

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Perry Village Council
Perry Village Hall

Regular Meeting
September 10, 2026

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM-

Brian Farley
Pamela Jenkins
John Nicely
Rebecca "Becky" Shimko
Paul Hlabse
Curtis Curd

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Larry Hackley, Tina Haas, Laura Wolkersdorfer, Denise Wheeler, Gary Wheeler, Kim Walker, Lee Glover, Mike Glover, Samantha Hanson, Rich Wilcox, Sully Arendt, Ashley Hacking, Franco Gianfagna, Roy Blalock.

Good & Welfare- Proclamation of Samantha Hanson

Mayor Coss and Lieutenant Collins recognized Samantha Hanson for exceptional community service performed on August 6.

Samantha Hanson was traveling northbound on Davis Road, and she observed an individual sitting alongside the roadway with his bicycle and who appeared to be in distress. She demonstrated exceptional compassion, and concern for a member of our community. Samantha Hanson turned her vehicle around and returned to check on the individual's welfare and offered him assistance, and offered transportation along with his bike. While Samantha Hanson was assisting the individual with placing his bicycle into her vehicle, he suddenly collapsed on the roadway. Samantha quickly intervened by catching him and assisting him safely to the ground, preventing an uncontrolled fall and possible further injury. Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, Samantha immediately called 911 and remained with the individual while communicating with emergency dispatch and providing assistance until emergency personnel arrived. Samantha Hanson's willingness to stop, recognize a potential medical emergency, summons assistance, and remain with the individual during a serious medical event, enabling him to receive prompt evaluation and emergency medical care from Perry Village Police and Perry Village Joint Fire District personnel. Samantha Hanson's compassion, vigilance, sound judgement, and willingness to become involved exemplify the highest standards of civic responsibility and community spirit valued within the Village of Perry.

Mr. Wilcox expressed gratitude, stating, "Samantha wasn't the only one that saved my life that day, but she was the first one." Mayor Coss thanked Samantha Hanson for taking time out of her busy schedule preparing for a family birthday party to assist a community member.

Resident Samantha Hanson stated it's definitely a pleasure to do my part; please if you are not CPR certified or not taken the first aid classes, your adrenaline is going, you just act, you think quickly, and those protocols are so vital. That's just something that I really feel strongly, you know there are a lot of locations that you could take CPR and first aid it's really just you don't know when you're going to use it. You never know when it's gonna come in handy. And for that moment, I didn't have to end up doing CPR... Obviously, other members of the team did, but I can't advocate that enough just to be able to help anybody in the community, and I'm grateful that I was there and now getting to know Rick a little better.

Chief Shook commended Miss Samantha for what she did, she was actually traveling somewhere. She had a birthday party for her daughter. She was getting ready to pick up some supplies for that party, and she was under a timeline, but she still took the time to help save a man's life, right? So, I just want to point that out. It's not like she was driving down the road casually. No, she was enroute somewhere, and it was something that was very important. So, I really want to commend her and commend those not only her, but all those who will stop and take action when needed.

Mayor Coss mentioned before we move on to the public comments, he wanted to commend Ms. Hanson for her bravery and thinking of others and stuff like that. We live in a world during a time where, if you turn on a TV or you look at the newspaper, all you see is negativity that goes on in the world. So, when Lt. Collins shared with me, there was no thinking about it, you know being able to recognize those individuals. So, I wanna thank Lt. Collins for thinking outside the box and wanting to acknowledge Ms. Hanson as well as Chief Shook for bringing that to my attention. So, thank you guys very much for that.

Mayor Coss opened public comment; three minutes per person, stand at the podium, if possible, state your name and address.

Public Comment: (Public to address comments and questions to Mayor and will be limited to three minutes. Mayor will decide if he would like Council or Employees to respond).

Chief Shook: 2,977 people went to bed not knowing it was their last night. Tonight, I would like to pause and honor the innocent lives lost on September 11, 2001. I want to especially remember the first responders, 72 law enforcement officer, 343 firefighters and EMS personnel who answered the call with extraordinary courage and selfless sacrifice. We will never forget.

Resident Franco Gianfagna, 3640 Main Street, inquired about an update regarding a property owner with multiple vacant houses. Mayor Coss noted that an update would be provided later in the meeting.

READING & DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

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

- a. **Regular Council Meeting 8/13/26 (emailed 9/4/26) Motion to approve** made by Becky Shimko, seconded by Brian Farley. **Roll call:** Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes; **Motion approved 6-0**
- b. **Regular Council Meeting 8/26/26 (emailed 9/4/26) Motion to approve** made by Pam Jenkins, seconded by Curtis Curd. **Roll call:** Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes; **Motion approved 6-0**

Mayor Coss stated we're gonna go a little out of order with Legislation, cause one of them is specific to the full-time hiring of Officer John Jacobson, who's here, and who actually has to get to another location...so we can move to that one first, we might pick up from there.

LEGISLATION:

Fiscal Officer John Roskos

Resolution 44-2026 (First Reading; recommendations to suspend the Three- Reading Rule)

A resolution authorizing the Promotion of Officer John Jacobson to Full-Time Patrolman of the Village of Perry Police Department and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule made by Brian Farley; seconded by Becky Shimko. **Roll call:** Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes. **Motion approved 6-0.** **Motion to approve** made by Brian Farley; seconded by Becky Shimko. **Roll call:** Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes. **Motion approved 6-0**

Officer John Jacobson took the Oath of Office administered by Mayor Elias Coss and was pinned by his spouse.

I, John Jacobson, do solemnly swear and affirm that I shall 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 that I will faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a full-time police officer for the Village of Perry Lake County, Ohio.

A picture was also taken. The police department is now fully staffed.

Resolution 40-2026 (First Reading; recommendation to suspend the Three-Reading Rule)

A resolution authorizing the Major and Fiscal Officer to enter into a supplemental contract with Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. for additional engineering services related to the 2025 Center Road Drainage Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule made by Becky Shimko, seconded by Brian Farley.

Roll call: Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes. **Motion approved 6-0.** Fiscal Officer discussed that the resolution covers approximately \$2,000 in additional expenses beyond the original contract. **Motion to approve** made by Brian Farley; seconded by Becky Shimko. **Roll call:** Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes; **Motion approved 6-0.**

Resolution 41-2026 (First Reading; recommendation to suspend the Three- Reading Rule)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a supplemental contract with SBJ Consulting, LLC for additional professional engineering services for the Year 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the 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 approved 6-0.** **Motion to approve** made by Pam Jenkins; seconded by John Nicely. **Roll call:** Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes. **Motion approved 6-0.**

Resolution 42-2026 (First Reading; recommendation to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, Statutory Deadline of October 1)

A resolution accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Motion to suspend the 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 approved 6-0.** **Motion to approve** made by Curtis Curd; seconded by John Nicely. **Roll call:** Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes. **Motion approved 6-0.**

Resolution 43-2026 (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 Brian Farley; seconded by Becky Shimko.

Roll call: Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes; **Motion approved 6-0.** Fiscal Officer noted this included increasing general fund contractual services from \$25,000 to \$35,000 for the SBJ Consulting contract, increasing Center Road Street,

highway, sidewalks expenses from \$352,000 to \$354,000 for engineering fees, approved via resolution 40-2026 and increasing 2903-110-300 K9 Fund Contractual Services from \$1,119.73 to \$14,119.73 to cover unexpected veterinary surgery expenses for K-9 PIO. Roskos also clarified that the K-9 expenses will be covered entirely by donated funds rather than taxpayer dollars and declaring an emergency. **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. 2026-13 (Second 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.

The Ordinance was presented for Second Reading.

REPORTS

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Coss stated there is a lot going on and he has been scheduling one-on-one meetings with each entity and he has spent a lot of time here in the office. Mayor Coss has met with Christian a couple times, John Roskos (Fiscal Officer), the police chief (Chief Shook), Bob Parker, and the road department; and stated we are moving right along with the hiring today of Police Officer Jacobson, we move one step closer to being complete. Mayor Coss also stated that all the council seats are filled. Three candidates were interviewed on Labor Day and Tuesday for the road department snow removal team, with final decisions expected within a week. Additionally, full-time road worker Dan underwent rotator cuff surgery and will be out until early January, creating a staffing gap that the upcoming new hires will help address.

