RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Perry Village Council
Perry Village Hall

Regular Meeting
October 8, 2026

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
The meeting was called to order – 6:00 PM

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Ron White, Lori White, Jim Jablonski, Jean Schonauer, Laura Wolkensdorfer, Larry Hackley.

Good & Welfare-

Mayor Coss opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming in today. If you didn't get a chance to sign in, please do so when you exit.

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.

Jean Schonauer, 4166 Thompson, commented during public comment stating she was in attendance a couple weeks ago with the finance committee meeting, John as always does a great job with that. We had our two newest council members were here and wanted to express her concern that the other new council members need to come to these because this is your first time approving and reviewing the budgets for the village and there's a lot of key information in that bill, they are not familiar with it. This is the time to learn because that's one of the biggest things that you're responsible for is making sure that the village is financially sound and John puts a lot of work into that. So, I think that's something that you should take very seriously.

Continuing discussion, One thing Jean wanted to bring up is that when she started on council, they did not have a strategic plan, and she's of the philosophy that if you don't know where you want to be in five years, it doesn't matter where you are today, look at where you want to be, and then you need to develop a plan with very serious expectations and goals and processes on how you're going to accomplish this. Jean stated that we started out the first time we had a five-year strategic plan. It was really great, Phil Casella and herself were the facilitators. We had not only

all of our Council members on that committee, but we have people from our community businesses and residents that were on that strategic planning committee, and at the end of every year, we would give an update to what we accomplished this year towards our five-year plan, what do we still need to accomplish? Are there things that we need to change or add to the plan? So, it's a living document that we worked on, and we would meet anywhere from every three to six months on that strategic plan, even if it was to review it, then the next time that we came up for a strategic plan, it was going to be a three-year plan. We did the three-year plan that ends this December 31st. We did the same thing we would meet, talk about what we have accomplished? What do we still need to work on? Do we need to add things or delete things? There's been no meetings about the strategic plan that she is aware of, had there been, I would have come and I'm concerned that if you don't know where you want to be, how are you doing your job today, right? There's things that you need to be thinking about for the future of this village and the only way to do that is in my opinion is to get together, have a strategic plan involve the community, involve business owners in the village to work on that with you.

READING & DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Mayor Coss presented the following minutes for approval, with Fiscal Officer John Roskos conducting a roll call vote.

a. **Regular Council Meeting 9/10/2026 (emailed 10/2/2026) Motion to approve** made by Pam Jenkins, seconded by Curtis Curd. No discussion was needed. **Roll call**: Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes. **Motion approved 6-0.**

LEGISLATION:

Fiscal Officer John Roskos read the legislation headings.

Resolution No. 45-2026 (First Reading)

A Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Perry, Ohio to transfer twelve thousand three hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents ($12,312.50) from the general fund to the Debt Service Fund 3101 and declaring an emergency.

This is for an old sewer project. There's a need for additional funds for the repayment of that loan next year.

Resolution No. 46-2026 (First Reading)

A Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Perry, Ohio to transfer five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) form the General Fund (1000) to the Center Street Reconstruction Fund (3102) and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 47-2026 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving the permanent appropriation fund for the Village of Perry, Ohio for the year 2027 and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 49-2026 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving the continued employment of John H. Roskos as Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of the Village of Perry, Ohio, determining compensation and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 50-2026 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving the continued employment of Christian Gray as Zoning Inspector of the Village of Perry, Ohio, determining compensation and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 51-2026 (First Reading)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to offer a Cash Benefit in Lieu of Major Medical Coverage for the Perry Village Employees for the Year 2027 and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 52-2026 (First Reading)

A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to make Advance Payment of Taxes for the year 2027.

The Village has the ability to request a portion of their property taxes. It arrives about a month or two early. If we request it, it's like five thousand ($5,000.00) out of the total amount.

Resolution No. 53-2026 (First Reading)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with American Family Life Insurance Company of Columbus (AFLAC Incorporated) to offer voluntary supplemental benefits to Village of Perry employees at no cost to the Village, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to establish corresponding payroll deductions, and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 54-2026 (First Reading)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the dental and vision care provider offering the best and most reasonable rates through Acrisure for Village Employees for the Year 2027 and declaring an emergency

There's a small change in dental rates, I believe it's like 1.7%. The vision rates are unchanged. The providers are Delta Dental and VSP Vision.

Resolution No. 55-2026 (First Reading)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Peace Maker Technology LLC for Police Department, mobile computers, and accessories and declaring an emergency.

This is the company that the Chief spoke about at the Finance Committee Meeting.

Ordinance No. 2026-13 (Third 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 is on its Third Reading and is up for a vote.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-13 made by Becky Shimko; seconded by John Nicely. No discussion. **Roll call**: Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Curtis- Yes, Paul-Yes. **Motion approved 6-0**.

Ordinance No 2026-14 (First Reading)

An Ordinance documenting and recording the compensation of certain officials and employees of the Village of Perry, Ohio during Fiscal Year 2027, and declaring an emergency.

This Ordinance covers our salaries for Mayor, Council, the Police, and Road Departments.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Coss stated that he has spoken to council and one of the goals is to get these meetings to be a lot more efficient and not just wait until the end of the month or these meetings to kind of share what's been going on the month. So, that's one of the reasons why I've been using social media to kind of provide updates as to what's going on within Perry Village and our neighbors and stuff like that. Mayor Coss stated he will continue to utilize that at least unless something shows up where it says it's not going to be as efficient. With that being said, if you guys see anything on social media, you have any questions, don't wait until the meeting. Please give me a call, shoot me a text. We can talk about it. If you don't see me until the next meeting, we can talk about it at that point.

Just a few updates:

We will be starting leaf pickups on November 2nd. We will be doing that every Monday and Tuesday for the month of November. The first one will be on November 2nd and then on

Tuesday November 3rd. Obviously, that will be weather permitting so if it snows and it's covered in snow, we won't be picking them up. We do ask, again I will be using social media and also TextMyGov and communicate this to the community, but we do ask it's just leaves. The feedback I got from the Road Department is that they are getting a lot of tree limbs and other stuff that's in there which just makes the job that much more difficult and has a lot of wear and tear on the machine. It's actually not even ours. We borrow that from the Township. So, I will be stressing as we lead up to it, and I will be stressing it every Sunday evening.

Mayor Coss also stated he has an update on our snow plow truck delivery. The snow plow delivery is delayed by two weeks due to ongoing ODOT Inspection process. The snow plow truck is at the dealership. They're doing some finishing touches. They will give us a call when it's ready to be picked up, at which point we will have it delivered to be outfitted with everything that it needs the decals and extra stuff that we need in order to get it on the road. Mayor Coss also stated last he heard it is probably a couple weeks behind so they are trying their best to get that back on track. We're planning on it being a couple weeks behind.

Mayor Coss also stated he has spoken to the Township and North Perry and all three have agreed that on Halloween this year will be on October 31st and it will be between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM like it always is. All three parties will be doing the exact same thing.

Solicitor: None

Engineer: Robert B. Parker, P.E. – Bob Parker provided updates stating that Green Street Waterline, Bentley had an emergency at Lubrizol, so they had to go out and address that. Unfortunately, they have a contract with Lubrizol. So, when the emergency popped it wasn't like they had a choice. They felt bad about leaving us. They should be back on Monday.

Manchester Road Bridge: Bob Parker provided updates stating the County is saying that it's probably going to open the second week in November. Bob stated he was out there yesterday and he would say we probably hit the October 31st deadline. The bridge is complete. They have railings to put up on the parapets. Everything's poured so really what's left is curbs and roadways. Regarding guardrails, Bob also stated the mayor contacted him and they were able to talk to the County. They had the guard rails reduced to just straight rails. Bob also stated that he hopes we can still do the 31st, he thinks it's going pretty well talking to them. They also think it it's going to be the 31st.

Main Street Sidewalk: Bob Parker mentioned to council that he's not sure if they noticed the Main Street sidewalk that was put in by Booth Farms where all the trees are, that's about a 10-foot drop, so we're looking at getting a railing installed on top of that in the fall. Bob also stated he has plans out to the welding shop in Geneva. They've done all our welding. They did the welding on the railing over at the historic society. Bob also stated they gave him a quote, he hasn't got anything in writing yet, it's about $3,500.00 to fabricate; the service department said that they'd be able to install it. The other thing

we're probably going to do is put some delineators because that sidewalk is very close to Main Street. So, we are looking at trying to get the speed limit reduced to 25, but we're also going to put some delineators in there, vertical PVC pipe with reflectors on them to try and let people know there's a side here.

Maple Street Potholes: Bob Parker stated we did talk to Norfolk Southern. They are taking ownership of that culvert. They are going to replace the culvert and put in their Capital Improvement Plan, so it probably won't be until 2028, but that means it's not coming out of the Village's coffers. Bob also stated we're scheduled to pave Maple Street next year, stating when we do that, if we stop just North of your crossing and start just South of your main line and the culvert's in between. So, they are going to take care of that and work around it, stating that was good news, I think for all of us.

OPWC- Main Thompson Harper: Applied for an OPWC grant to overlay Harper Street and waterproof the bridge deck. Bob stated he should be getting that application, and he should be getting that to you here shortly to take a look at there too on the 23rd to sign it once we receive it.

Main Street storm level in front of AM Vets: Bob stated there were some issues there we had that were fixed, we actually had it jetted last week, and everything worked fine. Bob mentioned that we were getting it jetted thinking it's just blocked and it turned out to be completely separated. That was all run through Storm Water (Lake County).

Lastly, Bob mentioned that something was brought up about the Harper Street bridge and the surface. The wearing surface on it is very uneven and patched. Bob stated, if we get the OPWC grant that we're going after, we will be overlaying Harper Street. Bob stated he included the bridge in the estimate, he talked to the county because technically the county takes care of that bridge and they will put a waterproofing membrane over the bridge when we do it at their own cost. So, what we do we mill out all the asphalt they put their waterproofing membrane in and then we have a tape over it. Bob mentioned the membrane just keeps the water from coming through the asphalt and into the concrete. So again, something that someone else has been paid for is that we get a benefit.

Councilwoman Pam Jenkins asked if that's the bridge by Becky's house on Harper Street. It was confirmed that it was. Pam also mentioned Manchester Bridge, which is coming along quickly. Also mentioning her and John Niceley were talking, stating they both have a concern about the sidewalk not being separated from the roadway, other than just the elevation of the sidewalk 10 inches of concrete. Councilwoman Pam asked if there has been any talk about putting something on that sidewalk to keep kids from falling into the road or dogs or anything.

Engineer Bob Parker responded to Councilwoman Pam that on a 25 mile per hour roadway that's a standard detail. Stating you can go up to like 35 or 45 with that same detail. So, that's a standard ODOT detail.

Mayor Coss mentioned that before he turns it over to John, he does want to say thank you very much to Mr. Parker. Stating he has been an absolute asset, whenever he gives him a call; on the Harper Bridge situation, he dropped everything and went right over there to look at it. Not just that, but the railroad situation as well, he took the lead on that for me. So, I just want to thank you very much, and then just with the water main breaks, the one we had on Green earlier this week, he was there with me the entire time from 3 something until 10:30 or 11:00 at night. So, I just want to say thank you very much for always being available, taking my call and dropping everything.

Engineer Bob Parker responded, "my pleasure."

Fiscal Officer: Financial Report: Fiscal Officer, John Roskos, he stated the only additional items he has is he did submit the reimbursement or the final report and reimbursement requests for our Pickleball Court Grant from Nature Works. Once they process it, it'll take probably a month to receive the reimbursement; that was sent in this afternoon.

Fiscal Officer, John Roskos, also mentioned that the audit is almost done, they released a draft on it, and the final one should be ready soon.

Police Chief: Mayor Coss stated that Police Chief Shook is at a Police Chief Convention Conference in Columbus or Dayton so Lieutenant Collins is filling in.

Lieutenant Collins stated the Chief said he sent out his monthly report. The only thing he can add is Pio's surgery was successful. They removed a 9cm cyst and they found a hernia so they fixed that in the process. His prostate was enlarged and he's at home recovering.

Public Works: No Update

Zoning: Christian is out sick and sent a detailed report. Christian also sent the planning commission report. Mayor Coss stated it was a very detailed report and he was very impressed with how well written and easy on the eyes it was.

Economic Development- JEDD/PEDC: Mayor Coss stated there have been no JEDD meetings and he and Brian have a PEDC meeting next week. The meeting got rescheduled to 10/15 at 6:00 PM held at the library. Mayor Coss stated it'll be the first meeting that he and Brian go to, Mayor Coss stated he believes they appointed a new chairperson in July, John Sines, who lives in

North Perry. The Vice Chairperson is Brian Titus, which is North Perry's Mayor. Mayor Coss also stated he and Brian have had some discussions and they're very eager to attend this meeting.

No updates on JEDD. They have not met.

Planning Commission: Councilwoman Becky Shimko stated they just went over some old business. In the end, they decided to just leave the finances (fines) for the houses that are vacant, the way they are that point. Councilwoman Becky stated we're not going to increase them right now.

Mayor Coss added that's been tabled for the moment. We need to iron out some behind the scene things and make sure that we have a plan in place that the Planning Commission's very confident to present to council.

Councilwoman Becky Shimko stated the next meeting is the 21st at 6:00 PM if anybody wants to come.

Council Members:

Curtis Curd: Councilman Curtis Curd stated they had a Revive and Thrive meeting on Monday. There is a pumpkin carving contest scheduled for October 24th here at Village Hall from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Curtis also asked council if we spend up to $150.00 out of the operating supplies and materials, stating that's the events and strategic planning budget line there. Curtis also mentioned that John told him there was $968.00 that was unencumbered, so he wants to spend up to $150.00 for prizes and to decorate Village Hall for that event.

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

Councilman Curtis stated we are going to have a final meeting for that for Revive and Thrive this coming Wednesday at 6:00 PM here at Village Hall. If anybody would like to join us for that you are more than welcome.

Brian Farley: Councilman Brian Farley stated we talked about the PDC meeting getting rescheduled, stating he is excited to attend that. Councilman Brian mentioned he would like to also throw out there, he encourages anybody that has any questions, concerns, if anybody ever wants to talk, my contact information is on the website. Stating you can also see him after the meeting and he'd be happy to give you his phone number. You don't have to wait until these monthly meetings to get in contact with me, stating he's extremely responsive and he would be happy to talk to anybody.

Paul Hlabse: Councilman Paul Hlabse mentioned the sidewalk parking is now going to be enforced. Stating the residents have had a few weeks to know about what's been posted on social media, had time to digest. Paul mentioned that the issue is the majority of the people that are those are not from Perry. These are developments where they're from other cities, from other areas, and we want that, we want to diversity, we want to bring people here, but they have an attitude about them that we can kind of do whatever we want in Perry and that's a little bit dangerous. Councilman Paul also stated we need to work at that kind of go to the root cause. How do we do that? A lot of time it's explaining what the law is, what the ordinance is, and they think it's a Perry thing. It's not. It's an Ohio thing for the sidewalks, explaining it doesn't matter if they came from Cleveland or Wickliffe or whatever. It's the same anywhere you go. We are just choosing to make that something that we want to clean up for safety reasons and it does continue to still happen and their attitude is come find me or whatever. Councilman Paul stated we don't want to get to that point. We don't want to have that fear-based kind of leadership, but I don't know what else to do at this point, stating it is in the newer developments. The longer driveways are in the Village. The other developments we knew what we bought when we got the house. They're smaller, they're only 25 ft. from the sidewalk. The driveways are small, you can fit a couple cars.

Councilman Paul mentioned one concern that they brought up was the time, stating he would like to bring up that may adjust it instead of midnight, maybe it's 8:00 PM. Instead of having it all the way until midnight. Maybe that will be a compromise to where they wouldn't fight us so hard. So instead of having to move the car at midnight back into the driveway to park over the sidewalk, 8:00 PM seems reasonable for people to walk to. Stating that's something he has heard.

Mayor Coss replied we could discuss it. Councilman Paul stated he don't know how else to give to some of the attitude. He thinks over time we can adjust that. But it should be you want to keep the strollers and the kids out of the streets, mentioning he knows it's supposed to be slow around Booth Farms and in Hidden Valley, but people fly around there.

Pamela Jenkins: 2027 Appropriations Councilwoman Pam Jenkins opened discussion asking if Council can present questions regarding the 2027 Appropriations. CFO John Roskos replied that council can discuss it if they want to change something.

> **Park Committee**: Councilwoman Pam stated at the last meeting she read her report of what she had recommended for budget and that isn't reflected in these appropriations of what we were asking for, stating it looks pretty much like they had it last year. CFO John Roskos replied he's not familiar with the committee discussion. Pam stated at the last minute in her report she believes it was $300.00 for Earth Day, $500.00 for Fun Day, $100.00 for The Meadow, $300.00 for a new garden fence, and $2,700.00 for miscellaneous for a total of $4,000.00. So, that's not what's on here.
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> CFO John Roskos asked Councilwoman Pam which meeting that was and if she could send an email to him because they will need to look at it on Finance Committee.

Text My Gov: Councilwoman Pam asked if we were going to continue with that? CFO, John Roskos, replied the current Appropriation for 2027 assumes that, yes. Pam asked if that was part of a contract or something that we need, CFO John Roskos replied that it's contractual for at least a few years that he would have to look at the original contract. Pam asked if we knew how many people were signed up for that? CFO, John Roskos stated he believed there's almost 1,200. Pam replied that when Elias' post things people always say," How did you know that? So, you're doing a good job of putting that out there.

Mayor Coss stated to add to that, he had a discussion with John about a month and a half ago because obviously it's something that we have to pay for, and he know that the Township at one point looked at it and for whatever reason they decided not to do it and North Perry has either the exact same version as we do or they use something else. It's a discussion that he's going to be having with the Township and North Perry to see if maybe we can get a package.

Capital Projects: Highways, sidewalks, curbs, Center Street, Center Road, Green Street, Maple Street. The comments over to the far right, say all the Center Road has been delayed until 2027. CFO, John Roskos commented no, that should be the Green Street resurfacing was delayed until 2027. Councilwoman Pam stated then Maple Street to be likely completed in 2026. CFO, John Roskos commented Center Road is complete in 2026 and Maple Street in 2027.

K-9 Fund: Councilwoman Pam Jenkins asked if the people that contributed to that will do that for 2027 as well. CFO, John Roskos replied he was not sure that's up to the generous donors. Councilwoman Pam asked if they approach us or if we approach them? CFO John replied that they decide on their own.

Councilwoman Pam stated they did not have a park meeting because they couldn't all agree on a time. Everybody is so busy and there wasn't a lot to discuss. The only thing they need to discuss is exact measurements at the garden. Pam also stated Wally Siegel is going to plow it for us if that's ok with everybody and we'll have a road crew move leaves over there if they could when they're clearing leaves, we should take advantage of this nice weather and that will be ready to go.

Hometown Holiday: Councilwoman Pam continued discussion mentioning Hometown Holiday, stating they had a short and very informal meeting. Curtis was unable to make it. So, she went to his Revive and Thrive to ask his committee, Laura, Lori, and Christy to help out. She has all four people from the Park Committee, Laura and Tina stating they have a pretty good group that's going to be working on this. Manchester West has been secured for December 12th; we are on Santa's schedule stating they will be putting a

lot of time and effort into that in the next couple of months and everybody is pretty enthused about it so I think it will be great.

JEDD: Councilwoman Pam will attend the JEDD Meeting on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:30 AM.

Continuing discussion, Pam stated in the minutes about Solicitor Ron reviewing the dead tree removal. Solicitor Ron stated he sent an email out and we should not be removing dead tress just because they're in the right of way, stating that's not our property stating if there's a danger, that's something we can discuss, but I think you run a dangerous precedent if you start removing dead trees that we really have no business doing. Solicitor Ron also stated we don't have a forestry division. Some cities do.

Councilwoman Pam asked Mayor Elias if they are going to get a list of committees and members. Mayor Elias replied that he has already started it and he has sent it to Sebrina and John last week. Elias stated before he put anything out we still have a couple seats that we need to fill on committees, but we already have kind of a rough draft about putting something together. Mayor Coss also stated he is going to create a little cheat sheet for our officers to keep in the cars because one of the things that Mayor Coss is going to stress a lot this year is it's their responsibility to look at our roads when it's snowing and especially at night, whoever is the night shift officer, they need to keep an eye on the road and if it's snowing, they have to make that call. So, we're going to have something specifically designed for them so that they have in the cars with all the details with the hope of them getting in front of our roads earlier as opposed waiting until there's like three to four inches on the ground, coming from a safety perspective.

Mayor Coss continued discussion stating they hired two, offered to three guys for the Road Department Crew; two of the guy's back rounds have come back, they have been hired and already met with Charlie, have done some formal or informal training. Cheat sheet will be put on and then we will also update the website with a lot of support information so he knows who to call.

Councilwoman Pam asked CFO, John Roskos what the final cost of the Pickleball Court? CFO, John Roskos, replied it was $73,400.00 or so give or take $25.00 or something like that. Councilwoman Pam replied there have been a lot of people out there. Mayor Coss replied the feedback has been very positive. Pam replied they need to get more gravel up there and Mayor Coss stated he talked to Charlie and we are going to get more. Right now, we're kind of short-handed because, Dan is out with a rotator cuff surgery, so he won't be back until Mid-January. Mike dislocated his shoulder a bit. He will be back next week or two.

John Nicely: Councilman John opened discussion about the Finance Committee meeting reviewing the proposed budget for 2027 stating obviously, you show somewhat of a deficit as far as revenue versus our spending projections, however besides the committee meeting, John

and I met, I took a lot of John's time we went through the entire budget line by line *(Editor's note: audio inaudible)* Understanding better what our fourth quarter historically has been, that we do not have a big push on fourth quarter on appropriations. It seems to be very even spending and from my estimate, I believe we will roll into 2027 based on where we're at.

In addition, to that to go back to answer your question on the additional $4,000.00. We're really trying to control our spending. So, no proposed increases with the exception of a couple minor things that we did bring up during (the Committee Meeting), salaries, a street commissioner position... Those are all proposals that we can look at.

Councilman John continued discussion, stating he had the opportunity to spend time with some of officers this week. Malcolm has the whole issue on e-bikes. John stated he compared notes with Curtis. Councilman Curtis stated he had no problem calling Mentor or Willoughby for guidance…and take a hard look at that. Councilman John stated he also committed to the officers last night that he'd available to listen their concerns. Also, Malcolm has put a lot of stuff together.

Mayor Coss commented Malcolm has submitted that to the Chief and himself. Stating the Chief is out this week, but we have plans on meeting next week, the Chief, myself, and Malcolm to go over his presentation.

Councilman Brian also commented and stated that today there was an article in the Plain Dealer about the state also looking into the legislation.

Rebecca "Becky" Shimko: Councilwoman Becky began discussion, piggy backing off Brian stating if anybody wants to talk to her, her phone number, emails are on the Village site. Stating she very seldom gets call, but if somebody needs an answer, I'll get it.

The second thing Councilwoman Becky was the question, "Have we made any progress in having a supervisor for the roads"? Mayor Coss replied he hasn't entertained or put any energy into what that looks like or whatever may be the case. Stating right now he is filling it, and he's not taking salary for it. Mayor Coss stated he meets with the Road Department every Monday for about an hour or so or whatever they need to kind of go over what's coming up for the week ahead, what they accomplished the week prior, it's been over the past month or so and they are very appreciative of that stating he talked to Charlie maybe an hour or two hours ago.

Mayor Coss continued discussion stating they had the interviews for the solicitor position a week or so ago, we've done all the other hirings stating that we have all that in the back burner with the upcoming year, know there'll be discussions that I'll have with you guys. Councilwoman Becky commented personally, she doesn't think you should be involved in that, other than getting a report, you have enough on your plate.

Councilwoman Pam commented she had something to say; Mike Glover mentioned flock cameras, they have a ton of them in Mentor and we have one or two down here at the split stating she doesn't know the temperature of the community, how they feel about them, if they

want them kept out or what people think, asking is that was something we could pass a Resolution and be proactive right now before they bring them in here? Could we act on that and try and keep the out?

Councilman Curtis Curd asked if he could speak to that stating he had a conversation with the Police Chief and he doesn't have any interest in putting cameras within the Village. That's not on the table. Councilman Curtis also stated he reached out to Ironton, Ohio, stating he called the mayor's office down there, they sent that over to him. Curtis stated he is working on looking at that to see if it's something that workable for Perry because it does have some specifics exclusions that the law enforcement is allowed to use that technology, kidnapping cases, specifically. Active murder investigations, those type of things where you would be able to use automatic license plate readers. They do have exclusion for if you're running a surveillance, it does not capture licenses plates. That type of thing is allowed in their city limits, so they have a whole list of exclusions and I am muddling through that to see what's workable for us.

Councilwoman Pam asked how council felt about that? Is that something that you want purpose to put an effort into? Where do you stand? Councilman Curtis stated he had no issue writing something up and potentially getting on the agenda because then we can look at, discuss it, decide yes or no. Curtis also stated if you have concerns, questions about that, shoot me an email or just give me a call and he'd be more than happy to talk about it.

Mayor Coss commented from his position, he has no interest in flock cameras in our community. It comes at the cost of us, stating it is something that we would have to approve to have those put into the buildings as well and it comes at a cost. Mayor Coss stated Flock Camera is something he has followed for at least a couple of years. At one point I was interested in it, but as I follow history over the past few years and kind of how they've been utilized in other communities in other states and things like that.

Purchases & Approvals:

a. Approval of Purchases September 4 through October 1, 2026

Mayor Elias Coss called for a motion to approve purchases from September 4 through October 1 A motion was made by Becky Shimko; seconded by Paul Hlabse. **Roll call**: Brian- Yes, Pam- Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes. **Motion approved 6-0**.

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

Lori White, 3858 Padre Pio Ln, spoke during public comment in regards to the subject about abandoned homes, stating to Councilwoman Becky to please explain why this is being tabled again. Resident Lori White stated she's been in this Village for almost three years and has brought up these abandoned homes so many times, stating she is getting told the same thing.

We're tabling it, we're looking into it, not now. Stating that if these abandoned homes were in other cities, Mentor, Willoughby this wouldn't be happening.

Councilwoman Becky replied to Resident Lori, stating she knows that they've taken them to court at least once, maybe twice. We can not make them it's not within our power.

Mayor Coss stated he was the one that tabled it, it's not an excuse, stating what he will tell you is that over the last nine and half months we've had in 2026 a high turn over of just changes, Council, Police Chief, we have new hire solicitor, so this is a topic we just can't make a decision and just make it right. There have been way many moving parts up until this point. So, I specifically wanted this tabled because I wanted to make sure that first we first and foremost had a full council and give the time to get up to speed with it and also to be able to have some healthy conversations with our solicitor and our zoning inspector. Mayor Coss also stated it is not something that's being put on the back burner; it's a top five maybe three and he's not passing it over and he knows its something that is very important to, stating but to me it's more important that we have the right people in the room and that they're understanding of what's going on and what is needed before we start passing legislation and enforcing rules. It's on the radar. It's something that we are working on. I'm not just looking to race to the finish line without getting the right people involved in and making sure that they understand what they're looking at and what we're talking about.

Resident, Lori White, continued discussion stating we all obviously want it done, and we want it done correctly, so they're not taking people to court. I could get that, it just seems like it's taking longer, but I understand you that everything that's happened these last eight months. That wasn't my priority, stating getting on to Paul's question, I have to agree with you with the parking, because I live in Hidden Village and we had an incident the other day when this car was parked practically on the street stating, its kind of ridiculous to have a driveway, and I understand if you have multiple families, but if you're going to be parking practically and especially with winter coming, the snow plows are not going to be able to go around these cars. So, I mean I agree with you about that because when I lived in Mentor that was a big no. You were not allowed to do it, also stating she doesn't understand why certain people in this community think just because they came from Mentor or Willoughby that they can just do it without consequences. Lori also stated she doesn't know if the police forces are enforcing that.

Mayor Coss commented it is being enforced, that he has educated the families in Booth Farms, Paul has educated the families in Booth Farms as well. You can park in the driveway, and you can park on the street from 6:00 AM until midnight. The issue that we're seeing in specifically Booth Farms, and in some cases Hidden Village and other parts of the community is that between 6:00 AM and midnight people are blocking the sidewalk when they could easily be parking in their driveway, their garage, so that's the concern. That's the safety issue, because we do have families that are walking their kids, their kids that are going to school in the morning, coming back at home, and they shouldn't have to go in the street to get around, when from 6:00 AM until midnight everybody can park on the street or fully in their driveway. Mayor Coss stated he had a conversation with the Police Chief, and multiple officers. The Chief has sent out an email and it is something that is being enforced. In fact, three people came to pay their parking citations. Our police officers are doing a phenomenal job whenever I bring

something to their attention. The number of citations to warning ratio has significantly changed over the course of the past six months. We've seen an increase in some OVI arrests as well. So, it is something that Booth Farms has brought to my attention. Hidden Village to a point, some other areas. Again, you can park on the street from 6:00 AM until midnight. You can park fully in your driveway, in your garage at any point. You just can't block the sidewalk between those hours.

Larry Hackley, 4015 Center Road, spoke during public comment and wanted to touch just on two things. Larry questioned, the house that is more than half burnt down, is that home different, I hope, from the others that you've been approaching for years. Mayor Coss questioned the one on Main Street? Larry commented saying he hopes it's the only one there is.

Mayor Coss replied Mr. Church, he lives on Main Street, and he thinks he can see it from his house, had sent him an email. Mayor Coss stated he actually had a conversation with the fire Chief. I wouldn't say that is in the same situation, but I wasn't really aware. I guess the house was vacant prior to it burning down a year ago. Mayor Coss stated he was told that the house was vacant prior to burning down and that was the issue prior to the house burning down, and yes, he is also looking into that one separately and also in addition to the whole thing.

Resident Larry Hackley replied to Mayor Coss asking him in dealing with all of these things in our inability to deal with them, is that because we're a village and not a city?

Solicitor Graham replied to Resident Larry's question by stating that there is no difference between a village and a city. Larry replied plagiarism is a wonderful thing. The City of Painesville, done- serve a notice- you got so many days and it's gone.

Resident Larry Hackley continued discussion and wanted to ask Paul if he was saying he would like to see that push back to 8:00 PM?

Councilman Paul replied he would say a little bit earlier stating I think a lot of people are apprehensive of wanting to go out at midnight, but I think 8:00 or 9:00 PM would be sufficient.

Resident Larry Hackley replied during public comment, if he's understanding that right, then they couldn't have company after 8:00 PM? They couldn't have company where are they going to park?

Councilman Paul replied to Resident Larry Hackley stating You're an adult, have company whenever you want. Why would you park in your driveway or in the street. Larry stated to Councilman Paul, so, you could have in reference to Hidden Village, you could only have two people come visit you after 8:00 PM in the evening. Is that not, right? Councilman Paul replied so, we will leave it at midnight then, it is what it is now.

Jean Schonauer, 4166 Thompson, spoke during public comment with a public service announcement with the TextMyGov and talking about the leaf pickup and everything else. We

do have in our contract with our waste removal company that they will pick up all yard waste every week, 52 weeks out of the year. If people are cutting their grass and bagging it or they're picking up their branches and things like that, they can put those in lawn bags, put them right out with their garbage can, and they'll pick them up. So, that might be something you want to throw out there for the people that are trying to do that when we're doing these pick-ups. They can do this all year long.

Resident Jean continued discussion with the budget, stating to Councilman John Nicely, that he was trying to keep things copacetic, and even to what we have this year. Does this include wages? Are you giving any kind of proposal or wage increase to the employees, and if so, what percentage?

Mayor Coss replied to Resident Jean stating we have not.

