

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Village of South Amherst
REGULAR COUNCIL
June 23, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones at 7:00 p.m., commencing with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge Allegiance.

LORD'S PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Jeffers	P	Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke	P
Councilmember Robb Koscho	P	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	EA	(EA – excused absences)	
Council Pro Tempore Jeanne Maschari	P		

Councilmember Siesky moved to approve the absence of Councilmember Troike.

Councilmember Jeffers seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA June 23, 2025

Councilmember Jeffers moved to approve the agenda as presented/amended. Councilmember Sangiacomo seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 9, 2025

Councilmember Siesky 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

Cheryl Yompot 1931 King James #202 Westlake (Fankhauser headstones in Section B)

Jerry Smith 105 Kenwood – Raised concerns about coyotes. Council clarified that the recent social media post showed loose mixed-breed dogs, not coyotes. The dog's owner will be contacted once identified. Further discussion on the increase in actual coyote sightings will follow.

Penny Becker 405 Sunnyside, representing the South Amherst Historical Society: SAHS expressed interest in partnering with the Village to highlight South Amherst's history. The mayor and Ms. Becker will collaborate on ways to support this effort. SAHS also offered to assist with Movies in the Park; however, the mayor noted the program is currently on hold pending the appointment of a new Community Economic Development Committee director.

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MAYOR

Tax Information for Residents

Information regarding the proposed Ohio HB invalidating property tax will be in the summer newsletter and Councilmember Siesky will be compiling more information regarding how this House Bill will affect the village if it comes to completion.

Resident Complaints

Please remember that the people working here are doing their best because they care about this community—not for the money, but out of a desire to serve and improve. So, when you call or visit, treat them with respect. It's disheartening to see negativity directed at those trying to help. Let's support each other with kindness. And if you need to yell at anybody, my number is 440.714.4247.

FISCAL OFFICER

Payment Listing

The Payment Listing for 6/6 to 6/19/2025 was presented to council.

Financial Reports

The following Financial Reports for June were presented to council: Revenue Summary, Fund Summary and Appropriation Summary.

May Bank Reconciliation

The May bank statement is balanced but includes a \$104 account analysis fee. The bank offsets interest earned with service charges and posts the net amount, which is acceptable. However, they can't simply debit the account without documentation, which they're working on providing.

Appropriation Ordinance #327

The ordinance is for the Evergreen Cemetery drain project.

2026 Tax Budget

Councilmember Koscho moved to approve the 2026 Tax Budget as presented. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

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

UTILITY ADMINISTRATOR

Water/Storm

Curb Boxes

Currently the department is doing general maintenance on curb boxes and blue flags indicate the location of the curb boxes.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 1839-25 (Emergency) An ordinance establishing updated Fines, Cost and Fees for Mayor's Court and declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Koscho moved to approve and pass as an emergency Ordinance No. 1838-25. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

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Discussion: The fiscal officer explained that a procedural change regarding license forfeitures prompted the update

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

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 762-25 Merit-based Wage Increase for Cemetery Clerk

Councilmember Siesky moved to approve and pass as an emergency Resolution No. 762-25. Councilmember Maschari seconded the motion.

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

Resolution No. 763-25 Merit-based Wage Increase for Cemetery Sexton

Councilmember Siesky moved to approve and pass as an emergency Resolution No. 763-25. Councilmember Koscho seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mayor Jones verified that David Leshinski was still the sexton.

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

Resolution No. 764-25 Merit-based Wage Increase for Part-time Service Worker

Councilmember Maschari moved to approve and pass as an emergency Resolution No. 764-25. Councilmember Sangiacomo seconded the motion.

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

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation No. 327

Councilmember Siesky moved to approve Appropriation No. 327. Councilmember Jeffers seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke


Mayor Scott Jones