

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on September 12, 2026 at 10:00 am

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

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

3.0 Discussion and/or amendments to the August 8, 2026 Public Hearing Minutes.
Motion to accept/amend the Minutes as presented,

RC: M. Gaither__1__, J.Wolfe__Y__, G. Finger __Y__, C. Kipfer, __Y__, S. Stevenson __2__,
J. Divoll__Y__

4.0 Discussion and/or amendments to the August 8, 2026 Regular Council Minutes.
Motion to accept/amend the Minutes as presented,

RC: M. Gaither__2__, J.Wolfe__Y__, G. Finger __Y__, C. Kipfer, __Y__, S. Stevenson __Y__,
J. Divoll__1__

5.0 Discussion of Pay Ordinance No. 1260: Motion to accept the Pay Ordinance as written,

RC: M. Gaither__Y__, J.Wolfe__Y__, G. Finger __Y__, C. Kipfer, __1__, S. Stevenson __Y__,
J. Divoll__2__

7.0 Committee Reports

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

Report(s) = 5	Total Citations Issued = 104
Department Phone Call(s) = 215	House / Business Check(s) = 0
Arrest(s) / Citations = 13	Vehicle Lock-out(s) = 4
Warning(s) = 3	Assist w/other agencies = 31
Accident(s) = 2	
Closed Court Cases YTD = 83	
Current Open Court Cases YTD = 3 (Erie County Court) 15 / Mayors Court/ 1 Juv. Court	
Department Budget YTD = 58%	

Chief Bartus reports that the old jail cell, at the Police Dept., will be moving to the Historical Museum in November.
Chief Bartus has hired a new part-time seasonal officer, D. Yost.
Chief Bartus makes a request for additional handicapped parking spots at the Police Dept.
Mayor Ehrbar refers the request to Safety Committee.

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

7.C. **EMS** – Russ Maust reports: August 2026 – Activity Report

EMS runs: 31 Clinic calls: 20

This month’s EMS training covered burns and traumatic injuries. Cleveland Metro sent over some of their Simulation lab team and they brought their SimLab Dummies. These are very high-end simulation dummies to assist with the reality of the training. Doctor Kohler, a traumatic burn surgeon was also in attendance and assisted with the training. Thanks to Cleveland Metro, this was an amazing opportunity to learn with the best.
The EMS budget is currently at 45%.
This summer, Kelleys Island EMS had the highest run volume since partnering with Cleveland Metro, and I believe it has been the busiest season ever. We had many difficult and challenging incidents. Our volunteers faced these challenges with grace, and I would like to recognize and thank the volunteers of Kelleys Island EMS for their continued dedication, professionalism, and service to our community.

J. Wolfe requests a short update on the Drone program.
R. Maust reports that new contracts have been signed. The date for dock installation is December 14.

7.D. Fire Dept.- Chief Skeans: Runs for August 2026 – 5

We are waiting on the quote for repairs on the new fire truck. As soon as we have it, we can move forward with repairs and get it into service.

As a reminder, I will be leaving the island on Monday and returning on Thursday. Coverage for the Fire Department looks good.

The Fire Department is on track for the 2026 budget.

Mayor Ehrbar asks about the Fire Rating (ISO Rating).

R. Skeans reports that it was due to increase of structures on the island. These were the two big factors.

D. Lambros asks if it is due to change and adoption of new fire codes in 2025.

7.E. Water Department – T. Lange: New water meters have come in. A lot of the prep work has been completed. At the end of this month the tower people will be here to put a plan together for the remote read. A lot of meters being replaced over the next few months.

7.F. Finance – C. Kipfer, M. Gaither: No Meeting

7.G. Lands & Buildings – M. Gaither, G. Finger: No Meeting

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

7.I. Planning Commission – J. Wolfe: No Meeting

7.J. Design Review Board – R. Maust: 3 applications; all 3 approved

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

7.L. Transfer Station – J. Divoll, J. Wolfe: J. Divoll reports no meeting. Second scrap metal day next Saturday.

7.M. Village Administrator – Andy Federle: NPDES, PTI, & NOI permits have been submitted through K.E.M. and Bricker Graydon.

EPA's WPCLF funding re-nomination will be submitted by 9/25 deadline.

Village is looking to have the CMAR (Simonson Construction) conduct an early site package for site clearing and site package for entry drive, test hole digging for WWTP rock hardness, and ditch / stormwater work this fall in preparation for construction start.

7.N. Streets & Sidewalks- S. Stevenson, C. Kipfer: No meeting

7.O. Park Board – Marvin Robinson: S. Stevenson reports – Meeting last Monday, general discussion with no decisions made.

C. Kipfer asks if grant money will be used towards new pavilion and such.

A. Federle: Contractors Design has come out with some topographic designs and engineering study that I will present at the Park Board for review.

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

Mayor's Court report submitted by Rosalyn Ahner September 7, 2026:

For the month of August 2026, the court collected a total of \$.00: 4720.00

\$90.00 Computer Fund, \$90.00 Court Improvement Fund, \$27.00 Library Fund, \$110.00 Other Costs.

\$4299.00.00 General Fund.

All funds collected were from payment plans and fines. State was paid \$ 0.00: \$81.00 Victims of Crime, \$320.00 HB1 (state indigent support fund), \$0.00 State Bond Surcharge, \$14.00 Drug Law Enforcement/Justice Program Services.

Erie County Municipal was paid \$6.00 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 \$14158.00 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 – 107 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: addresses Sanitary Sewer and Water Treatment Ordinances. Council only needs to pass funding Ordinance at this time which authorizes village to submit applications to OPWC, OWDA, and USDA. The legislation dealing with permits is a simple rate increase; the last increase was in 1994. Many of the others are requests to apply and accept grant awards.

7.R. **Treasurer** - L. Klonaris reports: 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. I have been working with First Track technology to complete the Cybersecurity recommendations made to the village by Public Entity Pool. The State Auditor has contracted with Charles E. Harris & Assoc. to conduct the Village of Kelleys Island audits through 2030. The 2025 – 2026 Audit will begin next Spring.

Hydrant flushing being conducted through October.

In regards to the ½% increase to Resort Area Gross Receipts Excise Tax: The Department of Taxation sent out a letter as of August 20, 2026 to inform all businesses that the tax rate will be increasing from 1.5% to 2%. Rate increase will take effect on October 1, 2026.

7.S. **Telecommunications Oversight and Development Committee-** J.Wolfe; No Meeting. Frontier has been out cleaning up their lines and poles.

(next legislation numbers O – 20 and R - 5)

9.0 First Readings:

9.1 **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE AMENDING & 95.30 ENTITLED “PERMIT REQUIREMENTS”**

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E. EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

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

Motion to pass:

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

9.2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – R - _____ : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) SMALL GOVERNMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY/2028 ROUND 41 AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E. EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G. Finger ___1___, C. Kipfer, ___Y___, S. Stevenson___2___,
J. Divoll___Y___

Motion to pass:

RC: M. Gaither___1___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G. Finger ___Y___, C. Kipfer, ___2___, S. Stevenson___Y___,
J. Divoll___Y___

9.3 ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – _____ : AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP); REGULATING CONNECTIONS AND DISCHARGES; SETTING FORTH USER CLASSIFICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR USER CHARGES BY SEPARATE RESOLUTION; AND PRESCRIBING ENFORCEMENT, APPEALS, AND RELATED MATTERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO.

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E. EHRBAR)

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

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

9.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – _____ : A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR THE VILLAGE SANITARY SEWER UTILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E. EHRBAR)

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

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

9.5 RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – _____ : A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR HOMEOWNERS TO REQUEST DEFERRAL OF MANDATORY CONNECTION TO THE VILLAGE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ACKNOWLEDGING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUTURE CONNECTION

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E. EHRBAR)

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

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

9.6 RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – _____ : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (OWDA), OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC), UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA), OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF), US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) AND OTHER SOURCES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF LOAN AND GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND CREATING THE SANITARY SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND AND RELATED SUB FUNDS (DEBT SERVICE, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT/CAPITAL RESERVE, EMERGENCY RESERVE).

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E. EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: M. Gaither__Y__, J.Wolfe__1__, G. Finger __Y__, C. Kipfer, __2__, S. Stevenson__Y__,
J. Divoll__Y__

Motion to pass:

RC: M. Gaither__Y__, J.Wolfe____, G. Finger __1__, C. Kipfer, __2__, S. Stevenson____Y__,
J. Divoll__Y__

9.7 RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – R - _____ : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO (VILLAGE) TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, AND COMMUNITY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU (EPIC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 100,000.00 FOR THE COMMUNITY PAVILION AND PARKING LOT.

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: M. Gaither__2__, J.Wolfe__1__, G. Finger __Y__, C. Kipfer, __Y__, S. Stevenson__Y__,
J. Divoll__Y__

Motion to pass:

RC: M. Gaither__1__, J.Wolfe__Y__, G. Finger ____Y__, C. Kipfer, __Y__, S. Stevenson__2__,
J. Divoll__Y__

9.8 RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – R - _____ : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO (VILLAGE) TO ACCEPT A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AWARD APPROPRIATED THROUGH SENATE BILL 450 (S.B.450) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 300,000.00 FOR THE KELLEYS ISLAND COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

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

Motion to pass:

RC: M. Gaither__1__, J.Wolfe__Y__, G. Finger ____Y__, C. Kipfer, __Y__, S. Stevenson__Y__,
J. Divoll__2__

9.9 RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – O - _____ : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) EMERGENCY PROGRAM AND THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E. EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___1___, G. Finger ___Y___, C. Kipfer, ___Y___, S. Stevenson___2___,
J. Divoll___Y___

Motion to pass:

RC: M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G. Finger ___1___, C. Kipfer, ___2___, S. Stevenson___Y___,
J. Divoll___Y___

Mayor Ehrbar notes that 9.10 is essential to the EPA Grant that needs to be sent in by the end of this month. Request to Council to pass.

9.10 ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EARMARK 0.5 PERCENT OF RESORT TAX RECEIVED BY THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO (VILLAGE) TO SUPPORT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP)

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

C. Kipfer asks if this should or should have been presented to Finance Committee.

Mayor Ehrbar responds that this is second time around that we are applying for this EPA grant, you are right but, it just came up last week and is time sensitive.

D. Lambros explains that it is linked to the application; they want the village to be able to show that there is a revenue stream so that if there is a batching plant and if there is a loan.....

C. Kipfer states that he has questions as to if 0.5% is the right amount? Is this a temporary or permanent thing?

A. Federle suggests that if he wants to discuss in a Finance meeting should be early next week and then will need a special meeting to approve.

J. Divoll asks for deadline.

A. Federle responds September 28.

Mayor Ehrbar adds that this can be changed going forward.

C. Kipfer agrees to move forward as not to miss deadline.

A. Federle notes that this grant opportunity is over 4 million.

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___2___, G. Finger ___Y___, C. Kipfer, ___1___, S. Stevenson___Y___,
J. Divoll___Y___

Motion to pass:

RC: M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___1___, G. Finger ___Y___, C. Kipfer, ___Y___, S. Stevenson___Y___,
J. Divoll___2___

10.0 Second Readings:

10.1 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: M. Gaither_____, J.Wolfe_____, G. Finger _____, C. Kipfer, _____, S. Stevenson_____, J. Divoll_____

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

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
(TABLED 8/8/26)

(INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN JOE WOLFE)

Motion made by J. Wolfe to untable 11.1; second by S. Stevenson

RC: M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G. Finger ___Y___, C. Kipfer, ___NO___, S. Stevenson___Y___,
J. Divoll___Y___

Motion to pass:
RC: M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe__1___, G. Finger ___Y___, C. Kipfer, ___NO___, S. Stevenson___2___,
J. Divoll___Y___

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
(TABLED 8/8/26)

(INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN JOE WOLFE)

Motion made by J. Wolfe to untable 11.2; second by S. Stevenson

RC: M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G. Finger ___Y___, C. Kipfer, _NO___, S. Stevenson___Y___,
J. Divoll___Y___

Motion to pass:
RC: M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe__1___, G. Finger ___2___, C. Kipfer, ___NO___, S. Stevenson___Y___,
J. Divoll___Y___

12. **Items from the Mayor:** Reminds Council that they were going to form a group to help rewrite the personnel manual.

J. Wolfe and M. Gaither both agreed to set a meeting date and work on updating the manual.

13. Items from Council: C. Kipfer clarifies his objection to passing 11.1 and 11.2. C. Kipfer states that he is not against the Ordinance but, notes that both were tabled due to questions posed by the public. Those questions were never answered, no review.

14. Old Business:

15. Public Comment:

Marcie Mielke: Thank you to the KIPD and Jamie for handling my problem regarding chemical driftings.

Will there be any public meetings about sewer system in the near future?

Mayor Ehrbar: Yes, within the next month to month in a half.

L. Korenko: A few meetings ago, the names of 4 streets were changed. People are not using them. I had asked that maybe you should notify property owners on those streets so they can start using new names. My concern is that if you have a land line or Amplex, you are still using your original address. You have changed the names but, gave no advice.

D. Lambros: All companies need to be contacted individually. We need to get that done.

D. Hazard: Told that R-1 & R-2 legislation was tabled. Not hearing any answers to questions is what led to the tabling at the last meeting. Is there an obligation to answer those questions to the public before passing?

17. Correspondence:

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18. Motion to adjourn,

RC: M. Gaither __Y__, J.Wolfe __Y__, G. Finger ____1__, C. Kipfer, __Y__, S. Stevenson __2__,
J. Divoll __Y__

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:34


Lisa M Klonaris, Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Ronald E. Ehrbar