VILLAGE OF PHILLIPSBURG

EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 8, 2025

Josh: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Heather – here, Hope -here, Josh – here
Ben Mazer, Solicitor is in attendance.

Topics to be discussed: We have some resignations.

First is the resignation of Mayor Newsom, Fiscal Officer Grille, and Mayor Pro Tempore Mullins.

We need a motion to accept those resignations.

Hope: I motion to accept the resignations of the Fiscal Officer, the Mayor, and the Pro Tempore.
Heather: I second.
Josh: All in favor: Unanimous vote to accept the resignations.

Josh: We are going to take a quick executive session in relation to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual who requests a public meeting.

Hope: I motion to go into executive session in relation to O.R.C. 121.22.
Heather: I second.
Ben: Do you want to do a roll call for the executive session?
Mayor: Heather – Yes, Hope – Yes, Josh – Yes.
Invitation extended to Solicitor, Ben Mazer.

Entered into executive session at 7:05 p.m.

Executive session adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Hope: Motion to make Josh Simpson acting Mayor. Heather: Second

Vote: Heather – yes, Hope – yes, Josh – yes. Motion passed.

Heather: Motion to make Hope Pro Tempore. Josh: Second.

Vote: Heather – yes, Josh – yes, Hope – yes. Motion passed.

Question regarding whether there are enough council members present to vote. Solicitor, Ben Mazer, confirmed that there is a quorum.

Swearing in of Josh Simpson: I, Joshua Simpson, do hereby solemnly swear that I shall support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Ohio, and that I shall faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge the duties of mayor of the Village of Phillipsburg, Ohio, for the term ending December 31, 2025.

Swearing in of Hope Hoard: I, Hope Hoard, do hereby solemnly swear that I shall support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Ohio, and that I shall faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge the duties of pro tempore of the Village of Phillipsburg, Ohio, for the term ending December 31, 2025.

Mayor Simpson: Discussed the hiring of a UAN traveling fiscal officer from the state of Ohio. Richard Ford. We have come to an agreement. He is going to contract solely for the purpose of cleaning up 2022-2023 audits and looking into 2024-2025 to help us get back on track. His rate is $125 per hour. This should not take a lot of time, but we need someone in place to tell us the current condition of the Village finances before we can offer salaries and pay rates for other open positions, including our day-to-day fiscal officer, long term fiscal officer. He will also help train the new fiscal officer. Traveling fiscal officer will process payroll to keep current until a new fiscal officer is hired. There are still two open council seats. Those will be posted.

Hope: Motion to adjourn meeting. Heather: Second.

Mayor: all in favor – all ayes, no opposed.

Meeting adjourned

Mayor: 

Mayor Pro Tempore: 