RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Perry Village Council
Perry Village Hall

Regular Meeting
August 13, 2026

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

The meeting was called to order by Fiscal Officer John Roskos at 6:03 PM, who conducted roll call.

Acting Mayor Elias Coss
Brian Farley
Pam Jenkins
Rebecca "Becky" Shimko
Curtis Curd

*Paul Hlabse and John Nicely appointed during the Meeting.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Tina Haas, Lee Glover, Mike Glover, Ron White, Lori White, Brayden Rogers, Vanesa Rogers, Kristi Cowling, Laura Wolkersdorfer, Vincent Lindeman, Chuck Adams, Tom Lucas, John Oleyar, Kathy Popp-Ford, Alex Russo, Denise Wheeler, Gary Wheeler, Kim Walker, Tim Walker, Kate Greenwood, Cindy Brofman, Jack Brofman, Kathy Bates, Larry Hackley, Rick Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF OFFICER RYAN SHANNON:

Mayor Elias Coss announced that hours after the last council meeting, Officer Ryan Shannon passed away in an off-duty accident. Officer Shannon had been a part-time officer for the village starting in 2008, serving for eight-plus years. He was a full-time officer in Madison Township and had gotten a job in Willoughby Hills about a year or so ago. Mayor Coss took a moment of silence in his honor and his family's honor. Afterwards, Mayor Coss noted that he did not recall the dog's name, but the dog was Officer Shannon's best friend. Several officers, Chief Shook, and Mayor Coss attended the wake and the funeral, and it was apparent the dog was his best friend, as the dog steadily looking towards him.

SPECIAL GUEST OF MAYOR:

Mayor Coss introduced Brayden Rogers, a 14-year-old freshman in Perry. Mayor Coss noted that he coaches several youths who play soccer and that they went undefeated. Brayden's mother, Vanesa, was also in the audience. Mayor Coss had seen on Facebook that she shared pictures of Brayden and read that he is very passionate about history and government. Mayor Coss explained that Brayden's grandparents take each grandkid individually on vacation at some point in their young life, and this year was Brayden's turn. Brayden chose a historical trip to

Pennsylvania to see the Liberty Bell and look at government stuff. Mayor Coss, noting Brayden's passion for government, history, and politics, and having a prior relationship with him through his mother, reached out to her and invited Brayden to sit in on council. Brayden was present on the mayor's invitation and partook in the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ELIAS COSS' DECISION TO VACATE COUNCIL SEAT AND SUCCEED TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR:

Mayor Coss announced that a council seat had become available after the last meeting. The village conducted interviews with four very solid candidates and extended the time period for council to make a decision. Of the four candidates, two stood out neck to neck, with a two-to-two-and-a-half-hour discussion going back and forth. Council was not able to make a decision at that point, so the meeting was closed. After several nights of thinking and looking over the candidates, Mayor Coss felt it was time to make the council whole. As a result, Mayor Coss officially resigned from his council seat effective immediately, making the seat available. This created two available seats, and the two candidates who stood out were offered the seats. Both accepted.

LEGISLATION PART 1:

Resolution 36-2026 (Three Readings are not required for nomination and appointment to vacant Council Seat)

A resolution authorizing, advising and consenting to the appointment of John Nicely as a member of the Council of Perry Village, Ohio, and declaring and emergency.

Three readings are not required for nomination and appointment to a vacant Council Seat. A **motion to approve was made by Becky and seconded by Brian. Roll call: Elias- Yes, Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, Becky- Yes, Curtis- Yes. The resolution passed 5-0.** John Nicely took the Oath of Office, swearing to support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the ordinances and resolutions of the Village of Perry, Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge the duties of the office of council for the Village of Perry, Lake County, Ohio. He signed the necessary paperwork.

Resolution 37-2026 (Three Readings are not required for nominations and appointment of Paul Hlabse as a member of Council of Perry Village, Ohio, and declaring an emergency).

