

Village of Hamersville
Village Council Meeting

27 Oct 2025

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on 26 Oct 2025 at 7PM. 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. Melissa Zahn Fiscal Officer, Tim Saylor Village Employee

Citizen Angela Marlow, Charlene Bronner, Gary Bronner, Tammy Eldridge

The meeting was called to order at 7:08Pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Justin: A few things to cover council members cannot have more than three members sitting at a table during committee meetings. Any more than three and they will have to sit in the audience. Having more, it creates a quorum, and notes will need to be taken. Also, we cannot have the admin as the head of the committee.

Melissa: That is why we only need three members sitting here; it makes it a quorum.

Bev: If we have a quorum, could we just take minutes and consider it a council meeting?

Justin: I was told you just want three at the table and three rest in the crown or otherwise at the end of the year they will see that as a council meeting.

Bev: But is that a terrible thing?

Justin: I was told not to, I asked a couple of people and Tim and I have discussed during committee meetings and that is what I was told.

Melissa: At a committee meeting the chair is to bring to the council and speak to what was discussed, but you cannot vote.

Justin: Also, the admin cannot be the head of any committee. There also is the issue of the body cam footage from Georgetown, and it will cost \$75 an hour, and I am interested if we can do anything about that. We need to vote to see if we can do anything here. We need to discuss the Melissas pay raise in September. Sheila has a handout for the appropriations discussed in the last meeting. There is a PEP grant for playground equipment, and we may be able to purchase things and just turn in the receipts. Safety equipment for playground,

firefighter training and police training, AED Defibrillator. We spend this anyway and we pay this and they reimburse. It is a \$1,000 grant.

Melissa: Oct 16th Council meeting there was no sign in sheet. I need everyone to sign this so I can assure you all are paid. Also, there is a file change per the request of Bev and

Cheryl that it does not state employee file but a council file. Melissa explained the appropriation handout and the fixes contained therein.

Eid: We already voted to appropriate, why we would need to vote again?

Melissa called Sheila Fiscal Officer Trainer.

Sheila: VIA PHONE We must project where and what money will be coming in. The 2025-06 is appropriating money in the existing budget. She did not do the revenue you will get because it's not in the expenditure budget. She did not include the income tax, nor did she fix the utility budget. I will help Melissa get on track and ensure this is done for the year and get everything right for next year.

Eid: Why wasn't this done?

Sheila: VIA PHONE We haven't done yet, and this is for the revenue budget. Revenue budget increased, once it's approved, then you can appropriate the money. Jayme did not increase the revenue for utilities, so we can now pay expenses from the budget. I went through the line of items, and she did not include enough in the budget for payroll. We moved money from one budget to another. The county only approved the appropriations budget that we submitted at the last meeting. This is to ensure that we have authorization to pay bills from the appropriation. If she had stayed, it would have caught up to the old fiscal officer.

Justin: That's why I'm amazed we did not have this problem last year.

Sheila: VIA PHONE Like I said, I do not want to speak ill, and I'm not sure she did not have issues last year. She may have just fixed it last year and that is a huge no, and this may come to light in your next audit. But like I explained to Melissa, she cannot change your revenue or expense budget without bringing this to the council.

Justin: What should it say.

Sheila: VIA PHONE The first part is to approve the budget and then approve the appropriations. The resolution tonight is to account for the additional funds that we placed into these accounts.

Jerry: So, I need to amend the minutes from last month to include Res 2025-06.

Dale Makes motion Chuck 2nds

To include 2025-06 entire resolution in the 29 Sep 2025 meeting minutes.

Eid Y, Cheryl Y, Bev Y, Jerry Y

Jerry sent the updated meeting notes to all members. To include Guy and Melissa.

Sheila: VIAPHONE Like this resolution I would put the whole resolution into the minutes and approve.

Bev: Are you doing an audit, Sheila?

Sheila: VIA PHONE Every week I'm there, with Melissa, we find something else that must be corrected before the year ends. So, this won't be an issue next year. I would be more than willing to have a budget meeting to show what we are doing and do some training on municipal finances.

Melissa: Beverly said she would be interested. What would be the charge?

Sheila: My rate is \$60 an hour for training.

Jerry Motions Bev 2nds

To approve Resolution 2025-07 to update current revenue budget as presented in attached resolution to minutes.

Eid Y, Cheryl Y, Dale Y, Chuck Y

Justin: I don't know how we did not run into this last year.

Jerry Motions Bev 2nds

To accept minutes from Special Meeting Minutes Dated 16 October 25.

Chuck Y, Dale Y, Eid Y, Cheryl abstains as she was not present at the meeting.

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RESOLUTION 25-111
October 27, 2025

Motion by: Jerry Seconded by: Bunchy

WHEREAS, the 2025 revenue budget has been reviewed and it has been determined that additional revenues are projected to be received, and

WHEREAS, the Village has received an amended estimated revenue certificate from the Brown County Auditor's office reflecting the additional revenue,

THEREFORE, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following revenue budget amendments be approved:

<u>General Fund (1000)</u>		
1000-130-0000	Municipal Income Tax	\$ 42,000.00
<u>Water Fund (5101)</u>		
5101-543-0000	Bulk Sales	\$138,000.00
<u>Sewer Fund (5201)</u>		
5201-543-0000	Bulk Sales	\$ 20,000.00
<u>Electric Fund (5301)</u>		
5301-543-0000	Bulk Sales	\$ 63,000.00
<u>Garbage/Trash Fund (5601)</u>		
5601-514-0000	Garbage/Trash	\$ 17,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be approved:

<u>General Fund (1000)</u>		
1000-110-321	Telephone (PDO)	\$ 800.00
1000-720-340	Professional/Technical	\$ 3,000.00
1000-725-410	Office Supplies	\$ 300.00
1000-790-399	Contracted Services	\$ 2,000.00
1000-930-930	Contingencies	\$ 35,900.00
<u>Street Fund (2011)</u>		
2011-620-399	Contracted Services	\$ 5,000.00
2011-620-420	Operating Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
2011-930-930	Contingencies	\$ 22,698.00

Water Fund (5101)

5101-531-190	Salaries	
5101-531-211	OPERS	\$ 20,000.00
5101-531-213	Medicare	\$ 3,000.00
5101-531-322	Postage	\$ 325.00
5101-531-349	Professional/Technical	\$ 270.00
5101-531-399	Contracted Services	\$ 1,000.00
5101-531-410	Office Supplies	\$ 10,000.00
5101-531-420	Operating Supplies	\$ 500.00
5101-531-430	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 7,000.00
5101-533-312	Water	\$ 5,000.00
5101-930-930	Contingencies	\$ 30,000.00
		\$ 60,905.00

Sewer Fund (5201)

5201-541-190	Salaries	
5201-541-211	OPERS	\$ 3,500.00
5201-549-430	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 225.00
5201-800-000	Equipment/Machinery	\$ 5,000.00
5201-910-910	Transfers Out (Bond Payment)	\$ 9,275.00
		\$ 2,000.00

Electric Fund (5301)

5301-511-190	Salaries	
5301-511-252	Travel/Transportation	\$ 10,000.00
5301-511-322	Postage	\$ 500.00
5301-511-540	Machinery/Equipment	\$ 250.00
5301-513-511	Electric	\$ 18,000.00
5301-930-930	Contingencies	\$ 10,000.00
		\$ 26,250.00

Garbage/Trash Fund (5601)

5601-563-398	Garbage/Trash	
5601-930-930	Contingencies	\$ 10,000.00
		\$ 7,000.00

Vote:

Jerry Seibert [Signature]

Charles Elliott [Signature]

Cheryl Toppin [Signature]

Eid Edaili [Signature]

Dale Owsley [Signature]

Beverly Coomer [Signature]

Side note: It was mentioned that when taking minutes the note taker should ensure they write "Special" Meeting in the description of the meeting minutes.

Jerry Motions Eid 2nds

To authorize payment of bills.

