

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council

REGULAR Meeting

Date: April 15, 2025

Council President Ruks called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Clerk-Finance Director Kim McKinley performed roll call and the following council members were present: Mr. Cottrell, Ms. Cozad, Mr. Denihan, Mr. Hartz and Mr. Ruks.

Others Present: Solicitor Cris Newcomb, Police Chief Chad Fernandez, Fire Chief Scott Merlino, W/S Supervisor John Sency, and Street L/B Supervisor Shane Gregory.

Agenda: Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cozad – yea, Denihan – yea, Hartz – yea, Ruks – yea, Cottrell – yea. Motion passed.

Public: Connor Ball, Gazette

Minutes: Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on March 18, 2025. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan – yea, Hartz – yea, Ruks – yea, Cottrell – yea, Cozad – yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to approve the minutes of the work session held on April 8, 2025. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz – yea, Ruks – yea, Cottrell – yea, Cozad – yes, Denihan – yea. Motion passed.

Bills: Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to approve the payment of bills. Roll call, 5 yeas: Ruks – yea, Cottrell – yea, Cozad – yea, Denihan – yea, Hartz – yea. Motion passed.

SCAD: Mr. Hartz read his written report, provided to council, at a meeting held on April 14, 2025. Report includes monthly and YTD call numbers. Sentencing was held for individual convicted in 2023 accident involving ambulance. Board approved a Resolution of Necessity for a 2-mill levy renewal. Midway Chevrolet car show has been scheduled for July 26, 2025; proceeds donated to SCAD. Next meeting scheduled for May 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Streets/Lands & Buildings: Council President Ruks read information from written report provided council. Dept started collaborating with engineers to map out storm drains. Engineer will need access to GIS Map to update information. Welded Tubes will repair aprons in anticipation of the Penniman Rd. paving project. Mr. Gregory reached out to ODOT with recommendations on school zone signage; still waiting for a response.

Fire Department: Council President Ruks read information from written report provided to council. Ladder 331 experienced a brake issue, not sure of damage on truck.

Water/ Sewer: Council President Ruks read information from written report provided to council. Hydrant work on SR 322 is scheduled for April 23. Utilities will be marked this week. Cardinal Lab has been scheduled for testing. Hydrant inspections to date – 30. Village will need to order one InsertaValve.

Police Department: Council President Ruks read information from written report provided to council. Chief Fernandez will be attending performance leadership class. Department will be ordering an MDT and hand-held radar for unit 52.

Park and Recreation: None

Planning & Zoning Commission: Minutes for meeting held on January 2, 2025, were provided.

Solicitors' report: None

Finance Report: Ms. McKinley provided a summary of the submitted March reports. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to approve the finance report. The motion passed with all in favor.

Zoning: Zoning report for March was provided.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-01R: A RESOLUTION AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS IN VARIOUS FUNDS. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz – yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 25-04-01R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-02R: AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT AND/OR FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVERTISE AND/OR SOLICIT BIDS WITH CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS, INCLUDING NECESSARY FUNDING CONTINGENCIES AS DETERMINED BY CT CONSULTANTS, INC., A VERDANTAS COMPANY, AND INCLUDING ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH FUNDING WITH THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL PENNIMAN ROAD PAVING PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR SUCH BID ADVERTISING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to pass as an emergency. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea. Motion passed. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz – yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-

yea. Motion passed. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass Resolution 25-04-01R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 -04-03R: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OHIO ISSUE 2 WHICH SEEKS TO INCREASE THE STATE OF OHIO SPENDING CAP FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz – yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 25-04-03R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-04R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz – yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea. Motion passed. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass Resolution 25-04-04R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea. Motion passed.

New Business: Renewal levies were discussed. All agree to place renewals on ballot, with a plan for the future. The next fire levy expires in a few years. Mr. Gregory will follow up with engineer on meeting with ODOT regarding traffic light.

Public: None

Media: Mr. Ball inquired about administrator candidates. Mr. Ruks reported that council members are still vetting applicants.

Executive Session: None


Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruks to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 5:49 p.m.

Approved:

5/20/2025 _____



President of Council



Clerk of Council