

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Village of South Amherst  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
February 10, 2025

**PUBLIC HEARING 2025 Permanent Appropriations**

**CALL TO ORDER 6:45 p.m.**

|                                     |   |                                |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Councilmember Michele Jeffers       | P | Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke  | P |
| Councilmember Robb Koscho           | P | Utility Admin. David Valentine | P |
| Councilmember Michael Sangiacomo    | P |                                |   |
| Councilmember Becky Siesky          | P |                                |   |
| Council Pro Tempore Jeanne Maschari | P |                                |   |

**VISITORS**

Chris & Tom Gallagher 390 Annis Rd.

**DISCUSSION**

The fiscal officer highlighted modifications to the 2025 Permanent Appropriations:

- Police: increase to allow the purchase of uniform weapons for the department.
- Vialytics one-year subscription: recommended by Aaron Appell from Bramhall Engineering, will help with roads, is compatible with our GIS app. Complete details to follow.
- Law Director compensation increase.
- Cemetery decrease in compensation.
- Departments need to be aware that final approval must be given from council before capital purchases can move forward even if they were discussed and part of temporary appropriations. Example of this is the former fire administration included items in the 2025 Temporary Appropriations that the current administration does not feel is appropriate at this time and they have stated that four sets of turn-out gear are a priority.

An open discussion was held regarding future purchases. The village administrator asked council for their opinions regarding the purchase of an additional vehicle. The concerns mentioned were: is the vehicle for only one department or all departments, what will be the main use of the vehicle, and what are the specifications for a newer vehicle to replace the pick-up. The mayor stated that at a future date he would like to continue the discussion on leaf pick-up.

**ADJOURNMENT 6:58 p.m.**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
February 10, 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           | P  | Records Clerk Laurie Beran     | EA |
| Councilmember Michael Sangiacomo    | P  | Law Director Matthew Mishak    | P  |
| Councilmember Becky Siesky          | P  | Utility Admin. David Valentine | P  |
| Councilmember David Troike          | EA | (EA – excused absences)        |    |
| Council Pro Tempore Jeanne Maschari | P  |                                |    |

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Councilmember Jeffers moved to excuse Councilmember Troike due to illness. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** February 10, 2025 Amend the agenda with Avochato.  
Councilmember Koscho moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Jeffers seconded the motion.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** January 27, 2025  
Councilmember Maschari moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Koscho seconded the motion.

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

**VISITORS**

Republic Services Dan Given

Mr. Given clarified the following concerns:

- Residents were scheduled to receive a substantial rate increase through the open market system (corporate).
- The MOU provides a standardized system of service and fees, so that all residents are paying the same amount for the same services.
- If there are residents who did not previously have recycling or would like larger cans – if a list is compiled Republic could do a mass delivery where the residents would not be charged versus doing individual deliveries where the resident would be charged.
- Administrative fee covers the entire processing of invoices, non-payment collections, customer service, etc.
- Republic's finance department will be correcting the charged amount in the next quarterly invoice.
- Village will receive 2 dumpsters twice a year for Dumpster Days and can receive free cardboard trash containers for community events.
- Local number for Republic is 440-458-5191

Councilmember Maschari reiterated that on behalf of council that the decision was made to enter into the MOU with Republic for standardized service and pricing for the betterment of the whole community and acknowledged that even councilmembers will be paying a higher rate.

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**FISCAL OFFICER**

Payment Listing

Payment listing from 1/24/25 thru 1/6/25 was presented to council.

Financial Reports

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

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Capital Improvements

Councilmember Maschari moved to have all Capital Improvements approved by Council prior to purchase. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

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

**RECORDS CLERK**

January Construction Report

| B/Z | ADDRESS       | DESCRIPTION |
|-----|---------------|-------------|
| B/Z | 600 S Lake St | Deck & Ramp |
| B   | 110 Maroy Dr  | Windows     |

Prevailing Wage Coordinator

Councilmember Maschari moved to open nominations for Prevailing Wage Coordinator..

Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Maschari nominated Councilmember Siesky.

Councilmember Maschari moved to close nominations for Prevailing Wage Coordinator..

Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Maschari moved to approve Councilmember Siesky as the Prevailing Wage Coordinator for 2025. Councilmember Koscho seconded the motion.