A resolution authorizing, advising and consenting to the appointment of Paul Hlabse as a member of the Council of Perry Village, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Three readings are not required for nomination and appointment to a vacant Council Seat. A **motion to approve was made by Curtis and second by Becky. Roll call: Elias- Yes, Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, Becky- Yes, Curtis- Yes, John- Yes. The resolution passed 5-0.** Paul Hlabse took the Oath of Office, swearing to support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the ordinances and resolutions of the Village of Perry,

Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge the duties of the office of council for the Village of Perry, Lake County, Ohio. He signed the necessary paperwork.

Mayor Coss then announced that as a result of his resignation from council, there was now a vacant pro term position available, and nominations were open for his replacement as pro term for council. **Councilwoman Becky Shimko nominated Brian Farley. Curtis seconded**. No other nominations were made. Mayor Coss noted he no longer had to vote. **Roll call: Brian Abstain, Pam-Yes, John- Yes, Becky-Yes, Paul-Yes, Curtis- Yes.** Brian Farley was elected President Pro Tempore. Mayor Coss congratulated Brian and stated he was really looking forward to this group. He noted that with all the changes, council was now officially whole again with six council people, a president pro temp, and that he would finish off the remaining 14 to 15 months of former Mayor Gessic's term which expires December 31st of next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Public to address comments and questions to Mayor and will be limited to 3 minutes. Mayor will decide if he would like Council or employees to respond).

Mayor Coss opened the floor to public comment, noting that speakers would be held to three minutes and should stand at the podium and state their name and address.

Laura Wolkersdorfer, resident 3860 Green St, expressed concerns about e-bikes in the community. Laura stated that kids are not paying attention, and she observed a kid riding an e-bike while texting on the phone. She noted there are no helmets, double riders, and riders going over the speed limit. With school starting, she is worried somebody is going to get seriously hurt. She reported that riders are blowing through stop signs and not paying attention to cross the streets. She hears a lot of people complaining about it and urged that somebody needs to do something about it.

Rick Walker, resident 4122 Green St, commended the DB Bentley Company, which has been working on Green Street for most of the spring and summer. Rick stated that that it is difficult to get in and out sometimes, the workers have always been very appreciative and kind. They move vehicles when needed and at the end of the day they do not leave a mess. Rick wanted to commend them publicly. Councilwoman Becky Shimko expressed agreement.

READING & DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Mayor Coss presented the following minutes for approval, with Fiscal Officer John Roskos conducting roll call votes on each.

a. **Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2026 (emailed 7/28/26): Motion to approve minutes** made by Curtis Curd; seconded by Brian Farley. Roll call: Brian — yes; Pam s— yes; John- Abstain; Becky Shimko — yes; Paul- Abstain; Curtis — yes; **Motion approved 4-0.**

b. **Regular Council Meeting on July 16, 2026 (emailed 7/28/26): Motion to approve** made by Brian Farley; seconded by Becky Shimko. Roll call: Brian Farley — yes; Pam — yes; John- Abstain; Becky — yes; Paul- Abstain; Curtis — yes;

Motion approved 4-0.

c. **Special Council Meeting on July 23, 2025 (emailed 7/28/26): Motion to approve** made by Curtis Curd; seconded by Becky Shimko. Roll call: Brian — yes; Pam— yes; John- Abstain; Becky Shimko — yes; Paul- Abstain; Curtis — yes;
Motion approved 4-0.

Mayor Coss then announced that he had put a Facebook post on the Perry Village Facebook page a couple of weeks ago regarding several available seats. The village had seats available on the Board of Zoning Appeals, The Board of Tax Review, and several committees. Anyone interested in getting more involved was ask to Contact Mayor Coss or John Roskos.

Mayor Coss announced that Josh was not present but had expressed interest in filling a seat on the planning commission as well as either the tax or zoning appeals board. Those two boards go hand-in-hand, with one having five seats and the other having three seats, the three being filled by three of the five from the other. Mayor Coss stated he would appoint Josh, but they would not vote on it at this meeting because he had just gotten the answer from Josh that day. This would be addressed at next month's meeting.