Munchies with the Mayor: Mayor Coss reported that ten residents attended a 90-minute “Munchies with the Mayor” session, where they discussed topics including fireworks, e-bikes, and vacant homes. Regarding vacant homes, the Mayor met Christian, Solicitor Graham, and former Solicitor O’Leary to review fees and legislation, with plans for Christian, Graham, and themselves to schedule a follow-up meeting to establish a formal plan. Residents Ashley Hacking and Jean Schonauer also shared similar legislation from Lakewood, which he planned to review with council.

Fall Festival Details: Mayor Coss outlined the upcoming Fall Festival scheduled for Saturday, featuring fishing derbies starting at 8:00 AM, an opening ceremony at 11:00 AM featuring a National Anthem performance and the presentation of the Phil Casella Youth Recreation Volunteer of the Year Award, and a dunk tank running from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Mayor Coss noted that six individuals including themselves, will sit in the dunk tank to raise funds for local charities, and their company will match and double all funds generated. The festival will conclude with fireworks around 9:00 PM; and attendees were advised to arrive half hour early.

Booth Farms Sidewalk Parking Policy Change: Mayor Coss addressed sidewalk parking complaints in the Booth Farms community, noting a conflict between 12:00 AM to 8:00 AM

street parking ban and a 12:00 AM to 6:00 AM sidewalk blocking allowance. Exercising mayoral authority permissible by the Ordinance, Mayor Coss announced an immediate policy change allowing street parking starting at 6:00 AM to ensure sidewalks are clear for children walking to the bus stops. Chief Shook informed officers of the change, and a two-week grace period will be provided where officers will give verbal warnings before citations begin in 30 days.

Freedom Tower Flag Donation and 9/11 Scavenger Hunt: Mayor Coss announced they are donating a flag flown at the Freedom Tower on July 28, 2026, complete with certificate of authenticity, to be won by community members participating in a scavenger hunt at Lee Lydic Park commemorating the 25th Anniversary of September 11. Mayor Coss explained the initiative aims to encourage families to visit local parks and explore amenities. He will get gift certificates from local businesses that want to donate and be recognized. Mayor Coss explained the goal is to get our families and our community out of house and out to the parks.

Solicitor- None

Engineer: Robert B. Parker, P.- Bob Parker provided updates stating that the Green Street water line project is ongoing and the CSX railroad crossing deck installation has been pushed to late October. Regarding a sinkhole issue near the railroad tracks by Maple Street, Bob emailed Norfolk Southern maintenance representative and expects an answer within one to two weeks regarding whether responsibility falls on the road or the village.

Fiscal Officer: Financial Report; Fiscal Officer, John Roskos, stated we're having a Finance Committee on Wednesday, September 23 at 5:00 PM. Please submit any budget requests or proposals for your department by Wednesday, September 16th. The finance committee consists of John Nicely, Paul Hlabse John Roskos, the Mayor, and Curtis Curd, who was newly added.

Police Chief: Chief Shook pointed out recognition for Officer Malcolm Battiato. Officer Battiato is one of our School Resource Officers, he's really engaged with all the kids especially in the elementary and middle school. Sergeant Orf informed Chief Shook of a call where Officer Battiato was able to de-escalate a situation with one of the juveniles who was in crisis. His compassion was definitely seen during this situation and it did contribute to a positive outcome.

Public Works and Zoning Report: Christian reported on the planning commission meeting from August 27th, with the next meeting set for September 16th. Additionally, Christian announced that Omni Fiber has been approved for a fiber optic installation covering Center Road, most of Manchester, northern cul-de-sacs on the north side of Manchester and then the south developments, Dugan Farms and Dugan Landing. Once we get a schedule, we will send it out to affected HOA's. There are also two additional fiber optic cable installations that are under resubmission by Kinetic to also do work in Dugan Farms and most of central Perry Village.

Economic Development: - JEDD/ PEDC: Mayor Coss stated economic development, the JEDD has not had another meeting since our last meeting a couple months ago, so there's no update on that. As far as the PEDC Committee, our next scheduled meeting is September 21st. Our prior Mayor, and Lori were our representatives for that specific committee. A lot has changed in her life and she does not have the ability to continue to meet and obviously Gessic retired in May. September 21st is our next scheduled meeting and both Councilman Brian Farley and Mayor Coss will be attending that meeting. An update will be provided once we come out of that.

