



VILLAGE OF GIBSONBURG

Village Council Meeting – MINUTES

October 1, 2026

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 and also being recorded.

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

Recognition of Visitors/Special Reports for council meeting- none

Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting:

A motion was made by Slack to approve September 17, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written, seconded by Castillo.

Roll Call: Morelock-yes, Katafias-yes, Gerwin-yes, Kirwen-yes, Slack-yes, 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 Kirwen.

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

Motion Passed.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Review and discussion on Solicitors' Permit
- Brush Pile discussion
- E-Bikes and scooter issues

Mayor's Report:

- 221 E. Madison St discussion about the residence and its ongoing issues. (resident is currently in jail)
- Thank you to everyone for the Benefit for officer Maria - raised about \$12,000.

Administrator's Report:

- Attended a showcase today at Vanguard for Students.
- The alleys have started to be worked on, please be patient, the weather has not been cooperative with us and there is a lot of work to do on them.

Fiscal Officer's Report: October 1, 2026

Balance in all Funds from Cash Summary Report as of:	09/30/26
A: Total Cash Balance all Funds:	\$4,558,352.94 ***
B: Total Investment Balances:	\$4,324,818.88
C: Available in Primary checking:	\$ 233,434.06
D: Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
E: Interest recorded in: September	\$ 13,950.55
F: Interest recorded Year-to-Date:	\$ 105,944.88
G: UAN – Revenue Status, Payment Register, Appropriation Status, Bank Reconciliation, and other monthly financial reports provided To all council members and Mayor by email.	
*** (Includes BAN proceeds).	

A motion was made by Kirwen that council members have received the September 30, 2026, Financial reports, seconded by Slack.

Roll Call: Morelock-yes, Katafias-yes, Gerwin-yes, Kirwen-yes, Slack-yes, Castillo-yes.
Motion Passed.

A motion was made by Katafias to approve reallocation of appropriations for September 2026, seconded by Slack.

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

Motion Passed.

General Fund down **\$86,733.10** year over year, compared to **September 30, 2025**, with a current balance of **\$852,298.24**. (However, \$51,260.00 is being held for fire damage deposit through State Farm). Additional expenses this year:

Police vehicle	\$70,000 (New truck and accessories)
Storm damage cleanup	\$13,000 (Tree removals and cleanup)
New Gator	\$12,000 (Park & rec dept usage)
Downtown grant	\$25,000 (Additional \$25,000 to be awarded)

Municipal income tax revenue up \$896.14 year over year, compared to **September 2025**, with total **2026** YTD receipts of **\$708,056.41**.

Everyone who hasn't already, must take cybersecurity training. Deadline was 09/01/26, including elected officials and employees. If not taken yet, please complete ASAP and let me know when done. A link to take the one-hour training has been forwarded to each of you by Jeff Herman.

We are currently working on restructuring the Utility rates / billing. We should have something to review for council within the next couple of weeks.

Discuss paying Maria in lieu of BWC.

Motion to approve paying Maria Kisha's full wages through December 31, 2026, in lieu of BWC subject to any updated health issues.

Motion made by Slack, seconded by Kirwen.

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

Motion Passed.

Contacted Centec in Fremont in regard to Veteran's plaques. They are now back to taking orders. (Currently have 1,151 names on the Veterans Wall Memorial).

627 Non filing letters being sent out by RITA.

Finance meeting to review 2027 Budget and Rates. 10/15/26 after Regular meeting.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development-Kirwen- nothing

Finance- Gerwin- nothing

Joint Cemetery Board-Slack- nothing

Planning Commission- Morelock- nothing

Public Service Parks- Katafias- nothing
Public Utilities- Gerwin-nothing
Recreational Committee – Castillo –nothing

Individual Council Member Report:

Slack-nothing
Katafias –nothing
Gerwin-nothing
Morelock-Loud music last Saturday
Kirwen- nothing
Castillo-nothing

Report of Officials: Police – Chief Don Karr-

- If you have complaints, please reach out to the Police Dept, do not post on Facebook.

Residence- Open Forum/Comment:

- Question regarding 221 E. Madison Property
- Dawn Neiling was concerned about not being contacted after the incident at the Bank when her house was involved.

A motion to adjourn at 6:57 pm was made by Kirwen, seconded by Slack.

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

Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Holcomb
Fiscal Officer Village of Gibsonburg

Steve Fought
Mayor Village of Gibsonburg