

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

The Legislative body of the Village of DeGraff convened in regular session on June 17th, 2025 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. 107 S. Main St., DeGraff, OH 43318.

President Pro Tempore, Gabe Kean called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following Council Members and staff Present:

Mayor Stephanie Orsborne – Absent
Sue Walls, Council Member – Present
Gabe Kean, President Pro Tempore – Present
Nancy Hall, Council Member – Present
Sandra Short, Council Member – Present
Tom Rowley, Council Member – Present
Heidi Duckro, Council Member – Present

Staff Present: Greg Beatty – Fire Chief, Clinton Buchenroth – Assistant Fire Chief

Ms. Short made the motion to excuse Mrs. Orsborne due to illness, seconded by Mr. Kean. Roll Call – All Ayes **MOTION**

Ms. Short made the motion to suspend the reading and accept the June 3rd, 2025 minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Duckro. Roll Call – All ayes. **MOTION**

Visitors – None

Zoning – No Update

Solicitor – Mr. Kean stated Mr. Wagner, Village Solicitor, has been sent the farm animal language to review.

Village Administrator – Mr. Kean stated that Mrs. Orsborne let him know that the landscaping will be completed weather permitting.

Safety Committee

Police: Mr. Kean said the new contract for 25 hours been sent to the Logan County Sheriff's Office.

Fire: Mr. Beatty went over the following

- Hose testing is ongoing. So far 3 sections have failed, but they had extra they bought last year to replace those portions. They have 1-2 more days of hose testing.
- William Walter is doing well in the Firefighter 1 course. He will be finishing up next month and testing in August due to scheduling issues.
- Mr. Beatty has texted the 3 people that need to order the turnout gear that was approved by the Council. At this time, those 3 people have not ordered their gear.
- At the Fire Chief's County Meeting the MARCS radios were discussed. The mayday button was discussed. The button can be pushed for a mayday call and it would stay stuck on that channel directly to the Sheriff's Department. It was also

discussed that the incident commander would need at least 2 radios then, maybe 3, one for the mayday call and one to communicate with the Sheriff's Department and other members of the Fire Department.

- He said they currently have 16 members, but only 6 portable radios, as each vehicle has the other portable radios. He is going to look into getting more radios, possible a different brand, as he found out that the Kenwood radios are more expensive to upgrade. To upgrade the Kenwood, it was \$600 for each radio, but he found out for other brands it was \$150 for each radio.
- They have access to Zone 4 and 7 on the radios. He said to think about it as different areas, like counties. He said that they told him that DeGraff could have Zone 5 and could program to Zone 5. They discussed using Channel 1 or 16 as the mayday lines, as it would be the first and last channel, the person would just need to turn the dial all the way in either direction to be on the correct line. He also said, no cost to program Zone 5.
- The Association is having a Chicken Dinner on August 2nd to be able to purchase small equipment for the Fire Department.
- Inventory sheet has been updated and provided to Mr. Kean.
- There is a Company coming locally that inspects hosing and ladders. Mr. Beatty is going to reach out to this Company to see if they could just inspect the ladders. He said that normally most Companies will do the ladders for free, as they would be paid to inspect the hosing, but he isn't sure what the cost would be or if they would even do it, if it was for the ladders only.
- They have been switching equipment around on the vehicles, so that the appropriate equipment is on the right vehicles.
- Mr. Beatty spoke again about the estimates for a pumper/tanker, with just the Fire Truck without any equipment would be between \$600,000 to \$700,000. Greg is going to follow up with Getchell Grant Resources about the timeline, so that we could hopefully get a FEMA Grant for this pumper/tanker.
- Mr. Beatty asked what all had been done regarding the new Fire Building. Mr. Kean said that there has been a meeting about financing the project and with Riverside Local Schools about leasing the property. Mr. Kean stated that there is a possibility of acquiring the land in lease form for \$1/99 years. Mr. Beatty said that the Fire Department wanted to be involved with the actual designing of the building.
- Mr. Beatty said they have an Amish gentleman who would like to join the Fire Department. After some discussion, Mr. Kean stated that he would have to meet the qualifications that are required to become a Fire Fighter 1.

