

## North Lewisburg Village Council Regular Meeting

June 10, 2025

The Village of North Lewisburg Council met on June 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Village Community Room.

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order. Roll Call was answered by Mr. Warner, Mr. Nobbs, Mrs. Street, Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Burden, and Mrs. Warner. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Warner moved to accept the May 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes s, Mrs. Huffman seconded, all in favor.

Mrs. Warner moved to accept the financials, Mr. Nobbs seconded, all in favor.

Administrator Freyhof reminded the group of the change for the November council meeting to Monday November 10, 2025, since the second Tuesday in November 2025 is Veteran's Day.

### **MAYOR:**

Mayor Murphy informed the group that he will be reading the Audit Report for the Fiscal Years ending December 31, 2022, and 2023 this audit falls under the previous Fiscal Officer who resigned on March 15, 2024. Mayor Murphy stated he would open the floor up for questions after he is finished and copies of the audit are available, as well, as instructions on how to find the report on the Auditor's web site. The report will also be displayed on the TV screen. Mayor Murphy read through the Audit and all of the findings including findings for recovery for penalties and interest paid and overpayment of a stipend. These documents are located on the Auditor's website(ohioauditor.gov) under the Audits tab you can search Village of North Lewisburg. The mayor opened the floor for questions. Citizens asked questions about procedures and what changes have been made. Mayor Murphy responded that we have changed the process for mail handling. The Administrator is picking up and opening the mail. Mayor Murphy also has his own log in to the accounting system to ensure that there are no unpaid tax withholdings. We will continue to work with the auditor's office to make other changes recommended.

Mayor Murphy informed the group there will be 4 Council positions on the November 2025 ballot.

### **ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator Freyhof reported that the Citizen Led Initiative petition for The Repeal and Replace of Sections 113.01, 113.02 and 113.99 of Ordinance 268 for the Village of North Lewisburg, to Adopt Rules and Regulations related to Dispensaries of Adult Use Cannabis, Medical Marijuana, and other Cannabis-Related Products has been delivered to the office and will remain in the office for ten days for public review. The Petition will then be taken to the Champaign County Board of Elections for verification of signatures.

Cardinals Pizza and Trevor Clark have volunteered to present the fireworks display on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Cardinals Pizza will handle the donations, and Mr. Clark will set the fireworks off on his property. The park will be open for spectators to view the show. Administrator Freyhof ask Council if they would like to make a donation to the fireworks. Mrs. Warner moved to donate \$1000.00 to Cardinals Pizza for the July 5, 2025, Fireworks display, Mr. Nobbs seconded, all in favor.

Administrator Freyhof also asked the council for a motion to approve safety personnel for the fireworks. Mrs. Street moved to approve Safety personnel for the fireworks, Mrs. Huffman seconded, all in favor.

Administrator Freyhof updated the group on the electronic sign donation. The fireboard has agreed to pay 10% match, and we are moving forward with the sign project.

Administrator Freyhof stated the third meeting of the Bicentennial Planning Committee will be June 28, 2025, at 9:30am in the community room at the Municipal Building.

Administrator Freyhof asked the council to approve Wage Break downs for Wastewater Operator 70% to Sewer, 20% Water and 10% streets; Street Dept Superintendent 40% Streets, 40% general fund, 10% Sewer, 10% Water and Summer Intern 80% General Fund, 20% Water. Mr. Warner moved to approve the wage breakdowns for Wastewater Operator 70% to Sewer, 20% Water and 10% streets; Street Dept Superintendent 40% Streets, 40% general fund, 10% Sewer, 10% Water and Summer Intern 80% General Fund, 20% Water, Mr. Nobbs seconded, all in favor.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

##### **Police:**

Chief Bodey presented the Monthly Police Report for the period of May 12- June 8, 2025. There were 3 traffic Warnings and 1 criminal case. Officer Arbogast is continuing his training. Hiring another part-time officer. We have the digital speed limit sign that is being moved around the Village. This sign is on loan from the Sheriff's Dept.

##### **Water/Sewer:**

Administrator Freyhof informed the group of the completion of the Smoke Test. Some small issues were identified. We will have the full report in 2-4 weeks.

Culvert at the Wastewater plant is repaired.

