

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on May 10, 2025 at 10:00 am

1.0 Mayor Ehrbar calls council to order –

RC: A.M. Eaton __Y__, S. Stevenson __Y__, S. Smith __N/A__, M. Gaither __Y__, J.Wolfe __Y__,

G. Finger __Y__

J Wolfe makes a motion to excuse S. Smith from May 10, 2025 Council Meeting; second by A.M. Eaton. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

2.0 All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

4.0 Discussion and/or amendments to the April 12, 2025 Regular Council minutes.

Motion to accept/amend the Minutes as presented,

RC: A.M. Eaton __Y__, S. Stevenson __Y__, S. Smith __N/A__, M. Gaither __2__, J.Wolfe __1__,

G.Finger __Y__

5.0 Discussion of Pay Ordinance No. 1246: Motion to accept the Pay Ordinance as written,

RC: A.M. Eaton __Y__, S. Stevenson __2__, S. Smith __N/A__, M. Gaither __Y__, J.Wolfe __Y2025202 __,

G.Finger __1__

7.0 Committee Reports

7.A. Police – James E. Bartus II: Activity Report April 2025

Report(s) = 5

Citation(s) = 0

Department Phone Call(s) = 155

House / Business Check(s) = 2

Arrest(s) = 0

Vehicle Lock-out(s) = 2

Warning(s) = 36

Assist w/other agencies = 3

Accident(s) = 2

Two weeks ago, I attended Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Columbus. There is new technology coming out specifically for drivers under the impairment of marijuana. We will be looking into including that in our department.

Catawba Security cameras were approved at last month's meeting. Catawba Security came over and walked through the locations of new cameras. Hope to have installed in the next 2 weeks.

We recently updated a very outdated evidence collection system that we have. We hired Police Evidence Audits. They audited the department and installed software. Officer Rodriguez has voluntarily taken over the evidence tech position for us. Currently this is what he does full-time for Bellevue.

Police Memorial Week starts Sunday. Last year, we added 345 men and women who had made the ultimate sacrifice to our National Wall. Bringing total to 24,412.

7.B. Safety Committee – G. Finger, S. Stevenson: No Meeting; No Report

7.C. EMS – Russ Maust: April EMS Activity Report: EMS Runs – 3 YTD Runs – 10

Clinic Calls – 3 YTD Clinic Calls – 9

This month's training was High Angle Rescue Course. This was a four-day course. I would like to commend the participants of this class. This course was both physically and mentally demanding. Our first responder participants excelled at this course and impressed the instructors with their dedication to the community of Kelleys Island. Next month's training will be a Run Review Course with our Medical Director Dr. Escajeda.

There is a piece of Legislation on the agenda today to establish a part-time Paramedic position. I would like to encourage Council to Vote Yes on this piece of Legislation. This will help maintain Paramedic level coverage of the island throughout our busy season.

EMS is currently within the annual budget.

Reminder: Safety Services will be held at Casino dock next Saturday from 11 – 1 pm.

7.D. Fire Dept.- Chief Skeans: April Runs – 1

The Fire Department had a study done by Jeff Shupe from Strategic Fire Command inc. This study was to assess the future needs of the safety of the residents, visitors and island. There were 20 recommendations that came out of this report.

A copy of these recommendations is on file at the Village Office for viewing.

We have made minor changes to our trucks recently to be better prepared for an incident when the need arises. Simplifying compartments and adjusting the type and amount of hose on each truck. All 3 trucks now have the same capabilities.

The radio system we have been working on is now in service and working as it should. This has been put together with funding from grants and direct purchases. We will be using these radios on June 1st for traffic control for the 5 – 10K here on the island. Expect delays on June 1st. There will be road closures into the late morning and early afternoon. The Fire Dept. will be used for traffic control and safety with help from EMS and Metro.

7.E. Water Department – T. Lange: A. Federle reports that we had our yearly Ohio EPA site visit. No violations. We have applied for Water Audit Study Grant through ARCAP. It was approved and will be happening this summer through Ohio EPA.

7.F. Finance – A.M. Eaton, J. Wolfe: A.M. Eaton reports that there was a Finance meeting about a month ago. Discussion of levies that are being placed on ballot.

7.G. Lands & Buildings – M. Gaither, G. Finger: No Meeting, will be planning one soon. No Report.

7.H. Airport – J. Wolfe, A.M. Eaton: No report.

7.I. Planning Commission – J. Wolfe reports that meeting was held on April 25. The first item was passed along as, it needs to be researched. Second item was a lot split, approved. Third item was more of a workshop / open discussion on reviewing code priorities and looking at changes we need to address. We are going to begin monthly meetings and workshops in order to have changes by late fall to bring to Council.

7.J. Design Review Board – R. Maust reports: 3 applications; 3 approvals.

7.K. Board of Zoning Appeals – Gary Finger reports: No Meeting. No Report.

7.L. Transfer Station – S. Smith, M. Gaither reports: There is a meeting schedule for May 23 at 10 am.

7.M. Village Administrator – Andy Federle reports Work with K.E.M. continues. Surveys have been completed. Soil borings will begin in the next couple of weeks. Contractors Design Engineering was here to perform surveys on roads slated for paving.

The Water Department position was filled last week and the new hire started this week.

7.N. Streets & Sidewalks- S. Stevenson, S. Smith: S. Stevenson reports that there was a meeting scheduled to discuss work currently being done. There will be another meeting scheduled in the next week to 10 days to discuss fall projects.

