

**Village of Higginsport
Village Council Meeting
April 13, 2026**

The Council of the Village of Higginsport met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm with all members present.

Visitors present: Police Chief Elliott, Dean Miracle, Sandy Bear, Duane Germann, Tina Germann, Drew Scott, Trish Wood and Peggy Wood.

Mayor Lester Bear called the meeting to order and led everyone to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Department Report

Chief Elliott reported on the following:

Golf Cart inspections had started.

Starting Monday, April 20, 2026, citations would be issued to individuals with unnecessary junk on property.

Police car will need brakes soon.

Fire Department Report

Drew Scott reported that vehicle maintenance would be completed soon.

Driving training will be conducted at the Ripley Fire Department in May,

Additional Business

Mark Fester reported sewer project and riverfront project are both moving forward. Groundbreaking in September and landscaping in the fall.

Scott Null requested an update regarding the K-9 fund being reappropriated to the police fund. Mayor Bear will contact Solicitor David Osborn for update.

Matt Adams requested an update regarding the burnt house. Chief Elliott to check with Solicitor David Osborn for a status update on the Probate court case.

Kathy Adams inquired about the mowing bids for the cemetery. Patrick Elliott said the project has never been advertised only by word of mouth. Sandy Bear said Buck Maloney had mowed the cemetery in the past for \$4700 and is covered with insurance and workers compensation.

All members agreed for Buck Maloney to continue to mow the cemetery this year at the rate of \$4700. No vote was taken.

Patrick Elliott brought up that several cemetery stones need repairs. Mayor Bear will ask the community for volunteers. Chief Elliott will check with the County regarding possible community services available. Duane Germann offered to help with trimming the trees and bushes but requested help with picking up the brush.

Patrick Elliott asked if the project grant covered purchasing mowing equipment. Mark Fester said that purchasing equipment is not included in the grant. Dean Miracle will check on state website for pricing of mowers and Mayor Bear will check with local dealers.

Linda Fester gave update that the next report is due regarding the capacity grant. She will be requesting the next cash advance soon.

Dean Miracle will provide additional information soon regarding the rules and regulations for setting up a permit system for the flood zone.

Motion by: Mark Fester, seconded by: Scott Null to pay the bills.

Motion by: Mark Fester, seconded by Matt Adams to approve the March minutes.

Motion by: Mark Fester, seconded by Kathy Adams to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Lester Beair, Mayor

Mark Fester, Council President

Kathy Adams, Council Member

Matt Adams, Council Member

Linda Fester, Council Member

Scott Null, Council Member

Patrick Elliott, Council Member

Robin R. Wallace, Fiscal Officer