



VILLAGE OF GIBSONBURG

Village Council Meeting – MINUTES

June 24, 2025

6:00 pm

MEETING ROOM – 526 N. WEBSTER ST.

Call to order: Mayor Fought at 6:00 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Meeting via Facebook Live also.

Roll call: Morelock-here, Gerwin-here. Kirwen-absent, Herman-here, Slack-here, Castillo-here.

Motion by Morelock to have Herman as President Pro-Tempe while Kirwen is recovering from health issues, seconded by Slack.

Roll Call: Morelock-yes, Gerwin-yes, Kirwen-absent, Herman-yes, Slack-yes, Castillo-yes.

Motion Passed.

Recognition of Visitors/Special Reports for council meeting.

Jared Young, Sandusky County Land Bank - the Welcome Home Grant

Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting:

A motion was made by Herman to approve June 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written, seconded by Morelock.

Roll Call: Morelock-yes, Gerwin-yes, Kirwen-absent, Herman-yes, Slack-abstain, Castillo-yes.

Motion Passed.

Correspondence: none

Motion to approve payment of invoices reviewed tonight for the Fiscal Officer to pay.

A motion was made to approve payment of invoices by Gerwin, seconded by Herman.

Roll Call: Morelock-yes, Gerwin-yes, Kirwen-absent, Herman-yes, Slack-yes, Castillo-yes.

Motion Passed.

Old Business:

1. RESOLUTION # 9-2025

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING NUISANCE PROPERTIES
IN THE VILLAGE OF GIBSONBURG (**THIRD READING**)

A motion to adopt Resolution #9-2025 by Herman, seconded by Slack.

Roll Call: Morelock-yes, Gerwin-yes, Kirwen-absent, Herman-yes, Slack-abstain, Castillo-yes.

Motion Passed.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 10-2025

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING NUISANCE PROPERTIES IN THE VILLAGE
OF GIBSONBURG (**SECOND READING**)

New Business:

1. RESOLUTION #12 2025

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 335 AND URGING THE OHIO GENERAL
ASSEMBLY TO REJECT LEGISLATION THAT ELIMINATES INSIDE MILLAGE
AND TRANSFERS LOCAL BUDGETARY AUTHORITY TO COUNTY BUDGET
COMMISSIONS (**EMERGENCY**)

**A motion was made to suspend the rules, waive the 3 readings and pass as an emergency
Resolution #12-2025 by Herman, seconded by Morelock.**

Roll Call: Morelock-yes, Gerwin-yes, Kirwen-absent, Herman-yes, Slack-yes, Castillo-yes.

Motion passed.

A motion to adopt Resolution #12-2025 by Slack, seconded by Herman.

Roll Call: Morelock-yes, Gerwin-yes, Kirwen-absent, Herman-yes, Slack-yes, Castillo-yes.

Motion passed.

2. RESOLUTION #13-2025

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING SECTION 941.04, 941.05 AND 941.11,
PROHIBITION, SALE AND USE OF ALCOHOL IN A PUBLIC PARK SUBJECT TO
THE STATE PERMIT REGULATIONS; FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ART AND
WINE FESTIVAL AT WILLIAMS PARK, N. MAIN STREET, GIBSONBUG, OHIO
ON JULY 26, 2025. (**FIRST READING**)

Mayor's Report:

- Hot! Hot! Hot! Keep safe and check in on elderly and others.
- Homecoming this week. Enjoy and hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Administrator's Report:

- **Omni Fiber-** Still no further updates available regarding plans for review and a completed ROW Permit as they both have still not been submitted by Omni Fiber.
- **Sandusky County Land Bank-** Matt Tille Enterprises has been awarded the bid for the demo at 305 E. Stevenson Street. August (or sooner) will be the date for the house to be demolished and land rehabbed. The Asbestos Survey was conducted by Erie Environmental, and results are expected soon.
- **Bulk Trash Drop Off Day-** Bulk Trash Drop Off is scheduled for Saturday, July 26th from 8:00am to 1:00pm at Town Hall. More information will be put out to the community next week.
- **HB 335: Property Tax Relief Now Act-** We're sure that you all have seen and heard the large amount of discussions in the media regarding HB 335 and the effects that it could have on local governments statewide and their abilities to adequately serve their communities. As sent by email to each of you last week, attached are copies of the letters forwarded to Rep Click and the Ohio House Ways and Means Committee on the adverse effects that HB 335 would have on communities across the state. In addition, we will be represented at a meeting soon that is being mediated by the Ohio Municipal League and will feature Rep David Thomas, the author of HB 335.
- **Summer Farmer's Markets-** We are planning two Farmer's Markets at the Logyard this summer. They will take place on July 19th and August 9th. Each event will be from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Interested vendors can contact Town Hall to reserve a 10 x 10 space.
- **Refuse and Trash Bids-** Materials for the upcoming bid process have been prepared and sent to all of you for review. If nobody has any suggested revisions, we will have it advertised early in August with a bid opening at the end of August and a bid award in September.
- **ODOT Safety Grant-** Safety upgrades on SR 300 near the Middle School/High School will begin in mid-July. The project will include new crosswalks, solar powered pedestrian crossing signals, a walkway from Linden Ave to the school driveway and other safety signs. Notices to the community will be put out prior to work beginning and we will have assistance from ODOT with traffic management. The project is being funded through a grant received from ODOT (\$80,000.00).

- **M&B Paving:** Early August, M & B will complete paving work on: Ohio Street, Hurlbut Street and Suter Street. We will contact residents living in the work areas to let them know what to expect and any travel delays that may occur.
- **Downtown Project Design-** We continue to work with Colliers and ODOT on the project scope and project design. DGL has completed surveying the downtown area and marking utilities and other points of importance. Businesses and building owners will be visited in the coming weeks to get a better handle on the makeup of each property and we will also be coming to Council in the coming weeks with a questionnaire and some potential designs for consideration.
- **Water and Sewer Rate Study-** Final meeting with the staff from Ohio Rural Water on the Water and Sewer Rate Study will not likely happen until early fall.
- **Vibrant Community Grant/Pharmacy-** We attended the JobsOhio Regional Meeting on May 28th in Ottawa where the focus was on the Vibrant Communities Grant Program. We are now finalizing our “pitch” to JobsOhio on the project. We strongly feel that we have a solid project, project application and end result that everyone agrees will be an amazing project for Gibsonburg and the surrounding area. We are still approaching this with the attitude that “it is our funding to lose.”
- **Homecoming Festival-** The event will take place from June 25th to the 28th with fireworks ending the festival on June 28th. We could still use some help with some of the events planned. Please let me know if you are available Friday evening (5:30pm to 7:30pm) and Saturday afternoon (1:30pm to 3:30pm).
- **The Great Big Gibsonburg Lemonade Stand-** The event will be held in Williams Park on Saturday, July 12th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
- **Vacation-** I will be out of the office July 2nd through July 7th. Back in the office on the morning of July 8th. I will have very limited access to email and cell phone use during this time but will do my best to respond to anything when I can.
- **July 4th-** As a reminder, Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 4th.

Fiscal Officer’s Report-

Herman made a motion to accept the recommendation of the records committee to destroy old records after the approval from the Ohio history connection seconded by Castillo.

Roll Call: Morelock=yes, Gerwin=yes, Kirwen-absent, Herman=yes, Slack=yes, Castillo=yes.

Motion passed.

Prayers for Don Kirwen.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development-Kirwen- N/A

Finance- Gerwin- none

Joint Cemetery Board-Slack- Last meeting Status Quo

Planning Commission- Morelock- Reviewing noise ordinance.

Public Service Parks- Herman- Clean up after yourself while at the park.

Public Utilities- Gerwin-none

Recreational Committee – Castillo – Softball finishing up, may have tournaments.

Individual Council Member Report:

Slack-Homecoming Enjoy yourself.

Gerwin-Nothing

Herman- Have a safe Homecoming.

Morelock- Have a safe Homecoming.

Kirwen- N/A

Castillo- Have a safe Homecoming.

Report of Officials: Police – Chief Don Karr-**Residence- Open Forum/Comment:** nothing

A motion to adjourn at 6:39 pm was made by Herman, seconded by Slack.

Roll Call: Morelock-yes, Gerwin-yes, Kirwen-absent, Herman-yes, Slack-yes, Castillo-yes.

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Holcomb

Fiscal Officer Village of Gibsonburg

Steve Fought

Mayor Village of Gibsonburg