

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on June 14 at 10:00 am

1.0 Mayor Ehrbar calls council to order –

RC: S. Stevenson ___Y___, S. Smith ___Y___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G. Finger ___Y___,

A.M. Eaton ___Y___

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

4.0 Discussion and/or amendments to the May 10, 2025 Regular Council minutes.

Motion to accept/amend the Minutes as presented,

RC: S. Stevenson ___Y___, S. Smith ___Y___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G.Finger ___Y___, A.M. Eaton ___Y___

5.0 Discussion of Pay Ordinance No. 1247: Motion to accept the Pay Ordinance as written,

RC: S. Stevenson ___Y___, S. Smith ___Y___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G.Finger ___Y___,

A.M. Eaton ___Y___

6.0 Steve Wermuth: GLIA (Great Lakes Island Alliance) Presentation

7.0 Committee Reports

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

Report(s) = 16

Citation(s) = 4

Department Phone Call(s) = 261

House / Business Check(s) = 0

Arrest(s) = 5

Vehicle Lock-out(s) = 3

Warning(s) = 8

Assist w/other agencies = 9

Accident(s) = 4

Closed Court Cases = 7/10

Current Open Court Cases = 9

Department Budget at 31%

Safety Services has had a rough start to the season. I would like to thank EMS, KIVFD, KIPD, State Highway Patrol, Erie County Sheriff’s Department, Division of Liquor Control, Sugar Ridge Towing, Doctor Baxter, for all of your assistance.

Due to recent events, I’ve had conversation with Ohio State Highway Patrol, Erie County Sheriff’s Department and Division of Liquor Control. They have agreed to assist us over the next few months to ensure the safety of residents and tourists.

Working with Village Officials about street lighting and signage issues.

I have sworn in Officer Edwin Rodriguez. Carmen Messina has been promoted to full-time Sergeant.

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

7.C. **EMS** – Russ Maust: May 2025 Council Report

EMS runs - 9 Clinic calls - 16

This month’s training was a Run Review course with our Medical Director Dr. Escajeda. We discussed and reviewed the recent traumatic runs that we have had. After this training, I would like to commend the volunteer crew members for their professional performance. All of these incidents discussed received the highest level of care. Next month’s training will be on Sexual Assault and Substance Use Disorders.

EMS budget is currently within the annual budget. There are a few grants that will be available this year for EMS. I would like to ask council for permission to apply for any and all grants that are applicable to EMS for the next year. As always, I would like to express my gratitude to the volunteers of Kelleys Island EMS for their dedication to the community of Kelleys Island.

Motion to apply for grants available and accept awarded funds made by J. Wolfe; second by S. Stevenson.

All in Favor. Motion Passed.

7.D. Fire Dept.- Chief Skeans: May 2025 Council Report – Runs: 3

I am working with Tim Almendinger, the Assistant Chief of Danbury Township, to have a volunteer Firefighter class this fall. We will hopefully be adding 6-8 new members to the Fire Department.

You may have seen us out at Neuman's dock training with our new hose. Getting to know our new equipment. This upcoming Tuesday we will be doing more training with this equipment.

The 5K – 10K Race was again a success as the Fire Department handled traffic control. This gave us the opportunity to use the new radio system which has been a great upgrade to the safety services communications system.

I would like to request a motion to allow me to apply for any upcoming grants and accept awards.

Also, requesting a motion to donate old surplus fire hose to another department.

G. Finger makes a motion to allow applying for grants, accepting grants and donating fire hose; second by A.M. Eaton. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

7.E. Water Department – T. Lange: No Report

7.F. Finance – A.M. Eaton, J. Wolfe: No Meeting. No Report.

7.G. Lands & Buildings – M. Gaither, G. Finger: No Report. Meeting to be scheduled in next couple of weeks.

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

7.I. Planning Commission – J. Wolfe: Next meeting on July 12th prior to Council meeting.

7.J. Design Review Board – R. Maust: 1 Application. 1 Approved.

7.K. Board of Zoning Appeals – Gary Finger reports: Meeting today following Council.

7.L. Transfer Station – S. Smith, M. Gaither: No Report. A meeting was held earlier in the month to discuss administrative issues with Donna.

7.M. Village Administrator – Andy Federle: No Report.

7.N. Streets & Sidewalks- S. Stevenson, S. Smith: S. Stevenson reports that work has been completed on pot holes and crack sealing. Waiting on quotes for fall work.

7.O. Park Board – Marvin Robinson:

Erie MetroParks has awarded the Kelleys Island Park Board / Village of Kelleys Island a \$9,802 grant for costs associated with the purchase and delivery of Wheelchair accessible convertible picnic tables/benches for the Community Park Pavilion.

The final phase of the playground replacement project in Community Park will be the donor acknowledgement paver walkway, which is expected to be completed within the next month. An official ribbon cutting donor appreciation ceremony will be held shortly after.

Tom Pieratt is in the process of soliciting grants for the funding of the improvements needed on the multi-purpose court. The anticipated budget is \$55,000. Received \$5,000 to date with several grant announcements pending.

The Pickle ball club requested interim stone and or soil to be placed around the multi-purpose court until funds are available to repair it. Their request was forwarded to Lands and Buildings.

The flowers and mulching in the Downtown Park are expected to be completed next week.

Elections were held for officers.

Marvin Robinson – Board President

Tom Pieratt – Vice President

Julie Thomas – Secretary

Lisa Klonaris – Treasurer.

The meeting schedule for the year will be Monday prior to the Saturday Council Meeting for each month. The meetings will be held in the Pavilion.

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

Mayor's Court report submitted by Rosalyn Ahner

June 3, 2025: For the month of May 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 – 3 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: N/A

7.R. Treasurer - L. Klonaris:
Financials included in Council packets.
Job Postings can be found on Village Website: kelleysisland.us
Part-Time Position: Assistant Clerk

7.S. Telecommunications Oversight and Development Committee- J.Wolfe; No Report.

(next legislation numbers O – 06 and R - 09)

9.0 First Readings:

9.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – O - ____: AN ORDINANCE HIRING SEASONAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,
RC: S. Stevenson __2__, S. Smith __Y__, M. Gaither __Y__, J.Wolfe __Y__, G.Finger __Y__,
A.M. Eaton __1__

Motion to pass:
RC: S. Stevenson __Y__, S. Smith __Y__, M. Gaither __2__, J.Wolfe __Y__, G.Finger __1__,
A.M. Eaton __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: S. Stevenson __Y__, S. Smith __Y__, M. Gaither __Y__, J.Wolfe __2__, G.Finger __Y__,
A.M. Eaton __1__

Motion to pass:

RC: S. Stevenson___Y___, S. Smith___Y___, M. Gaither___1___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G.Finger___Y___,
A.M. Eaton___2___

9.3 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 CURRANT OPERATING EXPENSES, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19(A) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: S. Stevenson___Y___, S. Smith___Y___, M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___1___, G.Finger___Y___,

A.M. Eaton___2___

Motion to pass:

RC: S. Stevenson___2___, S. Smith___Y___, M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G.Finger___Y___,
A.M. Eaton___1___

10.0 Second Readings:

11.0 Third Readings & Emergencies:

12. Items from the Mayor: DRB Alternate: Todd Bickley

Island Singers: Town Hall

S. Stevenson makes a motion to waive rental fees for the Island Singers annual performance at the Town Hall; second by M. Gaither. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

KILA: Homecoming Pavilion

J. Wolfe makes a motion to waive rental fees for the KILA Homecoming festival at the Community Park Pavilion; second by S. Stevenson. All in favor. Motion Passed.

13. Items from Council:

14. Old Business:

15. Public Comment:

Chris Arnold: Request to have August 9, 2025 declared "Big Chuck" Schodowski Day. Homecoming Parade will feature Schodowski Family as Grand Marshall.

Mayor R. Ehrbar responds that he will have a Proclamation at the next Council meeting.

Jim Coleman: Happy to see a lot of new and replaced Septic Systems.

Bobbie-Jo Kennedy: Comments on the pedestrian traffic issues. Will there be more signs posted? Sidewalk to KIWC is wonderful but, people do not use it.

Roz Ahner: What is the \$\$ increase to tax payers for each of the levies? J. Wolfe responds \$70 per \$100,000 for the EMS. L. Klonaris responds \$16 per \$100,000 for the Current Expense. Information is in the legislation.
R. Ahner suggests some type of handout or flyer.

16. New Business:

17. Correspondence:

18. Motion to adjourn,

RC: S. Stevenson__Y__, S. Smith__Y__, M. Gaither__Y__, J.Wolfe__2__, G. Finger__1__,
A.M. Eaton__Y__

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:31



Lisa M Klonaris, Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor Ronald E. Ehrbar