

VILLAGE OF VANLUE

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Robert Wells, Mayor

Joshua Riegler, Village Administrator

Melinda Boyd, (Fiscal Officer)

February 23, 2026

On February 23, 2026, Council met in regular session at the Village Town Hall and was called to order by Village Mayor Robert Wells at 7:00 PM.

Village Residents or other in attendance were:

Ashley Riegler

Sharon May

Nathan Kear

A motion to appoint Ashley Riegler to Council was made by Ann Burrell and seconded by Jeri Wenger. Motion passed 5-0

Roll call of Council Members Present by Mayor Wells:

Jeri Wenger (P)
Leon Caudill

Ann Burrell
Heather Stapley

Ashley Riegel
Bridget Shepherd

Village Employees in attendance:

Josh Riegler (Village Administrator)

Mindy Boyd, (Fiscal Officer)

Mike Bakies (water Operator)

John Filkins (village solicitor)

Nathan Kear (Zoning inspector)

All reports, minutes and agendas are sent electronically to all of Council prior to the meeting so they can be reviewed by Council members and the mayor. The same reports are available to the public at the meeting.

A motion was made to accept the February 23, 2026 meeting agenda by Jeri Wenger and seconded by Heather Stapley
Motion passed it 6-0

Reading of and motion to accept to accept the minutes from the January 26, 2026 minutes was made by Ann Burrell and seconded by Bridget Shepherd

Motion passed 6-0

A motion was made by Heather Stapley and seconded by Bridget Shepherd to accept the payment of all expenses as of the meeting on February 23, 2026. Jeri Wenger and Ashley Riegle abstained due to conflict of interest.

Motion passed 4-0

A motion was made to approve the receipts till the date of the meeting by Jeri Wenger and seconded by Ann Burrell

Motion passed 6-0

A motion was made by Leon Caudill and seconded by Heather Stapley to accept the financial documents for the month of January

Motion passed 6-0

Public Participation:

Jim Hoops is an Ohio State Representative. He is actively running for State Senate. He is for property tax reform and not repeal them. 460,000 signatures are needed to get on the ballot. If property taxes do get eliminated, 24.6 billion in property taxes will be go away. That also means sales tax will go up.

Departmental Reports:

2025 VCO yearly calendar

- March 14, 2026 a baked steak and chicken dinner. The cost is \$12 per meal
- April 11, 2026 all you can eat spaghetti dinner for the Veterans Parkway 5 – 7 pm
- May 2nd Spring clean up and May 4th part day for school kids to pitch in and help residents
- May 16, 2026 reverse raffle
- June 19 & 20th, 2026 garage sale days
- July 23 – 25, 2026 Vanlue Fest
- October 29, 2026 Trick or Treat
- May 2, 2026 has tentatively been set up for Spring cleanup. Council will vote in February

Zoning:

The zoning committee has been reviewing ordinances. The date of the public meeting is March 11, 2026 to explain zoning rules.

Nate Kear came to the meeting to apply for zoning inspector.

A motion hire Nathan Kear as the zoning inspector was made by Jeri Wenger and seconded by Heather Stapley. His rate of pay will be \$20.00/hour and the cost of the permit

Motion passed 6 - 0

Committee Reports:

Trees, Streets & Sidewalks – Leon Caudill & Ann Burrell

Finance and Community & Public Relations Bridget Shepherd, Ashley Riegle & Heather Stapley

Buildings and Grounds and Records: Jeri Wenger (P) & Bridget Shepherd

- The records meeting is on March 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the town hall.

Village Administrator, Josh Riegle

- February has been relatively slow as far as physical labor style work.
- Josh has been contacting and meeting with contractors about getting quotes to clean up the banks of the lagoons.
- Josh and Mike Bakies have been contacting and meeting with contractors about getting quotes for some work that needs done at the water plant.

Mayor's report

- The next meeting is March 23, 2026 at 7 pm at the Town Hall.
- Thursday the 26th, the mayor will be attending another meeting for economic development. The cost of the health department budget will go up.

Treasurer report:

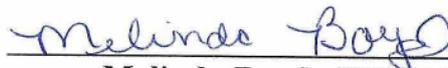
- Heather is on office cleaning for March.. There is a list hanging in the mailbox room with a cleaning schedule. I
- Melanie from RCAP recommends to consolidate some account numbers instead of having a lot of duplicates.
- The base rate will jump quite of bit for customers.
- Melanie also stated we need to set aside money for emergencies to build up to \$34,000
- I have sent in the items requested by the USDA
Mike was able to read meters this month.

Motion was made by Bridget Shepherd and seconded by Jeri Wenger to adjourn the Village of Vanlue Council February 23,2026 meeting at 8:06 pm.

Motion passed 5-0



Robert Wells, MAYOR



Melinda Boyd, FISCAL OFFICER