7.O. Park Board – Marvin Robinson: No Meeting. No Report.

7.P. Mayor's Financial Report- Mayor Ehrbar:

Mayor's Court report submitted by Rosalyn Ahner

May 4, 2025: For the month of April 2025 the court collected a total of \$0.00: 0.00 Computer Fund, \$0.00 Court Improvement Fund, \$0.00 Library Fund, \$0.00 Other Costs. \$0.00 General Fund. All funds collected were from payment plans and fines. State was paid \$ 0.00: \$0.00 Victims of Crime, \$0.00 HB1 (state indigent support fund), \$0.00 State Bond Surcharge, \$0.00 Drug Law Enforcement/Justice Program Services.

Erie County Municipal was paid \$0.00

Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund \$0.00. Bank / Online payment expenses totaled: \$0.00 (Credit Card & US Bank service fee). Court has paid a total of \$650.00 to the Village General Fund in 2025. Court has paid a total of \$20148.00 to the Village General Fund in 2024. Court has paid a total of \$16158.00 to the Village General Fund in 2023.

Court has paid a total of \$7805.00 to the Village General Fund in 2022

Court has paid a total of \$23133.00 to the Village General Fund in 2021

Court has paid a total of \$14352.46 to the Village General Fund in 2020.

Court has paid a total of \$33837.90 to the Village General Fund in 2019.

Court has paid a total of \$31425.03 to the Village General Fund in 2018.

2025 – 0 tickets issued

2024– 70 tickets issued

2023 - 60 tickets issued

2022 – 49 tickets issued

2021 – 98 tickets issued

2020 – 37 tickets issued

7.Q. Legal- D. Lambros: Levy Season: 2 Resolutions on agenda for submission to electorate.

Current Operating Expenses is a redo. We passed last month with a typo. Change is made and it's ready to go.

7.R. **Treasurer** - L. Klonaris:
Financials included in Council packets.

Nick Leach, Risk Services Consultant from Public Entities Pool of Ohio did the annual inspection of Kelleys Island lands and buildings. No recommendations.

Nick provided the village with numerous resources for training, education and safety practices.

J. Wolfe makes a motion to allow KIHA sell raffle tickets in Memorial Park on a few weekends; second by A.M. Eaton. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Request to Council of any opposition regarding Liquor License applications. No opposition.

7.S. **Telecommunications Oversight and Development Committee**- J.Wolfe reports that we are moving forward with Verizon. There are going to be some required adjustments to the tower. We have received 3-4 requests to co-locate, use existing tower or erect private towers. We've been very clear that this is limited to the Telecommunications District.

(next legislation numbers O – 03 and R - 07)

9.0 First Readings:

9.1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – R - _____ : A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO OF THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A RENEWAL TAX AT THE RATE OF 1.75 MILLS IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19(A) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,
RC: A.M. Eaton ___Y___, S. Stevenson ___2___, S. Smith ___N/A___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G.Finger ___1___

Motion to pass:
RC: A.M. Eaton ___1___, S. Stevenson ___Y___, S. Smith ___N/A___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___2___, G.Finger ___Y___

9.2 RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – R - _____ : A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO OF THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING TAX AT THE RATE OF 1.57 MILLS WITH AN INCREASE OF .43 MILLS IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19(U) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: A.M. Eaton ___1___, S. Stevenson ___Y___, S. Smith ___N/A___, M. Gaither ___2___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G.Finger ___Y___

Motion to pass:

RC: A.M. Eaton ___2___, S. Stevenson ___Y___, S. Smith ___N/A___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G.Finger ___1___

9.3 ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF PART-TIME PARAMEDICS IN THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: A.M. Eaton ___1___, S. Stevenson ___Y___, S. Smith ___N/A___, M. Gaither ___2___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G.Finger ___Y___

Motion to pass:

RC: A.M. Eaton ___Y___, S. Stevenson ___2___, S. Smith ___N/A___, M. Gaither ___1___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G.Finger ___Y___

10.0 Second Readings:

11.0 Third Readings & Emergencies:

11.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – O - _____ : A ORDINANCE APPOINTING ROBERT J. QUINN AS THE ZONING INSPECTOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E. EHRBAR)

Motion to pass:

RC: G. Finger ___Y___, A.M. Eaton ___1___, S. Stevenson ___2___, S. Smith ___N/A___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___Y___

11.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – O - _____ : A ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF ZONING INSPECTOR TO \$27,000.00 IN THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO.

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to pass:

RC: A.M. Eaton ___2___, S. Stevenson ___1___, S. Smith ___N/A___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G. Finger ___Y___

12. Items from the Mayor: N/A

13. Items from Council: G. Finger thanks everyone for hard work and great job.

14. Old Business: N/A

15. Public Comment:

Brandon Davis: I like to see the progress on the Island. Thank you to everyone contributing. I would like to comment on the Transient Rental experience. Nice to have Sue Taylor supporting. Have had a few phone calls and emails about what's happening, what's the right thing to do. I personally had an experience with Sue that was positive, responsive and helpful in moving forward.

Invitation to attend the Neighborhood Group meeting at the school at 11:00 am today.

16. New Business: N/A

17. Correspondence: N/A

18. Motion to adjourn,

RC: A.M. Eaton __Y__, S. Stevenson __2__, S. Smith __N/A__, M. Gaither __Y__, J. Wolfe __Y__,
G. Finger __1__

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:22



Lisa M Klonaris, Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor Ronald E. Ehrbar