

WOODVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 530 LIME STREET
FEBRUARY 24, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Ty Tracy
- II. **ROLL CALL** – Elected Officials - Fiscal Officer, Barb Runion
- III. **ROLL CALL** – Administration & Audience – Fiscal Officer, Barb Runion
- IV. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** – Mayor Ty Tracy
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Finance Committee and Regular Council Meetings on February 10, 2025
- VI. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
 - a.
- VII. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a. Thank you from the Frank Sirse, Jr. Family
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a.
- IX. **REPORTS:**
 - a. ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL – Riffle, absent
 - b. PUBLIC WORKS & MAINTENANCE – Dunn
 - c. ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – O'Connor
 - d. FINANCE – Throop
~Finance Ordinance 1830
 - e. PUBLIC SAFETY – Fetzer
 - f. RECREATION & PARKS DEVELOPMENT – Ransom
 - g. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – Brickley
~See attached
 - h. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Gilkerson
 - i. SOLICITOR – Kuhlman
- X. **FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**
- XI. **NEW BUSINESS**
- XII. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (if necessary)
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES – February 10, 2025
WOODVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Woodville Village Council held on Monday February 10, 2025 in Council Chambers 530 Lime St. at 7:00pm. Present at Roll Call: Mayor Ty Tracy, Council Members- Patrick Dunn, Denny Fetzer, Kelly O'Connor, Earl Ransom, Joe Riffle, and Tammi Throop. Administration: Village Administrator Tom Brickley, Chief Steve Gilkerson, Solicitor Bob Kuhlman, and Fiscal Officer Barb Runion. Audience: Linda Knudsen

Mayor Tracy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes of the Finance Committee and Regular Council meetings on January 27, 2025 were approved as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Linda Knudsen stated she met with Village Administrator (VA) Brickley and he agreed with her that the water meter was changed out correctly, however the contractor could have installed the wiring better. VA Brickley will contact Vanguard to schedule another visit to reinstall the wiring. Linda Knudsen left the meeting at 7:11pm.

CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Tracy presented a letter from Pastor Alan Brown of Solomon Church. (attached) He will host a time of prayer followed by a discussion regarding preventing gun violence, and to create safer, healthier environments in our schools on March 6 at 7:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS- None

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL- Riffle – No report

PUBLIC WORKS & MAINTENANCE – Dunn – No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – O'Connor – No report.

FINANCE – Throop made a motion to approved Finance Ordinance #1829 in the amount of \$86,418.58 Ransom seconded. VOTE: Yeas- Throop, Ransom, Riffle, Dunn, Fetzer, O'Connor. Nays – none. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

PUBLIC SAFETY- Fetzer - No report.

RECREATION & PARKS DEVELOPMENT – Ransom reported the next 4th of July Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18 at the Library – 7:00pm, and not on February 11 as previously reported.

ADMINISTRATOR – Brickley reported:

- **WATER PLANT(WTP):** 1. Advertise for the \$1.8 million dollar Water Tower Project begins February 10. 2. We have had 5 water breaks throughout the village during the week of Feb 2.
- **SEWER PLANT:** No report
- **ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT:** Substation maintenance showed issues with the main switch. Will advertise scheduled power outages on March 25 to work on the switch issue continuously until that date. Planned advertising on utility bill mailings (Feb and March), Facebook, 5 Posting spots, and village website.
- **STREET DEPARTMENT:** 1. Need to replace 3rd plow (Water/Sewer operator's truck) 2008 truck. Update quote: \$102,486/Chassis - \$53,986 and Bed with plow \$48,500. 2. Road salt is still sufficient for the rest of the season.
- **PARKS & REC:** No report
- **PROJECTS:** Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project update: Water meter installations approximately 170 meters to install - 75% complete.
- **FYI:** The Sandusky County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will hold their annual meeting with village staff in council chambers on February 20.

POLICE DEPARTMENT- Chief Gilkerson reported:

- Chief Gilkerson reported: 1. Officer Frank Sirse has successfully completed his probation period. Mayor Tracy recommends Officer Sirse receive a \$1.00/hr wage increase for the successfully completed probation. Fetzer made a motion to increase Officer Sirse's wage \$1.00/hr or \$25.00/hr beginning with the February 3, 2025 pay period. Dunn second. VOTE – Yeas – Fetzer, Dunn, O'Connor, Ransom, Riffle, and Throop. Nays – None. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0**. 2. Officer Dave Mechel's probation period will be extended for 6 months or August 26, 2025. 3. Presented and reviewed the January Activity report. (attached)

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SOLICITOR – Kuhlman – No report.

FISCAL OFFICER- Runion presented the following ordinance for council's consideration:

ORD #1: AUTHORIZING THE VA AND FO TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH FISHBECK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – 3rd Reading
Riffle made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1-2025. Fetzer second. VOTE – Yeas – Riffle, Fetzer, Dunn, O'Connor, Ransom, and Throop. Nays – None. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

NEW BUSINESS – None

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Tracy reported: 1. The next Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor will be February 15th at Noon at Wild Brew. 2. Express his appreciation to Brickley, MaryLou Evans, and Kris Gerwin for all the extra time and effort getting the AMI program implemented.

