THE VILLAGE OF PHILLIPSBURG

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 11, 2026

Meeting called to order by Mayor Simpson at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call was taken by Fiscal Officer Hartman: Heather – absent, Hope – here, Jill – here, Chrystal – absent, Jacob – here, John – here.

Hope motioned and Jill seconded to excuse Heather Craft's absence for this special meeting on May 11, 2026. Hope – yes, Jill – yes, Jacob – yes, John – yes. Motion carried.

Hope motioned and Jill seconded to excuse Chrystal Beaver's absence for this special meeting on May 11, 2026. Hope – yes, Jill – yes, Jacob – yes, John – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2026-0007: Hope motioned and John seconded to declare and emergency and waive the three reading rule for Ordinance 2026-0007 AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ELIMINATING THE POSITIONS OF CHIEF OF POLICE AND POLICE OFFICER, PROVIDING FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES BY CONTRACT WITH CLAY TOWNSHIP, WAIVING THE THREE-READING RULE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Vote taken: Hope – yes, Jill – yes, Jacob – yes, John – yes. Motion passed.

Hope motioned and Jill seconded to approve Ordinance 2026-0007 ABOLISHING THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ELIMINATING THE POSITIONS OF CHIEF OF POLICE AND POLICE OFFICER, PROVIDING FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES BY CONTRACT WITH CLAY TOWNSHIP, WAIVING THE THREE-READING RULE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Vote taken: Hope – yes, Jill – yes, Jacob – yes, John – yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2026-0009: Hope motioned and Jacob seconded to declare an emergency and waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2026-0009 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES WITH CLAY TOWNSHIP, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE, WAIVING THE THREE READING RULE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Vote taken: Hope – yes, Jill – yes, Jacob – yes, John – yes. Motion passed.

Hope motioned and Jill seconded to approve Resolution 2026-0009 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES WITH CLAY TOWNSHIP, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE, WAIVING THE THREE READING RULE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Vote taken: Hope – yes, Jill – yes, Jacob – yes, John – yes. Motin passed.

Mayor Simpson thanked Chief Wysong for his many years of dedicated service to the Village of Phillipsburg and stated that the Village and Council appreciate his time and effort. Chief Wysong mentioned some administrative duties to be carried out. The Mayor mentioned that some of those duties have already been completed by himself and Fiscal Officer Hartman. Chief Wysong will gather evidence to be transferred to Clay Township and will document his hours relating to that task.

Janette Wilges asked to make a statement: She said that the Council works for her because she lives in the Village, votes, and pays taxes. Ms. Wilges feels like the Resolution and Ordinance were rushed through. She stated that Mr. Wysong has been the Chief for 20 years, and she asked if the Council was being pressured by Clay Township to have this done now. Mayor Simpson stated that there have been open meetings that anyone could have attended. The mayor stated that this has been talked about by previous administrations. Ms. Wilges didn't feel that this this needed to be an emergency meeting. Mayor Simpson stated that he appreciates Ms. Wilges' opinion.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor: Jose

Fiscal Officer: Lori K. Hartman