

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on August 8, 2026 at 10:00 am

1.0 Mayor Ehrbar calls council to order –
RC: J. Divoll__Y__, M. Gaither__Y__, J.Wolfe__Y__, G. Finger __Y__, C. Kipfer, __Y__
S. Stevenson__Y__,

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

4.0 Discussion and/or amendments to the July 11, 2026 Regular Council Minutes.
Motion to accept/amend the Minutes as presented,

RC: J. Divoll__Y__,M. Gaither__Y__, J.Wolfe__Y__, G. Finger __1__, C. Kipfer, __2__, S.
Stevenson__Y__

5.0 Discussion of Pay Ordinance No. 1259: Motion to accept the Pay Ordinance as written,

RC: J. Divoll__Y__, M. Gaither__2__, J.Wolfe__Y__, G. Finger __1__, C. Kipfer, __Y__, S.
Stevenson__Y__

7.0 Committee Reports

7.A. Police – James E. Bartus II: Activity Report – July 2026

Report(s) = 5	Total Citations Issued = 69
Department Phone Call(s) = 240	House / Business Check(s) = 2
Arrest(s) / Citations = 26	Vehicle Lock-out(s) = 1
Warning(s) = 5	Assist w/other agencies = 39
Accident(s) = 2	
Closed Court Cases YTD = 58	
Current Open Court Cases YTD = 3 (Erie County Court) 11 / Mayors Court/ 1 Juv. Court	
Department Budget YTD = 49%	

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

7.C. EMS – Russ Maust reports: July 2026 Activity Report
EMS Runs - 39 EMS Clinic Calls - 28

This month's EMS training covered Pediatric Medical Emergencies. Next month's training will cover burns and traumatic injuries.
The EMS training room and EMS storage room sustained severe flooding during the heavy rains earlier this season. All the damaged items have been inventoried.
We have received many generous donations to help Kelleys Island EMS recover from this loss. I would like to thank everyone who has donated.
It is truly inspiring how our local and nearby communities have pulled together to make sure that Kelleys Island remains prepared to handle emergencies.We are profoundly grateful for the concern and
The EMS budget remains within normal operating limits at this time.

As I mentioned during the last Council Meeting, another vendor had to be selected to provide us with our drone system. The new company has been selected and the new contract has been approved by the Finance Committee. Item number 9.1 on today's agenda is legislation approving the Mayor to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions and Brinc Drone Systems. This legislation is required because this is an entirely new contract with a different company from the previously approved contract with Dronesense. I would encourage the council to approve this as an emergency. We are behind projected operational dates because of the need to switch companies and approval today will help us from falling further behind.
Last month, Kelleys Island EMS had the highest run volume since partnering with Cleveland Metro and I believe it was the busiest month ever. We had many difficult and challenging incidents. Our volunteers

faced these challenges with grace and I would like to recognize and thank the volunteer volunteers of Kelleys Island EMS for their continued dedication, professionalism and service to our community.

7.D. Fire Dept.- Chief Skeans: Runs for July - 4

All repairs have been completed on engine one. Everything is working as it should.

The radiator on engine 2 has been replaced.

The fire department has purchased a 1997 Sutphen pumper. This truck is comparable to our engine one. It has a 1000 gallon tank and a 1500 gallon a minute pump. The cost of this pumper was \$5343.75. This engine is in very good shape. Lieutenant Kevin Foley went to Columbia Station Fire Department spent about two hours looking over the truck. The truck has been sent to Fallsway in Akron to get checked out. As soon as it gets to the island, it'll be equipped and put into service.

We thank the community for supporting the annual steak fry. I appreciate all the volunteers who helped make this event possible. The event was a success and everybody had a good time.

The Fire Department is on track for the 2026 budget.

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

Tom Lang has all chemical orders in progress.

New excavator did arrive and we've used it to replace 7 out of the 12 out of service hydrants.

They have also been working on the meter lids to accept the telemetry or the remote read for the new water meters. That has saved US \$12,000 by us doing it ourselves and they have been working on the high service pumps and controls in the pump house and then replacing a lot of the units that were damaged in the flood from last month

7.F. Finance – C. Kipfer, M. Gaither:

1. Water Department Compensation Review The committee discussed a proposed Water Department pay structure intended to improve employee retention, recruitment, and succession planning. Members generally agreed that the proposed pay ranges appeared reasonable and acknowledged the importance of maintaining a qualified workforce. Concerns were raised regarding the long-term sustainability of the proposal, budget impacts, overtime costs, and how benefits such as health insurance compare with other communities. Discussion also included: • Obtaining compensation information from Put-in-Bay for comparison. • Doing a total compensation comparison including benefits like insurance and paid time off • Reviewing the effect of proposed wage increases on future budgets. • Evaluating whether a pay-range system would be preferable to a step-based system. • Requesting a five-year Water Department financial outlook to assess sustainability. • Considering the interaction of step increases and future cost-of-living adjustments. No action was taken. Additional information will be gathered and reviewed before further consideration.

2. Roadside Vegetation Equipment Proposal The committee reviewed a proposal to purchase a new loader and roadside vegetation cutting attachment, estimated at approximately \$80,000. The equipment would be used for road trimming, trail maintenance, and other Village maintenance activities. Village administration indicated that current equipment has been unreliable and that contracting this work has become increasingly expensive. Discussion included: • Potential return on investment compared to contractor costs. • Storage and maintenance considerations. • Alternatives including renting equipment or contracting the work. The committee requested additional information, including contractor quotes, rental costs, and purchase details, before making a recommendation.

3. EMS Building Roof The committee briefly referenced the EMS building roof project and reaffirmed the importance of maintaining Village facilities. No additional discussion or action occurred.

4. Cybersecurity Compliance The committee reviewed a cybersecurity compliance proposal from First Tracks for approximately \$1,200. The proposal would assist the Village with required email security, multifactor authentication, and other compliance measures. Members discussed the use of Village email accounts for official business and broader concerns regarding the use of personal devices for Village-related work. Committee members expressed support for moving forward with the compliance measures and discussed the possibility of future technology improvements, including Village-issued devices or tablets.

7.G. Lands & Buildings – M. Gaither, G. Finger: M. Gaither Reports:

We had a meeting yesterday. Meeting report is included in packets.

Basically, we spoke about the proposed work to be done at Community Park.

7.H. Airport – J. Wolfe, J. Divoll: No Report

7.I. Planning Commission – J. Wolfe: We have a Planning Commission scheduled for 8/13, which is the second Thursday of the month. The second Thursday of each month is how we schedule them.

7.J. Design Review Board – R. Maust: We had one applicant which was approved.

7.K. Board of Zoning Appeals – Gary Finger reports: We do have one hearing coming up. I believe it's the 14th at 10. Next Saturday.

7.L. Transfer Station – J. Divoll, J. Wolfe: No Report

7.M. Village Administrator – Andy Federle: Road paving bid package for fall and spring work will be published by the end of the month.

Roadside right away Brush cutting has been underway for the last two weeks and probably will continue for another two weeks.

We did receive our OWDA loan for the meters. Those meters have been purchased.

OPWC emergency grant application for flood repairs was submitted. We should know next week if we will receive it.

EMS building roof was replaced last week.

We did receive \$100,000 from the EPIC grant for Community Park.

7.N. Streets & Sidewalks- S. Stevenson, C. Kipfer

We had no meetings. The only ongoing work right now is what Andy already mentioned about the roadside brush clearing.

7.O. Park Board – Marvin Robinson: S. Stevenson Reports - There was a meeting Monday. They discussed the new pavilion that Mary had mentioned.

And then also it was reported that some of the preserved trails have started getting cleaned up and trimmed back.

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

Mayor's Court report submitted by Rosalyn Ahner August 5, 2026:

For the month of July 2026, the court collected a total of \$7205.00: \$220.00 Computer Fund, \$220.00 Court Improvement Fund, \$66.00 Library Fund, \$984.00 Other Costs. \$5571.00.00 General Fund.

All funds collected were from payment plans and fines. State was paid \$ 0.00: \$189.00 Victims of Crime, \$585.00 HB1 (state indigent support fund), \$0.00 State Bond Surcharge, \$56.00 Drug Law Enforcement/Justice Program Services, \$30.00 Seat Belt Fines.

Erie County Municipal was paid \$24.00 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 \$9859.00 to the Village General Fund in 2026. Court has paid a total of \$16256.00 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.

2026 – 69 tickets issued

2025 – 105 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:

We've got this drone ordinance on that Finance Committee worked on with Russ and so this is ready to go for the first responders pilot program.

We also have a resolution adopting the 2026 Erie County Hazard Mitigation Plan that is required every five years to update by FEMA to make the village eligible for FEMA mitigation project grants.

There are nine communities involved in Erie County on this, which is the entire county and it has to be updated and approved by FEMA every five years.

This is the year and it is online. If you want to take a look at it. It's got all these nice graphs and those sorts of things, but it's 100 and sub-pages long.

C. Kipfer: It's 860 pages.

D. Lambros: And then on first reading, we'll have the land swap coming up with the ODNR exchange land that we've been working on and take over the five acres that's off of a Chapel Street for the site for the future.

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

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

We are in the process of getting meeting recordings posted on the website.

Myself and several Village Officials met with the Erie County Budget Commission on August 4th. This is now mandatory for all entities. They were pleased with our financial status. They complimented the village on their handling of the finances and budget.

All Council to sign Budget Commission Resolution after meeting.

