RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council **REGULAR Meeting** **Date June 15, 2026**

Council President Ruks called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. Adkins, Mr. Cottrell, Mr. Denihan, Mr. Hartz, and Mr. Ruks.

Also Present: Village Manager Dr. Sean Ratican

Absent: Cris Newcomb, Solicitor

Public: Tom Jones

Agenda: Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins to accept agenda. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz – yea, Ruks – yea, Mr. Adkins-yea. Motion passed.

Public: Tom Jones on behalf of GVACC distributed a map of route for the parade to be held during the summer festival in July. Dr. Ratican reported that the proposed route would require an additional staff of thirteen at overtime rate. Manpower availability would be a challenge. Dr. Ratican suggested a meeting and requested alternate route.

Minutes: Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 19, 2026. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yes, Hartz-yea, Ruks - yea, Mr. Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the minutes on the work session held on June 9, 2026. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks - yea, Mr. Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea.

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

SCAD: Councilor Hartz presented his SCAD report from meeting held on June 8, 2026. Report includes monthly financials and call numbers. The arrival of new ambulance has been postponed until July. Next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Village Manager Report: Dr. Ratican has a meeting scheduled with GVLSD to discuss the future of the SRO and the offer of stability for the officer.

The Village has picked up the cost of portable toilet for Summer Fest.

Solicitors' report: None

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

Zoning: Davis Hardware has been transferred to Hemly Tool. Dr. Ratican has received grass complaints.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06-01R: A Resolution approving the Commercial Loan Proposal and Financing Agreement from Erie Bank in the amount of $2,500,000.00 purchase of the 2025 Rosenbauer Ladder Truck (including equipment) and new administrative building purchase located at 431 East Main Street, Orwell, Ohio (including renovations and purchased assets) said purchases being a unified purchase and financing transaction as permitted by O.R.C. 717.01 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins to pass as an emergency. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins, to pass Resolution 26-06-01R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06-02R: A Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to advertise and solicit bids for the potential purchase of Backhoe Loader and related equipment for the Village of Orwell Road/Street Department and declaring an emergency. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass as an emergency. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to pass Resolution 26-06-02R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06-03R: A Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to prepare and submit application(s) for the Safer Grant funds from the State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins, to pass as an emergency. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass Resolution 26-06-03R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06-05R: A Resolution approving the Annual Tax Budget, including anticipated revenues and expenditures for tax year 2027 on behalf of the Village of Orwell for submission to the Ashtabula County Auditor. Mr. Adkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins, to pass Resolution 26-06-05R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06-06R: A Resolution declaring a surplus of equipment, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and fully incorporated herein and authorizing the Village Manager and/or Village Fiscal Officer to list and sell the same on GovDeals and declaring an emergency.
Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins, to pass as an emergency. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to pass Resolution 26-06-06R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-06-07: An Ordinance Creating Part 11 (to be codified starting at Chapter 1100) under the Village of Orwell Codified Ordinances to reflect the creation of the Orwell Port Authority as permitted and established in O.R.C. 4582 citing any and all requirements, regulations and authorities as permitted under said O.R.C. and not declaring an emergency. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruks, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins, to pass Ordinance 26-06-07R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea. Motion passed.

New Business: None

Public: None

Media: None

Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks – yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea. President Ruks adjourned the meeting at 5.02 p.m.

Approved: July 21, 2026

Jean Rubican
Village Manager

Kimberly Mack
Clerk of Council

Christopher R
President of Council