

Village of Higginsport
Village Council Meeting
June 8, 2026

The Council of the Village of Higginsport met in regular session at the Village Community Center on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with all members present except for Kathy Adams and Matt Adams.

Also, present: DJ Osborn, Village Solicitor, Fire Chief Rob Starrett, Dean Miracle, Sandy Bear, Greg Wilson, Duane Germann, Tina Germann, Trish Wood, Eddie Crawford, Scott Wilburn, Billy Norton and Pam Norton.

Mayor Lester Bear called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Participation

Greg Wilson provided an update regarding the sewer project. He provided Council with a written Project Cost Estimate for the new sewer project.

Billy and Pam Norton introduced themselves to the Council. They have purchased the old school real estate and had building and property questions for the Council.

Trish Wood provided an update regarding the America 250 celebration. Invited everyone to participate in helping with the vendor booth on Saturday, July 4th at the Brown County Fairgrounds.

Scott Wilburn reminded Council that the dirt at the end of Gaines Street is no longer available to the public. Residence can get dirt from the cemetery and the village park.

Dean Miracle reported that the village tree project was almost completed. He thanked Duane Germann for volunteering his time to cut and clean up the trees and brush at the cemetery. He also reported to Council that he approved Chief Shawn Elliott to use some comp time for the second week of the pay period. Also, he asked Council to approve giving Chief Elliott a week of pay as a wedding gift however Council did not vote on that request.

Police Department Report:

No report. Chief Elliott was absent from Council meeting.

Fire Department Report:

Chief Starett reported that the tornado sirens have been fixed and are now working properly. The volunteer firefighters have completed their driving training requirements. The fire department volunteered their time and completed the Bench project at the park. Soon

the fire department will be pressure-washing the tennis court and basketball court at the village park. The Chief also brought to the attention of Council that there is poisonous hemlock growing by the dumpster.

DJ Osborn Village Solicitor will check with Probate Court the status of the burnt building estate. Also, he will review the court procedure needed to approve the appropriation of the unused K9 Funds.

Linda Fester provided Council with an update regarding the capacity grant. She reported that she will be attending the First Annual Ohio River Commission Summit in Cincinnati, Ohio.

New Business

Resolution 25-06

Motion by: Linda Fester Seconded by: Mark Fester

WHEREAS the Council discussed and agreed to approve Cindy Brown to move forward establishing the gov. domain website for the Village.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Council approved Cindy Brown to move forward with establishing the gov. domain website for the Village.

Vote: Patrick Elliott Yes, and Scott Null, Yes. Kathy Adams, not present and Matt Adams, not present.

Council President Mark Fester reported he has spoken to Brown County Rural Water and is reviewing the cost for the sewer and water bills for the Village. He also reported that the landscaping project is scheduled to be completed on time. He notified Council that he had received notification that the Village will be receiving a \$50,000 grant for the pickleball Court.

Mayor Lester Bear reported to Council that Council Member Kathy Adams and Council Member Matt Adams notified him by telephone that they would be submitting their resignations from Village Council in the next week due to moving outside of the Village.

Motion by: Scott Null **Seconded by:** Mark Fester to approve the May minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by: Scott Null **Seconded by:** Mark Fester to pay the village bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by: Mark Fester **Seconded by:** Scott Null to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Lester Beair, Mayor

Robin Wallace, Fiscal Officer

Mark Fester, Council President

Linda Fester, Council Member

Patrick Elliott, Council Member

Scott Null, Council Member

Kathy Adams, Council Member
Not Present

Matt Adams, Council Member
Not Present