THE VILLAGE OF PHILLIPSBURG

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 27, 2026

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Heather – yes, Hope – yes, Jill – yes, Chrystal – yes, Jacob – absent, John – yes. Hope motioned to excuse Jacob Groh's absence. Jill seconded. Vote taken: Hope – yes, Heather –yes, Jill – yes, Chrystal – yes, John – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Simpson stated that the Council will discuss the proposed Clay Township Agreement for police protection services. This discussion and vote simply states that the Council has been provided a copy of the proposed contract to be reviewed and stating the Council agrees with the terms. It will then go back to Clay Township. If Clay Township accepts it, there will be another special Village meeting to address it. Heather asked about the three-year limit on the contract. She proposed that maybe a five-year duration would be better. Mayor Simpson said that he recommends just three years. There is an annual review at the end of each year. He spoke about the police fund and how long it will last. A longer contract can be decided in the future. There was discussion regarding hours of police coverage and the cost. Somone questioned using Clay Township for police coverage because they aren't in the Village, and they don't know the residents. Their concerns were discussed.

The mayor asked for a motion to agree with the terms of the proposed contract with Clay Township for police coverage. Hope motioned to accept the terms of the proposed Clay Township Agreement for police protection. Jill seconded. Vote taken: Heather – yes, Hope – yes, Jill – yes, Chrystal – yes, John – yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Simpson stated that the next order of business is to discuss the creation of a General Support Tech position for the Village of Phillipsburg. He explained that the Village is looking for a "multi-tool" who can help with various duties from potentially updating the website, Facebook updates, marketing, water meter reading, grass mowing, street plowing, and leaf pick up. The Village wants to pursue this because Wendell had a lot of duties that were passed on to Dave Spradlin. Someone asked about staffing regarding what the Village has and what the Village needed. There was a discussion regarding various tasks that need to be completed, and a discussion about job descriptions.

Hope motioned to create a general labor position at a rate of $14/hr. - $16/hr. Jill seconded. Vote taken: Heather – yes, Hope – yes, Jill – yes, Chrystal – yes, John – yes. Motion passed.

Hope motioned to adjourn. Jill seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor: _____

Fiscal Officer: Lori K. Hartman