RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Village of Owensville Regular Meeting

Held in the Village Hall January 5, 2026

The Mayor and Council of the Village of Owensville met in Regular Session on December 6, 2026 in the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Rick McEvoy at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
All in attendance said the pledge to the flag.

ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE
Legal Counsel, Dave Frey administered the oath of office to Mable Sheppard, Jerry Kuntz and Robby Edwards

ROLL CALL
Council Members Present: Joe Bailey, Mable Sheppard, Mike Perry, Leo Bradley
Jerry Kuntz, Robby Edwards

CITIZENS AND GUESTS PRESENT
Police Chief, Mike Freeman; Legal Counsel, Dave Frey; Mike Runga, Tina Runga, Carri Bailey, Teresa Howard, Joyce Kuntz, John Wright, Ellen Isles, Jim Jasper

APPROVE VIRTUAL SIGNING OF SIGNATURE PAGE
Council Member Mr. Bailey moved and Council Member Mr. Perry seconded approving the virtual signing of the Governing Board Signature Page.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Council Member Dr. Bradley moved and Council Member Ms. Sheppard seconded that the Council Agenda be adopted as presented.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

CLERK'S BUSINESS
Council Member Dr. Bradley moved and Council Member Mr. Bailey seconded that Council approve the December 1 and December 22, 2025 minutes as corrected.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

Council Member Dr. Bradley moved and Council Member Mr. Perry seconded to approve the monthly financial reports.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

Council Member Mr. Bailey moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that Council approve the paid bills as presented.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

Council Member Mr. Perry moved and Council Member Mr. Bailey seconded that Council approve the 2026 pay rate schedule as presented by Chief Freemen.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

Rates of Pay
2026

Position	Monthly	Yearly	Hourly	Misc
Mayor	$500.00	$6,000.00		
Vice Mayor	$312.50	$3,750.00		
Council member	$250.00	$3,000.00		
Police Chief - Salary		$43,600.00		
Police Chief - Stipend		$10,400.00		In lieu of insurance
Magistrate	$566.66	$6,799.92		
Fiscal Officer	$1,500.00	$18,000.00		
Mayor's Court Clerk			$12/hr - $20/hr	
Police Officers				
Full Time			$20/hr - $22/hr	
Part Time			$12/hr - $17/hr	
SRO			$20/hr - $22/hr	
Maintenance			$12/hr - $17/hr	
Zoning Administrator	$200.00	$2,400.00		
Substitute Employees			$12/hr - $17/hr	
Misc - Non Employees				
Solicitor		$2,200.00		Plus $150/hr for billable hours
Economic Development	$285.00	$3,420.00		Plus $25 for council meeting attendance

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Council Member Ms. Sheppard moved and Council Member Mr. Bailey seconded that Council approve David J. Frey as 2026 legal counsel for the Village.
(Resolution 1-5-2026-01)
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

Council Member Ms. Sheppard moved and Council Member Mr. Perry seconded that Council approve the 2026 meeting dates and time. Council will meet at Village Hall at 7:00 pm. on the dates below.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

February 2, 2026	March 2, 2026	April 6, 2026
May 4, 2026	June 1, 2026	July 6, 2026
August 3, 2026	September 14, 2026	October 5,2026
November 2, 2026	December 7, 2026	

Council Member Ms. Sheppard moved and Council Member Mr. Edwards seconded that Council approve the 2026 meeting work session dates and time. Council will meet at Village Hall at 7:00 pm. on the dates below.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

January 19, 2026	February 16, 2026	March 16, 2026
April 20, 2026	May 18, 2026	June 15, 2026
July 20, 2026	August 17, 2026	October 19,2026
November 16, 2026		

Committee assignment members updated.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jimmy Jasper: Village employee pay rates are low. St. Louis drainage concern. Provided a list of 14 blighted properties that he believes need to be addressed.

John Wright: Teller Vision of Business. Zoning issues. Short St. and Craver St concerns.

MAYOR/COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Perry: St. Louis Dr. catch basin will need to be installed going past the property. Two other sections will need to be addressed in the spring. Exploratory assessment of why it keeps collapsing will cost approximately $400.

St. Louis, Pleasant and Market streets will need to be repaved.

Potholes on Apgar Lane, which is a private lane, Craver/Short, Western and Plum

Lengthy discussion about the corner of Craver and Short Street and it being dedicated or private. Mr. Perry is going to look at the road.

Chief Freeman: Did not have an updated list of grants pending and denied.

There are cracks on the park walking track and basketball track that will need to be repaired, and the fence around the park has sections that need to be repaired.

Wish list for frisbee golf is to install numbers on top of the poles.

Chief Freeman: Officers issue tickets for speeds over 10 mph above the posted limit.

Dr. Bradley: Strategic Planning committee will continue with new committee members. He will reach out to State Representative Adam Bird to find out more about the opportunity zone program that could be like a CRA.

Ms. Sheppard: Christmas decorations need to be off the electric poles by January 24 per the agreement with Duke.

Ms. Sheppard would like the ordinances and zoning information on the Village website. Chief Freeman stated that the Village follows Basic Codes but will research the cost of adding documents to the website. Ellie Isles will check her website administration access.

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR
Council Member Mr. Edwards nominated Mable Sheppard for Vice Mayor.

Council Member Mr. Edwards moved and Council Member Mr. Kuntz seconded that Council approve Mable Sheppard as Vice Mayor for 2026.
VOTE:
Ayes; Mr. Edwards, Mr. Kuntz, Ms. Sheppard
Nays: Dr. Bradley, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Perry, Mayor McEvoy (Tie breaker vote)
Motion Failes 3-4

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR
Council Member Mr. Bailey nominated Mike Perry for Vice Mayor.

Council Member Mr. Bailey moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that Council approve Mike Perry as Vice Mayor for 2026.
VOTE:
Ayes; Mr. Bailey, Dr. Bradley, Mr. Perry, Mayor McEvoy (Tie breaker vote)
Nays: Mr. Edwards, Mr. Kuntz, Ms. Sheppard
Motion Carries 4-3

ADJOURNMENT
Council Member Ms. Sheppard moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that the Regular Meeting of the Owensville Village Council be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

Kathy Neuner, Fiscal Officer Richard McEvoy, Mayor