

Village of Mechanicsburg

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2025 – 6:30 PM

**Jason Adelsberger, Roger Brake, Chief Patrick, Mike Hull,
Joe Jimmenz, Alix Good, Steve Castle, Chip Wibright, Chuck Foss, Charles
Hickey,
Scott Wilson, Billy Cobbs**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call

All members were present.

Public Participation

None.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Minutes – November 17, 2025

Motion by Scott Wilson, seconded by Billy Cobbs.

Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Safety Committee Minutes – November 10, 2025

N/A

Finance Committee Minutes – November 25, 2025

Motion by Charles Hickey, seconded by Scott Wilson.

Motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Officer Report (December 1, 2025)

- Checks issued: 59213 – 59223
- Appropriation 25-09 (2026 Budget): Tabled
- Cash Summary:
Motion by Chuck Foss, seconded by Scott Wilson.
The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Officer Becky asked Council about the annual appropriation for a \$20,000 transfer to the Street Department.

Motion by Scott Wilson, seconded by Charles Hickey.

The motion passed unanimously.

Safety

Assistant Chief Steve Castle reported the Fire Department received a \$5,500 grant for tools.

Motion by Scott Wilson, seconded by Chuck Foss to approve spending \$5,530.10.

The motion passed unanimously.

Becky discussed Fire Department vacation time and requested clarification from Council on how to proceed.

Tabled until next meeting.

Fire Chief Matt Bebout introduced new full-time employee Jason Richey and stated all holiday shifts are currently covered.

Chief Patrick discussed scheduling and a safety meeting scheduled for December 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

Administrator Report

- Leaf season ends Friday, December 5, 2025
 - Meeting scheduled with Kip regarding the LMI Study on December 2, 2025
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Zoning Officer Report

Zoning Officer Dusty Hurst reported:

- An upcoming Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meeting
 - Assisted police with serving a search warrant at a property to abate violations under the abatement ordinance; the situation remains ongoing
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Police Coverage Discussion

Mayor Jason Adelsberger distributed a proposal from the Sheriff's Department for police coverage, per Council request.

Chief Patrick stated the proposal would result in approximately \$30,000 in savings, but response times remain a concern. He noted the Sheriff's Department does not backfill deputies in St. Paris.

Council discussion included:

- Concerns about 24-hour coverage and response times
- Belief by several members that outsourcing may be more expensive
- Requests for additional information on coverage hours and details
- Discussion regarding proposed police pay raises, pay scale placement, and comparisons to larger departments
- Consideration of increasing part-time pay as an alternative to full-time hiring
- Clarification that part-time hours are mandated but could be changed

Chief Patrick stated he is willing to continue floating the schedule until additional staff are hired.

Point of Order / Conduct

A verbal disagreement occurred between Zoning Officer Dusty Hurst and Council Member Chip Wibright regarding police versus sheriff coverage numbers.

Dusty Hurst requested a point of order against Council Member Wibright.

Council Member Chip Wibright stated he did not believe an appointed officer should participate in direct Council discussion and requested to be

excused from the meeting.

The Mayor granted the request.

Mayor Adelsberger reminded Council of rules and the importance of civil discussion and noted that Council has the authority to dock Council member pay if deemed necessary.

Additional Discussion

- Chuck Foss asked for clarification on police coverage numbers
 - Fiscal Officer Becky reminded Council that the police budget is lower this year due to rollover and will increase next year
 - Administrator Roger Brake suggested raising part-time pay to avoid benefit costs
 - Billy Cobbs asked how many applicants have applied
 - Discussion continued on part-time hiring as a viable coverage option
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Building

No report.

Street & Utilities

No report.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- RES 25-09 – Cruiser Purchase by Emergency: Tabled
 - ORD 25-10 – Police Payroll Increase by Emergency: Tabled
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Unfinished Business

- 2026 Budget Approval (RES/ORD): Tabled
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Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Charles Hickey, seconded by Scott Wilson.
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

If you'd like, I can also:

Officers:

Mayor: Jason Adelsberger, Village Administrator :Roger Brake, Fiscal Officer:
Becky Stewart , Zoning Inspector: Dusty Hurst, and Solicitor: Joe Jimenez

Council Members: Scott Wilson, Charles Hickey, Lori Tibbals, Chip Wibright, r
Chuck Foss and Billy Cobbs.

Lori Tibbals
Scott Wilson
Charles Hickey
Chip Wibright
Charles Hickey
RJB
