

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Village of South Amherst
REGULAR COUNCIL
February 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

LORD’S PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Michele Jeffers	P	Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke	P
Councilmember Robb Koscho	EA	Records Clerk Laurie Beran	P
Councilmember Michael Sangiacomo	P	Law Director Matthew Mishak	P
Councilmember Becky Siesky	P	Utility Admin. David Valentine	P
Councilmember David Troike	P	(EA – excused absences)	
President Pro Tempore Jeanne Maschari	P		

Councilmember Jeffers move to excuse Councilmember Koscho due to illness. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho **absent** Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike x Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA February 24, 2025

Councilmember Jeffers moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho **EA** Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike x Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 10, 2025

Councilmember Siesky moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jeffers seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho **EA** Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike **Abstain** Motion carried.

VISITORS

Tom & Chris Gallagher 370 Annis Rd.

SAFD – Chief Grimm, Assistant Chief Zaleha

Farah Emeka 191 Elm St. Oberlin candidate for Oberlin Municipal Judge.

Eric & Chezelle Arndt 110 Maroy Dr. voiced their concerns of potential flooding regarding the new home to be built directly north of property on Maroy Dr. The village administrator stated that the Village is working with the property owners and that they have applied for an Erosion Control Sediment permit through the county.

MAYOR

Communication Committee

Appointed: Troike, Jeffers & Siesky

Each member to look at three alternative software programs that could be used to reach residents for non-emergency notifications. Readdress in one month.

Workshop (Annexation Map Discussion)

April 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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Councilmember Maschari explained that whenever a property is annexed into the Village, it needs to be updated against the Census Bureau map annually. This would be especially relevant if the annexed property shows an increase in population which would help for receiving potential grants. There are at least three areas that were never reported in the last 20 years. Updating the map would also affect the amount of taxes that are collected by the townships.

FISCAL OFFICER

Payment Listing

Payment listing from 2/7/25 through 2/20/25 was presented to council.

Financial Reports

The following February financial reports were presented to council: Revenue Summary, Fund Summary, Appropriation Summary.

January Mayor's Court Financial Report

<u>Gross Receipts</u>	<u>Ohio Reparations</u>	<u>City of Oberlin</u>	<u>Total net Receipts to SA</u>	<u>Computer Fund Clerk</u>	<u>Computer Fund Court</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
\$10,495.00	\$1,907.50	\$73.50	\$8,514.00	\$560.00	\$166.00	\$7,788.00

RECORDS CLERK

Road Closure Notice

Pyle/South Amherst Rd North will be closed the end of March through the summer at the turnpike bridge for construction.

UTILITY ADMINISTRATOR

Facility Inspections

Reports were emailed, anything marked "no" will be addressed. The Police Department's report has not been filed.

Water Break

Russia Rd. east end lost approximately 85,000 gallons.

Cemetery – Resident vs Non-Resident Pricing

Councilmember Maschari, Clerk and Administrator are updating the Cemetery Bylaws in reference to clarifying who is an actual resident/property owner vs non-resident along with reviewing prices.

Resident Chris Gallagher asked about the status of the columbarium project. Councilmember Maschari responded that at this time the project is tabled seeing that a contract has not been presented to the Building & Grounds Committee. Mayor Jones reiterated that it is more important to take care of the drainage before considering other projects.

DEPARTMENTS

Fire

Approve Auxiliary Member & Lieutenant

Councilmember Siesky moved to approve Christian Ramos as an Auxiliary Firefighter. Councilmember Maschari seconded the motion.

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Jeffers x Koscho EA Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike x Motion carried.

Councilmember Maschari moved to approve the promotion of Firefighter Robert Becker Jr. to Lieutenant. Councilmember Sangiacomo seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Maschari asked the fire chief why he made the decision to promote Mr. Becker. Fire Chief Grimm responded that Bob has 36+ years of service to the department and with his EMS background it will be helpful to the department as EMS calls continue to increase. Past administrations did not prioritize EMS training, and the chief is confident that Firefighter Becker can help in this area. Chief Grimm confirmed that there is a 1-year probationary period for all officers and that SOP's are being diligently followed.

Jeffers Nay Koscho EA Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike x Motion carried.

Purchase 4 sets of Turn-out Gear

Councilmember Maschari moved to approve the purchase of four sets of turn-out gear for the amount of \$16,408.00. Councilmember Siesky seconded.

Jeffers x Koscho EA Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike x Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 1824-25 (Final Reading) An ordinance establishing AI (artificial Intelligence) Privacy and Compliance Policy for the Village of South Amherst.

Councilmember Maschari moved to approve Ordinance No. 1824-25. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho EX Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike x Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 756-25 (Emergency Reading) Support of State issue 2 – Statewide Ballot for renewal of the State Capital Improvement Program.

Councilmember Siesky moved to suspend the rules and approve Resolution No. 756-25 as an emergency. Councilmember Maschari seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho EA Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike x Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Community Economic Development

NOPEC Community Event Grant

The CED Committee is seeking approval to apply for the NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship Program with an award of \$1000.00. Their program would be holding monthly movie nights in the park during the summer to provide free, family-friendly entertainment and foster community engagement.

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Councilmember Maschari moved to approve CED Committee to apply for the NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship Program Grant. Councilmember Sangiacomo seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Siesky inquired if there would be sufficient parking for the event. The mayor stated that overflow parking would be at the Service Garage.

Jeffers x Koscho EA Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike x Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

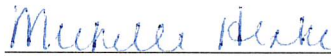
Councilmember Maschari moved to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with ORC 121.22 (G) (3) at 7:46 p.m. Councilmember Sangiacomo seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho EA Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike x Motion carried.

Return to regular session at 8:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Time 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke



Mayor Scott Jones