

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bell, Berger, Canton, Cavanagh, Galicki, and Porter

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Police Chief Rizzo, Solicitor Matheney

VISITORS: Muffi Sherwin, Holly Ln.; Sarah Kaseler, Alderwood; Allyson Dean, Bell Rd.; Emily Hopkins Wembley Ct., Bainbridge; Jeff Greenleif, Chillicothe Rd.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fiscal Officer read the roll. **Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025, Special Council meeting, seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried. Cavanagh made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Bell. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

VISITORS: Sarah Kaseler, 105 Alderwood, Muffi Sherwin, 138 Holly Ln., and Allyson Dean, 920 Bell Rd., addressed creating a bocce ball court in the South Russell Village Park. They belong to a league, and the court would be used for the league as well as others in the community who share their interest in bocce. They noted that it brings the community together much like concerts in the park and the Fall Festival and is family friendly. Cavanagh asked about the league, and it was explained that Chagrin Falls has a league and uses the River Run Park and a Bentleyville park. It is a Facebook league of about 20 teams, and they play several days a week. Cavanagh asked how many people would be present, and the presenters said possibly 8 players and a maximum of 4 cars. Regarding the timeframe, it would be from late spring until October. At River Run Park, the bocce equipment is available in a locked box on site for anyone who wishes to play.

The Mayor explained that the Village has a Park Committee and invited the visitors to present their ideas. The Property Committee would then discuss it and potentially bring the matter to Council for a vote. A location to the west side of the pavilion was identified by the group. The Mayor discussed the water issues in the park. Cavanagh advised that there would be a Parks Committee meeting on April 22, 2025, at 6:30 in Village Hall. The Mayor stated that first, the liability, insurance, and cost will be considered. Kaseler offered she has some of those numbers and would work with the committee. Galicki asked if this would infringe on the Land Conservancy property. The Mayor said no, that the Village is allowed to do anything on the three acres around the playground as well as the 10 acres on the East Washington side.

Emily Hopkins, 8160 Wembley Ct., appeared on behalf of the Chagrin Falls Booster Club. The club is a support organization that raises money to support Chagrin students. There will be a fundraising event on May 3rd, and she was seeking approval to hang a 20-foot-long banner that says, “CF Boosters Fundraiser” in the park for a week or two leading up to the event. The Mayor said that if approved, Hopkins should deliver the banner to the Street Commissioner and the Service Department personnel will put it up. **Berger made a motion to approve placing a banner in the park on behalf of the Boosters as of April 21st until the day following May 3rd or shortly thereafter as the Service Department shall determine to take it down, seconded by Galicki. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor distributed his report which contained items for the committees.

FISCAL OFFICER: The Fiscal Officer distributed her report. She provided a correction to the March financials. Interest received for the month of March was \$11,878, which was due to moving money to STAR Ohio for the better interest rate.

She addressed membership renewal for the Geauga County Township Association (GCTA), and determined that she, the Mayor, Cavanagh, Galicki, and Porter were interested.

At the next Council meeting, there will be budget appropriation amendments.

The Fiscal Officer conducted research into financial software options. She will review the information at the Finance Committee meeting on Friday and hopes to have a recommendation and get approval at the next Council meeting. She reviewed the options, pricing, and timing of installation of Tyler Technology, VIP, and UAN (state software). At the Local Government Conference in Columbus a few weeks ago, the Fiscal Officer attended a two-hour training session for UAN. Additionally, she made inquiries with other conference participants about satisfaction with UAN and heard no negative comments. Furthermore, she met four individuals who had VIP software and found it was too much for a village and switched to the state software. Her preference would be to get the state software since the state makes the laws, audits the Village, and the software is specifically designed to keep the user compliant with the law. Other benefits include that it allows auditors access to reports they need which saves on audit costs. The only difficulty is that the Fiscal Officer would have to enter the finance information herself. However, she spoke to another municipality that recently transitioned to UAN software and did not find it too challenging. There are also traveling clerks who are available to assist. The system is used by over 2,100 cities, townships, and villages in the state. It is not yet cloud-based, but the software can be installed on the ADP network, and she can set up access for the other department heads. Furthermore, it includes payroll, a five-year budgeting package, and cemetery software at no additional cost. The Village could be online with it by fall or by the end of the year and the cost is approximately \$5,000. This includes the computer and printer. Cavanagh questioned the disparity in costs between the different software packages, and the Fiscal Officer explained that two of the three are private companies and UAN is designed by the state. The Fiscal Officer described the next steps.

