

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Received no community comments or concerns.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS/OLD BUSINESS

MARSHALL FINELLI – LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Provides legal advice to the Village Council, the Mayor, and the various committees. Additionally, they discuss revisions to correct out-of-date ordinances, address requests for changes from the public and Village Administration, and create new ordinances to address new issues as needed.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Marshall discussed needing to draft a letter in order for the mayor to file a lien against Capital Trucking for pole damage at the square.
- A discussion on the need for a sidewalk ordinance was heard. ODOT needs an Ordinance of sidewalks for the Village.

ERIC COLEMAN – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Informs the Mayor of any issues communicated by the Village residents or issues that need to be addressed by Council such as abandoned vehicles, tall grass, trash, nuisances, dilapidated structures, and junk on premises.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Eric spoke to Council on issues he has seen within the Village. Eric will continue to observe properties with the issues.
- A brief discussion was also heard on proper ways to approach members of the Village when issues arise.

GREG AYERS – FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE: Provides recommendations and reviews the Village's Revenue and Expenditure reports against the annual budget estimates. He also reports this information to the Council, seek grants, is responsible for the compliance of the Village's records policy, and issues Solicitation Permits.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- A third reading Ordinance 2025 - 11, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF VAN BUREN OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TD ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, PLANNING. AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was heard. Don Wills motioned to adopt ordinance 2025-11, with a second from Eric Heitkamp. Roll call taken; motion passed 4-0.
- A second reading Ordinance 2025 - 12, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF VAN BUREN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF VAN BUREN AND THE HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFFS' OFFICE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

ASHLEY LITTLE and BOSTON BEITZEL – BEAUTIFICATIONS AND COMMUNITY EVENT COMMITTEE: Provides opportunities to build relationships between neighbors through engagements in beautification projects and entertainment/festival events that showcase the Village.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- There was discussion on the 2026 Jamboree and the Nations 250th anniversary.

ERIC HEITKAMP – PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Provides and maintains public relations for the Village Council through advocacy, transparency, and improvement of communications, media, and policies.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Continually making updates to the Village website.

DON WILLS – INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Provides the Mayor with recommendations or concerns with any trees, streets including striping and signage, sidewalks, curb deteriorations, water, sanitary, storm water collection systems including manhole/catch basins, street lights, weather siren malfunctioning, and lane/street vacation.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Curbing on the Southwest island needs repaired before ODOT begins paving in 2027.

NATALIE WALTERS – ASSET COMMITTEE: Provides the Mayor with improvements as well as reports any damage to Hoadley Park, Village Square, Post Office, and Acquisitions.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- No Report.

ED MAY – PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Provides recommendations to the Village Council on all issues related to the Village’s zoning code and subdivision regulations including changes to the code and requests to rezone lots.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Discussion on blow up (intek) pools was heard, further action to take place.

NEW BUSINESS

- Don Wills nominated Eric Coleman to fill the open seat on Council, with a second from Eric Heitkamp. Roll call was taken; motion passed 4-0.

With no further items on the agenda, Eric Heitkamp moved to adjourn, a second from Don Wills. All votes yea, meeting adjourned.

Ed May, Mayor

Greg Ayers, Village Clerk