Dale Y, Bev Y, Cheryl Y, Chuck Y

Justin: Before we go into public participation. Mr. Grimes, we are doing the fall fest. If we have a pumpkin carving contest and we had the parents, the knife to give to the children. Would that satisfy legal liability exclusion? If we hand the knife to parents, then we do not need a waiver.

David: Having a waiver would be good. A waiver just on the Village letterhead would not hurt at all. Whoever the parent or legal guardian would just need that.

Tim: I'll work on that

Angela: Are there numbers on all resolutions. Should we include the resolution in the meeting minutes and not do the book any longer? Are we placing both, in the minutes and in the book?

Justin: We are doing both.

Angela: When we hired Sheila, I thought we were hiring her only to train. I did not know we were paying her \$60 to audit the books.

Melissa: We must audit to be able to train.

Angela: There is training available online Roberts rules of order, parliamentary procedures and smart meters. Do we have smart meters? Bev mentioned training for financial training. Do the smart meter have wifi capabilities. Are we able to not get those that are remotely controlled.

Guy: We don't have those. We are not under PUCO so we are under home rule.

Angela: Do we have the option to not participate? We must know all these data centers. Will affect our capacities, how will we handle this. My next question is

Justin: Last question. You are on question number five. Just go ahead.

Angela: Forget it, there is no respect. I get interrupted and I can talk about whatever I want. Do it take five minutes.

Justin: I just let you say go ahead; you are talking about other towns on the river.

Angela: I got interrupted.

Justin: We are moving on. You are talking about cities on the river. Do you have a question, yes or no. We are trying to get the people's business done.

Angela: I can talk about whatever I want.

Justin: You have one more question, yes or no. I tried to offer that I tried to be accommodating.

Jerry: What is your question Angela please.

Angela: I can't even concentrate I try to do a good job. This is so hostile, is this a debate we try to talk about politics. I jumped in on we had five minutes.

Eid: You are the one bringing up the questions.

Angela: There is no flexibility.

Eid: Please do not raise your voice.

Angela: There's no flexibility.

Justin: hold up hold up.

Eid: If you don't speak with respect, we will ask you to leave.

Justin: We'll ask you to leave.

Eid: You must speak with respect.

Justin: We are moving on. I tried to give you a chance.

Angela: Very well, this is always disrespectful.

Justin: You are speaking to a bill that has not even been put up yet.

David: Angela, you need to remember this is the council's meetings. They extend you the courtesy to talk but really the only thing you are allowed to do is sit here and listen. If they want to stop, you can stop you.

Angela: Are you willing to stand on that.

David: Yes, its councils meeting.

Angela: You have procedures for your council Mr. Grimes; you passed them.

Melissa: Old business is an old business if anyone has them. I did include a sheet in case anyone wants to write anything on it.

Dale: I have a question they are going to replace the poles this week. I assume the one is the one with my transformer.

Dale: Replace poles I assume one is with my transformer.

Guy: If that is the case, you may be without power for about 2-4 hours.

Dale: If I know when it will happen, I could switch it over to solar so my wife can watch TV.

Guy: We will know the day. The issue is doing it with live electricity and the high voltage. It takes what it takes as far as time goes.

Justin: You may know the day but to pinpoint an hour there's no way.

Guy: They stated they will work when it is wet but not when it is raining. It may push into next week with the rain.

Melissa: Handbook is being rewritten to not show as an emergency. All three readings have been done.

Justin: Eid what have you got brother?

Eid: I'm looking for the rates so we can vote on the electric rates.

Jerry: Here is something old. That we need to discuss ladies and gentlemen. Two meetings ago, if you remember, we asked her to include her fiscal officer description with everything up top part a and part b. We discussed the amended job description, but we did not vote to accept. David, I assume we would have to vote to accept an amended job description. IT would not hurt, right?

David: I would always err on the side of caution.

Jerry: So, it would not hurt to vote and accept that way.

David: No, it would not

Bev: Can I be the bad guy. We must make a motion to include the combined job description.

Eid: It is one job.

Melissa: There is part a and part b.