Mayor Coss noted a recent vacancy on the Perry Economic Development Council (PEDC). As mayor, he would fill one of the two seats, and he was making a motion to appoint Brian to fill the vacancy left by the other member. A **motion was made** by Becky and seconded by Curtis. Roll call: Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John- Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes. **Motion passed 6-0.**

Mayor Coss stated that with a lot of new additions to council and changing of seats, he would be meeting with council in the coming weeks to move people around so that the work load was not heavy on some and lighter on others. Mayor Coss had a conversation with Brian prior to the meeting and asked if Brian would be willing to come off the communication committee. Effective Immediately, Brian would no longer be on the communication committee, with Brian's agreement. Curtis would remain on the communication committee, and Mayor Coss would have a discussion with Curtis about moving forward.

GOOD & WELFARE: PROCLAMATION FOR FIREFIGHTER MARK WARMUTH:

Mayor Coss introduced Firefighter Paramedic Mark Warmuth, who was present with his wife, three kids, mother, and mother-in-law. Mayor Coss noted he had been corrected 17 times by Chief Shook that the proper term is "firefighter" and not "fireman" Chief Dominic, who sits on the fire board, had brought this to Mayor Coss' attention. The fire department had recognized Firefighter Warmuth, and Mayor Coss felt it was important for Perry Village to recognize him as well.

Mayor Coss read the proclamation: While off duty at Recreation Park in Painesville City, Firefighter Warmuth received notification of a possible drowning in the Grand River near the park. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he immediately responded to the emergency by entering the river to search to search for the victim who had become submerged and was no longer responsive. Demonstrating exceptional

composure and dedication, Firefighter Warmuth worked alongside a Painesville City police officer to locates the victim beneath the water. After locating the victim, members of the Painesville City Fire Department utilized a rope bag to assist in bringing the victim safely to shore, where crews immediately initiated CPR and advanced life support measures. The victim was transported to University Hospital for continuing medical treatment, but despite the extraordinary efforts of everyone involved, ultimately succumbed to his injuries. Although the outcome was tragic, Firefighter Warmuth's immediate and decisive actions provided the victim with the greatest possible opportunity for survival. His willingness to place himself in harm's way, apply his training, and work seamlessly with other emergency responders exemplifies the highest standards of his service. His calm demeanor, courage, and unwavering commitment to helping others reflect great credit upon himself and the fire service profession. It is with great pride and sincere appreciation that the Perry Fire District recognizes Firefighter Paramedic Warmuth for his heroic actions on July, 15, 2026. On behalf of Perry Village and all of council, the proclamation was presented. A photograph was taken with Firefighter Warmuth and the Chief outside.

Mayor Coss then noted that we live in a time where we often talk about all the negatives in our communities, and when the opportunity arises to recognize police, fire, or citizens, it is an opportunity that should be taken advantage of, as those moments are usually forgotten.

Legislation Part 2:

Resolution 39-2026 (Three Readings are not required for nomination and appointment to vacant Planning Commission Seat)

A resolution confirming the Appointment of John Dowler to the Village of Perry Planning Commission Board and declaring an emergency.

Motion to approve Resolution 39-2026 made by Brian Farley and seconded by Becky Shimko. Roll call: Brian — yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis — yes; **Motion approved 6-0.**

Resolution 38-2026 (First Reading; recommendation to suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution amending Resolution No. 51-2025 and approving the Permanent Appropriations Funds for the Village of Perry, Ohio for the year 2026 and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule made by Pam Jenkins; seconded Becky Shimko. Roll call: Brian — yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis — yes; **Motion approved 6-0. Motion to approve Resolution 38-2026** made by Becky Shimko and seconded by Brian Farley. John Roskos explained that the only change in this amendment is to add funds for Fund 2272, the One Ohio Opioid Settlement Fund, increasing it from zero to $6,138.25. The plan is to use the majority of the funds to purchase AEDs for police cruisers. There was no other discussion. Roll call: Brian— yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis — yes; **Motion approved 6-0.**

Ordinance No. 2026-03 (Tabled on Third Reading 7/16/2026)

An Ordinance amending Section 522.2.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Perry to increase Vacant Structure Registration Fees and declaring an emergency. There was initially no motion to return this to the table.
Later in the meeting. Mayor Coss requested to go back to this ordinance. A motion to return to table was made by Curtis Curd; seconded by Paul Hlabse. Roll call: Brian— yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis — yes; **Motion approved 6-0.**

Mayor Coss explained his reasoning: there have been a lot of changes over the last several of months within the village and council as a whole, including a change in solicitor. There are three council people with seven months of tenure and two others within about 15 months. Because of how heavy this topic is, and because prior research needed to be done from a legality standpoint, and the previous solicitor had retired before completing that research, Mayor Coss asked council to remove it from the table and revisit it later this year or early next year, sticking with the fines as they are currently without making any changes.

Acting Solicitor Ron Graham advised that under Robert's Rules, the ordinances needed to be voted on in the affirmative- a yes vote would be raising fees, and a no vote would mean it fails and the ordinance reverts to the original. Councilman Paul Hlabse asked what the end game was and whether the current fines were not working. Mayor Coss clarified that the people not abiding by the ordinance are being fined and are paying, but prior council was looking to increase the fines, and the previous solicitor had legally stated they should pause because the proposed fines were drastically higher than anybody else in Lake County. The solicitor was supposed to go back and research what other municipalities were doing, but he retired before doing so.

Councilman Paul Hlabse recommended that if they keep the fines as they are, they need some kind of actionable plan and a timeline, or an amendment for the fines to go up, because if property owners are paying fines every time and it is not getting corrected, there needs to be accountability. Mayor Coss agreed that would be part of the discussion.

Zoning Inspector Christian Gray added that the solicitor needs to confirm the ordinance complies with Ohio Revised Code and that it is not viewed as an excessive fine.

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2026-03 by Curtis Curd; seconded by Paul Hlabse. Roll Call: Brian-No, Pam-No, John-No, Becky-No, Paul-No, Curtis-No. The ordinance failed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2026-04 (Third Reading)

An ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the Village of Perry, Ohio, be rezoning permanent parcel numbers 04-A-035-0-00-009-0 and 04-A-035-0-00-028-0 from PUD Planned Unit Development District to SF Single Family Residential District, and by rezoning Permanent Parcel Number 04-A-035-0-00-029-0 from GB General Business District to PUD planned Unit Development District.

Motion to approve made by Becky Shimko; seconded by Curtis Curd. Roll call: Brian— yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis — yes; **Motion approved 6-0.**

Ordinance No. 2026-10 (Second Reading; deadline to provide a list of assessments to the Auditor is September 14. Due to notice requirements, recommendation to suspend the Three-Reading Rule).

An Ordinance determining to proceed with the improvements of various streets in the Village of Perry by supplying said street with electric street lighting and sidewalks and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend Three Reading Rule made by Becky Shimko; seconded by Pam Jenkins. Roll call: Brian— yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis — yes. **Motion approved 6-0. Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-10** made by Pam Jenkins; seconded by Becky Shimko. There was no discussion. Roll call: Brian— yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis — yes; **Motion approved 6-0.**

Ordinance No. 2026-11 (Second Reading; deadline to provide a list of assessments to the Auditor is September 14).

Due to notice requirements, recommendation to suspend the Three-Reading Rule). An Ordinance to levy for the improvement of various streets the Village of Perry by supplying said streets with electric street lighting and sidewalks and declaring an emergency. **Motion to suspend** Three Reading Rule made by Becky Shimko; seconded by Curtis Curd. Roll call: Brian— yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis — yes. **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-11** made by Brian Farley; seconded by Curtis Curd. There was no discussion. Roll call: Brian— yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis — yes; **Motion approved 6-0.**

Ordinance No. 2026-13 (First Reading)
An Ordinance enacting a one-year moratorium on the acceptance and approval of applications for data centers within the Village of Perry, excluding the property known as "Champion Farm" and declaring an emergency.

This was read but not voted on at this time.

REPORTS

Mayor Coss delivered an extensive report covering numerous topics:

NOPEC Grant Donation to Fall Festival: The village receives $1,000 every year from NOPEC, specifically designed for community events. Historically, the money has been donated

to the Fall Festival as an event sponsor. A motion was made by Pam Jenkins, seconded by Becky Shimko to donate the full $1,000 to the Fall Festival. Roll call: Brian— yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis — yes; **Motion approved 6-0.** Mayor Coss, on behalf of the Fall Festival Committee, thanked council, noting that Pam and him appreciate it.

Data Center Update: Mayor Coss reported that he has not heard from the data center developer since the last meeting. They are still very much interested in buying the land but have not made a final decision on whether to purchase it or what they will do with it.

Back-to-School Police Presence: Mayor Coss reported having conversations with Chief Shook and Superintendent Todd Porcello, the board, and the principals over at the school. On behalf of the village and police, they want to welcome students, teachers, principals, bus drivers, and maintenance staff back to school. There will be a heavier police presence the first week and possible the couple of days of the second week. Mayor Coss will post something on Sunday morning, as will the school, to the entire community. The goal is to keep traffic moving, prevent cars from driving by school buses, and welcome kids and teachers back.

Zero Tolerance for Passing School Buses: Mayor Coss addressed vehicles going around the school buses with stop sign out. Chief Shook communicated to officers that if anyone is caught driving around a stopped school bus with the stop sign out, there is no warning, there is absolute zero tolerance, regardless of who it is or the reasoning. This typically occurs the first week or week and a half of school.

Notary Services: Mayor Coss announced that as of a few hours ago, he has officially become a notary. He has also sent CFO John Roskos and the administrative assistant to becomes notaries as well, though they have not finished training. Between the three of them, notary services will be available at no cost to the community. Both Mayor Coss and Sebrina speak fluent Spanish-speaking writing, and reading. Mayor Coss is willing to come to residents' houses for notarization, or residents can come to Village Hall during business hours.

Board and Committee Seat Updates: All seats for the Planning Commission have been filled. John Dowler will fulfill Heather's seat, which she vacated late last year, with the term expiring at the end of the year. There are five seats available on the Board of Zoning Appeals, all with specific terms. Josh will be voted on in the next month. There are two seats available on the Tax Review Board. Curtis has seats on his (communication) committee. Anyone interested should reach out to Mayor Coss or John.

Fall Festival: The Fall Festival is scheduled for September 12, the Saturday immediately following Labor Day. Official festival hours are 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Fireworks will start around 9:15 PM. A fishing derby contest will start at 8:00 AM with two or three 45-minute sessions based on age groups: 8:00-8:45, 9:00-9:45, and 10:00-10:45. There will be prizes and signups. Information will be posted on social media. The village is in desperate need of volunteers, preferable adult volunteers for parking and other tasks. Interested persons should contact Mayor Coss, Matt Elliott, or Tina Witt.

Munchies with the Mayor: Mayor Coss announced a new community engagement initiative called "Munchies with the Mayor". This will be a one-hour session at Village Hall, open to community members, providing an opportunity for the community to discuss concerns, suggestions, ideas, and questions outside of a formal council meeting. The plan is to try this for four weeks, with each session on a different day of the week and at a different time of day. The first session will include popcorn, chips, soda, and drinks, with something different each week. Information will be posted on social media over the weekend.

National Night Out: Mayor Coss reported that last week that Chief Shook posted about National Night out in Painesville, an event Mayor Coss had never heard of in his 13 years in Perry. It was very well attended. Several officers attended, and the village's cruiser won third place, and it was the second-oldest cruiser, not the newest. (Technical difficulties were experienced with the slideshow presentation throughout this portion).

Booth Farms Lemonade Stand Visit: Earlier that day, in Booth Farms, a family had a lemonade stand. Mayor Coss, Chief Shook, and Chief Dominic attended. Chief Dominic brough the fire truck, and Chief Shook brought the patrol car. The kids were excited. The family and community members were appreciative. Mayor Coss emphasized this could be the first interaction with the fire department or police, and it is important to make it positive.

Community Prize Initiative: Mayor Coss announced idea borrowed from Mentor, where police hide prizes in the parks, post a clue, and the community searches for them. Mayor Coss wants to expand this beyond just police-driven, reaching out to businesses to donate prizes and promote their business. Prizes will be hidden at Lee Lydic Park and other safe spots in the village. The first prize and first donation is from Mayor Coss himself: an American Flag at the World Trade Center at the Freedom Tower (1,776 feet up), with a certificate of authenticity. Mayor Coss visited New York City two weeks ago, his first time back since living in Brooklyn as a kid. Mayor Coss noted this will be the 25th anniversary of 9/11. The Fall Festival is the day after 9/11, so this initiative ties into getting the community to the park.

Welcome Packet Revival: Mayor Coss announced plans to bring back a welcome packet for new residents of Perry Village, something that existed when he moved in 13 years ago. It was a folder with a letter from the mayor. He has met with someone in marketing to create a new version. It will not be paid for by the village; instead, Mayor Coss will go door-to-door to businesses to participate by promoting their companies. The packets will be delivered to new residents by a police officer, council person, or neighbor. More information will follow.

SOLICITOR:

Acting Solicitor Ron Graham reported that he did not have anything this evening.

ENGINEER:

Pickleball Courts: Most equipment has been installed, with fencing being the last remaining item, to be done next week. People are already playing on the courts.

Drainage Project on Green and Thompson: Drainage at Green and Thompson is complete. They will still pave but will wait until after the water line project on Thompson Street.

Green Street Waterline Project: The Green Street waterline project will start on the 24th. Preliminary work may begin next week. Green Street will be closed to through traffic during work for safety, though buses will be allowed through. The project must be completed by October 31st contractually.

Manchester Bridge Construction: Construction is ongoing and progressively very slowly. It may not open until October. This is a contract between Union Industrial Contractors and Lake County Engineers. Union Industrial contractually does not have to have the bridge open until October, and they appear to be taking full advantage of that timeline.

Catch Basin/Sidewalk Project: Bentley is handling this project. Sidewalks on Thompson have been replaced, with a couple places remaining. They will move to Main Street, with one small spot-on Manchester and two catch basins on Main Street to be fixed. This should be finished in the next couple of weeks.

AMVets Catch Basin: The catch basin in front of AMVets on Main Street has settled and become disjointed. It was dug up and fixed today and is now functioning.

Maple Street Pothole/Culvert Issue: A pothole on Maple Street was fixed by service crews, but it returned after rain. Material is washing out near Culvert next to the railroad tracks. The culvert is believed to be leaking, which could cause the road to collapse. A rail safety representative from Public Utilities Commission was on site today and will reach out to Norfolk Southern to coordinate on the culvert issue.

OPWC Grant Application: The village had an OPWC meeting last week and did not get funded for Main, Thompson, and Harper. However, the village is the highest-ranked small government application, meaning there is a good chance of getting funded through that program. The project would provide $218,400 in a grant and $150,000 in a zero-percent loan.

CSX Railroad Crossing Closure: CSX is working on the lines and told a Public Utilities representative they are planning to close the Main and Maple crossing on August 31st. This is not official, but everyone should be aware. It is unknown whether they will close both crossings at the same time. The village has not received correspondence from CSX.

FISCAL OFFICER- FINANCIAL REPORT:

Fiscal Officer John Roskos reported that he did not have anything additional beyond what was in the written report. He noted that it appears the auditors may be almost done, they provided some preliminary materials, but no report as of yet.

POLICE CHIEF:

Chief Shook thanked the mayor and highlighted several items. His report is always a month in arrears. In July, Lieutenant Collins participated in Hero Day, part of the Lake County Bord of DD and Deepwood, where police officers and firefighters went to Deepwood for a show-and-tell with kids and young adults. The Chief expressed he is pro-community and pro-involvement.

The new police car has been purchased and is in service. Two nights ago, was the first night it was used. It is being used on night shift only.

The Chief started a new feature on the Facebook page called "From the Chief's Desk," published weekly providing an overview of calls for the week, items of note, and basic public education. Officers will be out in force the first two weeks of school, with overtime paid to the night shift to hang over for a couple of hours specifically watching for the safety of kids. The department has met with the schools and will have officers on the road watching for people driving around school buses, with zero tolerance. Safety of kids is number one.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Christian Gray reported he had nothing additional beyond his written report. The Planning Commission will meet next Wednesday at 6:00 PM at Village Hall, with an agenda to be sent to members prior. A council member asked about the total permits for the year (198) and how many were done last month. Gray indicated permits tend to slow down once summer turns into fall. Mayor Coss noted the Booth Farm project is wrapping up as far as new structures with only a few houses remaining, and the whole subdivision is nearly done.

Vacant House Enforcement Report: Christian Gray presented a report on vacant houses. Case one was initiated in 2025, with the outcome being additional follow-up with violations to be reported by the previous mayor and solicitor. Materials were put together, but during the transition and solicitor retiring, those materials were requested from the previous solicitor (Mr. O'Leary) and have not yet been received. Once, received, follow-up can proceed. The same applies to case two. Most recent enforcement payment activity was in 2025. Registration fees for 2026 have been paid, within the first few months of the year, and are in the fund. The Mayor, being the ultimate code enforcer, took enforcement of code of violations off Christian's plate.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- JEDD/PEDC and Planning Commission:

Mayor Coss reported no updates on JEDD or PEDC. There has been no JEDD meeting since the last council meeting. The next PEDC meeting is believed to be in September, possibly the 21st. Since that meeting is after the next council meeting, updates will come at the October meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Curtis Curd: Councilman Curtis Curd announced three appointments to Revive and Thrive team: Lori White of 3858 Padre Pio Lane, Christian Cowling of 3891 Center Road, and

Councilwoman Becky Shimko, who will sit on the committee with him. Brian Farley made a motion and seconded by Paul Hlabse. Roll call: Brian— yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis — yes; **Motion approved 6-0.** Mayor Coss thanked all three women for stepping up and getting involved, noting that the future of Perry Village requires more than just council, it requires community involvement. Curtis noted the committee is technically five to seven members, so there is room for more. Anyone interested should reach out to him by phone or email. The first meeting will public.

Brian Farley: Councilman Brian Farley provided a heads-up regarding fireworks. According to Ohio House Bill 172, fireworks are legal to discharge on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Labor Day weekend from 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Anyone interested in more information should consult Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3743, which governs the manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, and discharge of fireworks in Ohio. Brian noted this as a heads-up because people have pets and small kids. Until the village moves forward with possible legislation, this is how the law stands.

Paul Hlabse: Councilman Paul Hlabse stated he would spare everyone a lot of talking, though he could not guarantee it in the future. He expressed being blessed and honored to have the opportunity to serve. Paul stated his heart is in the right place and that he is big on intentional conversations, intentional action, and accountability. He said his actions will not just be words, they will follow up with plans, and if they do not, the public should hold them accountable.

Pamela Jenkins: Councilwoman Pam Jenkins asked which committees require swearing in and resolutions versus those done by motion. Fiscal Officer John Roskos explained the appointments to boards required by the Ohio Revised Code (Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Board of Tax Review) generally requires resolutions and an oath. Boards established by council or committees are typically done by motion, depending on historical precedent. Acting Solicitor Ron Graham added that some boards are quasi-judicial, meaning their decision could end up in the court, so members must be sworn in. Council committees are just discussions, while the other boards have actual authority.

Park Committee Report: The park committee has been busy. The committee is working on a five-year plan for the park, focusing on larger projects, and welcomes community input. The meadow and garden are doing great. The garden will be moved near the dog park area this fall, if possible, as the current location gets overgrown at the end of the season, one corner does not get sun, and it will need to move anyway for the future playground improvements.

Regarding Pickleball Courts, the committee has consulted with Esther Daniels, a local pickleball expert. The committee is considering whether to allow play before the courts are completely finished, as there are no signs up yet. Proposed signs include a "play at your own risk" sign (approximately $50-$75) and a rules sign specifying what is allowed on the court (no skateboards, no scooters, specific shoes only). Esther also recommended a lockable waterproof bulletin board for posting information about activities, lessons, and leagues. The total cost is approximately $200. Fiscal Officer John Roskos indicated this would come out of park operating and supplies, and there should be enough money. The committee asked for consensus from council to proceed, and the Mayor confirmed it was in the budget.

