

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 23, 2026

The Village of Blanchester Council met in regular session and held a regular meeting on April 23, 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. Hopkins to approve the agenda.

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

Motion Passed

Guest Speaker

American Legion Aux. was present for the Proclamation for Poppy Flower Day to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve the minutes from April 9, 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. Parks to approve the Bills/Reallocations from April 23, 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 report
- **Safety & Service** – Mrs. Brooker asked council to consider putting a handrail in the walkway coming into the Municipal Building to provide extra safety to our residents and employees coming into the building. The mayor stated he would get quotes prior to the next Safety & Service meeting.
- **Cemetery** – It was recommended by the mayor and moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Lewis that Marilyn Wilson be appointed to the Cemetery Board to replace Paul Daniels who stepped down.

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

Motion Passed

We have received two quotes for cemetery paving to be done, we are still waiting on the third quote. He will have those prior to the next finance committee meeting.

Old Business - none

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. Parks to enter Executive Session at 6:45pm.

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

Motion Passed

Present in Executive Session: Mayor Carman, Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Coffman, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks, Solicitor Representative and James Bowling.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Brooker to return to regular Council meeting from Executive Session at 7:12 pm.

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

Motion Passed

New Business

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Brooker that no action of Ordinance 2026.011 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of Justin Dickman Contract for Legal services, should be the responsibility of the BPA Board and no action by council is needed for their approval.

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

Motion Passed

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Lewis that Ordinance 2026.012 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of Ram Reddy Contract be approved.

Vote: Yea – Mrs. Brooker, Mr. Coffman, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Discussion Item - none

Department Reports

Solicitor – The Solicitor had nothing to report.

Parks – The Parks Dept. reported that the next event will be Cruising through the Decades, which will be on May 16th. They also discussed the Park Levy Renewal that is coming up on the Primary election. Wants to be sure everyone understands this is a renewal and not a new tax.

Police – It was discussed that the police will have a drug take back day, a color run and an emergency training scenario that will be held behind McDonalds on Saturday, May 2nd.

Street – They are still working with ODOT with the road issue they had on St. Rt. 28 near the cemetery. Also working with them on a couple new crosswalks that they are wanting to put in. The mayor stated that we did receive a grant for the portable traffic signals for \$40,000.

BPA – Nothing to report.

Zoning/Maintenance – Stated that we will be having community clean-up day May 28th – May 29th from 8-5 each day. Drop off point will be in front of the municipal building.

Fiscal Officer – Nothing to report.

Mayor – Nothing to report.

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hopkins that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 PM. All agreed to adjourn.

Approved: 5/14/26

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Regina Johnson