Village of Phillipsburg
Council Special Meeting/Work Session

@ Emanuel Lutheran Church
44 East Main Street
Phillipsburg, Ohio 45354
August 11, 2026
7 PM

Session was called to order by the Mayor Simpson and members of the Church Leadership at 7 pm.

Many church members and community members were in attendance.

Council Members in attendance were Hope Hoard, Chrystal Beavers, and Jacob Cramer.

Church members gave a tour of the facility to all attendees then invited everyone for a brief conversation and light refreshments in the basement of the facility.

Options for use were discussed. Items included:
Municipal offices, food pantry, exchange library, tool library, computer room available for community use, historical society space, space for WIC and Area Agency on Aging to meet with clients, rental for weddings and receptions (with possible collaboration with local business that provide wedding services, i.e.: florists, caterers, bakers, etc.), possible rental of kitchen area to food trucks for food prep, senior center, cooling and/or warming center, before/after school care location, summer lunch drop off location, etc.

Other Issues discussed:

1. Church's request for continuous use of Sanctuary for religious purposes on Sundays for a set period of time. (2-5 years was discussed)
2. Annual cost for operating the facility (numbers from previous years provided by church).
3. Possibility of getting an inspection (Old water marks on ceiling and wall in one room on the north and west walls/ceiling — "Robe Room" but was not wet durning the tour. Note that the area had severe weather and large amounts of rain the day of tour and the previous day, yet showed no signs of current issues.)

Session ended at 8:45 pm.

Joshua V. Simpson, Mayor

Lori L Hartman, Fiscal Officer