Berger thought that the choice was obvious but asked for clarification about the cemetery software given that the Village already has it. The Fiscal Officer explained that the UAN cemetery software is more for financial tracking and the software used by the Village keeps all the records and can be put online for public access. She intends to keep the current cemetery software.

The Mayor stated that one of the goals he gave the Fiscal Officer was to sit down and look at the financial situation with the Police Chief and Street Commissioner and asked if she had done that yet and asked if they had given her their opinion about the software. The Fiscal Officer advised that the Chief said it was up to her as it is a finance matter. She had not yet heard from the Street Commissioner.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Canton stated that the Finance Committee minutes of March 21, 2025 were distributed. The next Finance Committee meeting will be on Friday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m. in Village Hall. Canton reported that per the Fiscal Officer's report, the cash and investment totals are \$3,928,682.29, but cautioned that there were major expenditures on the horizon with the Bell Rd. east paving, park restroom, and the salt structure. The park restroom will be arriving on Thursday April

17th at 8:30 a.m. Canton advised that the first of two monthly checks have been signed and cross checked.

SOLICITOR: The Solicitor had nothing to report.

ENGINEER: In the Engineer's absence, the Fiscal Officer conveyed that the Engineer sent an email about his recommendations for roads for the 2025 Road Program and asked Council to discuss this matter. Porter clarified this was in addition to Bell Rd. east. Galicki advised that there would be no Bell Rd. east this year. The Fiscal Officer stated that the Village would start incurring costs for it this year for design work, etc. Porter added that it cannot be bid until after July 1st and could not begin until the spring of 2026.

The Mayor asked the Street Commissioner to act as the Engineer and discuss the Engineer's recommendations for the 2025 Road Program. The Street Commissioner said that he knew the Engineer spoke about Reclamiting and had provided a list, but he did not have it in front of him. The Street Commissioner reiterated that the Engineer discussed Reclamite for the Road Program and crack sealing. The Street Commissioner contacted two companies to come out and look over the whole Village to provide their opinion of street priority for crack sealing and to develop a plan for the next few years. The Mayor stated that Countryside Dr. would be the road that will be repaved. The Street Commissioner concurred.

STREET COMMISSIONER: The Street Commissioner submitted his monthly report and had nothing to add other than that on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. the restroom will be delivered and in place by Thursday afternoon. The Service Department will start digging the hole for it. The park has been closed this week, so they are washing and staining the playground equipment. They also performed a monthly inspection, which they are going to do throughout the summer. They will do what repairs they can in-house. He will follow up with a third-party inspection. Next week, the Village will hold Trash Day. Cavanagh verified there will be enough people to work this event, and the Street Commissioner said there will be two from Russell Township and they will let him know if there are any additional workers. If more are needed, he would contact Chagrin Falls or Bainbridge to find two more people. Porter asked if Russell would be bringing their loader, and the Street Commissioner concurred.

Cavanagh asked the Street Commissioner to discuss applications received to date for the full-time Service Department position. The Street Commissioner thought four had been received, but the Fiscal Officer offered that she had received eight to ten. The Street Commissioner offered that there was a good turnout with a variety of applicants with different skill levels.

STREETS COMMITTEE: Regarding the Engineer's email, Cavanagh reported that the proposed streets for the 2025 Road Program were Countryside Dr. and Reclamite application on Woodside Rd., Maple Springs Dr., Southwyck Dr., and Chelsea Ct.

Cavanagh expressed her excitement about Trash Day and advised that for Senior Trash pick-up, it is necessary to register yearly with the Geauga County Department on Aging to be included in the event.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Cavanagh spoke with the Building Inspector who told her he is very busy, and people are complaining about neighbors who may not take such good care of their yards. Typically, it is handled with a visit from him.

