RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Village of Owensville Regular Meeting

Held in the Village Hall July 6, 2026

The Mayor and Council of the Village of Owensville met in Regular Session on July 6 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.

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

CITIZENS AND GUESTS PRESENT
Legal Counsel, Dave Frey; Fiscal Officer, Kathy Neuner and 8 guests

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 6-0

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Council Member Mr. Bailey moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that Council adopted the amended agenda.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

CLERK'S BUSINESS
Council Member Mr. Perry moved and Council Member Ms. Sheppard seconded that Council approve the June 1, 2026 minutes as corrected.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

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

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

Council Member Mr. Bailey moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that Council adopted the 2027 Tax Budget as presented.
Resolution: 07-06-2026-01
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Mr. Werring spoke about a grant the Agricultural Society was awarded for a new cattle barn. They would like Council to annex two parcels totaling .163 acres because the property lines split where the barn would be built and they believe this would assist with permits.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. McEvoy talked about the possibility of getting Witmer road paved while another portion is being paved. Might be a good option to piggyback on other paving project.

Mr. Perry talked about tar and chip as an option for paving needs. He would like to move forward with the pipe project on St. Louis, but part of the project is on public property, and the Village can't spend public funds to improve private property. The project is on hold for now until a survey can be done by Clermont Soil and Water. Pleasant street berm is collapsing due to garbage trucks. The estimate for repair is $2,800.

Council Member Mr. Bailey moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that Council approve moving forward with the berm repair on Pleasant Street at an estimated cost of $2,800.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

Ms. Sheppard gave an update on the Historical House grant. Funding must be spent by December 31, 2026. She asked about a 2021 grant report that is still outstanding. She will forward information to the fiscal officer so she can investigate. Ms. Sheppard talked about a possible grant for business owners on main streets.

Mr. McEvoy said the gazeebo flooring is getting soft and is need of repair. The building committee will get an estimate to repair.

Dr. Bradley reported that the strategic planning committee met and talked about organizational structure and when council members are residents and when they are representing the village as council members. They also discussed administration and council communication, the possibly of having a town hall meeting, and succession planning.

Dr. Bradley would like to send letters of commendation to CNE students, Bella Wilson and Lucas Yeager, who received Cincinnati Enquirer sports awards.

Ms. Sheppard reminded everyone about the upcoming movie night. She reported that they had a good turnout at the Art in the Park event and made $450 for the beautification club.

Ms. Sheppard and Mr. Bailey recently attended a RITA meeting. RITA gets resident information from the IRS. This was an informative meeting.

Council Member Dr. Bradley moved and Council Member Ms. Sheppard seconded that Council approve the participation in the Clermont County Urban Program for 2027-2029.
Resolution: 07-06-2026-02
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

Council Member Mr. Bailey moved and Council Member Dr. Bradley seconded that Council approve the annexation petition for the 9.9954 acres.
Resolution: 07-06-2026-03

VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Williams asked if there would be any tax abatements for the new subdivision and thanked the beautification committee for the flowers and decorations.

Mr. Jasper asked who the Village Administrator works for.

Mr. Matthews asked for details of the police report, and wants consideration of Township residents when making development decisions. He would like to see a farmers' market.

Ms. Vogel asked what income is taxed by RITA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:25 pm, Council Member Ms. Sheppard moved and Council Member Mr. Edwards seconded that Council Adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with ORC 121.22G1 – To consider the employment, compensation or discipline of a public employee.
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

At 9:12 pm, Council Member Mr. Bailey moved and Council Member Ms. Sheppard seconded that Council Exit Executive. No formal action taken in Executive Session
VOTE: All Ayes; Motion Carries 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to attend to, Mr. McEvoy adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Kathy Neuner, Fiscal Officer Richard McEvoy, Mayor