RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Village of Owensville Regular Meeting

Held in the Village Hall February 2, 2026

The Mayor and Council of the Village of Owensville met in Regular Session on February 2, 2026 in the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Rick McEvoy at 7:04 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL
Council Members Present: Joe Bailey, Mable Sheppard, Mike Perry, Leo Bradley
Jerry Kuntz,
Absent: Robby Edwards (listened virtually)

CITIZENS AND GUESTS PRESENT
Legal Counsel, Dave Frey; Fiscal Officer, Kathy Neuner, Mike Runga, Carri Bailey, Teresa Howard, Joyce Kuntz, John Wright, Jim Jasper

APPROVE VIRTUAL SIGNING OF SIGNATURE PAGE
Council Member Mr. Bailey moved and Council Member Ms. Sheppard seconded approving the virtual signing of the Governing Board Signature Page.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 5-0

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Council Member Mr. Perry moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that Council adopted the amended agenda.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 5-0

CLERK'S BUSINESS
Council Member Dr. Bradley moved and Council Member Mr. Bailey seconded that Council approve the January 5, 2025 minutes as corrected.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 5-0

Council Member Ms. Sheppard moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded to approve the monthly financial reports.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 5-0

Council Member Ms. Sheppard moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that Council approve the paid bills as presented.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 5-0

Ms. Sheppard asked about the excess funds in the USDA grant. Per Mrs. Neuner, the funds will be used to pay for legal fees associated with the issuance of debt, and towards the principal payment. She also noted that paperwork is missing from her village mailbox.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jimmy Jasper: Suggested moving public participation to the end of the meeting. Asked if there was an update on the property issue list he submitted last month. Would like to see a zoning report on the meeting agendas.

John Wright: Sidewalks look really good on this side of the street. Thinks it would be good to have a procedure manual on snow removal. He is under contract to purchase the property behind BP. Would like to offer a warming shelter at village hall and/or a village help line for residents in need.

Mike Runga: Cleared sidewalks from his house to the historical house.

Teresa Howard: Snow removal on St. Louis Dr. is not passable by two vehicles.

MAYOR/COUNCIL BUSINESS

Dave Frey and Rick McEvoy explained a proposed ordinance for the annexation of 9.99 acres on St. Rt 276. At this time, the annexation is no cost to the village. Property will need to be rezoned if

owner wants to build houses.

Council Member Mr. Bailey moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that Council waive the three readings of the proposed annexation ordinance.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 5-0

Council Member Dr. Bradley moved and Council Member Mr. Perry seconded that Council approve the annexation of 9.99 acres on St. Rt 276 per the ordinance presented.
Ordinance 02-02-206-01
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 5-0

Rick McEvoy explained a proposed ordinance for a Local Public Agency Agreement (LPA) with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the Rt. 50 sidewalk project to the library. Mr. McEvoy does not believe there is a local match for this project.

Council Member Mr. Bailey moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that Council authorize village administrators to sign the LPA with ODOT. No cost to village.
Ordinance 02-02-2026-02
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 5-0

Nothing to report on streets. Have been working on snow removal. Lengthy discussion regarding snow removal on streets and sidewalks and whose responsibility it is to clear and who is liable if an injury happens. Suggestion to look into purchasing a snow blower. Ms. Sheppard is willing to learn how to plow.

Need to add zoning report to future agendas

Dr. Bradley has reached out to Representative Bird about the Opportunity Zone but has not made contact. He will continue to reach out.

Dr. Bradley would like the Fiscal Officer to be part of the Strategic Planning Committee. Council discussed and committee members will be the Village Administrator, Fiscal Officer and Mr. Bailey.

Dr. Bradley recently completed the Sunshine Law training and learned that certain motions need roll calls. He plans to make a motion at the next meeting to move forward with this procedure.

Mrs. Neuner will send the Sunshine Law training link to all council members

Ms. Sheppard read the police report for January.

Dr. Bradley wants to make sure the monthly work sessions are following Sunshine Laws. A discussion followed. Work sessions are for committee meetings and are not a place to discuss council business. No more than three council members at a time should be participating in or discussing village business.

Ms. Sheppard wants advanced notice of large expenses before they're presented to council for a vote.

Council reviewed the services provided by the village, Police, Roads, Park, Garbage Council discussed the opportunity for adding a fifth service, Human Services.

Mr. Wright showed an updated zoning map. Annexed areas need to be zoned.

ADJOURNMENT
Council Member Ms. Sheppard moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that the Regular Meeting of the Owensville Village Council be adjourned at 9:02 p.m.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 5-0

Kathy Neuner, Fiscal Officer Richard McEvoy, Mayor