

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on October 11, 2025 at 10:00 am

1.0 Mayor Ehrbar calls council to order –
RC: G. Finger ___Y___ A.M. Eaton ___Y___, S. Stevenson ___Y___, S. Smith ___Y___, M. Gaither ___Y___,
J.Wolfe ___N/A___

S. Stevenson makes a motion to excuse J. Wolfe from October 11, 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 September 13, 2025 Regular Council Minutes.
Motion to accept/amend the Minutes as presented,

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

4.5 Discussion and/or amendments to the September 17, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes.
Motion to accept/amend the Minutes as presented.

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

5.0 Discussion of Pay Ordinance No. 1251: Motion to accept the Pay Ordinance as written,

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

7.0 Committee Reports

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

- Report(s) = 4
- Department Phone Call(s) = 250
- Arrest(s) / Citations = 7
- Warning(s) = 3
- Accident(s) = 3
- Closed Court Cases YTD =
- Current Open Court Cases YTD = 7/2 (County Court)
- Department Budget at 67%
- Total Citations Issued = 99
- House / Business Check(s) = 0
- Vehicle Lock-out(s) = 2
- Assist w/other agencies =

Last month we finished our LEAD certification process for the department and we'll now begin the next step of officer certification.
 It's taken us about six months to get this far.
 These certifications will allow us to receive vital information on scenes quicker and to speed up the process of any issues that arise along with providing information that will assist an officer safety.
 Also this past month I was asked to join the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Operation PURP Rally in their four day operation in the Cleveland area.
 This task force works worked in conjunction with the FBI, Homeland Security, Secret Service and other local departments.
 The purpose is to identify online predators who are attempting to engage in sexual activity with minors they believed to be minors.
 This operation led to 17 arrests and three deportations to their home country.
 November 1st we are having our annual run The Rock 5K.
 If you'd like to participate or become a sponsor, please contact me.
 All proceeds go towards the Kelleys Island Police Department Association, which is a 501(C)3.
 Today we have our Annual Hog Roast in conjunction with Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department Harvest Fest.
 We do have tickets available still.
 T JS Catering is does an amazing job so you dcn't want to miss out in 12 to 3:00 at the park.

7.B. Safety Committee – G. Finger, S. Stevenson reports: G. Finger reports: The safety committee did meet last week and we discussed numerous things and signage and street lighting.

One of the recommendations with addresses trying to get everything consistent.

And then on top of that, the committee did recommend to draw up an ordinance in regards to a stop sign on Division Street on the corner of Zion Methodist Church ,Chapel.

And it'll be the first reading today.

7.C. EMS – Russ Maust: September EMS activity report:

EMS runs - 16 Clinic calls - 10

This month the EMS and Fire Department had a vehicle extrication training together with Instructors from Genisis Fire Tools and Cleveland Metro. This event was an excellent training and Kelleys Island EMS would like to thank Ed Nowak for provided the vehicles required to facilitate this training. Kelleys Island EMS also had an equipment review training this week.

As of September 30th the EMS budget was at 60% of the annual budget.

The Safety Services Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 22nd. I would like to ask Council to waive the Town Hall fees for this event.

Motion made to waive Town Hall fee for the EMS Appreciation Dinner on November 22, 2025 by A.M. Eaton; second by S. Stevenson. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

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.

7.D. Fire Dept.- Chief Skeans: September 2025 Activity: RUNS – 1

The two floating pumps we ordered last month have arrived. We will be training on these pumps later this month. 2 of the 4 air bottles from the SCBA cascade system have passed their hydrostatic test and will be sent back to service this week. The other two bottles will be sent out for testing.

Pump testing will be this Monday, Fire Safety Services will also be testing our S.C.B.A.'s and doing our fit test.

Harvest Fest is today in the downtown park.

As of today, the Fire Department is on track with the 2025 budget.

7.E. Water Department – T. Lange: A. Federle Reports:

While Tom was gone, this while Tom was gone this month, we had two water main breaks he wanted to pass along that he's very appreciative for Bobby, Jason for helping Nataliya and Mike get those fixed.

Besides that, we are in the third round of our water loss audit with ARCAP and for this we received a grant through the Ohio EPA for this audit.

7.F. Finance – A.M. Eaton, J. Wolfe: A.M. Eaton Reports: We had a meeting week or so ago just kind of starting the initial talks on everybody's budgets and appropriations for 2026.

Everybody's in a pretty good place for working on getting the rest of the departments kind of wrapped up.

And we'll have another meeting in the next couple weeks and get everything done and prepared for before the end of the year so we can get everything passed and sent off.

7.G. Lands & Buildings – M. Gaither, G. Finger: M. Gaither Reports: We had a meeting on October 3rd, discussion of the parking lot, which is actually not going to happen at this time.

They did not receive the grant, but we will have a meeting before we proceed with that project so that everybody can be informed.

Also discussed was water fountains, lights and the parks and some stuff that may be done to Town Hall.

7.H. Airport – J. Wolfe, A.M. Eaton: J. Wolf – Absent: Nothing to report.

7.I. Planning Commission – J. Wolfe: Absent – Mayor Ehrbar reports that there will be a meeting next Saturday.

7.J. Design Review Board – R. Maust: M. Gaither reports for R. Maust: 3 applications received. 3 approved.

7.K. Board of Zoning Appeals – Gary Finger reports: No hearings scheduled.

7.L. Transfer Station – S. Smith, M. Gaither: S. Smith reports: Meeting on Halloween to clear up some admin issues for Andy and Donna.

7.M. Village Administrator – Andy Federle Reports:

We received final approval from OPWC to begin the water intake project.

We're working through contractor selection now for the sewer project.

Village RFQ for contractors were received.

We'll begin working through the selection process with that as well.

And then as Max mentioned, we had a had the department heads complete their budget, first round of their budget process.

We submitted it to finance for a review.

7.N. Streets & Sidewalks- S. Stevenson, S. Smith: S. Stevenson Reports: The only thing I have is I believe RFQS for next year's projects are going out next week.

D. Lambros: I met with Andy yesterday and drafted the notice that's going to go in the Sandusky Register.

It's got to go in for two consecutive weeks and requesting bids for the project.

So we should get those in early November.

Mayor Ehrbar: Just to add on to that...

That's for the Fairview Lake, Lake Court, Fairview Lake Court Marion to the curb and North Huntington Marion of the curb and in North Huntington.

7.O. Park Board – Marvin Robinson: M. Gaither Reports:

The pickle ball club has placed their deck box in the community park to house the equipment that is needed for people to use to play pickle ball.

New handicapped accessible picnic tables that can be converted to bench seating for the pavilion have arrived. Some of the existing picnic tables that are in decent shape will be relocated to the various preserves. The funding for these benches came from a grant from ErieMetro Parks.

The board as a body is doing an assessment of needs for the playgrounds to develop a plan of action.

There is still a vacant position on the board from Robby Zettler's resignation. Allison Shmolte has expressed an interest. Her information has been forwarded to the mayor for consideration.

Next and final meeting of the year is scheduled for November 3, at 6pm.

7.P. Mayor's Financial Report- Mayor Ehrbar: Mayor's Court report submitted by Rosalyn Ahner
October 7, 2025: For the month of September 2025 the court collected a total of \$4420.00: 110.00 Computer Fund, \$110.00 Court Improvement Fund, \$33.00 Library Fund, \$220.00 Other Costs. \$4011.00 General Fund. All funds collected were from payment plans and fines. State was paid \$ 400.00: \$99.00 Victims of Crime, \$280.00 HB1 (state indigent support fund), \$0.00 State Bond Surcharge, \$21.00Drug Law Enforcement/Justice Program Services. Erie County Municipal was paid \$9.00 for Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund.

Bank / Online payment expenses totaled: \$0.00 (Credit Card & US Bank service fee). Court has paid a total of \$12111.00 to the Village General Fund in 2025. Court has paid a total of \$20148.00to 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 – 99 tickets issued

2024– 70 tickets issued

2023 - 60 tickets issued

2022 – 49 tickets issued

2021 – 98 tickets issued

2020 – 37 tickets issued

2019 – 120 tickets issued

7.Q. Legal- D. Lambros Reports: We have two matters on the agenda today that came out of the Safety Committee meeting that was held a few weeks ago as Gary alluded to issue with stop signs at the corner of Division and Chapel. And secondly, there was a discussion on false alarms, the false alarms ordinance.

