

VILLAGE OF VANLUE

124 Center St. ~ P.O. Box 77 ~ Vanlue, OH 45890
Phone 419-387-7745

Robert Wells, Mayor

Joshua Riegler, Village Administrator

Melinda Boyd, (Fiscal Officer)

March 23, 2026

On March 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:

Sharon May

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)
John Filkins (village solicitor)

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 March 23, 2026 meeting agenda by Jeri Wenger and seconded by Ann Burrell
Motion passed it 6-0

Reading of and motion to accept to accept the minutes from the February 23, 2026 minutes was made by Heather Stapley and seconded by Bridget Shepherd
Motion passed 6-0

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

Motion passed 4-0

A motion was made to approve the payment to the City of Findlay tax collection fees by Bridget Shepherd and seconded by Leon Caudill in the amount of \$7,972.92

Motion passed 6-0

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

Motion passed 6-0

A motion was made Jeri Wenger and seconded by Ashley Riegle to accept the financial documents for the month of February

Motion passed 6-0

Public Participation:

Departmental Reports:

2025 VCO yearly calendar

- May 2nd Spring clean-up and May 4th part day for school kids to pitch in and help residents
- May 2, 2026 has been set for Spring cleanup.
- May 16, 2026 reverse raffle
- June 19 & 20th, 2026 garage sale days
- July 23 – 25, 2026 Vanlue Fest
- September 19, 2026 all you can eat spaghetti dinner for the Veterans Parkway 5 – 7 pm
- October 29, 2026 Trick or Treat
- The Easter egg hunt was April 4th at 10 am and all ages were welcome
The banners that have blown have been found. If not found the Banner Committee will replace.
If one is found, please drop it at the restaurant.
The landscaping for the Boulevard will be completed by Roger Kloepfer. If he can not do it, Larry Monday and Jeremy Kloepfer will do it.

Zoning:

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

The last revision on the rules was done back in 1989. There were some small things that needed changed on the revision, but will approved at the April meeting. A couple of things were added and that was recreational vehicles can only be used for 14 days in 180 days. There will be a fee for this.

Moving vehicles and dumpsters need to be registered thru the town.

Strip clubs, massage parlors, pot shops and adult video stores are prohibited. This is just a part of the revisions.

The extra dirt from the installation of the fiber optics will be dumped at the lagoon at a specific place. This is for public use.

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 April 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Community building, prior to the meeting.
- We had a records request through email on March 21, 2026. They requested copies of all request solicitations responses, and bid protests documents. I provided her the well field bidding process and ad.
- Jeri was going to get the roof looked at by the company that replaced half of it already due to it leaking over the council room.

Village Administrator, Josh Riegle

- Josh would like to have council discuss and vote on letting Mike Wenger operate the tractor. Council stated it is a case-by-case basis.
- There is a printer quote that Mike Bakies received for some diagnostic work on the water softeners at the water plant. Typically, each softener is able to softener 24,000 gallons roughly before running a regenerating cycle. However, one of our softeners is only softening 12,000 before regenerating and Mike is not sure why. ML Tech Services, LLC supplied an estimate to Mike. Council held off on approval but then approved by text due to needed to do it sooner rather than later.
- Matt from the VCO contacted Josh and asked if the village bought sand for the volleyball court. The VCO is responsible for that.
- Nate and Keith Hendricks helped the burning of the brush pile.
- Josh had a meeting with Dave from Ohio811. Just checking in how the village was doing with location and updating Josh on some legislation at the state level that if passed could be change things with locating.
- There has been an increase in water meters becoming plugged and failing on North St. We have replaced a few and then the meters are fine. More meters will need to be purchased.
- The guys are going to start flushing hydrants once the weather stays nice
- Josh ordered and received the mirror for the alley crossing between North St and E Main St.

Mayor's report

- The next meeting is April 27, 2026 at 7 pm at the Village Community Park
- Thursday the 26th, the mayor will be attending another meeting for economic development.

Treasurer report:

- Bridget is on office cleaning for April. There is a list hanging in the mailbox room with a cleaning schedule.
- Melanie from RCAP will be at the April meeting to present the new rate increase to residents that are attending.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-01, the permanent appropriations was made by Ann Burrell and seconded by Heather Stapley
Motion passed 6-0

Motion to approve the liquor license for the gas station was made by Leon Caudill and Heather Stapley seconded it.
Motion passed 6-0

Motion was made by Bridget Shepherd and seconded by Ashley Riegle to adjourn the Village of Vanlue Council March 23, 2026 meeting at 8:59
Motion passed 6-0

Robert Wells, MAYOR

Melinda Boyd, FISCAL OFFICER