Council Members:

Curtis Curd- First Revive and Thrive meeting was September 1st. We will have minutes for that at the next council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5th, which is a Monday at 6:00 PM. Curtis commented way back in the early part of the year to the Ohio EPA regarding water discharging and permitting; that they were changing from an individual request to a general permit for Data Centers in the state of Ohio. Curtis noted he commented on that and didn't think it was a good idea that you needed to submit your own intent on an individual basis and it came back from the Ohio EPA that they continue to do individual permitting and they did not go to a general permit. Curtis stated he wanted to put that out there because he had commented on it as a public official

Brian Farley- Brian confirmed they will be attending the PEDC meeting on September 21st and proposed starting a community engagement called "Fireworks with Farley" Also, the Mayor had shared with Brian the feedback received about fireworks and Munchies with the Mayor. Brian stated he would like to do something like fireworks with Farley. This would be where he would have people sit and maybe have some discussion amongst the community as well as provide information. More info to come on that.

Paul Hilbase- None

Pam Jenkins- Pam submitted the report for the park and it's available online if you want to look. We talked about the five-year plan, and the meadow. Pam also mentioned that as a committee they would like to recommend that we move the garden over to the east side of the dog park and they should do that this fall and they have done some research about what needs to be done and it's doable. If there's any discussion, negatives, positives, we can proceed with doing that. Pam also sent an email to let them know that everything needs to be cleaned up by the end of October and then the guys can take the fence down, clean up that side and we'll decide what we are going to do with it next year.

Mayor Coss stated he had several conversations with Pam regarding the garden. The park committee has asked if they can move its current location as she stated by the dog park. Mayor Coss had some discussions with the road department as well. It is very doable and there are several perks by moving it as to why. Mayor Coss stated if this is something we want to do we need to have those conversations sooner rather than later because we would want to prep that

area for next year, because of having new people coming on the road department from a scheduling perspective, especially with fall leaves pick up. Mayor Coss stated that if they were going to do it, we want to make sure that we plan it, schedule it so that we are prepared to make it successful for next year. Councilwoman Pam Jenkins stated that it will need to be moved at the end of this month or next month.

Councilman Curtis Curd had a question about water access; is that going to be an issue if we move it. Mayor Coss stated it's actually one of the perks about moving it, because we have the exit from the dog park. It would also eliminate that speed bump we have.

Councilman Brian Farley asked how many people used it this year. Pam stated that 11 people had used it because we divided some of the plots.

Pickleball Courts- Councilwoman Pam Jenkins stated the Pickleball Courts are done. We are scheduling, planning a grand opening for Sunday, September 20th, we're going to have just a couple hours of activities, demonstrations, lessons, games for the kids, games for the adults where they can get to do some sort of Pickleball game and win prizes. We'll have a ribbon cutting. An itinerary was also sent out. Elias is going to cook hotdogs. Mark your calendars for September 20th at noon. It'll be fun. The gate is up. We have a proposed park budget, so I wanna make sure council takes a look at that before we start talking about our budget.

Budget and Garage Security Lights- Pam presented the proposed park budget, noting approximately \$1,700 in leftover funds, and requested approval to purchase an attractive firewood holder and motion-activated security lights wired into the garage near the pickleball court to deter unauthorized activity. Councilwoman Pam asked council if there were any objections to moving forward with that. Council raised no objections to the proposal.

Harper Street Dead Trees Responsibility- Pam brought up two hazardous dead trees located right next to each other on Harper. Pam stated she had a conversation with Elias. Pam called First Energy and they are supposed to go out and check on them, she doesn't believe they will do anything, there's no branches hanging on the wire. Pam stated she called the department of maps at Lake County and asked and he said there is a 49.9-foot road right-of-way on that road and it's divided equally way from the center line both ways. She noted an \$800 quote obtained from Jim Hall. Mayor Coss stated that past village legislation indicated right-of-way tree maintenance is the homeowner's responsibility rather than the village's, but agreed to have solicitor Graham review the legislation to confirm who bears responsibility for removal. Mayor Coss discussed the village's responsibility regarding trees in the right -of-way, noting that some homeowners have been informed that cutting down trees is their responsibility. Mayor Coss raised concern that while dead, dangerous trees need removal, legislation or restrictions on what homeowners can plant within the right-of-way (such as 30 or 49 feet into a 50-foot right-of-way) might be overly restrictive. Mayor Coss stated an intention to meet with solicitor Graham to clarify responsibility, review past precedents, and check existing legislation.

Councilman Curtis Curd stated he would like to piggy back on that because if we have the responsibility to deal with those trees right within that 49-foot right way, asking do we also have the ability to control what's planted there within that 49-foot right way because it's the same

principal that you're going to plant the same exact thing and be our responsibility to deal with it in however many years, so if it's our responsibility to take it down, we should have the ability to say you can only plant such and such with a maximum height.

Councilwoman Becky Shimko replied to Curtis stating that if she is not wrong, she thinks we do have some legislation what we can plant on that and what we can't, noting about 15 to 20 years ago the mayor at the time had an arborist come in and he determined that most of the trees that were in the tree line were not safe. We had two great big trees cut out of ours, but the village took care of it at that time.

Councilwoman Pam moved on stating that the Newsletter is due October 12.

Perry Village Hometown Holiday Event Planning- Councilwoman Pam proposed organizing a holiday celebration; that she talked to Curtis and the park committee and most of the council members. She also passed out a list of what it is. She has also talked about the community wide event called the Perry Village Hometown Holiday for Saturday, December 12, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM, intended to replace the former Santa in the Park event and will involve local businesses, churches, the historical society, and the library. Planned activities include a fire truck tour and souvenir hats by the fire department, booking time with Mrs. Claus at the library, tree lighting, and a visit from a hired Santa named Travis Nutler from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at a cost of \$350. Chief Shook commented it's the same idea as Shop with a Cop. Councilwoman Pam noted the park committee would do most of the work, but the event would be sponsored by council rather than the park committee. Council discussed concerns about cost and whether a previous volunteer Santa should be contacted to save money. Councilman Brian Farley and others debated, noting the proposal was in early planning stages.

Christian Gray stated he'd like to piggy back off the topic of the pickleball court ribbon cutting, and Ashley doesn't know I'm doing this, but I think it would be a great idea and a good recommendation that an invitation get extended to her to join the ribbon cutting as a former councilwoman that put in a lot of work and hours to securing the grant for the pickleball court, and we probably wouldn't have it, so if that invitation could be extended.

Councilwoman Pam stated it's on her itinerary and it starts at noon. The first thing we would do is have the Mayor do the welcoming and the thanks. Then I would explain how to use the courts, and Team Reach, which is an online sign-up for the community for certain days, and then the ribbon cutting would involve the grant committee, so everybody that's on the grant committee would be invited.

John Nicely stated he is looking forward to the finance committee coming up on the 23rd.

Mayor Coss stated he and John had an opportunity to kind of sit down and talk. He was the bus driver for my daughter's soccer game last Wednesday. As soon as we got there, they had all the girls go into the buildings because the weather was coming. So, he and I went to Paninis and not minutes after we walked in there the gates of heaven opened up and unleashed; it was pretty crazy to kind of see it all happening because Panini's is nothing but windows. So, you literally saw like it just come our way. John was calm and he was eating and didn't skip a beat. We had

some pretty good conversation and the game ended up getting cancelled. It was a total waste of time to get the girls all the way out there, but I enjoyed my time with Councilman Nicely.

Becky Shimko- Becky brought up considering having a Farmers Market 1 or 2 times a month. Also, she is piggybacking off of Painesville City, but Art in the Park where everybody who does crafts, art, everything. We'd have a day where we can have all of them and they could sell their wares. I'm thinking the park is becoming so popular that that may be something that we would consider.

Mayor Coss stated that there is an individual who's actually going to be moving into Booth Farms. She has not been there yet. I think her house just got finished, but she has already reached out to me on multiple occasions regarding those exact same two things. She asked if there's an interest in having some type of farmers or art in the park like they have and I want to say she is coming from Willoughby. Mayor Coss stated he told her he would absolutely share that. So, there's one person who's interested in building something off of that. Resident Lori White, commented sounds good that might get more business in the growers over in the park too if you have a farmers' market.

Mayor Coss stated before we move on that Councilman Brian Farley, would like to make a motion to appoint Councilman Curtis Curd to the finance committee. Motion to approve made by Brian Farley, seconded by Becky Shimko. **Roll call:** Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Abstain. **Motion Approved 5-0.**

Purchases & Approvals:

a. Approval of Purchases August 7 through September 3

Fiscal Officer John Roskos, called for a motion to approve purchases from August 7 through September A motion was made by Becky Shimko, seconded by Brian Farley. **Roll call:** Brian— Yes; Pam — Yes; John- Yes; Becky — Yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis Curd — Yes. **Motion approved 6-0.**

Councilman Curtis Curd made a motion to appoint Councilman Nicely to the Communications Committee; seconded by Brian Farley. **Roll call:** Brian— Yes; Pam — Yes; John- Yes; Becky — Yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis Curd — Yes. **Motion approved 6-0.**

Councilwoman Pam Jenkins mentioned to Mayor Coss that he had mentioned before getting a list of the committees and numbers, now that it's kind of settled down, people are finding a place to be. Mayor Coss stated absolutely that there's still a couple of committees that I'm kinda light on seats. But yes, I'm going to work with John next week on putting that all together, make it look nice. Mayor Coss stated he will post it on the website.

Discussion and vote on Second Regular Council Meeting:

Mayor Coss brought up scheduling a regular second meeting, stating he brought it up to a few guys individually, we still have a lot of moving parts moving forward and some discussions that need to be had, whether it's planning for 2027, changes, budgeting, whatever may be the case; stating not to say there is a need to meet twice a month, but I would like to at least get it on the schedule as a special meeting. If we need it, we have it, and if we don't, I can just say that there's no need for it, let's move forward with it. CFO John Roskos, stated it would actually be a regular meeting 'cause we already, our ordinance allows for a second regular meeting, so we don't have to notice it separately. They just have to vote on it at this meeting. Mayor Coss stated we would be able to have some conversation, whether it's legislation or whatever may be the case that requires us to have a quorum as opposed to waiting. Councilman Paul Hlabse raised two concerns- one about council members already serving on multiple committees and requested flexibility regarding meeting times, suggesting weekends instead of weekdays at 6:00 PM. Council ultimately agreed to hold off on scheduling the second meeting until the following month.

Public Comment (comments may be directed to the Mayor or Council Members only, may pertain to any topic specifically discussed at this meeting, and will be limited to 3 minutes):

Larry Hackley, 4015 Center Road, spoke during public comment regarding the assessment notice for sidewalks and street lighting published in the newspaper, noting a lack of public awareness regarding the payment method changes. Stating he wanted to bring it to our attention. The other thing he wanted to ask about was whether or not we purchased a new truck or not yet. Mayor Coss replied to resident Larry Hackley stating that we did that earlier this year and he received an update from the road department on Tuesday morning or Monday morning, it's at the shop location, the distributor they are now starting to do the framework and all that getting it all to place. Their goal is to have it done by the middle of next month, October. Then at that point it would be to get the details and all. The goal is to have it hopefully by mid-November, but they can't really schedule the second phase until the first phase is complete.

CFO John Roskos, clarified that the assessment historically listed only street lighting, but future tax bills will show two separate line items (street lighting assessment and sidewalk assessment) for the same amount. John explained that property owners have historically had the ability to pay the assessment early within a 30-day period before certification by the auditor (with September 14th deadline), and that the village has improved notice procedures to clarify the existing legal process.

Ashley Hacking, 3937 Charles Way, spoke during public comment stating there's been a lot of conversations tonight about the park, amazing things are happening over at the park. I know a lot of it is due to Councilwoman Jenkins. She has worked really, really hard over there to make the park amazing. Ashley raised safety concerns regarding the park's playground, especially noting that the wood mulch and stuff needs to be at the right depth, stating she knows a lot of playgrounds will install a meter that's in there so that you can actually see when it's missing and it's not at the right levels, that you fill it. Ashley stated she did a walk over and took some pictures she passed around, stating you can see that it's not where it should be. The fill depth had dropped below recommended safety levels and suggesting the installation of depths markers to monitor mulch levels for children's safety. With the fall festival, a lot of kids, a lot of

activities. The main focus that we're talking about, that we want people to go the park. We want kids at the park. Let's really put a focus on making sure our playground is really, really safe for the kids at the park. Ashley closed her comment noting she just wanted to bring it to the attention of council that let's not forget about the playground and the schools.