EMS

- The EMS Contract was presented from Riverside EMS. The contract is the same that they signed at the beginning of the year, the only thing that had been changed is that the contract is now from July 1st, 2025 through December 31st, 2025 for \$5000.00. Ms. Short moved to approve the contract with Riverside EMS as presented, seconded by Ms. Hall. Roll Call – Ayes: Rowley, Hall, Walls, Short Abstained due to conflict of interest: Kean, Duckro

MOTION

Finance

Kaitlyn discussed with the council if instead of taxing everyone's Cellphone Reimbursement, if they could just bring their bills in as proof that the reimbursement of the \$150 is warranted. She said she would like to get permission to do a policy stating either that they are responsible for sending Kaitlyn their bills and if she doesn't receive them by the

Monday before the meeting, they will not receive their stipend or it will be taxed going forward. This topic was discussed.

Ms. Short made the motion to allow Kaitlyn to write up a policy regarding the cellphone reimbursement, allowing reimbursement of up to \$150 if the bills are presented to Kaitlyn and if they are not then they won't receive their stipend, seconded by Mr. Rowley. Roll Call - All Ayes **MOTION**

Park Committee

- Mr. Rowley communicated the following:
 - Becky and Laura from the Sports Association had been smelling sewage at the park. He said that he and Mr. Vondenhuevel could not find a sewage smell. It was discussed that it may be the vent for the sink that is smelling. Mr. Rowley said he would have them put Drano down to see if that was the issue. It was discussed that Mr. McAlexander would need to be notified and that Drano should not be put down the drain, unless Mr. McAlexander okayed it.

Cemetery

- Ms. Short stated that a discussion occurred at the last Cemetery meeting about if they should just continue with the renewal at the current rate. Pleasant Township stated that is what they planned to do.
- After some discussion, Ms. Short made the motion to move forward with the Cemetery Levy Renewal at the current millage rate for 5 years, seconded by Mrs. Duckro. Roll Call- All Ayes **MOTION**
- Current Millage for the Cemetery Levy is 0.7 mills.

Joint Sewer Board

- Ms. Walls stated the next meeting is July 7th, 2025 at 1 pm at the Quincy Community Building.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

Ordinance 2025-24: AN ORDINANCE REALLOCATING FUNDS FROM APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES PAYING OPERATING EXPENSES FROM APPROPRIATED FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF, OHIO.

- Mrs. Bailey explained that the 4 top rows show the reallocation of funds that she needs to be able to pay May's supplemental Health Insurance for Mr. McAlexander and to pay for the remainder of the year. She said that it looks like funds for 4 months were appropriated, not 12 months.
- She explained that the next 4 rows show the reallocation of funds needed to be able to pay for the insurance premium. She said that Fire and Water Funds needed more money in order to pay the invoice. The invoice did go up around \$4,000 this year.
- Lastly, she explained that the last 4 rows show the reallocation of funds needed to pay for the Frey Training. She said that the new Utility Clerk is starting July 7th, so Mr. McAlexander is wanting to schedule the Frey Training.

Mrs. Duckro made the motion to suspend the 3-reading rule for Ordinance 2025-24, seconded by Ms. Walls. Roll Call - All Ayes. **MOTION**

Ms. Short made the motion to accept Ordinance 2025-24, seconded by Mrs. Duckro. Roll Call - All Ayes. **MOTION**

Ms. Short made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-24, seconded by Ms. Hall. Roll Call - All Ayes. **MOTION**

Old Business: None**New Business:**


Ms. Short stated that Mr. Strayer, Pleasant Township Trustee spoke to her about the possible future lease between Miami Township and Pleasant Township Trustees and the Village of DeGraff for the Riverside EMS building. Mr. Strayer asked why it couldn't just be the \$1 for 99 years lease the Riverside EMS had with the Village of DeGraff. Ms. Short stated it would be dependent on who would be responsible for the maintenance and insurance, because it couldn't be \$1 if the Village was having to pay for the maintenance and insurance. Sandi stated to Mr. Strayer that this was her opinion only and that she would speak with the Council. The Council discuss this matter, most members seemed to be in agreement that it would be dependent on who would be responsible for the maintenance and insurance. No formal decision was made at this meeting, only a discussion occurred.

Ms. Short made the motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mrs. Duckro. Roll Call – All Ayes

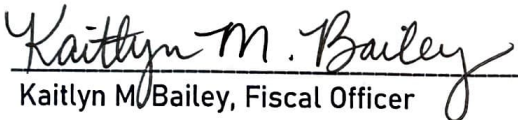
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Ms. Walls made the motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM, seconded by Mrs. Duckro. Roll Call – All Ayes.

MOTION


Mayor Stephanie Orsborne


Gabe Kean, Council Pro Tempore


Kaitlyn M. Bailey, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL concerning and relating to the adoption of Ordinances, Resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.