RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council **REGULAR Meeting** **Date September 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 and Solicitor Cris Newcomb

Public: Gabe McVey, Gazette

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

Minutes: Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on August 18, 2026. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yes, Hartz-yea, Ruks - yea, Adkins – yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan to approve the minutes on the work session held on September 8, 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, Adkins-yea, Cottrell – yea, Denihan-yea Hartz – yea. Motion passed.

SCAD: Councilor Hartz presented his SCAD report from meeting held on September 14, 2026. Report includes monthly financials and call numbers. YTD call numbers for the district were 1379. Board is interested in securing a bulk purchase rate for fuel for next year. Chief Buehner provided an update on the OHEC-HC lawsuit. SCAD has been included in discussion with police and fire on emergency response plan for Rock Creek Elementary and Grand Valley Scholls. Next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Village Manager Report: Dr. Ratican provided an update on the new building and the building remodel.

Officer Grigus will meet with GV Chamber to discuss Halloween activities at the fire dept.

Dr. Ratican provided a proposal on vacation leave buyback. The program would allow up to 50% buyout of the current annual individual allotment of vacation. Program is voluntary. Ms.

McKinley reported reallocation of funds would be necessary in 2026. Moving forward beginning in 2027, the program would be included in annual budget.

Solicitors' report: None

Finance Report Ms. McKinley reported the second half tax settlement was received and provided a summary of the submitted August financial reports. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins, to approve the finance report. The motion passed with all in favor.

Zoning: BZA meeting scheduled to review library addition drawings. Dr. Ratican talked to two candidates for the zoning position.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09-01R: A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL COUNCIL MEETINGS TO 431 E. MAIN STREET, ORWELL, OHIO 44076 FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Adkins-yea ,Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass Resolution 26-09-01R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09-02R: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JIM WANN TO THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan to pass as an emergency. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Hartz 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. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 26-09-02R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09-03R: A RESOLUTION ADVANCING FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO THE COMMUNITY & LITTER GRANT FUND. Mr. Cottrell 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. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass Resolution 26-09-03R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea. Motion passed.

New Business: None

Public: None

Media: None

Executive Session: Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins to go into executive session with solicitor, village manager, and clerk to discuss the proposed sale of village property. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed. Executive Session 5:28 p.m.

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan to exit executive session. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea. Motion passed at 5:47 p.m.

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adkins to adjourn the meeting. Roll call, 5 yeas: Ruks-yea, Adkins-yea, Cottrell-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea. Motion passed. President Ruks adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Approved: October 20, 2026

Village Manager

Clerk of Council

President of Council