

Regular Council January 6, 2026

Meeting came to order with Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by Cou. K. Broker, Grieger, S. Broker, & Drossman. Cou. K. Broker made motion to accept & dispense with reading minutes; 2nd by Cou. Drossman. Accepted by all. Cou. K. Broker made motion to pay bills; 2nd by Cou. Drossman. Accepted by all.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor said our previous solicitor had been instructed to work on vacating Cody Pass. New solicitor will check and see where this process stands.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor swore in new solicitor, Mark Smith.

Solicitor swore in Cou. K. Broker, Grieger, & Brace.

Cou. Grieger nominated Cou. K. Broker for council president; 2nd by Cou. Drossman. Accepted by all.

Mayor will email council list of committees. Council should come to next meeting with their wishes for which committees to be on.

Mayor said fire chief would like to be able to recruit new personnel within a 10-mile radius of the village so we can have more staff. Council asked solicitor to prepare an ordinance to consider at next meeting.

Mayor said the zoning permits for 2025 totaled \$3250 and there were about 18 transient rental fees for \$500 each. We have started the process of renewing the transient rentals.

Zoning Inspector said he feels a lapsed license should not be renewed automatically. They should have to start the process over. Mayor will speak to solicitor about this.

Jim Lochotzki said they have not heard yet about the police car we bid on.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Brian Nixon questioned council members not being property owners in the village. He thinks this needs to be changed. They also need to provide

qualifications and experience. Mayor said we follow the Ohio Revised Code rules but will check with solicitor to see if we can change this.

Beth Beatty would like to see term limits. Mayor said he has looked in to term limits and the only thing he saw was that some places limit Mayors to 2 terms. He will ask solicitor if this is something council could pass if they so desired.

Lola James thinks we should consider having video cameras in the village hall. Mayor said that is up to council and told her anyone can video meetings.

Jim Lochotzki said anyone can request minutes from years ago if they want.

Doug Hunt said with the conceal carry laws, having cameras would be a safety feature.

Jim Lochotzki said we need microphones and speakers so everyone can hear better.

Beth Beatty said the minutes need to be more descriptive and more thorough.

Mayor said if council wants to upgrade the cameras we have, they may do so.

Doug Hunt said there is cold mix dumped on the pier. He suggested we store it at the maintenance garage and use it later. Mayor will speak to maintenance department about this.

Brian Nixon said the police should investigate if the maintenance department did not leave the cold mix there.

Cou. S. Broker made motion to adjourn; 2nd by Cou. K. Broker.

ATTEST: Respectfully submitted,

Larry D. Gwinner, Mayor

Marsha K. Schenk, Clerk