

MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor DeLong, Burgess, Hubbard, Wackerly, Holmes and Wadsworth were in attendance. Craig DeLong was absent. Kaltenbaugh and Neading were also in attendance with Murdock attending via Zoom.

Motion by Burgess, second by Wackerly to accept the absence of Craig DeLong. All council members approved.

Motion by Holmes, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 5, 2025. All council members approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

LEGISLATURE:

PARK: Hubbard discussed the pavilion area. The grass around the pavilions and the weeds are getting high, the tables need cleaned up, and the permanent grills could use attention. Kaltenbaugh will discuss these items with the service department. Hubbard asked about the grant through Encino for the posts. Kaltenbaugh explained that they were looking for larger scale projects. He also discussed the option of doing fencing across the front of the playground area. Hubbard asked about MCDF looking into repairs to the walking track before it becomes a major repair project.

FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT: Neading provided council with the RITA, Fund Status, Payments and Receipt reports as of 5/19/25. She reported that she and Foster continue to work with the auditors. She also updated council on the HTRW report completed by Stone Environmental for the Phase 2 project with the Army Corps. They anticipate completing the report in early June. Neading submitted the ad for the Budget Hearing, it will be held July 7th prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting so that it can be submitted to the county prior to the due date. Neading spoke with Archer Energy, the company that has sent letters to residents regarding joining the aggregate that Brown Township is part of. Archer is partnered with Trebel Energy. They explained to Neading that the Village was included within the Township's agreement, but she and Kaltenbaugh are going to continue to work on the issue because the Village did not sign any agreements. Neading did encourage checking energychoice.ohio.gov also known as "Apples to Apples" to explore all suppliers, their pricing, and any stipulations. Neading received a Public Records Request from Smart Procure for a listing of Current Employee Information, she completed and submitted the request.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Kaltenbaugh discussed that the Service Department completed the hydrant flushing. They are spending a lot of time mowing between the park, tower, water plant, and State Highway areas. The hot box was repaired and is back in service, and they were able to borrow Carrollton's hot box to help get patching done while repairs were made. Kaltenbaugh spoke to Sentry Siren, he explained that the process has been very difficult to get everyone communicating. There is an issue between Staley Communications and the County, he has been working to resolve it. Overall, the issues with setting up the communication between the siren and the County has taken a lot more time than anyone expected. He spoke with the EPA regarding funding for Phase 2 and they explained that awards will be made mid to late June. He is working with Pittsburgh Tank to clean the clear wells and the tanks. Kaltenbaugh explained that he drove through town and found some areas that still need patched, but overall the road conditions have improved.

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Holmes asked why the Service Department did not haul patch in the dump truck while the hot box was down. Kaltenbaugh explained that it is difficult to get the patch out and down before it starts to harden when it is hauled in a dump truck. Kaltenbaugh further explained that the Service Department is working hard to keep up while working around the weather. He discussed that patching cannot be done when the holes are full of water, the asphalt will not bond when there is water present.

Kaltenbaugh reported that the roof at the Water Treatment Plant is done. The water CCR report is completed. He and Mayor DeLong are meeting with Josh from Engineering Associates regarding the possible waterline extension if the Energy Plant does move forward. It was discussed that Daystar has completed their move to the new building. It was also discussed that with a paving project, the Commissioners have agreed to provide the risers for the sewers moving forward. Kaltenbaugh also noted that there has been an issue with the EOG trucks using the wrong roads around town, they are to be using Wicker. The road was built up and resurfaced to accommodate the trucks and prevent other roads from being damaged.

MAYOR: Mayor DeLong reported that he met with Mark Scott, current Malvern Superintendent and Danielle Hawk the incoming Superintendent for the 2025-2026 school year. Mayor DeLong explained that it will be a smooth transition.

Wackerly asked if the locker room project is on schedule. DeLong explained that it was according to his conversation with Scott and Hawk.

COUNCIL: Burgess discussed road projects and brought up the condition of Clay Street and asked Kaltenbaugh if something could be done. Burgess also reminded Council and the Press about Cleanup Day on May 31st from 8:00-12:00.

It was discussed that there were two applicants for the Seasonal Park Position. Burgess made a motion to hire Stephanie Good for the Seasonal Park Position starting immediately and ending October 31, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour not to exceed 20 hours per week, second by Wackerly. All council members approved.

Wackerly reported that there were 91 Ambulance calls since the last meeting. He also noted that the new addition has started. Wackerly discussed that he has heard of several complaints and has witnessed himself the increase in golf carts, mini bikes, and four-wheelers. He urged that the next time there is a police levy on the ballot that there be support, it is the only way to enforce the legislation.

Wadsworth discussed the semi-trucks turning on to Cherry Street from State Route 183 to cut across to Main Street. There has been damage done to the curb and catch basin. He asked if a larger sign could be put up to prevent the trucks from using the side street. He also provided Kaltenbaugh with the information for the company to repair the damage done. Wadsworth asked if there have been any quotes obtained for a paving project. Kaltenbaugh is waiting to hear back from the EPA on Phase 2 funding before moving forward with paving.

FINANCE: Motion by Burgess, second by Hubbard to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for \$6,805.27 pre-approved by the Finance Committee 5/19/25, \$8,002.44 in bi-weekly payroll paid 5/22/25, and \$8,456.67 in monthly payroll paid on 5/30/2025. All council members approved.

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QUESTIONS: Clapper clarified the details for the new hire for the seasonal park position. He also asked if there had been any contact regarding the Farmers Market. Neading has not heard from Jan Oprean, but will reach out and try to get an update.

DeLong asked council if they are ok with food trucks being setup in the park. It was agreed that there are no issues with the food trucks setting up in the park area.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Holmes, second by Hubbard to adjourn. All council members approved.

Next regular council meeting will be Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Malvern Village Hall.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer