

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 9, 2026

The Village of Blanchester Council met in regular session and held a regular meeting on April 9, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. with the honorable John Carman, Mayor, presiding.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Brooker and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to approve the absence of John Hill, Reilly Hopkins.

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

**Motion Passed**

**Agenda**

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

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

**Motion Passed**

**Guest Speaker**

Mr. Mike McCarty – Clinton County Commissioner spoke briefly about what the commissioners are working on and that they are just out seeing what they can do for the Village.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Brooker to approve the minutes from March, 25, 2026.

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

**Motion Passed**

### **Approval of Bills and Reallocations**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve the Bills/Reallocations from April 9, 2026.

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

**Motion Passed**

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Hopkins had nothing to report

**Safety & Service** – Mrs. Brooker had nothing to report

**Cemetery** –Carla spoke about the community service that is being done at the cemetery and the clean-up that is going on. The street department has been clearing out along the creek with the help of volunteers to uncover old graves and make room for additional graves. It was brought up to see if the Garden Club could still plant flowers up front.

### **Old Business**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Brooker to approve Ordinance 2026.009, An Ordinance Levying a \$5.00 Motor Vehicle License Tax as Authorized by Section 4504.173 of the Ohio Revised Code. This is the third and final reading.

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

**Motion Passed**

### **New Business**

### **Discussion Item**

### **Department Reports**

**Solicitor** – The Solicitor had nothing to report.

**Parks** – The Parks Dept. reported that the Easter Egg hunt went well. They had over 500 kids participate in the event. They then talked about the Cruise-In for cars of the decades that will be held on May 16. Parade will start at the High School and end at the Green Space. They also spoke on the Renewal tax levy that will be on the ballot this May, reiterating it is a renewal so it would not increase taxes at all. They are working to get the Memorial Wall of Veteran to be displayed at the Veterans Park on Memorial Day 2027.

**Police** – Chief Houghton gave his monthly report. They've done officer firearm training. He spoke about April 25<sup>th</sup>, and the Color Run that will be going on through town. They will also be doing a drug take back day on this day, the booth will be set up at Kroger from 10-2. They were also involved in active aggressor day on April 7-8 at the High School along with several other

agencies. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> they have LAPC coming to town to do training on hazard chemicals being released after a crash. This training will take place from 8-12 in the area around McDonalds and Taco Bell.

**Street** – They are still working to finish up the repair work at the bridge on 28 near the cemetery.

**BPA** – Nothing to report

**Zoning/Maintenance** – Chris Hilderbrandt had nothing to report

**Fiscal Officer** – Nothing to report.

**Mayor** – Mayor Carman acknowledged and thanked the council members that are getting out in the community and helping in the events that were being discussed during the meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Coffman that the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 PM. All agreed to adjourn.

Approved: 4-23-26

Mayor: John M Carman

Attest: Regina Johnson