Jerry Motions Eid2nds

To accept Melissas amended job description/ responsibilities for Fiscal Officer, Clerk and admin for the village as presented in the Sep meeting minutes and this description is to be included in her personnel file.

Chuck Y, Dale Y, Bev Y Cheryl Y

Jerry: We are on the last reading for the employee handbook.

Melissa: That is done, the two ordinances I sent the ordinance needed to be corrected. The chicken ordinance needed to be an ordinance so to speak. What we are changing the ordinance to not say emergency.

Jerry: David, a question. Guy found it. And it's my fault I wrote the sentence and then completely rewrote the same sentence and continued the thought. Now to change this, we must amend it then vote three times again.

David: Have you done your last reading.

Jerry: Yes, would we have three complete readings.

Guy: It's just a typographical error.

David: Not to correct a typographical error, I usually err on the side of caution. But to correct a typographical error I don't see that as an issue.

Jerry: The handbook is being rewritten to not show an emergency correct. But we have done all three readings.

Melissa: Correct.

Jerry: In the old ordinance book, I was looking at something for Tim. I saw where there is already a place to have 1st 2nd and 3rd readings already written into the body of the ordinance or resolution and this would give us a place to fill in these readings as they are done and ensure the posted ones are updated.

Justin: Yes, I like that.

David: There are other places that just do this on the bottom somewhere, or you could do that on the bottom section. 1st 2nd etc.

Jerry: While they are doing math for the electric stuff. What if we got a locked bulletin board, we put all the ordinances we could write all the 1st 2nd reading etc. Or highlight this was passed as an emergency. So, no one could say we aren't posting things.

Melissa: I post them up here and I post them for 30 days. Or otherwise, the wall could be covered.

Eid: I like that idea.

Jerry: I suggest locking it so we could post these and then if someone comes and swipes an ordinance then we would be clear of anyone saying, see it's not up there.

Eid: What do you mean to lock it up? How will the public see it.

Bev: It would be locked behind the glass.

Jerry: It must be posted here, post office, etc.

Eid: Could we post on a television like on a monitor?

David: Yes, you sure could or just like a Facebook page, or even your own website.

Eid: Not everyone has Facebook or does everyone have access other than the internet.

Melissa: I post it here then I go to the post office and ask them to post, I can't make them. I post at McKinney mart and at the school. We can't make them post them for 30 days, but they have always allowed us to.

Bev: You post them here.

Melissa: there is one up there now....it's for the grass ordinance.

Justin: You good Jerry

Jerry: What about Louies bucket truck policy.

Melissa: I have that in his box with the line at the bottom for him to sing.

Eid: We should set our priorities.

Justin: And have in the corner the dates we read them.

Melissa: This is the chicken ordinance.

Justin: The ordinance reading the ordinance. 2025-06 about residents raising chickens. Third and final readings were conducted.

Ordinance 2025-06

Tim: Fall fest is this Saturday 10-6 Trick or Treat 6-8

10 Vendors selling stuff and a food truck. We have quite a lot of people interested. There are close to 600 people interested and we are looking for more volunteers.

I'm certain I'm missing something there.

Justin: Port a potty

Tim: I'll call on the porta potty tomorrow. I'll call Rumpke and Extreme Clean. We are putting roads close to traffic at both ends. The food truck is going to congress.

Dale: We are doing smores.

Tim: Thanks Jerry and thanks Eid you donated the chili and Jerry donated the cheese. We need to have them donate something. I get you both are doing a good thing but if you want both on there.

Eid: I think Skyline is doing something good by shredding the cheese, and Gold Star is cooking the chili.

Guy: AJ is at work, and he will be here to explain what he could do about ice cream, etc.

Tim: I know Jerry was going to talk to his owner about donating money for the banners that go across 125.

Jerry: We just need the form with the tax id.

Tim: We could get that we also could do

Eid: I spoke to Carl with the Fire Department about the Halloween stuff. We need someone to reach out to them.

Tim: I know it will be fun. I hope all of you can come out.

Bev: How many vendors are coming

Tim: 12

Justin: How early do you need me here.

Tim: First place prizes for spookiest floats. We do need poeple to enter the fall decorating contest. We need three. Charlene bought three plaques for each spookiest house and fall decorating contest winners.

Dale: So you can vote on facebook.

Bev: Do you have buns etc for the hotdogs.

Tim: Hotdogs are donation the pops will be sold. Vendors are setting up nine to ten. Goose will be here with me around 8 or so.

Justin: What do you have Charlene.

Charlene: We need a fire pit.

Dale: I have one its on my porch.

Jerry: I have a ring. Its not fancy you just throw it on the ground and fill it with wood.

Charlene: Do you have wood.

Jerry: Yes right next to the ring take all you need. ITs sitting in my back yard. Just go and grab it.

Dale: Did we decide on the date.

Tim: The 6th would not work so we are doing it on the 13th. 530 assemble and 630 start.

Jerry: Louie the light cost for the pole ordinance. We need to know the KWH of the bulb so we can determine the cost for the electric. 2017-03 We need the calculation to know what it would cost to run the light so we can amend the old ord.

Mr. Grimes the 28th of April, we gave a raise to Melissa Zahn of 60 cents. Could you do the resolution for her raise please. We did not give her a raise last September because she did not have an evaluation conducted. So, we gave her a raise halfway through her next evaluation cycle to ensure we did something for her. And now that she has had her evaluation, we will need yet another resolution so that we can make the books show the proper process.

David: From what to what?

Melissa: From \$20 to \$20.60

Jerry: Guy we have canine special revenue fund. \$415.95

Guy: we have questioned that several times. I don't know the legal way to get that back into the police fund.

Jerry: Would that be a Sheila question, could we just ask her. Then in March we voted to put 133, 192, 125, 334C on included list to be placed on taxes for property deb to Hamersville utilities. This was the list of people who owe us all kinds of money. And then we were going to reassess the total sheet in September.

Melissa: I have had issues with cameras here.

Eid: We just need to have wires pulled.

Jerry: Tax board for Rita. We must do it by December.

Eid: Good catch.

Justin: Should I make a post about it.

Chuck: Should we ask about changing the credits.

Tim: Most of the money is getting lost because of the credit.

Chuck: Even if it's a small percentage.

Tim: Changing percentage would bring in more money into the town.

Bev: Rita was supposed to bring in \$100000 to the town what's it brought in Melissa.

Melissa: That's one thing I have not checked.

Guy: It'll bring in about half of that this year, and then it will go up next year. Then it will go up again because of compliance issues.

Eid: She explained why we couldn't tax people in the village.

Tim: Its whether people have credit due to other cities. Jerry pays 3% in Mason and then h would pay an additional 1% in Hamersville so he would be paying 4%

Eid: That's what we were told initially, and then when we had the meeting, she said no.

Jerry: What we were told for 8 months. I paid three percent for Mason. Mason would now get two percent, and one percent would come to Hamersville. And that was a complete utter lie.

Tim: The credit was given. And we could change it.

Chuck: We could change it to get rid of that credit, and that money would come to us.

Bev: If you live in the village and work in the village, then you are taxed to one percent.

Chuck: We give a hundred percent credit. I think it's in increments of 25%.

Guy: I need to call her anyway.

Justin: Bring her in so she can answer these questions.

Jerry: an idea. Once we vote on a policy that it is in force. Messing around with policies once we vote is in force. So, we do not have the same issue as Louie. Because we cannot hold him accountable because it's active now for 8 months.

Eid: I think it's a good idea.

Guy: If you want to make it policy then make it policy.

Eid: We would just need to vote on it.

Jerry: We have listened to frustration from Tim for months that he is not calling anyone, and we are basically throwing money down the tube.

Guy: He is now what he has been calling.

Eid: I explained that the last time.

Jerry: I also came up with this. Tim and I came up with this. An inventory list. Pumps etc floats. Water meters rebuilds. Poles. Electric Louie gave me the inventory. For instance the 25KVA is the one we use the most of. He only has six. He basically said having a couple of spares. Tim missed a meeting because he had an issue with his family. That happens. But Tim missed that meeting and then the next meeting he came to us frantic because he did not have the equipment to do his job. Just an idea.

Eid: I have seen it and I like it. Go through the building and write everything we have.

Justin: We need to go into executive for Melissa pay.

Eid Motions Chuck 2nds

To enter an executive session for Melissa, pay to discuss her wages.

Dale Y, Cheryl Y, Bev Y, Jerry Y

Bev Motions Eid 2nds

To leave executive session discussing Melissa Zahn pay

Dale Y, Cheryl Y, Jerry Y, Chuck Y

Eid Motions Jerry 2nds

To increase Melissa Zahn' pay by 40 cents per hour based off her annual performance review. This pay is in effect until her training is completed, and then her pre-decided salary will take effect upon completion of training at the salaried rate. Based off her annual performance review.

Dale Y, Chuck Y, Bev Y, Cheryl Y

ORDINANCE 2024-19

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ANNUAL SALARY OF GUY SUTTON, MELISSA ZAHN, TRAVIS STONE, JAYME ELDRIDGE, TIM SAYLOR, LOUIE LUTTRELL, DAVID GAMBLE, KEITH GRIFFEY, MATTHEW JOHNSON, CHARLENE LUTTRELL, LISA MILLER, AND JUSTICE KREIMER TO BE PAID SEMI-MONTHLY AND MONTHLY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Village of Hamersville has employees that are paid pursuant to a salary set by ordinances.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Hamersville, Brown County, Ohio that:

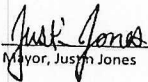
SECTION I: The annual salary of Guy Sutton, Melissa Zahn, Travis Stone, Jayme Eldridge, Tim Saylor, Louie Luttrell, David Gamble, Keith Griffey, Matthew Johnson, Charlene Luttrell, Lisa Miller and Justice Kreimer, effective January 1, 2025, and to be paid as follows:

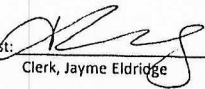
Employee	Yearly Salary	General	Street	ARPA	Water	Sewer	Electric
Guy Sutton	\$56,500.08	100%					
Jayme Eldridge	\$18,000.00	25%			10%	10%	10%
Lisa Miller	\$ 9,000.00	100%			25%	25%	25%
Matthew Johnson	\$ 14,400.00				50%	50%	
	Hourly						
Melissa Zahn	\$20.00				50%		50%
Travis Stone	\$20.00			100%			
Justice Kreimer	\$23.00		19%		31%	19%	31%
Tim Saylor	\$20.00		25%		25%	25%	25%
Louie Luttrell	\$35.00						100%
David Gamble	\$16.00			100%			
Keith Griffey	\$16.00	100%					
Charlene Luttrell	\$15.00						100%

SECTION II: Any ordinance or resolution in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

SECTION III: This ordinance is passed as an emergency measure for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Village.

PASSED: December 9, 2024

Signed: 
Mayor, Justin Jones

Attest: 
Clerk, Jayme Eldridge

AJ: I can make ice cream or Italian ice for Saturday.

Jerry Donated \$100 and Eid Donated \$50 to help offset cost for AJ.

Jerry: We need a new resolution for Melissa taking her from 20.60 to 21.

Guy: Pole replacement next quoted bid \$21K. We got this down to \$16K with offset cost. We might have \$1k for electrical parts and pieces we may need. Came out to be a better deal than we anticipated. We will be under the overall budget which was set.

Alta Fiber is paying us \$5 per pole a year we got them to come up from \$4.09 a pole for rent. Nov 5th Installation for the Spectrum cable. We have new phones with business emails. We must record the phones and passwords, so we never have to deal with this issue of lost passwords again. We have five phones.

Eid: Business emails are good to go. We have up to seven emails. One license works for many devices. One master phone for texts, but all separate emails.

Guy: Pep Grants, I have another grant for the water department for a backup generator. This would be a big one for us. As we could use a backup. This would be a multipurpose generator. We can't run the town, but we could keep things going. We have no financial participation in this. All the police in town passed their LEADS Exam which is done semi-annually. Also, all Police passed their Firearms exam which is done yearly.

