

This is a meeting of the Village Council of Woodstock in public for the purpose of conducting Village business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda. Council may recognize you during their discussion for your comment.

**Village of Woodstock Village Council  
REGULAR MEETING  
Woodstock Municipal Building  
February 9, 2026  
6:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Meeting was called to order by Phil Garland, Mayor  
Roll Call: Current, A; Weidner, Y; Zizzo, Y.

Also in attendance: Alison Boggs, Solicitor

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ryan Polatsek and Rochelle Morgan were sworn in by the Mayor to fill two vacant Council seats.

**2. SET AGENDA**

Polatsek moved and seconded by Weidner to set the agenda.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, A; Weidner, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, Y; Polatsek, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Morgan moved and seconded by Polatsek to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, A; Weidner, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, Y; Polatsek, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

**4. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

Total receipts for the month of January were \$18,031.94 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$47,850.89. Expenditures included \$18,135 to McMahon DeGulis for legal services, \$13,293 to Covalen for grinder parts, \$5,088 partial payment to BHM CPAs who are conducting the financial audit, \$3,149 to McKeever for pumping the lift station when the backup system pump failed, and \$719 to Union Propane to fill the municipal building tank. Revenue was slightly higher than normal, due in part to higher income tax receipts.

The most recent North Lewisburg invoice (2/5/2026) shows a balance due of \$290,238.44.

Weidner moved and seconded by Morgan to accept the financial statements for January 2026 and approve January 2026 expenditures as presented by the Fiscal Officer.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, A; Weidner, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, Y; Polatsek, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

## 5. SOLICITOR

Alison Boggs presented information regarding dissolution of the Village and described three avenues to make that happen. The most relevant would be a petition submitted by electors. She found sample petitions and will pass them on. She was unable to determine the number of Woodstock residents who voted in the last election, even after contacting the Champaign County Board of Elections. Ten residents voted in the single Council election, but there was a larger issue including Rush Township. The BOE could not determine the number of Woodstock residents who voted on that. Herron stated that the BOE determines whether the dissolution petition contains signatures equal to or greater than 10% of residents who voted in the last election. It'll be a problem if they can't come up with that number. A petition can't be filed before July 1.

If the ballot issue passes, a County board is assembled to oversee the process, including the payment of debts in existence at the time of dissolution. Existing taxes would continue until debts are satisfied. Weidner asked about discontinuing the income tax to prevent that revenue from being used to fund the sewer which serves several Rush Township residents who don't pay the tax. Boggs stated that she would continue to research the issue, to include finding examples of successful dissolutions.

## 6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Several complaints have been received about noise at late hours coming from the bar. Boggs stated that it could be considered disorderly conduct, a criminal offense, but it's hard to enforce because "excessive" is subjective. The Mayor passed out a copy of North Lewisburg's noise ordinance as a possible starting point.

## 6. PUBLIC

Resident Bryant Bailey stated that if Council is considering an ordinance to restrict dogs in the Village, other animals which have nuisance potential should also be considered.

A resident of Rush Township asked if Township residents would wind up funding the sewer system in a dissolution outcome. Herron stated that he would be stunned if the Township Trustees did that, but he should be talking to his Trustees about it.

Bryant Bailey asked about the open board seat. The Mayor expressed concern that there are issues that place him in conflict with the Village. Boggs stated that he would be required to recuse himself during discussion and votes on those issues.

Bryant Bailey was sworn in by the Mayor to fill the remaining vacant Council seat.

## 7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Council members were given a copy of the proposed appropriations budget for 2026. Council is asked to review it for adoption at the next meeting.

The Mayor, Weidner, and Herron are going to be meeting with the EPA in two weeks to discuss possible funding sources for alternative sewer services.

Weidner contacted ten engineering firms to provide a feasibility study for sewer options. Only three responded. We expect an estimate from one of them within a few days.

Jim Weidner was nominated for the position Council President and confirmed by a unanimous show of hands.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

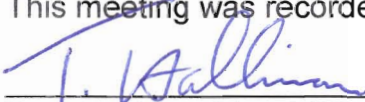
9. **NEW BUSINESS**


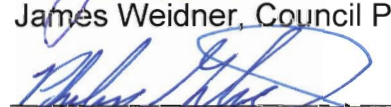
None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Zizzo moved seconded by Morgan to adjourn.  
Motion Carried; Y.

This meeting was recorded.

  
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Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer

  
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James Weidner, Council President  
  
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Phil Garland, Mayor