The next Finance Committee and Council meetings will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:30pm/ 7:00pm respectively.

Mayor Tracy adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm



Mayor Ty Tracy

ATTEST:



Barbara J. Runion, Fiscal Officer



Solomon Lutheran Church & School

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Friends,

On December 16, 2024, there was yet **another school shooting**—another tragedy, another set of innocent lives lost. And what do we do? We move on. We've become numb to it—children murdered, teachers, staff, and administrators losing their lives, and we remain too busy or indifferent to truly care. How many more lives must be lost before we wake up?

As the pastor of a church with a school, I live with the ever-present fear of what might happen next. Every day, we lock our doors, monitor access, and try to ensure our teachers can teach and students can learn without fear of being gunned down. But the fear never leaves. More headlines, more deaths, —and still, nothing changes. **No outrage. No social movement.** Just a quick mention in the news cycle, then we move on. It's unacceptable.

As of December 16, 2024, there have been at least **83 school shootings in the U.S.**—27 on college campuses, 56 on K-12 grounds. **38 dead, 115 injured.** Yet we continue to debate the same issues while children die. **How much longer are we going to let this continue?**

Stop with the empty “thoughts and prayers.” Thoughts and prayers should lead to action. If they don’t, they’re just an excuse to do nothing and let this madness continue. This is not about political parties or policies. This is about the safety of our children and teachers, and confronting the mental health crisis we continue to ignore.

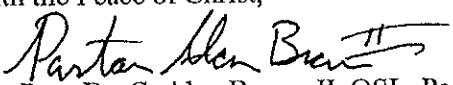
We don’t need armed teachers, administrators, or security guards. That’s not a solution—it’s an escalation. We don’t need more guns, razor wire, locks, or fear. **Violence is not the answer to violence.** We don’t need schools to become fortresses. We need a culture that values life over death, solutions over violence, and true love for our neighbors over self. Love that includes taking care of our children’s physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

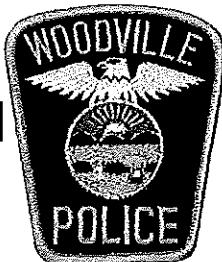
Since Columbine in 1999, over 338,000 students in the U.S. have experienced or witnessed gun violence at school. For over 20 years, parents, educators, and students have lived in fear. This doesn’t have to be our future. We can create safe, supportive schools by addressing the root causes and implementing proven strategies. Some of the most impactful include:

- **Fostering a Safe and Trusting School Climate:** Creating an environment where students feel secure, respected, and supported, allowing them to thrive academically and socially.
- **Crisis Intervention Programs:** Trauma-informed programs to help schools de-escalate potentially dangerous situations before they escalate, alongside mental health services to help people in crisis.
- **Community Advocacy for Secure Gun Storage and Monitored Sales:** Holding gun owners accountable for unsecured firearms and enforcing comprehensive background checks.
- Other strategies include providing mental health counselors, educating parents on warning signs, and building a network of community support and safety.

I invite you to join me on **Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** at Solomon Lutheran Church and School for a time of prayer followed by a discussion on actionable steps to prevent gun violence and create safer, healthier environments in our schools. We can do better. We must do better. Change must start with us. Let’s come together to work toward a future where our children and educators are safe.

With the Peace of Christ,


The Rev. Dr. G. Alan Brown II, OSL, Pastor and Superintendent



Woodville Police Department

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END OF MONTH REPORT

JAN 2024

TRAFFIC STOPS	CITATIONS TRAFFIC & MISDEMEANOR	CR'S/CALLS FOR SERVICE	REPORTABLE OFFENSES	ARREST & CHARGES
165	84 TRAFFIC (83) / MISD. (1)	485	72	MISDEMEANOR- 5 FELONY- 7 TOTAL- 12
CRASH OFFENSES - 2		HIT SKIP/LEAVING SCENE - 0		INJURY - 0

- 5 Warrants
- 2 Federal Offenses
- 1 Burglary
- 5 Drug Related
- 2 Stolen/Theft related – Recovered stolen vehicle

VILLAGE OF WOODVILLE, OHIO
MINUTES OF OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
PER H.B. 111 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 9, 1994

DATE: 2/10/2025

ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL _____

PUBLIC SAFETY _____

RECREATION & PARKS DEVELOPMENT _____

PUBLIC WORKS & MAINTENANCE _____

FINANCE X _____

ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT _____

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Ty Tracy Barb Runway Tammi Throop
Be Rettie Earl Renson

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Ordinance 1829
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

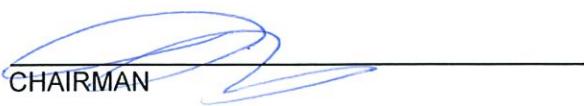
EXECUTIVE SESSION, (IF NECESSARY)... TIME:

STATE PURPOSE:

NAMES OF PERSONS AT EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. (STATE TIME) _____

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:



CHAIRMAN