at \$150 an hour plus the cost of a meter cap.

Sewer crock removal dig 8 ft down + valve to cap plus must be inspected that it is capped outside of the house.

Health Department says they have nothing to do with municipal sewers. We need picture evidence and or plumber sign off with a materials list of items used and data sheet.

David: There should be a sewer easement.

Justin/Tim/Jerry:

What if

Sewer crock removal 10 hour minimum at \$150 an hour then \$140 every hour after.

Plus, equipment and operator, materials cost and inspection for cap, fill and grading all these costs are in addition to minimum.

David's discussion: Council discussed how an easement would be, as an example. Angela and her neighbor Shelly both have a tied in sewer. Although the crock is on Angela's property the easement allows works to be on Angela's property when/where necessary to service Shelly's sewer systems if the problem is deemed the line coming from shells property onto the Angela's terminating in the sewer crock. These easements would need to be mentioned to ensure compliance from all parties whereas crocks have multiple inlets and not a single user.

Car Ordinance: Jerry stated one exists and would send to David.

Justin: Guy anything

Guy: Yes, I have something

Water loss is 13.5% 15% is the EPA limit so we are good. Louie wants a company phone as Payor is not on his phone.

Eid: He can clock in here.

Justin: could we talk to the rep and get him a phone.

Guy: The phones are practically free they are all older models.

Jerry: Discussed the friction of downloading an app which would make their job easier.

Guy: Louie states it has been 2 years since his last raise. He wants a dollar an hour. Plus, the company phone.

Bev: Do we have the contracts to look at these to see if we can add more?

Guy: Mayors court bond schedule we need to vote on. And asks David if this is an Ord or res.

David: If it was set by ord. Or res. It needs to be changed by ordinance or resolutions.

Guy: It's a set bond fee.

Travis: these are all unclassified misdemeanors. Speed fines and fees were the suggestion of the magistrate.

Guy: we need to discuss the electric contract. And there are issues here that are confidential and we need to enter into executive session.

Eid Motions Cheryl 2nds to enter into executive session

Dale Y, Chuck Y, Bev Y, Jerry Y

Jerry Motions to leave Executive Eid 2nds Dale Y, Chuck Y, Bev Y, Cheryl Y

Bev Motions to rescind Ordinance 2023-01

No second motion dies.

Angela: Why did my utilities get shut off? When the mayor stated that payment plans were possible.

Justin: After the 60 days was up and you got an extra day for the power outage the notice was delivered.

Bev: there should be something where two house are set up on the same grinder pump. We are charging an innocent person regardless of what anyone else thinks.

Eid Motions and 2nds to not shut off anyone's utilities over a repair bill and that this is until a new ordinance or the current ordinance can be resolved, rescinded or rewritten.

Chuck Y, Dale Y, Cheryl Y, Jerry Y

Charlene: Only certain things can go into toilets and because of this I had to pay for a pump we all get screwed by this but its life.

Angela: Argues what part of our bill is a service call? Of my bill \$20 is for the bond, \$20 is for payroll, \$4.50-\$6 is for the actual treatment. What part or percentage of my bill is for a regular service call?

Chuck: Should people look at getting a macerator pump, or do they just age out. Also, where and when like how often do these pumps just age out.

Guy: We still need to revisit the evaluation and raise for Louie.

Bev: From the financial meeting the police need to improve revenue and or cut expenses. By years end \$30-\$45K the police fund will be short. And Mr. Grimes please look into subsidizing RITA for the police. Can we use RITA. My understanding is the police need money then they need a levy.

David: I'll look into this.

Guy: We need a plan, what if the police sell a car? This money goes into the general fund, not back into the police fund. We discussed this with Jayme. We are not always looking at a true number. If an asset is bought out of the police fund, then sold, the money goes back into the general fund not the police fund.

Understandably money for gas, marks system, bills, phones etc. comes out of police fund.

Cheryl: At the current rate we cannot sustain this loss though.

Angela: Can we cut down on Mayors court

Guy: No, they are contracted to have court. We cannot stop this.

Chuck: We have to do something or we won't have a fund to spend this on.

AJ: Are the police for public safety or for revenue generation.

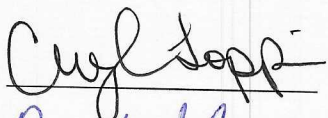
Guy: We have funds in the drug dog fund how can we move this over. I'll ask Jayme

Bev Motions to adjourn

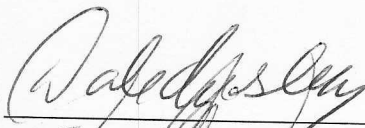
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Next meeting 23rd of June.

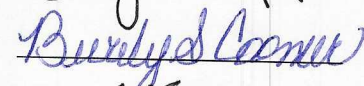
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