

North Lewisburg Village Council Regular Meeting

July 8, 2025

The Village of North Lewisburg Council met on July 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Village Community Room.

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

Mrs. Warner moved to accept the June 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes with correction of the Donation for Fireworks in the amount of \$1000.00, Mrs. Huffman seconded, all in favor.

Mrs. Street moved to accept the financials, Mrs. Warner 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 reminded the group there will be 4 Council positions on the November 2025 ballot.

Mayor Murphy spoke on the \$0 Property Tax Proposal. Mayor Murphy stated that these taxes provide revenue for communities, schools, and fire departments. Mayor Murphy stated to be aware of how political issues affect communities.

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 verified to have 67 valid signatures (51 signatures were required). The Village council now needs to decide how you would like to proceed.

Mrs. Huffman moved that Village Council approve to present the Citizen Led Initiative Petition, *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 By Initiative Petition To Be Submitted to Electoral*, to the Champaign County Board of Elections for placement on the November 11, 2025 ballot, Mrs. Warner, seconded.

Roll Call, Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; and Mr. Warner, yes. Passed 6 yes, 0 no

Administrator Freyhof reported he is looking into storm water issues and has found that Ohio Revised Code 6131.01-6131.64 gives council the option to petition the County Commissioners for ditch and tile maintenance. This might be a solution for the Townsend Tile and other Tiles. We would have to look at the amount of discharge into Spain Creek from the tiles.

Administrator Freyhof opened discussion on loose dogs within the Village section 90.02-90.99 of the Village Code of Ordinances. Council discussed that any dog in a public area should be on a leash. Mr. Nobbs moved to add language to the Village Code of Ordinances that "any dog on Village property including the park and bike path must be on a leash" pending legal review, Mr. Warner seconded, Roll Call, Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; and Mr. Warner, yes.

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

STAFF REPORTS:

Police:

Chief Bodey presented the Monthly Police Report for the period of June 9- July 5, 2025. There were 3 traffic Warnings and 0 citations. Chief Bodey reminded everyone of the curfew law. Children under 16 years of age have a curfew of 10:00pm and children over 16 years of age have a curfew of 11:00pm. Officer Arbogast is now out on patrol on his own. Officer Martindale should finish with his training mid to late August. We are still looking for full-time officers.

Water/Sewer:

Administrator Freyhof informed the group the Smoke Test did not show any significant issues. The test identified a lot of small issues, including manholes letting in storm water.

Administrator Freyhof reported the new well is not producing satisfactory results. We will be moving the well to the North well field with the remaining grant funds. Moodys (well driller) is asking for the Village to contribute \$7707.00 towards the well casing on the redrill for Well #4. Mr. Warner moved to approve \$7707.00 to be paid from the Water Fund to Moodys for the redrilling of Well #4, Mrs. Street seconded, Roll Call, Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; and Mr. Warner, yes.

Streets:

Administrator Freyhof stated he will be meeting with the Park Board to discuss Pavilion deposits and rental amounts and bylaws for usage. The boy Scouts have agreed to help with the planting of flowers.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE:

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

Resolution 6-10-25 (B), Unclaimed Monies Fund. This is the second of three readings.

Resolution 7-8-2025 to create a Debt Service Fund 3901 for the repayment of the OPWC loan for the Local Match. Mrs. Warner moved to approve Resolution 7-8-2025 to create a Debt Service Fund 3901 for the repayment of the OPWC loan for the Local Match, Mrs. Street seconded, Roll Call, Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; and Mr. Warner, yes.

Resolution 7-8-2025 (A) Transfer \$1514.10 from Fund 4901 WWTP Access Road to Fund 3901 Debt Service Fund. Mrs. Huffman moved to approve Resolution 7-8-2025 (A) Transfer \$1514.10 from Fund 4901 WWTP Access Road to Fund 3901 Debt Service Fund, Mrs. Street seconded, Roll Call, Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; and Mr. Warner, yes.

Resolution 7-8-2025(B) to Approve permanent appropriations for Fund 4901 in the amount of \$137,405.48; Fund 3901 in the amount of \$1514.10; and Fund 2052 \$280,194.00. Mrs. Warner moved to approve Resolution 7-8-2025(B) to Approve permanent appropriations for Fund 4901 in the amount of \$137,405.48; Fund 3901 in the amount of \$1514.10; and Fund 2052 \$280,194.00, Mr. Nobbs seconded, Roll Call, Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; and Mr. Warner, yes.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Murphy opened the floor for hearing of the citizens.

Council and the citizens thanked Trevor Clark for the firework show.

One citizen asked if the Village was still doing the code red for the boil alerts. Administrator Freyhof stated that we put out the boil alert on Facebook and the website for the last water main break. We did not get the code-red alert out.

Citizens asked questions about the audit and procedures to make sure the fiscal officer is paying withholding-taxes and the fiscal officer is making payments from the correct account. Mayor Murphy stated he can login to the UAN (accounting system) and verify the payment of the withholding-taxes and review the accounting. Fiscal Officer Davis stated that the Village has put changes in place. The Administrator and/or Mayor are signing off on all payment transactions. The checking account requires two signatures, the administrator, mayor, or council president. The Administrator reviews and signs electronic payments, or the mayor in his absence. We are planning to hire a new Utility Clerk, but this may not happen until next year. The priority is getting the Sewer Fund back on the positive side. The Village is currently under UAN Monitoring, because of the negative Sewer Fund Balance, and with this we must send reports to Local Government Services a division of the State Auditor's Office for review. I also continue to complete training as time allows. Council Member Nobbs stated it is also the responsibility of the council to review the financial reports provided to us each month.

Another Citizen addressed Administrator Freyhof stating the election in November is the fourth, not the 11th. The 11th is Veterans Day. As a result of this Administrator Freyhof readdressed the Initiative Petition.

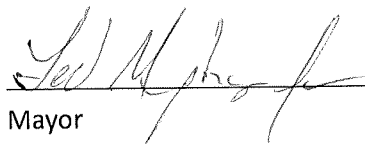
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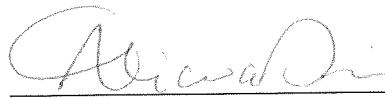
Roll Call, Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; and Mr. Warner, yes. Passed (6 yes, zero no)

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Mayor



Clerk

8.12.2025

Date