

## Bowerston Village Council

Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Village Officials Attendance: Polly Wolfe, Cindy Slentz, Frank Masters, Janet Hanlon and Chase Bryant. Paula Beamer, Bart Busby, Jeremiah Warner, Jacquie Humphrey, Juliet Bryant and JJ Ong.

Jon Humphrey was absent, notified mayor prior to meeting.

Chase came in to be sworn into office, accident on Main just prior to meeting.

Visitors:

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council

Oath of Office to Polly, term expiring 12/31/2029, JJ administered.

Oath of Office to Chase, term expiring 12/31/2029, JJ administered.

Re-Appointment of Janet, terms to expire 12/31/2029 Polly made motion, Frank seconded, unanimous, JJ administered oath of office.

Re-Appointment of Cindy, Polly made motion, Frank seconded, unanimous, JJ administered oath.

Public Comments None

Annual Organizational Items

1. Approve Unified bank as the Village's financial institution for 2026, Polly/Frank
2. Adopt the Ohio Basic Code for 2026, Polly/Janet
3. Approve the third Tuesday at 6pm as regular meeting date/time for 2026, Cindy/Frank
4. Approval of IRS mileage reimbursement for 2026, Polly/Frank
5. Mayor's appointment of 2026 committees: Finance: Frank, Cindy and Janet Personnel: Janet, Polly and Cindy Utilities: Frank, Jon and Chase. Health Department: Polly RITA: Frank Records: Paula, Mr. Ong, Juliet, Jacquie and community member Marie Harris.

Nomination and approval of 2026 Council President

1. Janet nominated Chase, Polly seconded, unanimous.

Approval of regular December minutes, Janet/Frank

Pending and/or New Legislation:

1. Ordinance #2026-1, eliminating the position of income tax clerk. Janet moved to suspend rules, Frank seconded. Frank made motion to approve, Cindy seconded, unanimous.
2. Resolution 1-2026, authorizing mayor/village administrator to make adjustments to utility billings of customers as is needed. Paula explained this to Council, Frank/Polly, unanimous.
3. Resolution 2-2026, authorizing mayor to apply, accept and enter into a water supply evolving loan account agreement for the design of water treatment plant. Paula explained this to Council, not necessary at this time.
4. OMEGA service agreement, Paula explained this to Council, \$20,000.00 for environmental review, will come off of the CDBG grant. JJ reviewed and approved. Frank/Cindy, unanimous.

Loan/Grant Status Reports:

1. Paula reported that ground was broken with the Sewer project the day before.

Mayor's Report:

1. All employees and Mayor have completed cyber training
2. Thanks to Warners for taking down holiday decorations
3. Report Attached, Frank/Polly

Village Administrator's Report:

1. Report Attached, Cindy/Frank

Utility Clerk's Report:

1. Provided, Frank/Janet

Fiscal Officer's Report:

1. Motion to approve bills, as presented, Frank made motion to approve, Janet seconded.
2. Motion to accept financial reports, as presented, Frank made motion to approve, Cindy seconded,
3. Stipend for 2026, Polly made a motion to approve \$300.00 per month, Frank, unanimous by roll call vote.
4. Provided, Janet/Frank

Solicitor's Report:

1. Right-of-Way appropriation or quiet title for Bridge Street, working on
2. County Property, working on
3. Bart reported that the architect for the garage roof had contacted him to inquire if the roof was grounded, this is being checked. Bart inquired of JJ how this would be resolved if it hasn't? JJ advised that the contractor would have to take care of it if they have not already. Bart to report back.

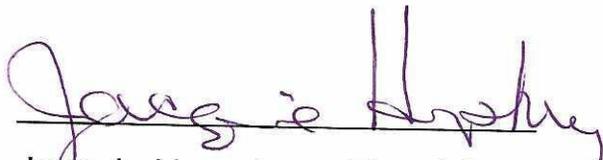
Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. Special meeting scheduled for Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm.
1. 250 Anniversary Event, Paula reported that multiple people have inquired about the Village's participation in this celebration. She advised that there are many stipulations and obligations to participate officially. Paula inquired if anyone on Council would be willing to work with the Church's and Women's Club to have an unofficial celebration. A discussion took place. No interest at this time.

Adjournment: Frank made motion to adjourn, Cindy seconded, unanimous.  
6:36

  
Jacquie Humphrey, Fiscal Officer

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Chase Bryant, Mayor