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

OML Contribution

The Ohio Municipal League is requesting asking member municipalities to contribute \$250.00 for enhanced advocacy work, this amount is in addition to the yearly renewal fee.

Councilmember Siesky moved to approve \$250.00 to OML for enhanced advocacy.

Councilmember Maschari seconded the motion.

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

Sliman Property

Every 5 years the Sliman's have asked for approval to have 2 parcels of their property that are located north of E Main St. to be approved for agricultural use. This is a county requirement that they must seek the municipalities approval.

Councilmember Siesky moved to approve the Sliman property for agricultural use.

Councilmember Sangiacomo seconded the motion.

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

**UTILITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Consumption Report

January Consumption Report was presented to council.

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Water shut offs

All 9 shut offs were returned to service. Administrator commented that since the policy change of cash only being accepted at Village Hall there have been less issues with communication of who has paid and who has not.

Cemetery

- computer was purchased for the clerk
- broken limb at Evergreen was removed
- Road Closed Sign – if the sign is up at the entrance to the cemetery, it is for safety reason and should not be driven over or moved. If signed are being purposely destroyed, citations will be given.
- No Pets Allowed signs to be removed.

Stop Sign

Notification was received that the sign at the corner of Annis and Russia was laying on the ground. A crew was immediately sent to repair.

W. Main

The standing water issue will be addressed by trenching in the tree lawn to the drain, in order to eliminate the problem.

**ORDINANCE**

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

Ordinance No. 1826-25      *(Emergency Reading)* An ordinance repealing existing South Amherst Codified Ordinance Chapter 921.02 enacting new South Amherst Codified Ordinance Chapter 921.02 Deposit Required; Termination of Delinquent Accounts; Habitual Delinquent Accounts and declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Maschari moved to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance No. 1826-25 as an emergency. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

*Discussion: The Village Administrator stated that the ordinance was done as an emergency in order to be able to enforce the ordinance promptly.*

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

Ordinance No. 1827-25      *(Emergency Reading)* An ordinance repealing existing South Amherst Codified Ordinance Chapter 921.08 enacting new South Amherst Codified Ordinance Chapter 921.08 Monthly Billing Periods and declaring an emergency,

Councilmember Koscho moved to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance No. 1827-25 as an emergency. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

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

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**RESOLUTION**

Resolution No. 755-25      *(Emergency Reading)* Amend Resolution No. 752-24  
Memorandum of Understanding with Browning Ferris Industries of Ohio, Inc. DBA/ Republic  
Services for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste, Recyclable Material Collection  
Processing, and Bulk Materials Pick Up February 1, 2025 – December 1, 2031 and Declaring an  
Emergency.

Councilmember Maschari moved to suspend the rules and approve Resolution No. 755-25 as an  
emergency. Councilmember Sangiacomo seconded the motion.

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

**APPROPRIATION**

Appropriation Ordinance No. 322    2025 Permanent Appropriations  
Councilmember Koscho moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 322. Councilmember  
Siesky seconded the motion.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

SA Firemen's Association Steak Fry

March 8, 2025 at New Russia Hall between 5-11 p.m. at \$30.00 a ticket. Volunteers needed,  
contact the Fire Department.

Avochato

Councilmember Maschari would like to have an appointed council committee to research the  
various programs regarding non-emergency messaging options for residents. Currently, residents  
are not taking advantage of the notification options that are available on the Villages' website,  
which is include in our annual subscription. Two quotes have been requested, one from  
Avochato and the other from One-Call.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ORC 121.22 (G)(3) Litigation

Councilmember Jeffers moved to enter executive session to discuss compensation to a public  
official and pending litigation in accordance with ORC 121.22 (G) (3) at 8:16 p.m.

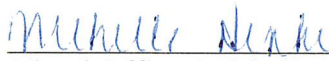
Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

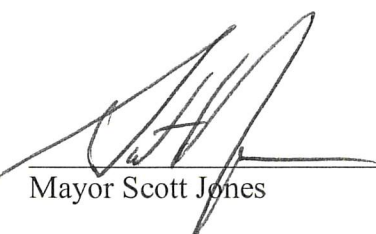
Jeffers x Koscho x Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike EA      Motion carried.

Re-entered regular session at 8:38 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**    Time: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke

  
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Mayor Scott Jones

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