Mike Glover, 3967 Manchester spoke during public comment commending Bentley Excavating, they did a phenomenal job. Mike asked if they would return to fill in the sides of the sidewalks, to which the mayor confirmed yes. The second thing is the parking ban and he raised concerns about the timing window between the morning sidewalk-blocking ban and the blocking sidewalks ban creating a brief window where residents moving vehicles might technically violate the law, stating it's his opinion you need to have a bit of a time frame there where they have time to move their vehicle into the driveway and then again in the morning out onto the street.

Additionally, Mike inquired about discussions regarding a ban on Flock safety cameras, to which the Mayor Coss responded there has not been any discussion, that he's been following that very closely. Mayor Coss also stated there are a couple over now right before you get on the highway and he knows a couple municipalities, he believes they're in Northeast Ohio, their council has made a motion and are doing away with their contracts. It is something that I'm going to be discussing with council and something that I've been following very closely. Mike responded that he recommended that you all take a look at it because it is very, I understand you're in public and the fourth amendment and all you don't have the right to privacy in public, but there's also a point where it becomes too extreme and I think it's getting to that point.

Mike addressed tree removals that was discussed in tonight's meeting, stating he understands the right of way. We passed an ordinance saying that if a tree is in someone's yard, whether it's in the right of way or not, it's the homeowner's responsibility. We've told people in the past that we will not take down the tree, even though it was in the right of way, and they had to pay for it themselves. Stating we need to figure it out because we can't keep going back and forth. Mayor Coss addressed that is the reason why he's meeting with Graham because that was the same conversation that I had with the exact residents on Harper Street after talking to former Mayor Gessic two years ago about the same trees. Mike Glover explained to Curtis that the 49-foot right-of-way Councilwoman Jenkins mentioned is the total distance, meaning about 24 and a half feet from the center line each way — not 50 feet into someone's yard as Curtis had been concerned about earlier. Mike stated he didn't think we have an ordinance saying that; he thinks what the tree committee had done was they put together a bunch of trees that could be planted; they went and planted trees everywhere throughout this village back when Larry Logan was Mayor. Councilman Curtis and Councilwoman Becky both replied this was before there time. Mayor Coss addressed Mike, saying he didn't want to cut him short, so he will give him another minute.

Mike addressed his concern with what Councilwoman Jenkins brought up about the proposed Santa hiring cost, expressing concern over paying \$350 when a long-standing volunteer had previously offered to fill the role and had been filling the roll since the beginning, and at the January council meeting, he said he would be willing to do that. Mike stated he would hope that we're not paying \$350 for a Santa because of who this person is and what position they used to hold in this village. Mayor Coss stated in fairness, we are at the very early stages. Pam and I

met about this maybe a week or so ago at which point we didn't go into any great details... No decisions have been made as to who's going to be the Santa or even if it was going to be approved by council. So, Councilman Farley brought up some good points and those will be discussions that council will have as to what that looks like before it's completely finalized.

Kristy Cowling, 3891 Center Rd, commented during public comment asking if we could have the street lights that actually work, reporting that a street road light near the road department and basketball court has not worked for about 15 years. Mike Glover explained that anyone can report an out-street light on First Energy's website by providing the six-digit telephone pole number or the nearby house address.

Executive Sessions (if needed)

Councilman Brian Farley made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the appointment the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Councilman Brian stated he would like to invite members of council, John Roskos and Mr. Graham and excuse the mayor, and everybody else. No action will be taken afterwards. **Motion seconded by Curtis Curd.** **Roll call:** Brian— Yes; Pam — Yes; John- Yes; Becky — Yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis Curd — Yes. **Motion approved 6-0.**

Executive Session began at 7:40 PM.

Councilman Curtis Curd made a motion to enter into regular session; Motion seconded by Brian Farley. **Roll call:** Brian— Yes; Pam — Yes; John- Yes; Becky — Yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis Curd — Yes. **Motion approved 6-0.**

Regular Session resumed at 8:21 PM.

Adjournment:

Councilman Brian Farley made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting; **Motion seconded by Paul Hlabase.** **Roll call:** Brian— Yes; Pam — Yes; John- Yes; Becky — Yes; Paul- Yes; Curtis Curd — Yes. **Motion approved 6-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Called by: Mayor Elias Coss



John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer



Elias Coss, Mayor

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