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Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Wackerly, second by Burgess to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 18, 2026. McCort asked for a correction to a last name. All council members approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: John Champer was in attendance to discuss various concerns within the Village. John stated that he wishes he would have started attending meetings sooner to express his concerns. He is concerned with the level of frustration throughout the Village and does not remember a time where things were so contentious. Champer expressed that he cares about the Village and wants to see the best for the Village as a whole. He also noted that the Village is a business and needs to start operating like one. He discussed options for increasing interest income by using excess funds to invest in short term CDs. He also expressed concerns with current staffing and feels that it could be done more efficiently and more effectively. He again suggested that the Village consider moving back to two Service employees.

LEGISLATURE: Motion by Holmes, second by Burgess to suspend rule 731.16 for Ordinance 1-2026, for the 2026 Permanent Appropriations. All council members approved.

Motion by Holmes, second by Burgess to adopt Ordinance 1-2026, an Ordinance appropriating various funds of the Village of Malvern, Carroll County, Ohio, for fiscal year 2026, and declaring an emergency. All council members approved.

Information was provided by Murdock regarding establishing Zoning within the Village. Kaltenbaugh discussed the importance of having something in place to address zoning concerns. Council was asked to review the information and discuss at the next meeting.

PARK: Hubbard reported that the Park Committee had a meeting prior to the Council Meeting to discuss various items. The Committee decided to remove the old sign/board from the park that was used for disc golf announcements. It was determined that the board had not been utilized in a long time. They also discussed upgrades to the sand volleyball court including: a new net, removing the old sand, putting down a base layer, installing new sand, and adding edging to the court to keep the sand in the court. It was also reported that Amy Mays volunteered to look into getting mulch donated for the hill in the park between the park and Dairy Queen. It was discussed that the mulch should be treated to prevent poison ivy and rapid decay. It was also discussed that the photo provided the previous week should be addressed as time permits, such as painting.

Holmes suggested using 4 inch plastic piping to create the edging at the sand volleyball court.

FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT: Neading provided Council with the Appropriations, Revenue, Fund Status, and Payments and Receipts as of March 2, 2026. Neading presented Council with an option to change their existing checking account with Consumers to a "Public Funds Sweep Account." This would allow the Village to earn interest daily on the surplus funds in the checking account. A minimum balance would be established to avoid service charges and any amount over the compensating balance would be swept into an investment account, earning at a rate of 3.20%, 3.25% APY. The funds are insured and there is no risk for loss. McCort made a motion to change the checking account from a basic account to a Public Fund Sweep Account earning at a current rate of

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3.20%, with no other changes made to the account, second by Wackerly. McCort, Wackerly, Holmes, Hubbard, and Burgess voted yes; Wadsworth voted no. Neading will contact Consumers to make the necessary changes. Neading also reported that the annual State of Ohio Local Tax Certification was completed. She also noted the annual request for contact information from OWDA. She has been working with Pam Ewing on waterline grant information. Neading contacted Lemmon Stump Removal for a quote on grinding the stumps in the canal. He quoted the project in sections, with 57 stumps in the unmowed portion of the canal by the Football Stadium costing \$1,800; 14 stumps in the mowed portion of the canal costing \$1,450, and 5 stumps near the playground area costing \$525. He will grind the trunks and roots to 8-10" below the grade. Wadsworth made a motion to proceed with the removal of all stumps not to exceed a total cost of \$4,000.00, second by Holmes. All council members approved. Neading reported that she will be meeting with Vasco on Wednesday at 10:00 for a quote on the walking track project. She is also meeting with Southway Fencing and Seven Spring Fencing for additional fencing quotes. She also plans to obtain additional quotes for tree removal from the walking track area. Neading reported that she setup the Monday.com account for Kaltenbaugh and the Service Department.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Kaltenbaugh reported that the Service Department has been patching roads as weather permits. They have had several line locates. They repaired a leak at 416 Clay Street. The Robertsville Road property is still having low pressure issues. Kaltenbaugh explained that they are going to dig at the curb box to see if the issue is at the box. They have worked on clearing sticks in the park. They removed the dead wiring from the electrical panel in the park. There was an issue with the electrical box downtown, which is why the lights were not working. He discussed that one of the plows will need to be replaced. He is hopeful that hot patch will be available by the end of the month if the weather cooperates. He noted that the Service Department would be completing the hydrant flushing and valve exercising in March. Kaltenbaugh spoke with Advance Power regarding their project outside of Carrollton. They have not made any decisions at this time for a water source. He also noted that the Trailer Park had a sizeable leak and explained that it is hard on the plant. They were aware of the leak and were working on the necessary repairs. Kaltenbaugh discussed the CDBG grant and explained that it is every other year, and this is the off year according to Commissioner Mondranski. He also discussed that the CDBG grant used to be facilitated through the Commissioners, but is now through OMEGA. Kaltenbaugh reported that Sheets checked the wiring downtown and determined that the wires underground are bad. The Village has two options, either run new line through existing conduit and hope that it can be pulled through, or dig and put new conduit and lines in. Kaltenbaugh believes new wire can be pulled through the existing conduit. He provided Pam Ewing with water leak reports for upcoming grants. Kaltenbaugh discussed the paint sprayers and explained that there was a different option through Sherwin Williams, the other sprayer that was discussed at the previous meeting, has a dual sprayer. A single sprayer would cost approximately \$6,000. Neading had provided other options, including a different sprayer that Jeff Burgess had found through Grainger and also a rental option from Sunbelt Rentals in Canton. Council determined that they would like to see the sprayer be rented for 2026 and see how it works. Kaltenbaugh reported that a letter was posted on the truck that is being parked at the former Perfect Products building. He believes it is the same truck that was parking there last year.

