

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
December 29, 2025

The Village of Blanchester Council met in regular session and held a Public Hearing on December 29, 2025, at 6:15 P.M. with the honorable John Carman, Mayor, presiding.

Mrs. Marie Brooker	Present
Mr. William Garner	Absent
Mr. John Hill	Present
Mr. Reilly Hopkins	Present
Mrs. Lynn Lewis	Present
Mr. Josh Parks	Absent

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Hill to excuse Mr. Garner and Mr. Parks from the meeting.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
 Nay – None

Motion Passed

Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hill approve the agenda.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Garner, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
 Nay – None
 Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

A Public Hearing was held on December 29, 2025 to discuss and consider updates to the Village Zoning Ordinance 90.017, by incorporating the following Ordinance's, 2002.003, 2011.020, 2015.027, 2016.016, 2017.022, 2020.032, 2021.041, and Ordinance 2024.008. And the Re-zoning of Parcel No. 220081503000000 located at 805 Center St., Blanchester Ohio.

The following individuals were sworn in by our Village Solicitor prior to them speaking during this public meeting.

John Matos spoke regarding an application for Zoning Amendment to change the zoning at 805 Center St., Blanchester, Ohio from B-1 to B-5 to put a car dealership there.

Tina Chrisman – spoke as to why she did not think it was a good idea to allow a car dealership to go into that spot. Her concerns were the noise and the clutter they would bring.

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The Public Hearing was closed at 6:42 and we moved right into the regular council meeting.

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Brooker to approve the minutes from December 9 and December, 11 2025.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Approval of Bills and Reallocations

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Brooker to approve the Bills/Reallocations from December 29, 2025.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Hopkins had nothing to report, but the first Finance meeting will be on January 8th at 5:30 PM.

Safety & Service – Nothing to report. Their first meeting will be January 22 at 6:00 PM.

Cemetery –Nothing to report.

Old Business

Sidewalk Committee chairperson will be Paul Jackson. He will be putting together a committee of 5 people to be on this committee.

New Business

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hopkins that Resolution 2025.026 – A Resolution for Supplemental Appropriations be passed as an emergency.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

It was moved by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Hopkins that Ordinance 2025.027 – An Ordinance to amend the Village of Blanchester Zoning Ordinance be passed as an emergency.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hill that Resolution 2025.028 – An Ordinance Initiating Amendment to the Village of Blanchester Zoning Map be passed as an emergency.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Brooker that Resolution 2025.029 – A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Renew the Park Levy Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation be passed as an emergency.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Department Reports

Solicitor – The Solicitor had nothing to report.

Parks – The Parks Dept. had nothing to report.

Police – Nothing to report.

Street – Nothing to report.

BPA – 2026 BPA Board Meetings will be the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM.

Zoning/Maintenance – Chris Hilderbrandt still working with a company to move into CCPI. Nothing set in stone as of this time.

Fiscal Officer – Regina Johnson nothing to report.

Mayor – The mayor reviewed schedules and appointments.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Lewis that the council meeting schedule be approved as submitted.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hopkins that the Appointments provided by the mayor be approved as submitted.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Discussion Item

It was discussed to do away with the public comments during regular council meetings and implement a new “Town Hall” meeting once per quarter instead. There were no council members that were against it, but it was tabled until the next meeting.

Executive Session

1. Enter Executive Session for the purpose of items under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 G1 – To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee of official.

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hill to enter Executive Session at 7:26pm.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Present in Executive Session: Mayor Carman, Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins. Mrs. Lewis, Solicitor and Paul Daniels.

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hill to return to regular Council meeting from Executive Session at 7:49 pm.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None.
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

It was recommended to hire Russ Kidd as the new Street Commissioner at Step B of the payscale.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to move forward with offering him the position as long as he removes himself from the Park Board.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
 Nay – None
 Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Brooker that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 PM. All agreed to adjourn.

Approved: 01/08/2026
Mayor: John M. Carman
Attest: Regina Johnson

