MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 2026

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 Teams.

Motion by Burgess, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 1, 2026. Burgess, Hubbard, Wackerly, McCort, Wadsworth voted yes; Holmes abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Ron Maxwell from Whitaker Myers Group was in attendance to discuss the current insurance renewal. He will be the Village's new representative, as Joel Bender is retiring. The current policy is expiring in July. The renewal cost of the blanket policy is $16,861 which is an increase of $483. He explained that the increase is due to 3% property value increase over the last year. He also highlighted that the new cyber program changed the deductible from $10,000 down to $5,000. Neading will follow up with Maxwell with council's decision or any further questions.

Joann Cinson was in attendance to discuss the property lines at her Wilson Street property. She has concerns about the lines as they are marked for an auction on July 7th. She feels that Kiko marked the property lines incorrectly. Hubbard suggested she reach out to an attorney to assist with the matter. McCort asked if there were any documented easements that would allow access through the property. She explained that there were none. Council agreed that the best course of action would be for Cinson to consult with an attorney on next steps.

Scott Campbell was in attendance to discuss the Disc Golf Course. He noted that there has been a lot of growth in disc golf since COVID. He provided council with a detailed plan for expanding the course from 9 to 18 holes, adding tee boxes, signage, and new baskets. He also discussed that he works with Don Dycus who helps clean up the disc golf courses and would be willing to assist in the project. Holmes asked if there was a design prepared to move from 9 to 18 holes. Campbell explained that when he designed the original 9 holes, he included an expansion plan to add the other 9 holes in the future. Campbell also believes that having 18 holes will attract more play and could accommodate tournaments. McCort asked if it is a seasonal sport. Campbell explained that people play year round including winter tournaments. Holmes asked if there are grants available. Campbell explained that Walmart offers grants for equipment and Neading included that the Carroll County Foundation Grant might be an option also. Hubbard asked who would help clearing the area if the expansion would move forward. Campbell explained that Don Dycus would consider taking on the project, but there would be an expense.

John Champer was in attendance to discuss concerns throughout the Village. He highlighted that this is the 8th meeting he has attended. He has talked with council members and trustees over time and he has the support of citizens and local business owners. He noted that he contacted Tyler Sheets to discuss the electric lines downtown. He noted that there were four areas that the lines had been cut and spliced back together. Champer felt that it was an issue caused by the waterline replacement and should have been fixed properly at that time. Champer asked if Kaltenbaugh would be discussing the lights on the bridge. Kaltenbaugh explained that he spoke with Sheets, but will need two additional quotes, due to council wanting three quotes for projects. Champer asked if the backhoe repairs were completed. Kaltenbaugh reported that it is being worked on. He asked about the curb painting. DeLong reported that new paint was purchased, the paint they had was oil based and old. Champer asked DeLong if he was happy with the state of the Village, such as the park, curbs, pot hole repairs. DeLong explained that things throughout the Village are improving and progress is being made. Champer asked if DeLong was happy with the Village Administrator, DeLong reported that he is. Champer would like to see a plan for the future.

Nolan Champer was in attendance. He encouraged everyone to keep working together to move forward and to get things done.

LEGISLATURE: Motion to suspend rule 731.17 Holmes, second by Burgess for Ordinance 2-2026 (Amendment to appropriations for medical insurance). All council members approved.

Motion by Holmes, second by Burgess to adopt Ordinance 2-2026, An Ordinance amending the appropriation of various funds of the Village of Malvern, Carroll County, Ohio, for fiscal year 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Murdock provided council with the Ohio Revised Code rules for purchasing. ORC highlights that the threshold for public bids is approximately $80,000. He explained that it is not universal that you have to have multiple quotes for purchases, such as purchasing from the State or through the State bargaining agreements. He wanted to make sure that everyone understood the process before creating the legislation for the requirement of three bids for purchases over $10,000.

PARK: Hubbard reported that the broken swing had been removed. She also noted that she spoke with John Campbell, Scout Master, regarding painting in the park and having the Scouts complete the work. It was discussed that the Village would provide the paint if the Scouts would want to work on painting. Hubbard will follow up. She also discussed the hole in the slide and suggested patching it possibly, but noted that if the same slide was available, it could be removed and replaced. Hubbard also provided photos of certain items in the park that need to be addressed.

DeLong discussed that he has asked the service department to complete a walk through of the park each Monday and make a list of items that need attention.

Wackerly asked if the stump removal project was complete. Neading reported that it was. Wackerly asked that the remaining grindings be removed, dirt be spread, and seed be planted.

FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT: Neading provided council with the RITA dashboard report, fund status, payments, and receipts as of 6/15/2026. She discussed the Walking Track Grant and reported that she received notice from ODNR with the county allocations and Carroll County is guaranteed $11,786 with any additional funds that are not used amongst other counties could be reallocated. Kaltenbaugh discussed that OMEGA could add the walking track in with the road and parking lot project. Wackerly made a motion to put the ODNR grant application on hold until additional funding is available, second by Burgess. Wackerly, Burgess, Hubbard, Wadsworth and Holmes voted yes; McCort voted no. Neading also discussed that the Village received notice from ODOT explaining that 18 counties in the State did not receive bids for the winter road salt. She further explained that the Village's did nothing wrong, they just did not receive bids. ODOT is running a second bid invitation for the 18 counties, starting June 16th. They will follow up with more information when it becomes available, but the Village does not need to do anything further at this time. Neading provided council with information in response to the investment and preservation of oil and gas revenues. She explained that the Village has taken a conservative approach to managing its oil and gas revenues to ensure that these funds provide long-term benefits to the community while maintaining the Village's financial stability. She further explained that she only appropriates and budgets oil and gas revenue that has been received in the prior year. Because oil and gas royalty payments can fluctuate significantly and cannot be predicted with certainty, the Village does not budget or expend current-year revenues. This approach prevents the Village from relying on uncertain future income and helps ensure that expenditures are based on actual funds received rather than projections. In addition, the Village has established a sweep account through Consumers to maximize interest earnings while maintaining liquidity and security. The

Village maintains $750,000 in its primary checking account, which serves as the compensating balance required to avoid banking service charges. Funds in excess of that amount are automatically swept into approved overnight investment vehicles, allowing the Village to earn interest on idle cash while retaining immediate access to funds when needed. She highlighted that year to date; the Village has earned $5,511.96 in interest income. Neading explained that the safety of principal is always the primary consideration. The Village's goal is not to seek the highest possible return but rather to protect taxpayer funds while earning a reasonable return within the limits of Ohio law. She further discussed that Ohio public funds are governed primarily by Ohio Revised Code Section 135, commonly referred to as the Uniform Depository Act. Under Ohio law, villages can only invest in specifically authorized investment vehicles. Public officials have a fiduciary responsibility to protect public funds and avoid speculative investments. Acceptable investments include: Certificates of Deposit (CDs) which are FDIC-insured and/or collateralized by eligible public depositories, have a fixed rate of return, have principal protection when properly collateralized, and are commonly used by Ohio municipalities for reserve funds; STAR Ohio which is Ohio's public investment pool administered by the Ohio State Treasurer designed exclusively for government entities, which is highly liquid, diversified and professionally managed, and historically maintains a stable net asset value; Money Market Deposit Accounts (MMDAs) which are held at eligible public depositories, provide liquidity and interest earnings, and are protected through Ohio's public deposit collateralization requirements; Interest-Bearing Savings Accounts which are held at approved public depositories, and appropriate for short-term reserves and operating funds; Sweep Accounts which automatically transfer excess balances into approved overnight investments, maintain liquidity while maximizing interest earnings, and are commonly used by municipalities to increase earnings on cash reserves; and Treasury Securities (Held to Maturity) which are direct obligations of the United States government, backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, the principal is protected when held to maturity, and appropriate for longer-term reserves. Neading reminded council that the Budget Hearing will be held on July 6th prior to the council meeting. She reported that the Village received notice of a BWC Audit of payroll tru-up reporting. It is a routine audit, and the Village was randomly selected. They will review our payroll, w-2s/w-3 submission, and 1099 payments to ensure compliance with the end of year report. Neading also reported that the Village received notice from the Ohio Department of Development, who the Village received funding for the design of the waterline systems, and they are doing a closeout review in which they will review payments, invoices, etc. Neading noted that the bid notice for paving projects was submitted to the paper and put online and the notice will run for 2 weeks. She also reported that everything is progressing well with the medical insurance, all forms and waivers were submitted. The Chamber of Commerce application was accepted. The policy will be effective July 1st. Neading reported that the SAM.gov account had to be renewed before July, she updated the registration and everything was accepted. This is a free registration that is required for State and Federal grant funding.

McCort asked when the end date for the bids would be. Kaltenbaugh explained that July 20th is the deadline. He also noted that he sent information out to the builders exchange, which is where many of the local companies pick up the information.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Kaltenbaugh reported that the service department has been working in the park. The scag mower was down, but is now repaired. He has been working with the EPA on the Citrus Road Trailer Park issues. The Village is still waiting for information from OMEGA on a waterline grant. The Village was not awarded the OMEGA grant for the road in the park. There were three recent waterline repairs. The service department will be starting work on the catch basins. There is currently an issue near the fire station with a sink

hole. Kaltenbaugh discussed that the service department will be completing walk throughs of the park each week and trash receptacles will be emptied on Fridays. Wackerly noted that the trash bin receptacle near the library is constantly full of cardboard, and discussed that the receptacles are not to be used for household trash. Kaltenbaugh noted that Mr. Wallace has not responded to the recent letters. He is still working on scheduling with Pittsburgh Tank. Kaltenbaugh and the Mayor met with Brown Local Schools regarding upcoming projects.

