REGULAR MEETING APRIL 21, 2026

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:
PRESENT: Joe Bourne, Steve Adams, John Little, Jeff Gardner, Jeff McDonald, Brandie Bourne
ABSENT: N/A
OTHER ATTENDEES: DJ Meek (Mayor's Admin), Tim Bryant (Street Commissioner)
VISITORS: Nancy Bourne, Ron Maxwell (Whitaker Myer), Eric Reip (TC Historical Society), Angie & Mark Albaugh (residents-chicken ordinance)

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE
The meeting was opened with The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Gardner.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES
Motion was made by John Little and seconded by Jeff Gardner to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held April 7, 2026. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS
* Ron Maxwell – Whitaker Myers: Presented the renewal 2026-2027 insurance policy for property and liability coverage. Total cost of renewal is $9373.00. A $875 decrease from last year's renewal (10,248.00). The eliminating of three part time positions in the police dept. accounts for the decrease.
*Eric Reip – TC Historical Society: Heard from Reip that there will be a Zeisberger Heckewelder Awards Banquet on June 9, 2026 at the Union Hill Church in Sugarcreek. Port Washington resident, Jacquie Starcher Price will be honored as a recipient for the 2026 Zeisberger Heckewelder Award.
*Mark & Angela Albaugh – residents: Angela addressed council concerning the reconsideration of revising the animal ordinance (ordinance #2025-4) which bands chickens within the village corporation. Albaugh indicated that she is opposed on revising the ordinance. If the village lifts the ban on the housing of chickens it must be done in a way that protects neighbors. Ample footage between residences, limits of number of chickens, prohibiting roosters, annual permits and enforcement of ordinance.
Albaugh issued a complaint of a neighbor that does not perform upkeep on their chickens and the smell has gotten unbearable.
Council and mayor discussed and no action was taken to revise Ordinance 2025-4. Mayor Gardner will direct the police dept to issue a warning to Albaugh's neighbor who is in violation of Ordinance 2025-4.

PAY BILLS
*__Motion made by Brandie Bourne__ and seconded by Steve Adams to pay bills from respective funds. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Steve Adams yay, Jeff Gardner yay, Brandie Bourne yay, Jeff McDonald yay, John Little yay.

POLICE
*No Reporting - Absent

STREET
*Tim Bryant (Street Commissioner): Heard that Mayor Gardner and Bryant patched pot holes on Main Street.
*Council Member Joe Bourne and Bryant prepped the alley between Church and Glasgow for paving.
*Installed stop sign at High Street and Wolfe.
*Playground equipment (motorcycle) has been repaired with a new spring being installed.
*Heard that 21 tons of salt was used last winter season.
*Discussed installing a concrete pad at Belden Park for picnic tables. Bryant was instructed to proceed as this project was approved last year.
*Reviewed and discussed quotes for the purchase of a new Bobcat Loader.
1. Advantage Ag & Equipment of Mt. Vernon quoted (with trade in) a total of $ 33,385.76.
2. Bobcat of Canton quoted (with trade in) a total of $ 32,027.27

Motion made by John Little and seconded by Jeff Gardner to proceed with applying for local grant money to purchase a new Bobcat Loader. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

SOLICITOR MARK PERLAKY
*No Reporting-Absent

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
*Heard from DJ Meek that 3 amended zoning permits have been issued (2 sheds and one building).
*Heard that bids will be going out in May for the village sidewalk project.
*Was informed that the traffic light project has begun. (Main Street/Light on Square)

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR
No Reporting - Absent

MAYOR
*Heard that Spring Clean Up was a success. The refuse roll offs have been picked up.
*Mayor Gardner indicated that he was contacted about hosting the weekly Farmer's Market. Previously the Farmer's Market was held at the Community Center. Council and Mayor discussed and no action was taken to proceed with the hosting of the Farmer's Market.

JOE BOURNE
*Heard that the annual village yard sale weekend will be May 29, 30 & 31st.
*Bourne reported that he will take care of the flower bed at Belden Park.

BRANDIE BOURNE
*Reminder – The Delaware Volunteer Fire Dept will be hosting the BBQ Chicken Dinner Event for the Memorial Day Event.

STEVE ADAMS
*Adams requested approval for installing new spigots in the restrooms at Belden Park.
Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Joe Bourne to install new spigots. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

JOHN LITTLE
*No Reporting

JEFF GARDNER
*No Reporting

JEFF MCDONALD
*McDonald indicated that he received a complaint from a neighbor concerning noise. Mayor Gardner informed McDonald that the village does not have a noise ordinance to enforce.

FISCAL OFFICER
*No Reporting

Next meeting will be held on May 5, 2026 at 7:00pm.
Meeting Adjourned

_____ _____Date
Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor

_____ _____Date
Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer