RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 22, 2026

The Village of Blanchester Council met in regular session on October 22, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. with the honorable John Carman, Mayor, presiding.

Ms. Marie Brooker	Present
Mr. Grant Coffman	Present
Ms. Stephanie Hanson	Present
Mr. Reilly Hopkins	Present
Ms. Lynn Lewis	Present
Mr. Josh Parks	Present

Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Hanson to approve the agenda.

Vote: Yea – Ms. Brooker, Mr. Grant Coffman, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Guest Speaker

Phil Blankenship, Agent of Record – reviewed the EBS Health Insurance Summary.

Reija Huculak, Deputy director of Adult Mental Health and Recovery discussed their upcoming 5-year renewal on the ballot in Nov. 2026.

Kim Clark, Vice President in training-community connections-Council on Aging in Southwestern Ohio. – gave information regarding the levy on the ballot.

Public Comment

Jake Hundley – 6467 Hunt Road, wanted to discuss his opinion on flock and how he wants them to be discontinued.

Logan Bixler – 17675 Edington Rd., Williamsburg wanted to discuss his opinion on flock and how he wants them to be discontinued.

Chris Hildebrandt – Wright St., Blanchester wanted to announce his candidacy for Mayor for the election in 2027 election. He is currently the zoning inspector, on the cemetery board, volunteers at the Blanchester Fire/EMS and is employed by the Loveland Fire Department.

Emily Collins – 804 E Center St. – wanted to discuss flock and how she wants it to be discontinued.

Becky Hundley – 6467 Hunt Road, wanted to discuss her opinion on flock and how she wants them to be discontinued.

Brady Johnson – 3521 Lucas Road – wanted to discuss his opinion on flock and how he wants them to be discontinued.

James Ponder – 249 W. Fancy – wanted to discuss his opinion on flock and how he wants them to be discontinued.

Ty Goodwin – 141 Orchard view Way – wanted to discuss his opinion on flock and how he wants them to be discontinued.

Brenda White – 5536 Maple Grove – wanted to discuss her opinion on flock and how she wants them to be discontinued.

Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Hanson to approve the minutes from October 8, 2026.

Vote: Yea – Ms. Brooker, Mr. Grant Coffman, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Approval of Bills and Reallocations

It was moved by Ms. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hopkins to approve the Bills/Reallocations from October 22, 2026.

Vote: Yea – Ms. Brooker, Mr. Coffman, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Hopkins reported that he wanted finance to give their approval for the ADA doors. It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Ms. Lewis to approve the purchase and installation of ADA door mechanics for the front and back doors at a cost not to exceed $12,000.

Vote: Yea – Ms. Brooker, Mr. Grant Coffman, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Safety & Service – Ms. Brooker had nothing to report, but did say the next meeting is Oct. 27, 2026.

Cemetery – Reported that the Cemetery Levy is coming up, but we are hoping that the community will see the need for the cemetery to be able to update the roads, fencing, building and clean up. He did state an oil tank was given to them so they did get that and it is ready should they need it since the other one is bad. No work will be done till after the election though in the cemetery.

Old Business

It was moved by Ms. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hopkins to approve Ordinance 2026.027 - An Ordinance Amending § 91.33 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Blanchester, Regarding the Confinement, Restraint, and Control of Dogs. **Third and Final Reading**

Vote: Yea – Ms. Brooker, Mr. Grant Coffman, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Ms. Lewis made a motion and Mr. Hopkins seconded to suspend the rules for the Town Hall meetings as stated in Resolution 2026.026 and the Village of Blanchester Public Comment and Town Hall Policy.

Vote: Yea – Ms. Brooker, Mr. Coffman, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Mr. Hopkins made a motion and Mr. Parks seconded the motion for amending Resolution 2026.026 and the Village of Blanchester Public Comment and Town Hall Policy making this a Third **Final Reading.**

Vote: Yea – Ms. Brooker, Mr. Coffman, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

New Business

It was moved by Ms. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Brooker to approve Ordinance 2026.028 Authorizing and Directing the Fiscal Officer to Transfer Funds Generated by the Implementation of Inside Kilowatt-Hour Distribution Tax from the General Fund to the Electric Enterprise Fund. **2nd Reading.**

Vote: Yea – Ms. Brooker, Ms. Lewis
Nay - Mr. Coffman, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Parks

Motion Failed

Department Reports

Solicitor – The Solicitor had nothing to report.

Parks – Mr. Jackson reported Boo Bash is on Oct. 29th 6-8 at municipal building.

Police – The Chief was absent from the meeting.

Street – Mr. Kidd had nothing to report.

BPA – nothing to report.

Zoning/Maintenance – Mr. Hilderbrandt reported he made a trip to Columbus to review their new recycling plant. He reviewed cost and why recycling is important for our Landfills. Jeff Wallace, from Clinton County Solid Waste was also there to speak on the topic and answer questions. Next, an update was asked about Kremers Towing and Mr. Hilderbrandt gave council that update. Nuisance lawn mowing was also discussed and asked if we use anyone besides D&B for that service. Mr. Hilderbrandt then brought up that the time frame he presented to council for a timeline for zoning violations and it was never moved forward and would like something to be done with this.

Mr. Hopkins made a motion and Mr. Coffman seconded to make changes to the time frame on zoning violations.

Vote: Yea – Ms. Brooker, Mr. Coffman, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Council Members

Mr. Coffman made a motion to have the flock cameras covered/unplugged until the reimbursement is made and then cancel them at the end of the contract within 72 hours. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: Yea –Mr. Coffman, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Parks
Nay – Ms. Brooker, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Lewis
Tie – Mayor Carmon - Nay

Motion Failed

Fiscal Officer – had nothing to report

Mayor – The mayor reported that the new "Welcome to Blanchester" signs have been installed.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Ms. Brooker that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 PM. All agreed to adjourn.

Approved: November 12, 2026

Mayor: John M Carmon

Attest: Regina Johnson