

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
May 12, 2025
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 ; Polatsek, Y ; Belcher, Y ; Zizzo, Y ; Morgan, A .

Also in attendance: Alison Boggs, Village Solicitor

Pledge of Allegiance

2. SET AGENDA

Belcher moved and seconded by Zizzo to set the agenda.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y .

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Weidner moved and seconded by Belcher to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025 Special Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y .

Belcher moved and seconded by Weidner to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2025 Emergency Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y .

4. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of April were \$20,744.74 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$8,991.74. Receipts included over \$9,000 from RITA, probably attributable to the April tax filing deadline. Expenditures included \$1,432 in legal fees and \$447 for the UAN quarterly user fee.

No invoices have been received from North Lewisburg this month. The most recent invoice (4/8/2025) shows a balance due of \$178,899.04.

The resolution to be considered later in the meeting moves money within the general fund to cover short term legal fees associated with the new litigation counsel.

Weidner moved and seconded by Polatsek to accept the financial statements for April 2025 and approve April 2025 expenditures as presented by the Fiscal Officer.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

6. PUBLIC

None.

7. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Herron stated that the status of litigation is well documented in the e-mail chain which was distributed to all Council members.

The StockHouse Bar & Grille is now open and food which is reportedly very good is served.

8. VILLAGE SOLICITOR

A phone conference with the Court and the attorneys has been scheduled by the Court for May 30. The purpose of the meeting is listed in the e-mail chain and includes questions related to jurisdiction, witnesses, additional pleadings, discovery, availability for trial and other items. The motion for partial summary judgement hasn't been addressed by the Court yet. Given her withdrawal from the litigation, Solicitor Boggs raised the question of her continued presence at Council meetings. The Mayor stated that her ability to explain the legal complexities would be useful. Herron stated that issues not related to the litigation are coming up, especially in zoning, and her presence would be beneficial.

9. OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor stated that the dumpsters have been scheduled for this weekend for community cleanup.

10. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-04R – A RESOLUTION TO RE-ALLOCATE FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND.

Belcher moved and seconded by Polatsek to accept Resolution 2025-04R to re-allocate funds in the General Fund as follows.

Decrease 1000-320-392, Buildings and Other Structures, \$5,000

Increase 1000-750-341, Accounting and Legal Fees, \$5,000

This is an emergency resolution.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

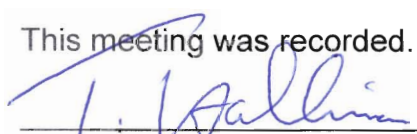
Belcher stated that we need to consider another sewer rate increase. Solicitor Boggs suggested that we explain the increasing costs and the likely future liabilities to the residents. Herron stated that, since the increase would not be an emergency, we should draft an ordinance for a first reading. This would offer the ability to be more flexible over the course of three readings as the litigation outcome becomes clearer.

Weidner stated that we need to look at filling Rochelle's seat if she doesn't return soon. Resident Rusty Pence suggested that his neighbor, John Deere, has expressed an interest in being on Council. Questions were raised about his residency status.


11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

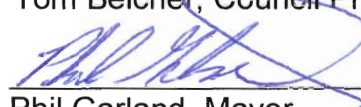
This meeting was recorded.



Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer



Tom Belcher, Council President



Phil Garland, Mayor