##### **Streets:**

Administrator Freyhof along with Triad School Officials, visited the Meadows bus stop. Their stance is to leave the bus stop at the Mill Street entrance. Safety is their first priority, and they believe it is too dangerous to back into Meadows Blvd.

#### **RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE:**

Resolution 6-10-2025 Resolution Contract for Village Prosecution Services. Mr. Nobbs moved to adopt Resolution 6-10-2025 Contract for Village Prosecution Services., Mr. Burden, seconded. Roll call; Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; Mr. Warner, yes. Passed, 6 yes, 0 no

Resolution 6-10-2025 (A) North Lewisburg Paving Priorities, Phase 1 was read. This is the first of three readings.

Resolution 6-10-25 (B) Unclaimed Monies Fund was read. This is the first of three readings.

## **HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Mayor Murphy opened the floor for hearing of the citizens.

Rusty Pence introduced himself as a Resident of Woodstock and a sub-contracted employee for the Village of Woodstock. Rusty asked council to come together with Woodstock and determine a fair charge for Woodstock residents to pay for Wastewater services. Mr. Pence feels the two communities should be able to work together and that Woodstock is increasing the amount the residents of Woodstock have to pay for Wastewater Service.

Mayor Muphy stated we could not comment on the issue in depth due to ongoing litigation, but he was able to let the group know that Woodstock is currently paying North Lewisburg \$14.00 per dwelling per month for Wastewater services.

Another citizen from Woodstock, Mr. Bailey, spoke about his property and the tiny homes he wants to build for Veterans. He would also like to see this issue resolved so he can move on with his project. He also stated Woodstock residents do pay for their grinder pumps for wastewater.

With no additional citizens wishing to speak, Mayor Murphy asked council for a motion to enter into executive session for the consideration of appointment, dismissal or compensation of a public employee or official. Mrs. Huffman moved to enter into Executive Session, Mrs. Warner seconded, all in favor.

Public was informed of possible decisions to be made after executive session and was dismissed from council chambers.

### **Executive Session**

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:20PM. Mayor Murphy declared the council out of Executive Session at 8:30PM.

The public was invited to return to the meeting.

Mrs. Street moved to approve of the hiring of Tevis Cox 5.27.25 as summer intern at \$17.00/hour, Mrs. Huffman seconded. Roll Call; Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; Mr. Warner, yes.

Mr. Nobbs moved to approve starting pay for parttime police officer to be raised to \$20.00 per hour, Mrs. Street seconded. Roll Call; Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; Mr. Warner, yes.

Mrs. Street moved to increase Officer Gill's pay to \$20.00 per hour, Mrs. Huffman seconded. Roll Call; Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; Mr. Warner, yes.

Mrs. Street moved to approve the hiring of Noah Arbogast Parttime Police Officer at \$20.00 per hour, Mrs. Huffman Seconded. Roll Call; Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; Mr. Warner, yes.

Mrs. Warner moved to approve the hiring of Cody Martindale Parttime Police Officer at \$20.00 per hour, Mr. Nobbs seconded. Roll call; Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; Mr. Warner, yes.

Officer Martindale was sworn in by Mayor Murphy and welcomed to the Village.

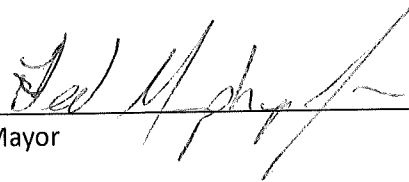
Mayor Murphy asked for a motion to move into executive session for a conference with the public body's attorney concerning pending court action. Mrs. Huffman moved to enter into executive session for a conference with the public body's attorney concerning pending court action, Mrs. Warner seconded. Roll Call Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; Mr. Warner, yes.

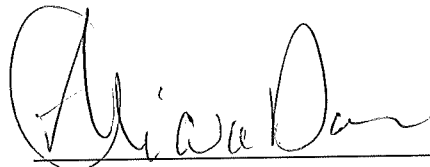
The public was dismissed from council chambers.

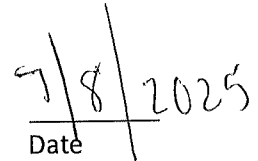
The council moved into executive session at 8:40 pm. Mayor Murphy declared council out of executive session at 9:10 pm. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business Mrs. Warner moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Huffman seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk

  
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