RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council **REGULAR Meeting** **Date May 19, 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: Solicitor Cris Newcomb.

Absent: Village Manager Dr. Sean Ratican

Public: Warren Dillaway, Star Beacon and Gabe McVey, Gazette

Agenda: Mr. Hartz 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: None

Minutes: Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on April 21, 2026. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yes, Hartz-yea, Ruks - yea, Mr. Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the minutes of the special council meeting held on May 12, 2026. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks - yea, Mr. Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea.

Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz to approve the minutes on the work session held on May 12, 2026. Roll call, 5 yeas: Ruks-yea, Mr. Adkins-yea, Cottrell – yea, Denihan-yea Hartz – yea. Motion passed.

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

SCAD: Councilor Hartz presented his SCAD report from meeting held on May 11, 2026. Report includes monthly financials and call numbers. A new ambulance is scheduled to arrive in June. The board approved IT policy as per HB96. SCAD was able to enroll in BWC's group rating with Sedwick. SCAD was dropped from group rating after ambulance accident. Midway car show is scheduled for July 25th. Next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Village Manager Report: None

Solicitors' report: None

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

Zoning: None

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-05-01R: A RESOLUTION AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS IN VARIOUS FUNDS WITHIN THE BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins to remove Resolution 26-05-051R from the table. 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 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. Hartz, to pass Resolution 26-05-01R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION N0 26-05-03R: A RESOLUTION TRANSFERING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL, WATER & SEWER TO VARIOUS FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026. Mr. Denihan 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. Hartz, to pass Resolution 26-05-03R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-05-04R: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING AN UPDATED CREDIT CARD POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL ATTACHED HERETO AND FULLY INCORPORATED HEREIN AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz 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. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to pass Resolution 26-05-04R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO 26-05-05R: A RESOLUTION RENEWING MCKINLEY AS FISCAL OFFICER AND CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, 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. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins, to pass Resolution 26-05-05R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-05-06R: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING A SALES TAX POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL ATTACHED HERETO AND FULLY INCORPORATED HEREIN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Cottrell 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. Hartz, to pass Resolution 26-05-06R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05-07: AN AMENDED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR REAL ESTATE BETWEEN TIRELESS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL LOCATED AT 431 EAST MAIN STREET AND US ROUTE 322, ORWELL, OHIO INCLUDING LISTED PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSETS IN THE TOTAL SUM OF $885,000.00 TO BE USED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Cottrell inquired about whether this legislation will be the final amendment. It was Solicitor Newcomb's understanding that it was the final version. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass as an emergency. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea ,Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, 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 Ordinance 26-05-07. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea. Motion passed.

New Business: None

Public: None

Media: Mr. Dillaway asked for clarification on the sales tax property; Solicitor Newcomb explained that AOS required policy. Property purchased was the formal Bob Sumeral Tire; sale included lifts, racks & appliances. Building will be used by streets, fire, and administration. Mr. Hartz asked that insurance company be notified on property purpose.

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Ruks – yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea. President Ruks adjourned the meeting at 5.26 p.m.

Approved: 6/15/2026

Jean Ratican
Village Manager

Clerk of Council

President of Council