



**VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Location:** 120 Royal Crest Drive, Seville, OH 44273  
**Date:** 1/13/2025

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carter, Kathy Rhoads (Council President), Leslie Miller (Council Member), Matt Sturgeon (Council Member), Dennis Gordon (Council Member), Randy Eby (Council Member), Brad Demiter (Council Member) Ted Lesiak (Solicitor Representative), Jennifer Gray(Recorder)

**Nomination for President of Council 2025:**

Mrs. Miller nominated Kathy Rhoad to remain Council President for 2025. The nomination seconded.  
Mr. Gordon nominated Matt Sturgeon for Council President for 2025. The nomination was seconded.  
Mr. Sturgeon asked to be considered as he has yet to be Council President and this is his 4<sup>th</sup> year serving.  
Mrs. Rhoads also expressed that she would like to remain Council President for her last year in the term.  
Mayor Carter made a motion close the nominations. The motion was seconded and carried.

Discussion: Mr. Demiter explained he has never had a council president serve the position for consecutive years since he has been on Council. Mrs. Rhoads agreed and stated she does not need to serve again and has always advocated for council members to switch who serves the roll from year to year; therefore, she is withdrawing her nomination.

Mr. Gordon made a motion to vote for Matt Sturgeon for the President of Council for 2025. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call: YEAS: *Rhoads, Sturgeon, Miller, Eby, Gordon, Demiter* NAYS: *None*  
Motion passes.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Mr. Sturgeon made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2025-03 to the Agenda. The Motion was seconded and carried.

**APPROVALS:**

Mrs. Rhoads made a motion to approve paying the bills, the motion was seconded and carried.  
Mr. Eby made a motion to approve minutes from 12/09/24 as written, the motion was seconded and carried.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Mr. Sturgeon introduced Dave Welday to the council members. Dave will be joining our Board of Zoning Appeals Committee at the end of the month.

**REPORTS:**

<u>Government</u> – Matt Sturgeon	<u>Finance</u> – Kathy Rhoads	<u>Safety</u> – Leslie Miller	<u>BOPA</u> – Dennis Gordon
<u>Zoning</u> – Matt Sturgeon	<u>Cemetery</u> – Mayor Carter	<u>Streets/Parks</u> -Randy Eby	<u>Solicitor</u> – Ted Lesiak

**ORDINANCES UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-48**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE'S SALARY AND BENEFITS CODE RELATED TO MERIT RAISES FOR EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2025.

**Tabled**

Mr. Eby made a motion to untable Ordinance 2024-48. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call: YEAS: *Rhoads, Sturgeon, Miller, Eby, Gordon, Demiter* NAYS: *None*. Motion passes. Ordinance 2024-48 was untabled.

Mr. Rhoads made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-48. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call: YEAS: *None* NAYS: *Rhoads, Sturgeon, Miller, Eby, Gordon, Demiter* Motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-48 failed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-65**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

**This is the 3rd reading**

Mr. Eby made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-65. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call: YEAS: *Rhoads, Sturgeon, Miller, Eby, Gordon, Demiter* NAYS: *None* Motion passes. Ordinance 2024-65 was adopted.



**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, TRANSFERRING FUNDS.

**This is the 1st reading**

Mrs. Rhoads made a motion to suspend the 3 reading rule and adopt Ordinance 2025-01. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call: YEAS: *Rhoads, Sturgeon, Miller, Eby, Gordon, Demiter* NAYS: *None* Motion passes. Ordinance 2025-01 was adopted.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, TRANSFERRING FUNDS.

**This is the 1st reading**

Mrs. Rhoads made a motion to suspend the 3 reading rule and adopt Ordinance 2025-02. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call: YEAS: *Rhoads, Sturgeon, Miller, Eby, Gordon, Demiter* NAYS: *None* Motion passes. Ordinance 2025-02 was adopted.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO APPROVING THE MINUTES AND ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SEVILLE HOUSING COUNCIL/TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW BOARD.

**This is the 1st reading**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO APPROVING THE MINUTES AND ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SEVILLE HOUSING COUNCIL/TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW BOARD FOR THE "CREATIVE" AGREEMENTS.

**This is the 1st reading**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZACHERY ROLLINS DBA WLZR LLC TO LEASE REAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE VILLAGE.

**This is the 1st reading**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO APPROVING THE VILLAGE'S BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025.

**This is the 1st reading**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 2025 - 2030 BLEACH TECH FIXED VOLUME ENERGY SUPPLY SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. ("AMP"), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**This is the 1st reading**

Mrs. Miller made a motion to suspend the 3 reading rule and add emergency language to Ordinance 2025-07. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call: YEAS: *Rhoads, Sturgeon, Miller, Gordon, Eby, Demiter* NAYS: *None* Motion passes. Mrs. Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-07. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call: YEAS: *Rhoads, Sturgeon, Miller, Eby, Gordon, Demiter* NAYS: *None* Motion passes. Ordinance 2025-07 was adopted.

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**RESOLUTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR ADVANCES IN TAXES RECEIVED FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY AUDITOR FOR THE TAX YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**This is the 1st Reading**

Mr. Sturgeon made a motion to suspend the 3 reading rule and add emergency language to Resolution 2025-01 The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call: YEAS: Rhoads, Sturgeon, Miller, Gordon, Eby, Demiter NAYS: None. Motion passes.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call: YEAS: Rhoads, Sturgeon, Miller, Eby, Gordon, Demiter NAYS: None Motion passes. Resolution 2025-01 was adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT AND/OR REPAIR CERTAIN SIDEWALKS.

This is the 1st Reading – It is a recommendation from the committee to discontinue the sidewalk program at this time.

Mr. Eby made a motion to withdraw Resolution 2025-02 from consideration. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call: YEAS: Rhoads, Sturgeon, Miller, Gordon, Eby, Demiter NAYS: None. Motion passes to remove Resolution 2025-02 from consideration.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FROM MEDINA COUNTY.

This is the 1st reading

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Interview Questions**

Mr. Sturgeon shared questions committee members came up with for the Interview process for the Police Chief. Mayor Carter has asked Mrs. Rhoads and Mr. Gordon to conduct the interviews with the questions presented. She felt it would be overwhelming to have the whole committee attend these interviews. All Committee members feel the questions are appropriate and cover all areas.

Mr. Lesiak reported the hiring of a Police Chief is statutory and the Mayor is the one who brings the name of the Police Chief to hire. Under Ohio law, we need to have what is called the "Village Marshall" which is the police chief and that hiring is different than any other position at the Village. The Mayor can listen to recommendations from anybody but the Mayor decides what name to bring to Council. He recommends the Mayor also to sit in on the interviews since she will be the person to make the decision. She is being proactive by asking the committee members to be involved with questions and interviews. The Mayor would like to have the interviews done before next month's meeting.

Mr. Sturgeon discussed the need to possibly update our hiring process in the handbook.

Mrs. Rhoads clarified that if we do update the hiring process in the handbook, it could affect every position at the Village except for the Police Chief. Mr. Lesiak confirmed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS: None**

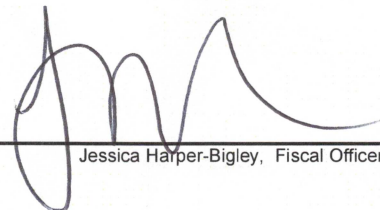
Mr. Sturgeon made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Carol Carter, Mayor

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Jessica Harper-Bigley, Fiscal Officer