POLICE CHIEF: At the next Council meeting, the Chief will ask the Mayor to appoint two officers to the Police Department. There is one full-time and one part-time candidate. Background checks are being conducted as well as preemployment testing. The Safety Committee will discuss it further at the next meeting this week.

The tornado siren activation has been turned over to the Geauga County Sheriff's Office (GCSO). In the past, the siren was tested at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. GCSO normally conducts the test once a month, but the Chief would like to know how often Council wanted the tests to be conducted during tornado season. Berger offered that Chagrin Falls' test occurs weekly. The Mayor suggested having the test on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. for another year. The Chief explained that it is difficult to hear the Village's test siren because it only ramps up for a short burst and then spins around one time, instead of the full three-minute alert that is heard when it is activated. It may not be as audible in the outskirts of the Village and some of the people in the west end may hear Chagrin's siren. The siren is meant to be an outdoor warning system in addition to weather reports and cell phone notifications.

The Chief advised that he wanted to move forward with an IT provider for the Police Department. Previously, ADP's costs were discussed by Council. He has a proposal from Simvay and thought service for the Police Department would be about \$10,000 instead of \$85,000. The Mayor said he spoke to the police chiefs of Chesterland and Russell and the Police Chief from Russell had glowing things to say about Simvay.

Regarding the new garage, there was a slight delay, and an alternate trench will be created for the electrical components. Once this is hooked up, a heater will be installed, and drywall will be started.

The Mayor advised that his reference check on both candidates has been excellent thus far.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Bell addressed the award given to Officer Kevin Spackman for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and commented on the nomination letter from Jim Flaiz. He offered that anything the Village could do to recognize him in our community would be great. Porter advised that Spackman will be recognized on Law Day, April 25th, at the Generations Center in Chester Township. The Solicitor added that the event is sponsored by the Geauga County Bar Association.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in the Police Department.

The Chief stated that a donation was received in memory of John Miller, and these donations are usually applied to community programs, specifically the Cops and Kids Fishing event. **Bell made a motion to accept the \$250 donation in memory of John Miller, seconded by Galicki. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

Regarding the upcoming renewal of the fire contract, Galicki was in contact with Chief Zupan, Chagrin Valley Fire Department (CVFD), who said it was his intention that the Safety Committee members and Mayors of all the participating communities will be receiving an invitation to attend a meeting in early May to discuss services, capital improvements, and to try to make the process of negotiating the next contract a little more participatory.

HR COMMITTEE: Bell announced that the meeting scheduled for April 15th will be cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30 a.m. in Village Hall.

Regarding the proposed job description for the Service Department that was distributed to Council, Bell explained that the Village has advertised for a full-time employee. However, in the event it is

necessary to bring someone on who does not have a CDL, this job description was written with the intention that they would have to eventually become certified. The pay rate will be lower since the individual would not have the CDL. The matter must be done by ordinance, which will be prepared for the next meeting.

Secondly, Bell advised that a proposed change to the uniform policy was distributed to Council. The Village is moving away from Cintas providing uniforms, and the Street Commissioner suggested getting the uniforms from Arborwear, which would be about \$780 for each employee. Every other year, the Village would provide the basic uniform items. The proposal states that for full-time employees, there would be a \$1,000 per year allowance. Bell commented that the discussion had actually been for every other year. Berger stated the policy can be amended. Galicki and Cavanagh concurred that the recommendation was for every other year. Porter asked the Street Commissioner how long a pair of work pants lasts, and the Street Commissioner said that with Cintas, the pants are simply replaced as needed. Instead of 11 pairs, the employees would have 7. If they were to tear them in the course of daily work, the Village would replace them. Bell said that given the proposal of every other year, it would be \$3,000 to \$4,000 every other year. Right now, with Cintas it is \$5,000 to \$6,000 per year. The Fiscal Officer clarified that for uniforms, it is currently between \$500 to \$700 per employee per year. Bell asked the Street Commissioner if the \$5,000 to \$6,000 was the full Cintas contract, and the Street Commissioner said yes. Galicki asked if there had been discussion about what the uniforms would look like and whether they would be uniform, or would the employees just be picking out what they would like from Arborwear? Bell recalled that it would be specific pieces of apparel. The Street Commissioner said he chose grey mid-range pants in the same style and cut, and the high visibility shirts will all be the same with the Village logo. Canton asked if they would have the employees' names on them, and the Street Commissioner said this could be added or not. Regarding the quantity suggested, Galicki offered that given his experience, private companies were not as generous with the pants and shirt quantities as what was being proposed, but a fleece or light jacket was provided. He wondered if something like this was considered for cooler weather. The Street Commissioner said that in the past, jackets were purchased by the Village for the employees as needed. Galicki asked if the employees would be provided with both long and short sleeved shirts, and the Street Commissioner concurred. He added that the high visibility shirts worn by the employees were a separate purchase in the past in addition to the Cintas uniforms. Galicki summarized that it would be grey pants and high visibility yellow shirts.

Berger explained that he wrote the policy to say, "The Village, upon the recommendation of the Street Commissioner, shall provide a current list of approved uniform items including vendor, item number, color, etc." He assumed the Street Commissioner along with the Street Committee would develop this list, which would be the basis for the purchases. Porter clarified that the Village will be buying the clothing rather than reimbursing the employee. The Street Commissioner said no. He explained that currently, there is a uniform that was provided that is in the handbook that says to meet appearance and such. The Village would give an additional clothing allowance for boots that employees would buy and be reimbursed by the Village. That is separate from the uniforms he is proposing. He is just changing the provider of the uniform from Cintas to an outside vendor. Galicki noted that the proposed policy specifies that boots are included in the uniform allowance. Berger said that is how it was written, but it could be changed. The Street Commissioner said that in other communities, the employees are given a set amount twice a year and they are responsible for their outer gear to include boots, hats, etc. It is up to the employee whether they want to spend it, but their attire must look good. Berger asked the Street Commissioner to provide him with a boot policy, which he would include in the draft policy for consideration by Council.

Bell noted that information pertaining to harassment training was provided by the Fiscal Officer. The providers were Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan, which would charge between \$1,000 and \$2,000, and Bonnie Troyer/Strategy Solutions, which would charge \$2,500. Bell reviewed the specifics of each training proposal. The Mayor suggested looking at the proposals and making a decision in May. Bell and Berger advised that the committee wanted to move forward with the in-person training, which they felt should occur every other year. The Mayor asked if the committee had a recommendation, and Berger suggested Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan. Porter asked who would receive the training, and Berger said it would occur during business hours for employees and preferably elected officials as well. **Berger made a motion to approve Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan for HR employment training not to exceed \$2,500, seconded by Bell.** The Mayor suggested Council consider Bonnie Troyer because it is her specialty as an HR expert. Todd Hicks, Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan, is an excellent lawyer. The Mayor heard both individuals present, but thought they should consider Bonnie. Galicki advised that he worked with Bonnie Troyer at Swagelok, and did not think there was any value added over the Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan option given the extra expense. She was an HR generalist for a large corporation who started her own business after leaving the company. Porter offered that she could be considered for next year. **Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

Berger made a motion to ratify the approval of a help wanted ad for a full-time Service Department employee with an expenditure of funds not to exceed \$250, seconded by Cavanagh. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried. Berger clarified that the Street Commissioner said he received responses to that ad. The Street Commissioner responded that he received three that were dropped off to him. Another municipality forwarded one. Berger asked if there was a need to run an ad for the position without the CDL. The Street Commissioner said that two of the three applications he had did not have CDLs. Berger said that until an ordinance is passed allowing for this position without a CDL, there is no method to hire such an individual. He encouraged Council to look at the draft of the position. Porter asked how long the ad would run, and the Fiscal Officer said two weeks. She said that although the Village typically does not receive many responses from the paper, the area Service Directors Group was notified, and the posting was put on Indeed.com. She has received responses from each of these. The applications will be forwarded to the Street Commissioner and Streets Committee. Porter asked what the closing date was, and the Fiscal Officer said that one was not included. Berger addressed the need to have a process by which good applicants who do not have a CDL can be interviewed. The Fiscal Officer stated that some of the applications she received had CDL Class A or Class B. Porter asked if Berger was seeking to amend the current job advertisement and Berger said it would be to add a job description that would allow for a probationary employee in the Service Department at a lower rate without CDL. It was discussed that once that probationary employee met the six-month probationary period, he/she would have 90 days after that point to obtain their CDL at the Village's cost. That cost was estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$6,000. A job description is needed that allows for this and describes how the process goes forward.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: Berger said that the Properties Committee will meet on April 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Berger made a motion to ratify the approval of closing the park from April 14th to April 18, 2025, for maintenance and restroom installation, seconded by Galicki. Porter asked if this was in the newsletter, and the Fiscal Officer said that it was not because she did not have the information. However, notification was provided through TextMyGov, Facebook, and the website. **Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