Councilman John stated we have proposed some rate increases. I'm not going to give you the percentage because…because it's actually on an individual basis.

Resident Jean question so when you say individual based on qualifications as it's currently set up, so like a patrol officer one, two, three, four, five, they make a different rate. Is that what you're talking about? Are you talking about wage increase based on performance, performance-based versus just position?

Councilman John replied he would say that these would be not only performance but scope of duties.

Mayor Coss spoke and commented stating this isn't a Q&A this is a public comment portion. So, it is something that the Finance Committee is looking into that. So, when all of that is taken care of, we will share that with the community.

Resident Jean continued public comment regarding vacant houses stating we have more houses that are looking pretty bad. There's one on Thompson Street that is currently vacant and needs to be addressed because I live in that area of town. I notice it, and I just want to bring that up. I also will say that when the mayor did Munchies with the Mayor, that was discussed as well, and Ashley and I suggested that you as Council, visit the Vacant Home Legislation that the City of Lakewood has. It's very comprehensive, and it's very detailed and clearly it has stood the test of time from a legal standpoint. So, if you haven't don't that yet, I would encourage every one of you to go look at their legislation on it, because, as I said, is very excessive, and I was very impressed with it. I think it it's something that we need to look at because it gives you avenues to not just keep sending the letters and charging them the money. It gives you the avenue to make them either do something or you take possession of the properties, and I think that's the threat the community needs or these vacant homeowners who need to understand that you just don't get to sit there forever. It's harming our community, it's reducing our property values, and it's an eyesore. So, I would encourage you all to look at that and un-table it and do something with it because there's plenty of information out there that we could be using to make it right in our community. Resident Jean, also commented to Resident Lori White stating she's absolutely right. This has been an on-going thing.

Resident Jean continued public comment stating the other thing she wanted to bring up, because we're talking again about the budget and Munchies with the Mayor. We talked about the speed limit on Main Street, and you brought that up as well in your report over by Booth Farms, reducing that to 25 it was discussed that miles per hour. And one of the criteria is to do a traffic study. Traffic studies are not cheap, they're expensive and I know that it was discussed that was probably something we were going to work on in 2027. I did not notice that there was any money budgeted for a traffic study, so I would again encourage the finance committee to look at that as well. Make sure that gets included. It's not a cheap study. It's going to cost you some thousands of dollars.

Councilman Brian Farley, commented and asked Resident Jean if she was on the Finance Committee and if she talked about that as the Finance Committee? Jean replied, well no because technically I was just an observer. I'm not a member of the committee. I was just a community member that was there. Councilmember Brian then asked Resident Jean if she reached out to anybody? Jean replied, Elias is the one that knew about it. We talked about it on Munchies with the Mayor. I actually looked up what was going to be required to do a traffic study and we talked about it in that meeting. The mayor knew that but unfortunately the mayor wasn't at the Finance Committee. Councilman Brian asked Resident Jean if she reached out to any council members? Jean replied, no, you had two council members and you and Pam that were both at some point or another at the meeting that the mayor did have.

Councilman Brian Farley stated to resident Jean, I was just asking you if you brough it to their attention at that time.

Councilwoman Pam Jenkins commented asking Resident Jean when she became a council member?

Resident Jean replied she was on council for eight years.

Councilwoman Pam stated this vacant house problem has been going on since 2002 and you and Ashley were both on council, so what things did you try that were successful in getting rid of some of these vacant houses?

Resident Jean replied, this is public comment and I'm not required to answer any of your questions.

Resident Jim Jablonski, 3624 Main Street, spoke at public comment and stated just to make an observation is if council, given any thought to govern the rules and regulations as far as e-bikes go? You can have a kid, zipping in and out. They go pretty fast anymore. Any my concern is somebody's going to be backing in their driveway. So many will be buzzing … around cars. Somebody's going to get hurt. I'm not quite sure what the police can actually do about that. I thought maybe it was something council could think about or talk about.

Councilman Curtis replied it is something that he and John had talked about a little earlier. We're going to try to get Mentor's and Willoughby's and we will see what is going to fit for the Village to try and get some control of that situation.

Executive Session (if needed):

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

Executive Session began at 7:11 PM

Councilwoman Becky Shimko made a motion to return to regular session. **Motion seconded by Curtis Curd. Roll call**: Brian- Yes, Pam-Yes, John - Yes, Becky- Yes, Paul- Yes, Curtis- Yes. **Motion approved 6-0.**

Regular Session resumed at 8:26 PM.

CFO, John Roskos, stated we are going to hold a special council meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 PM to consider the appointment of a Solicitor and Assistant Village Solicitor.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 PM.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 PM.

John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer

Elias Coss, Acting Mayor

Posted: _____

Called by Mayor Elias Coss