Wackerly asked if John from Christian Care Center had contacted Kaltenbaugh regarding purchasing property on Bridge Street to build on.

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McCort asked how many ton of patch can be held in the Hot Box. Kaltenbaugh explained that it can hold 2 ton, and he is working on them picking up a load in the morning, laying the patch, and getting another load before the end of the day to be able to start spreading the patch earlier.

MAYOR: Mayor DeLong discussed Cleanup Day. Burgess is going to reach out to Cliff Burwell to determine what dates are available.

COUNCIL: Burgess discussed the Cherry Street property that has the tire issue. She spoke with the property owners, Fallon and John Jones. They had previously reached out to the renter and asked that the tires be kept in the garage. The individual is trying to sell the tires, and has since neatly stacked them. The property owners are going to continue to work with the individual and require him to keep the property in good condition.

Holmes discussed the Volleyball net and asked that it be removed.

Hubbard reported that she attended the most recent Fire Board meeting. They discussed construction for the new facility and are hopeful to start work in 2027. They are currently working on grants to obtain funding to be able to proceed with the project and offset costs. It was also discussed that the Christian Care Center was interested in renting part of the new station, as they are running out of room. She also reported that she discussed the new Safety Siren and asked Castellucci if the department would be interested in using the system for fire calls also. Castellucci discussed concerns about being able to connect to the system and does not know how it was programmed. Kaltenbaugh explained that it was setup to accommodate both the Fire System and the Tornado System.

Wackerly discussed that he would like to work on fixing the sidewalks in sections. He noted that Neading looked into grant options, and they are available and due in the fall. He would like to start work where the Safe Route to School project ended, making repairs to the library and then to the square downtown.

McCort discussed that Wadsworth had previously discussed missing street signs in town. He asked if the Service Department had made a list of the missing signs to start replacing them. Kaltenbaugh will look into it. He also discussed that he spoke with Union Metal regarding the lights in town. The engineer explained that most of the lights have three (3) set screws and they have found that by tapping a 4th hole and using specialty set screws could improve the situation. McCort has an email from the engineer with the information. It was also suggested that the lights are at the end of their life and are due to be replaced. Kaltenbaugh will ask Sheets if a 4th screw was put in. McCort is going to request information and pricing on replacement.

Wadsworth reported that the Road Committee met prior to the Council Meeting to discuss and prioritize road projects. He also discussed that he contacted Traffic Safety Store regarding the stop signs with warning lights. He provided a quote of the solar stop signs with various sizes available. Neading noted that she found a solar flashing light on Amazon that would attach to the pole and were sold in a four (4) pack for \$25. It was agreed one pack of the solar lights would be purchased to see if they would remedy the problem. McCort asked if Council could think of the roads they would like to see repaired and be ready to discuss at the next meeting.

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Motion by McCort to enter into executive session for information in regards to economic development, second by Holmes. All council members approved. All council members, Mayor DeLong, Kaltenbaugh and Neading entered into executive session at 8:07. The regular meeting resumed at 8:18. No action was taken.

Motion by Burgess to enter into executive session for the purchase of land or property, second by Holmes. All council members approved. All council members, Mayor DeLong, Kaltenbaugh and Neading entered into executive session at 8:19. The regular meeting resumed at 8:26. No action was taken.

FINANCE: Motion by Burgess, second by Hubbard to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for: \$1,851.77 approved by the Finance Committee 2/28/26 and \$1,178.35 on 3/2. Also, bi-weekly payroll of \$6,165.75 paid 2/26/26 and monthly payroll of \$12,540.00 paid 2/27/26. All council members approved.

QUESTIONS: McCort made a motion to advertise for the mowing of the park for two (2) weeks, with bids being due on April 3rd to be reviewed for the April 6th Council Meeting, second by Hubbard. McCort, Hubbard and Wadsworth voted yes; Holmes, Wackerly, and Burgess voted no; DeLong voted yes. Neading will submit the ad. McCort added that he would be available for any questions or if anyone would want to walk through the park.

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

Next regular council meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Malvern Village Hall.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer