VILLAGE OF PHILLIPSBURG

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 27, 2025

Mayor: Meeting called to order at 7 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Josh Simpson, Chris Steiner, Donna Mullins, Hope Hoard, Heather Craft. All are here.
Joined by Fiscal Officer, Charity Grill, and Solicitor, Ben Mazer

The council will discuss and appoint who fills vacant council seat. Two candidates are here. One will be interviewed by phone.

It was decided that only those who can be interviewed in person or by phone will be eligible to be voted on.

Charlene Yoe is present. A resident for 14 years. She wants to be on council, to help make the Village better and improve the playground.
Top three concerns: Run down houses and buildings, the roads, no police around.
Three favorite things about the Village: Knowing your neighbors, nothing stolen without someone seeing it (carts from Dollar General), things within walking distance.
Benefits of living here: Small town, nice people.

Brandon Booker is present. A resident off and on for 30 years. His family has been here for 80 years. He is an Army veteran. Wants to see the Village restored to old glory. The town has lost its way in some ways, but has gained in some ways, but still needs to grow and thrive.
Three main concerns: Make the town financially stable, bring in businesses, safety and security re police and fire departments. Closed businesses and empty buildings need to be restored and used. Could also use some nice housing. Discussion re empty lots.
Three favorite things about the Village: Family feeling, community's great, it's my hometown.

Jill Ritter (via phone): A resident for 15 years. Has two sons and two granddaughters. Has an RV and likes to travel. Donna questioned if she travels a lot. Jill responded: we do weekends but can work electronically. Forty-year employee for USAF research laboratory, (unintelligible), worked way up to researcher, program manager and project leader. Retired, then went back to become an analyst for the small business administration program regarding how to fund small businesses. Retired again, then former boss who worked for the Under Secretary of the Defense asked her to be engineering consultant to help solve problems about policy and budgeting. Graduate of Leadership Dayton, Leadership Ohio, experience with managing contracts, managing people, managing research, and managing teams.

Three biggest concerns about the Village: I see people trying to do the right thing but not coming together on the issues. There's an issue with our services to make sure our people are taken care of, I'd love to see more volunteer efforts to get the park system improved, maybe beautify the place to get more people motivated to bring it up to more of a prettier city and better taken care of and get that community feel back.

There's a big issue with water right now, and I have a lot of experience in that area, so I could certainly be of help there. I just want to see people come together as a team, and I have an outside perspective. It's good to have somebody take that 10,000 feet look at things, because I haven't been down in the weeds, so I might see a different view from everyone else and might be able to be a valued member of the team.

Pros about the Village: I love the town! I love it there! My favorite house I've lived in during my 62 years. I love where I live. I love my neighbors. I love being out in the country. I love what it can be. I see the potential in the Village. I would love to have the chance to build it up some. I see a work in progress, and I'd like to help. This is going to be our final house.

Would you be able to attend the monthly meetings? Yes, I would make all meetings a priority.

Mayor: It's time for someone to make a nomination for somebody and this is where you would vote.

Josh talks about the importance of the water issue, and how important the open seat is.

Josh nominates Jill Ritter. Hope seconds that.
Josh: Yes, Steiner: Yes, Donna: Abstain, Hope: Yes, Heather: Yes
Mayor: 4 yesses and 1 abstain. So that makes Jill Ritter appointed to that position.

Josh, to the other candidates: Put yourself on the ballot when the election comes around.

Mayor: Jill will be sworn in on June 17th. We need Jill's contact information.

Mayor: We have to read this whole thing.
Resolution no. 25-0056 Modification of any prior credit card policy for the Village of Phillipsburg, Montgomery County, Ohio (Read out loud in its entirety).

Mayor: This is the second reading.

Josh: Did we have a credit card policy before?
Mayor: The only credit card we carried were the Sam's cards. But one of the previous fiscal officers had a personal credit card that was in the Village and her name.
Josh: Do we have a resolution for credit card use?
Mayor: No, we do not.

Lori Hartman?: Questioned the reading of the entire resolution. She quoted the ORC.
ORC 731.17 Passage of ordinances and resolutions

> *(A) The following procedures shall apply to the passage of ordinances and resolutions of a municipal corporation:*
> *(1) Each ordinance and resolution shall be read by title only, provided the legislative authority may require any reading to be in full by a majority vote of its members.*

Did you all vote last time to read it in full? It should have been read just by title tonight, like it was last week.

Mayor: It wasn't read by title only last week. Last week we read the whole thing.
Lori?: No
Mayor: I'm pretty sure that I read the entire thing. Resolution 25-0056. I read this whole thing. It was a shorter one. This is a revised one.
Josh stated he wants to make sure we are doing things correctly and suggested a meeting with Solicitor Ben just to make sure that the process is correct if it's audited.

Discussion about prior policy re resolution re credit card.

Discussion about voting on credit card policy resolution. Do they vote every time it's read.

Hope: I motion to approve Resolution 25-0065 Modification of any prior credit card policy for the Village of Phillipsburg. Montgomery County, Ohio for the three reading rule.

Josh: I second it.

Mayor documented that this is May 27th. If any other policy exists, it needs to be attached to this new resolution.

Josh – Yes, Steiner – Yes, Donna – Yes, Hope – Yes, Heather - Yes

Mayor: Resolution passes.

Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM.

Mayor: Shawna Newsom

Fiscal Officer: Charity L Lewis