Regarding the Farmers' Market, Berger asked for clarification on the process to renew the agreement for this year. The Mayor said that the person in charge of the Farmers' Market will get the Village the updated insurance and Council will vote on it on April 28th. The Solicitor added that an updated agreement is needed. The Mayor thought the Farmers' Market would start on May 10th and the legislation would have to be adopted at the April 24th Council meeting.

Berger referenced the portion of the Mayor's report pertaining to the Properties Committee where it listed the Village Reserve Study. This is the master plan for providing funds for capital improvements, capital replacements, etc. It includes buildings, equipment, etc. Berger needed direction from the Mayor as to what the Properties Committee was supposed to be doing with the study. The Mayor said that the Properties Committee would be meeting April 22nd, and he would be ready to answer at that time.

The Mayor referred to his report and said that the Cats Den Garden Club wanted to help with obtaining a grant for the Rarick Cemetery. Cavanagh clarified that the Mayor was saying the organization would help the Village get a grant, and the Mayor concurred and explained that they would like to help out to get the Cemetery up to speed. At the next Finance Committee meeting, the Mayor planned to suggest considering Steve Balaban, the grant writer, for this. The Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP) talked about water grants and last week at the trails meeting, Rich Washington, Verdantas, spoke about grants that are available for sidewalks. The Mayor thought that the matter would go back to the Finance Committee, which would then present an updated version of what Steve Balaban would do for grants. Berger asked how much money the Cats Den Garden Club was looking to spend at Rarick Cemetery and the Mayor said he had no idea because it was just a phone call from the group asking if they could help to secure a grant. Berger advised that the Properties Committee has discussed repairing headstones and improving the condition of Rarick Cemetery. Pending that, if there is something more to be done, it would be a second step, and the entire community could be involved. Cavanagh proposed that she, the Street Commissioner, and Linda Mattern would set a date to take a walk and come up with something before the next meeting.

Porter asked where the discussion left off regarding headstone repair. The Solicitor advised that during the course of revising the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, there was verbiage included pertaining to headstones at the Rarick Cemetery that were in disrepair. These headstones could be repaired so that they are in an appropriate condition. The Fiscal Officer thought that money had been put aside for this. Cavanagh said that the fudge factor was that there were no descendants the Village could contact about the headstones. The Solicitor concurred, explaining that the headstones were originally paid for by the families. Galicki recalled that part of the discussion was that there was an epoxy that could be used to repair them if they were cracked or broken, and this was the direction Council was going with repair of the headstones. Berger said the Street Commissioner has a plan going forward and resources have been allocated. He endorsed a walk and review of the Rarick Cemetery but thought this should be done prior to involving a great deal of other people. Porter asked what the Cats Den Garden Club wanted to do in the Cemetery, just help out? The Mayor did not know and suggested inviting the representative to the next Properties Committee meeting.

The Mayor noted that the Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency (NOACA) has invited the Village to a Zoom conference to talk about the \$800,000 grant and future grants. It will be on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. What the Village can and cannot do with the money will be discussed.

The Mayor stated that there had been two Eagle Scout candidates who approached the Village with project ideas. One is a raised observation platform, and the other is the bocce ball court. It will go to

the Park Committee for their input and then on to the Properties Committee before bringing it to Council. Galicki offered that there was previous discussion about the platform and asked the Solicitor what the liability would be with a raised platform in terms of injuries from falling off it. The Solicitor replied that it would be the same as any improvement in the park.

The Mayor plans to attend the Ohio Active Trails Conference on April 29th and 30th.

PARKS COMMITTEE: The Mayor asked if the Properties Committee had given the Parks Committee to Cavanagh. Berger said that no, it was still under Properties Committee. Cavanagh was asked to coordinate at least the first meeting and to be involved. Cavanagh said she just loves the park. The Park Committee will be meeting on April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in Village Hall. Cavanagh said that establishing a date for the Fall Festival is pending the release of the Brown's schedule. The Mayor said that going forward, out of respect for the Parks Committee, he spoke to Ted Kruse and this will be the last time they will wait on the Brown's schedule to set a date for the Fall Festival. Next year will be the nation's 250th birthday and there will be a lot of different events, and he thought the Fall Festival may change.

Regarding the 250th celebration, Cavanagh advised that on April 18th, Paul Revere's ride is to be commemorated. She was looking for creative ways for the Village to do this like putting out two lanterns. Porter suggested putting a second light in the portico of Village Hall.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Porter advised the committee would be meeting on Friday, April 18th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss trees around the Central Retention Basin, storm water mitigation in the Fairview area, and the proposed Kensington Green agreement with the Village to monitor sediment build up in Bull Frog Pond. Cavanagh asked for clarification about the work being done on Fairview, and Porter explained that they wanted an update from the Engineer because the bidding can go out after July 1st. The whole idea is to find out how much it will cost. The committee also wanted to hear about the salt structure.

In terms of warranty work, Bell addressed the lack of trees in the Manor Brook project, noting that only one seemed to have taken. Porter clarified that he did not recall the planting of trees, but rather shrubbery and native plants. The Mayor noted that nothing was coming up, and he would get somebody out there. Bell said his concern was that it was not filling in.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) well monitoring for water quantity was discussed. Charles Hart will be retiring and the Mayor will be having lunch with his replacement on April 15th. Cavanagh noted that the Village has been engaged in this monitoring for 30 years since Mayor Young.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Cavanagh introduced a resolution authorizing the sale of personal property not needed by the Village and declaring an emergency. Cavanagh made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Cavanagh made a motion to adopt, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **RES 2025-24**

Berger introduced an ordinance approving Attachment A to the Master Services Agreement for professional services to allow Verdantas to perform the Pedestrian and Bike Trail Master Plan Study for the Village of South Russell in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute the attachment on behalf of the Village, and declaring an emergency. Berger made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, Porter, Bell, Canton, Cavanagh, and

Galicki. Nay – Berger. Motion carried. Berger made a motion to adopt, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, Porter, Bell, Canton, Cavanagh, and Galicki. Nay – Berger. Motion carried. **ORD 2025-25**

Cavanagh introduced a resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2025 and declaring an emergency. Cavanagh made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Cavanagh made a motion to adopt, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **RES 2025-26**

BILLS LIST: Canton made a motion to ratify the bills list of March 25, 2025, in the amount of \$2,057.73; March 30, 2025, in the amount of \$27,656.65; and April 15, 2025, in the amount of \$109,337.35, seconded by Porter. Berger questioned paying \$339 in mileage to one of the Police Officers. The Chief explained that the vehicle was reserved that week and not available. Porter asked where the officer went, and the Chief said it was to Stow every day for a week. The Mayor clarified that neither car was available, and the Chief said there was something on the schedule but then it was removed, and they had no idea. Berger also asked for the charge for Carbonite, and the Fiscal Officer explained it was for the Police Department computer backup. **Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

NEW/OTHER: Porter, Bell, Berger, Cavanagh, and Galicki had no new business.

Canton made a motion to excuse Councilman Berger from the April 28th Council meeting, seconded by Porter. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Bell made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of conferring with the solicitor regarding pending litigation involving the Village pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code and invite into Executive Session the Mayor, the Police Chief, the Fiscal Officer and the Solicitor, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Bell made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of considering the employment and compensation of a public employee pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code and invite into executive session the Mayor, Fiscal Officer, Police Chief and the Solicitor, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Bell made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of matters required to be kept confidential by federal or state law pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code and invite into executive session the Mayor, Fiscal Officer, and the Solicitor, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 8:24 p.m. Council reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Being that there was no further business before Council, Porter made a motion to adjourn at 9:29 p.m., seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.



William G. Koons, Mayor



Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer

Prepared by Leslie Galicki