Anyone is welcome to visit the Village Office, during office hours, to ask questions, request reports, etc.....

I have been working with First Track technology to complete the Cybersecurity recommendations made to the village by Public Entity Pool.

Request a Motion to reimburse the EMS Association from the Fire Dept. for the money used to purchase Fire Truck at auction; \$5343.75

J. Wolfe makes motion to reimburse EMS from Fire Dept; second by M. Gaither.

All in Favor. Motion Passed.

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

(next legislation numbers O – 20 and R - 3)

9.0 First Readings:

9.1 **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – O - _____: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR THE OHIO DRONES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS PILOT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: J. Divoll___Y___, M. Gaither___1___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G. Finger ___Y___, C. Kipfer, __2___,

S. Stevenson___Y___

Motion to pass:

RC: J. Divoll___Y___, M. Gaither___1___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G. Finger ___Y___, C. Kipfer, ___Y___,

S. Stevenson___2___

9.2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – R - _____: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026 ERIE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.**

(INTRODUCED BY: RONALD E. EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: J. Divoll___Y___, M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G. Finger ___1___, C. Kipfer, _2___,

S. Stevenson___Y___

Motion to pass:

RC: J. Divoll___Y___, M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G. Finger ___1___, C. Kipfer, ____2___,

S. Stevenson___Y___

9.5 RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 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: RONALD E. EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,
RC: J. Divoll__1__, M. Gaither__Y__, J.Wolfe__Y__, G. Finger __Y__, C. Kipfer, __Y__,
S. Stevenson__2__

Motion to pass:
RC: J. Divoll__Y__, M. Gaither__Y__, J.Wolfe__Y__, G. Finger __1__, C. Kipfer, __2__,
S. Stevenson__Y__

9.6 ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO (VILLAGE) TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (STATE) TO EXCHANGE LAND ON KELLEYS ISLAND OHIO.

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,
RC: J. Divoll_____, M. Gaither_____, J.Wolfe_____, G. Finger _____, C. Kipfer, _____, S. Stevenson_____

Motion to pass:
RC: J. Divoll_____, M. Gaither_____, J.Wolfe_____, G. Finger _____, C. Kipfer, _____, S. Stevenson_____

10.0 Second Readings:

11.0 Third Readings & Emergencies:

11.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE AMENDING & 152.031 (D) (1) ENTITLED R-1 LOW DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT; AREA REGULATIONS

(INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN JOE WOLFE)

C. Kipfer makes a motion to table legislation; second by J. Divoll. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Motion to pass:
RC: J. Divoll_____, M. Gaither_____, J.Wolfe_____, G. Finger _____, C. Kipfer, _____, S. Stevenson_____

11.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE AMENDING & 152.032 (D) (1) ENTITLED R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT; AREA REGULATIONS

(INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN JOE WOLFE)

C. Kipfer makes a motion to table legislation; second by J. Divoll. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Motion to pass:
RC: J. Divoll_____, M. Gaither_____, J.Wolfe_____, G. Finger _____, C. Kipfer, _____, S. Stevenson_____

12. Items from the Mayor:

13. Items from Council:

S. Stevenson: there There's been a little business set up here just up West of the ferry boat line the past few weekends. A tent.

I would suggest moving that tent back into the yard if they're going to continue to move that tent.

L. Klonaris: She does have a permit.

S. Stevenson: I think it needs to move back into the yard because people stop on the sidewalk.

That's a bad, really bad spot. I don't know who should approach her on that. Administrator, probably.

15. Public Comment:

Rosalyn Ahner, 933 E Lakeshore. Are companies allowed to put their signs on telephone poles and electric poles, staple them up there?

D. Lambros: The short answer to that is they need authority from the owner of the telephone poles to do that, which would be Hancock Wood.

R. Ahner: I walk every morning four or five miles, and I am beginning to see them. I'm going to be honest with you. I think they're an eyesore.

D. Lambros: Hancock Wood. Kevin's retiring August 31st. I would suggest talking to him.

Dennis: This has to do with the water rates and the billing and the lack thereof. Every once in a quarter, I get a surprise bill from the water department, which is anticipated, but I don't know the date is going to come out nor the amount that's going to come out, which is not anticipated. And I understand there's software issues and I'm just curious as to when we can expect to receive billings so I can properly plan.

A. Federle: We were forced to switch our old water billing over to a new water billing system and it's been a nightmare. We are in the process of switching again, so bear with us for another few months. By the beginning of the year, everything should be back to normal, we hope.

16. New Business:

17. Correspondence:

18. Motion to adjourn,

RC: J. Divoll __Y__, M. Gaither __Y__, J. Wolfe __2__, G. Finger __1__, C. Kipfer, __Y__,
S. Stevenson __Y__

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:24



Lisa M Klonaris, Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor Ronald E. Ehrbar