McCort asked for an update on patching. Kaltenbaugh reported that the service department would be patching in the coming days, focusing on roads on top of the hill. McCort also discussed that the Corporation limit sign was to be weed whipped and sprayed, but still has not been addressed.

MAYOR: Mayor DeLong and Wackerly discussed that Debra Bailey intended to attend the meeting to discuss placing a stop sign near the corporation limit sign near Robertsville Road. Her husband was almost in an accident pulling out of an adjacent roadway and the driver never slowed. Wackerly noted that a speed limit sign cannot be installed to reduce the speed of traffic per State law. It was discussed that the speed limit sign be moved closer to the corporation limit sign, or to install a "reduce speed ahead" sign. Kaltenbaugh will have the speed limit sign moved to the corporation limit sign to see if it helps. DeLong asked if the backhoe had been picked up from the service garage. Kaltenbaugh explained that it was to be picked up and work was to be started. DeLong noted that it still had not been picked up. Kaltenbaugh will make contact to determine when the job will be started. DeLong thanked the Brown Township Trustees, they secured a grant to purchase $48,000 worth of signs for the Township and Village. DeLong met with the Brown Township Trustees recently, and they are still interested in the joint police force and are going to work on obtaining additional information. It was also discussed that the last time a police levy was on the ballot, it failed. DeLong expressed concerns with a dirt bike rider using the canals as a ramp. The idea of cameras in the park was discussed. McCort highlighted that even with evidence, the Village is unable to do much. Hubbard noted that she was approached about setting up a neighborhood watch group. Kaltenbaugh discussed sending a warning letter when issues occur and the individual is known. DeLong reported that he received a letter notifying the Village that fiber optic cable is going to be installed. He also discussed Aqua Ohio. They inquired about purchasing the Water System. They would have full control of the water, and the Village would no longer have a say in operations. DeLong asked Wadsworth if he had an opportunity to meet with the arborist regarding the trees in the park. Wadsworth has not met with them in the park, but is working with Tap Root. DeLong noted that he would not be at the July 20th meeting and asked if council wanted to proceed with the meeting as scheduled. It was agreed that the meeting would remain the same and Holmes, Council President, would run the meeting.

COUNCIL: Burgess discussed that the Jones' rental property has tires out again.

Hubbard provided an update on the recycling project. CCH is coming to complete a site assessment this week. Once they approve, cars will need to be moved and then bins will be placed. She is hopeful that the bins will be put in place within a few weeks.

Wackerly reported that there had been 25 ambulance calls since the last meeting. Wackerly motioned that Murdock attend one meeting per month in person, McCort second. Murdock explained that due to the distance and travel time, he would not be willing to travel, but would continue to join via Teams.

McCort asked about the old trailer and water truck being put on GovDeals.com. They have not been put on yet. He also discussed that the American Legion would like to start putting up new picture banners throughout the Village honoring Veterans from Malvern. The American Legion Commander is asking for Council's permission to place banners on Main, Reed, and Porter Streets. Council discussed the Senior Banners and determined the logistics could be further discussed with the Legion, but both could be accommodated. McCort made a motion to allow the American Legion to proceed with placing Veteran banners on Main, Reed, and Porter Streets, second by Holmes. All council members approved. McCort also discussed adjusting the traffic light to add additional time to the yellow caution light.

Wadsworth discussed adding a sign for "No Right on Red" for those turning East on State Route 183. He also discussed the possibility of adding a turn lane on North Reed if there is adequate space, as a lot of drivers are making their own lane.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sidewalks will remain on the agenda; grants will be looked at near the fall.

The Park Advisory Board was discussed. No new letters of interest were received. There is still one letter from a resident and one from the school.

FINANCE: Motion by Burgess, second by Hubbard to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for: $16,990.82 approved by the Finance Committee 6/15/26. Also, bi-weekly payroll of $2,707.58 paid 6/18/26. All council members approved.

Neading asked if council had additional questions regarding the insurance renewal. Wackerly made a motion to accept the Whitaker Myers Insurance renewal for 2026-2027 renewal period as presented by Ron Maxwell, second by Burgess. All council members approved. Neading will contact Maxwell to proceed.

QUESTIONS: Clapper asked for clarification on the name of the citizen in attendance. Neading provided Joann Cinson's name.

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

Next regular council meeting will be Monday, July 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Malvern Village Hall.

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Mayor Fiscal Officer