Eid: We need to discuss raising the electric rates. This is something that the village has been charged for months. And we need to pass this along to the residents.

Bev: What did the percentage go up.

Eid: 30%

Bev: The bill did not go up 30%.

Justin: Yes it did it went up drastically.

Eid: My bill went up \$70 alone on my bill.

Chuck: We have spent thousands of dollars out of that account over the last few months. It costs us 6-7k a month.

Dale: Our increase will just cost us what it's costing the village additionally.

Justin: Are we proposing these raises tonight.

Eid: Yes, I believe we should.

Dale Motions Eid 2nds

For Electric Utility Rate, increase to compensate for utility rate increase for maintenance. 2024-11 Old Ordinance number

Proposed:

Increase	Was	New
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1 st 40KWH	.06KWH	.18KWH	.24KWH
2 nd 40KWH	.05KWH	.16KWH	.21KWH
Upto140KWH	.04KWH	.12KWH	.16KWH
After 220KWH	.03KWH	.09KWH	.12KWH

1 st 40KWH	.06KWH	.22KWH	.28KWH
2 nd 40KWH	.05KWH	.19KWH	.24KWH
Upto140KWH	.04KWH	.15KWH	.19KWH
After 220KWH	.03KWH	.11KWH	.14KWH

Chuck Y, Bev N, Cheryl N, Jerry Y

Eid: We lost 6200 in August alone and that's exactly what we just raised. I think we should do it differently. I think the more you use, the more you pay. We are doing this reversed. The more you use, the less you pay.

The proposed ordinance in its original form is attached below.

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VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
ORDINANCE # 2024-11

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REVISED USER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE, OHIO FOR;
SETTING THE ELECTRIC RATES; VACATING THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, The Village of Hamersville supplies electric to their Consumers;

WHEREAS, the supplier of the electric to the Village has set new rates, and therefore the Village
of Hamersville vacates the prior utility ordinances and;

WHEREAS, BE IT ORDAINED now therefore be it hereby ordained; the Council of the Village of
Hamersville, Brown County, Ohio, at least 2/3 of its members concurring:

Section 1: Electric Residential Service Rate:

The Residential Service Rate shall apply to single family residential consumers for all domestic
uses. Detached buildings, such as garages, and/ or barns, if solely used for residential purposes, may be
served from the residential meter.

FIRST	40Kwh	\$0.188135 per Kwh
NEXT	40Kwh	\$0.165616 per Kwh
NEXT	140Kwh	\$0.129788 per Kwh
OVER	220Kwh	\$0.093801 per Kwh

In addition to the above charges, there shall be an additional charge known as the "fuel add on
charge" which shall be based upon the fuel add on charge billed to the Village by American Electric
Power and shall be the same rate per kilowatt hour and charged to the Village of Hamersville.

Section 2: Electric Commercial Service Rate:

A commercial Service Rate shall apply to all consumers for general light and power service for
purposes other than residential use. As used herein, the term "for purposes other than residential use"
shall be construed to include those situations where electric power is consumed by the user in
connection with the operation of a business such that electricity so consumed is directly used in the
business operations as opposed to being merely incidental thereto. Detached buildings, garages, and/or
barns used in connection with the operation of a business may not be served through a residential
meter.

FIRST	40Kwh	\$0.222384 per Kwh
NEXT	40Kwh	\$0.196689 per Kwh
NEXT	140Kwh	\$0.157536 per Kwh
OVER	220Kwh	\$0.117512 per Kwh

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Section 3: Electric Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be effective for the Jan 10, 202~~5~~² reading of meters, to be billed in Feb, 202~~5~~².

Section 4: This ordinance repeals/vacates the prior conflicting ordinance.

Passed this 2nd Day of Dec, 202~~4~~²

Attest:

[Signature]
Jamie Eldridge, Clerk

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[Signature]
Justin Jones, Mayor

Tim: Profit does not always look like. You have to make your margin in electric, you do not have enough profit in sewer and water to keep the village going. Water is going up 5% in three months.

Bev: We are making money in the water department. How much I don't know.