The park gate is up and functioning. Chief Shook has agreed to lock it at dusk and unlock it at dawn, starting tonight. The road crew obtained the lock and eight keys; more keys are needed. Keys will be distributed, with one in every patrol car. The gate provides added protection for the pond, pickleball courts, and prevents people from driving back there during heavy snow and getting stuck.

The last planned event is Full Moon Family Fun Night on August 28th, weather dependent, with telescopes, night fishing, and campfires. The committee has started discussing ideas for an ODNR grant for next year, which is how the pickleball courts were funded ($56,000 last year). They are looking at a bigger project and welcome suggestions. The committee thanked the road crew for their hard work over the summer, the park looks great, mowed, weed-whacked, woods trimmed, and phragmites kept down around the pond.

John Nicely: Councilman John Nicely echoed Paul's sentiments, stating he is new to council and appreciates the opportunity to serve the community. He described himself as approachable, noting that many people know where he lives, right next door to the library. John is also known as one of the village's bus drivers, so residents should give him a wave if they see him around town. He humorously noted that if anyone runs his reds (school bus sign), he will remember.

Rebecca" Becky" Shimko: Councilwoman Becky Shimko stated she did not have anything at this time.

PURCHASES & APPROVALS

Approval of purchases July 10 through August 6

Mayor Coss called for a motion to approve purchases from July 10 through August 6. A motion was made by Curtis Curd, seconded by Brian Farley. Roll call: Brian— yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis Curd — yes; **Motion approved 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Coss opened the second public comment session, noting that comments may be directed to the mayor or council members, may pertain to anything specifically discussed in the meeting, and will be limited to three minutes. Speakers should step to the podium, introduce themselves, and state their name and address.

Mike Glover, resident at 3967 Manchester, addressed several items:
Thanks to Chief Shook: Mike thanked Chief Shook for the garage sale weekend, noting that the Chief was driving around, getting out of his cruiser, saying hi to everybody, introducing himself and doing a wonderful job of communicating with the community.

Vacant House Ordinance Concerns: Glover expressed concern about the vacant house ordinance (Ordinance 2026-03) that was unstable and voted down tonight. In his opinion, it probably should have not been un-tabled and then voted down, because now the village has put itself in a situation where nothing will happen unless they jump through a lot of hoops. Nothing will be done before the end of the year, meaning nothing will be in place in January 1, 2027, and the village is now looking at 2028 to implement a new vacant house ordinance. Mike suggested it would have been more prudent to retable it and make minor modifications to the amounts if they were determined to be excessive. He highly suggested council figure out how to get this through before the end of the year.

Flock Cameras: Glover brought up the issue of flock cameras, which have become a big issue in many communities. He highly suggested council address these and figure out some way to ban them from being used in the community, whether installed by the village or the county. He stated they need to be banned and the village needs to be "flock free"

Park Committee Meeting Minutes: Glover, a former member of the parks committee, stated he would like to stay up to date on park meetings, but there have been no meeting minutes submitted last year. He asked how often meetings are held. A committee member responded that meetings are held monthly and minutes have been submitted. Fiscal Officer John Roskos indicated the minutes were likely sent but may have not been posted on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning, Mayor Coss addressed Brayden Rogers again, asking if he was still interested in politics. Mayor Coss expressed his appreciation for Brayden's passion for politics and government, noting the young man is extremely involved in school, does very well with his grades, and is very active in sports. He appreciated Brayden's mother for bringing him and his grandparents for taking him on the trip. Mayor Coss said he looked forward to seeing how Brayden's future evolves and wished him the very best in the upcoming year and his future.

Mayor Coss then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Brian Farley, seconded by Curtis Curd. Roll call: Brian— yes; Pam — yes; John- Yes; Becky — yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis Curd — yes; **Motion approved 6-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer

Elias Coss, Mayor

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