

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

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

Mrs. Marie Brooker	Present
Mr. Grant Coffman	Present
Mr. John Hill	Present
Mr. Reilly Hopkins	Present
Mrs. Lynn Lewis	Present
Mr. Josh Parks	Present

Agenda

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

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

Motion Passed

Guest Speaker - Phil Blankenship spoke about the state of our EBS insurance. Everything at this time is looking on target.

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Coffman to approve the minutes from January, 8 2026.

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

Motion Passed

Approval of Bills and Reallocations

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the Bills/Reallocations from January 22, 2026.

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

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Hopkins had nothing to discuss

Safety & Service – Mrs. Brooker had nothing to discuss.

Cemetery –Nothing to report.

Old Business

New Business

Department Reports

Solicitor – The Solicitor had nothing to report.

Parks – The Parks Dept. reported that their next event was the Valentines Dance for those in 7th grade or younger. The Dance will be held on February 14, 2026 from 6-9.

Police – The Chief had nothing to report

Street – Nothing to report.

BPA – James Bowling reported that the Landlord, Tenant, BPA subcommittee has met several times over the past couple of months. They have made the change that after 30 days delinquent, service will be shut off. Also, initial deposits for service will all be increased by \$50.00. He also stated they will be asking for a 5% increase in sewer rates for this year, and 5% for next year. He did review items that still need repaired and or replaced which is why they have the need for the increase. They also reported an increase in the electric rates by 10% to help start covering the need for the new transformers and breakers plus the new substation. The water department will also have a rate increase of 10% as well.

Zoning/Maintenance – Chris Hilderbrandt showed new forms he will be using while out doing zoning violations that he can leave on the residents' door. This should help him be more efficient.

Fiscal Officer – Regina Johnson reported that W-2's and 1099's would go out by the end of January.

Mayor – The mayor asked for approval to send Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Coffman and Mrs. Lewis to training.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the training.

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

Motion Passed

Discussion Item

Council continued the discussion on putting a moratorium on the Data Centers. It was asked for the Solicitor to draw up the moratorium for final approval.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks that the meeting be adjourned at 7:18 PM. All agreed to adjourn.

Approved: 2/12/26

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Lizina Jackson