Tim: Based off your minimum, its less than before. You are making 1.5% less than last year. If we do not make profit we cannot afford to ship parts like we just did.

Bev: I've not seen anyone cut cost. I've seen you save money.

Justin: That's cutting cost.

Bev: I've not seen anyone but Tim say where we can cut cost. I can honestly say I try to be a good council member.

Eid: You are a great council member.

Bev: I need to change the subject, what's going on with the vac truck

Guy: Sheila and Melissa did enough of an audit so that I could get numbers to the bank.

Justin: Paycor outside access to Paycor I won't allow. I know you voted on outside access.

Eid: There should be certain access.

Justin: Without access, I can't allow unfettered access.

Bev: Who is the admin.

Guy: It should be the fiscal officer.

Eid: I only voted on Jerry helping set up Paycor.

Bev: So paycor is set up.

Melissa: Yes

Jerry: so are schedules in paycor?

Melissa: No nonne has given me a schedule.

Jerry So paycor isint set up.

Justin: Paycor is a wast of money. We've paid more than we ever agreed.

May to October there was only \$154. The last six months. Paycor has cost the village 2,211.80. \$154 for checks. Thats over two thousand in six months for Paycor.

Eid: What did we vote on.

Tim: \$2600 a year was to be spend.

Bev: The employees were to get this up and running.

Tim: It was supposed to be 2600 now it will cost us 5000.

Eid: Accountability but visibility. Trust but verify. We need to be able to see that these things are being done. Regardless of Paycor lacking, we have onboarding, schedules, payroll, HR, job advertising.

Bev: But we have not set them up.

Eid: Protecting tax payer money is our job. We as council we should have a system in place otherwise hold people accountable and give us visibility.

Tim: You have a \$500 system vs a \$4000 system.

Bev: So we don't want Paycor because we have never set it up.

Eid: Whether it is them or us it has to be done. What we signed up for was to onboard employees, policies, schedules, timesheets, payroll, Hr related things would be through paycor. Also the ability to post jobs in paycor.

Tim: If you have ten users or less you can set up all the same.

Bev: Can you track for sick days, advertise for jobs etc.

Justin: Do we have anything else before we go.

Bev: Guys pay have we put that down to what it should be.

Melissa: It has to be voted on.

Justin: We have other get approval.

Bev: There should be no vote on it.

Justin: To my understanding we just can't revert back to page whatever of the minutes. We have to vote to correct.

Bev: Its technically in the minutes once his pay increased its in the minutes that when the grant ended his pay would go back to that.

David: Is it in the resolution or the minutes?

Justin: We don't need a vote.

Melissa shows David the resolution.

David: Once his pay was set it can go back what was a resolution has to be redone by a resolution and the same with an ordinance.

David: This discusses the increase, but the decrease is not contingent upon the same ordinance. It does not state the pay decreases within the resolution.

Bev: It says it would end when the grant is over.

David: David read the minutes and states it does not read that. 2023-08 Mayor Hill and Ms Spencer state it would not continue but that does not state that in the resolution.

Justin: So it would make more sense to vote on it again.

Angela: It should have been in the resolution.

David: IF that was the intent it should have been in the resolution.

Justin: Page 213 2023-08

Jerry: That's not in the book because it was all in the minutes.

Melissa: I have a whole stack I am working on to update the books.

Jerry Motions Eid 2nds

To enter executive session to discuss Guy Suttons pay.

Cheryl Y, Chuck Y, Dale Y, Bev Y

Eid Motions Eid 2nds

To leave the executive session.

Cheryl Y, Chuck Y, Dale Y Bev Y

Eid: Can we introduce the electric rates tonight as the first reading?

Justin: We have the exact numbers.

David: You only have other read it by title.

Justin: Reads the 1st Reading of the Electric Ordinance.

Eid motioned to adjourn Bev 2nds.

Cheryl Toppin Cheryl Toppin

Dale Owsley _____

Bev Coomer Bev Coomer

Eid Edaili Eid Edaili

Jerry Seibert Jerry Seibert

Charles Elliot Charles Elliot