I want to get to make sure that Bobby and Chief Jamie have a chance to read that, make sure we don't have to tweak that. So I'd ask that that one be on first reading and this pertains mostly to some of the issues they've had with the calls they constantly get from the hotel.

So we'll take a look at that.

Let them take a look at that, see if anything needs to be tweaked and bring it back in November.

S. Smith: Just a quick question.

I thought stop signs we were going to go with were flashing so we could turn them off in the winter.

I thought that's what we agreed at the safety committee meeting.

M. Gaither: Sorry, I didn't hear what you said Scott.

I thought we were going to when flashing for those stop signs on Division Street so that we could turn them off in the winter. That's what I thought we agreed.

Mayor Ehrbar: It's on the first reading. So, I mean, we can bring it back for discussion.

7.R. Treasurer - L. Klonaris: Regular Council Meeting October 11, 2025

Financials included in Council packets.

Council meeting agendas are being posted on website, should be available on Friday afternoon.

2023 – 2024 Audit is in process. State AUP Audit. (Agreed Upon Procedures)

IT Audit is complete.

7.S. Telecommunications Oversight and Development Committee- J.Wolfe; Mayor Ehrbar Reports:

The only thing I can add is as far as Verizon on our transfer station tower, all the paperwork has been completed.

The next step is mounting the antennas on the tower, so that should be happening soon.

(next legislation numbers O – 12 and R - 16)

9.0 First Readings:

9.1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – R - _____ : RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E. EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

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

Motion to pass:

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

9.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – O - _____ : A ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STOP SIGNS ON DIVISION STREET NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND AT THE CHAPPEL STREET INTERSECTION.

(INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMEN FINGER, STEVENSON)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

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

Motion to pass:

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

9.3 ORDINANCE NO. 2025 -O - _____ : ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER A. MAX EATON)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

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

Motion to pass:

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

9.4 ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – O - _____ : A ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION ENTITLED FALSE ALARMS PROHIBITED.

(INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMEN FINGER, STEVENSON)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

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

Motion to pass:

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

10.0 Second Readings:

11.0 Third Readings & Emergencies:

12. Items from the Mayor: Trick-or Treat: Friday, October 31 from 5-7:00 pm

Winter Transfer Station Hours Begin: November 1, 2025
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 11:00 – 3:00 pm

Waive rental fee for Town Hall for the presentation of the Tom & Paula Bartlett documentary. November 8 at 2:00 pm.

Motion made to waive fee for the use of Town Hall for Tom Bartlett documentary by S. Stevenson; second by A.M. Eaton. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Public Forum: East Lakeshore Project – Immediately following Council Meeting
Public Forum: Sanitary Sewer Project – Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 10am at Town Hall

13. Items from Council:

14. Old Business:

15. Public Comment:

Chris Arnold: Thank you, everyone. I'm asking if council could start putting some of these committee meetings on camera like you do the council meetings. I've been talking to people over the last couple months and that's the biggest thing that I hear from people is that they don't see these committee meetings and that's where a lot of these laws and rules and actions come from. You just vote on it here at the council meeting. I know there's only two places

that they have these meetings that would be here or at the administration building. I would love to help in that process, Mayor, if I could do that or find somebody who can. I think it's important that some people can't make it here Wednesday at 9:00 during the week to see these committee meetings or even this one that we're going to have for the sewer project coming up this Wednesday. You know, they're off island, they're working or they're busy or otherwise engaged. So it would be nice to have them videotaped and archived. And I do have a few people who are experts at this and could help the village if that is needed.

Drew Algase, just a quick, I guess, question.

I understand there's a lot of streets going to be improved. I heard about planning for next year. Are those going to be assessed to the property owners for improvements or is are all the taxpayers going to pay for it out of the general fund?

Mayor Ehrbar: I just want to correct, Chris had mentioned something about the forums and again the East Lakeshore Project forum is today after following this meeting and the public sewer project is Wednesday, October 15th. Here at the town hall.

16. New Business:

17. Correspondence:

18. Motion to adjourn,

RC: G.Finger__1__, A.M. Eaton__Y__, S. Stevenson__2__, S. Smith__Y__, M. Gaither__Y__,
J.Wolfe__N/A__

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:20 am



Lisa M Klonaris, Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor Ronald E. Ehrbar