



VILLAGE OF HOBART
COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE
VILLAGE HALL
110 COURT ST.
HOBART, OHIO 45678

October 4, 2025

VILLAGE OF HOBART – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING / **EMERGENCY SESSION** / SHADOW SESSION
(circle/bold one)

Date: 10/3/2025 TIME: 7:03 PM LOCATION: Hobart High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Martha Elkins, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Martha Elkins, Chair of Council – Central
- Harold Gunn – North Fork
- Jeremy Puck – Canal
- Gary Sloan – Riverfront
- Gene Shoemaker – At-Large
- Dee Harker – Gallia

Absent:

- Mayor Velma T. Chiggins – Acting authority passed to the Civic Committee Chair
- Linda Jo Cavanaugh – The Heights / N. Hobart

Quorum? **Yes** / No

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None were registered. Attendance was sparse owing to the Hobart-Sumpoint football game being played.

IV. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Item 1 – Pit Stop Raid

- Harold Gunn delivered a 15-minute uninterrupted statement concerning the Pit Stop, described by Chair Elkins as “definitely a rant.”
- Matter tabled until the next Regular Session, with the Council determining the mystery smell uptown was a higher priority for emergency attention.

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Item 2 – Utilities Contact

- Motion to permit the Press Secretary to contact Connie Sprau at Hobart Municipal Utilities Commission via email regarding odor-related concerns.
- Condition: Such communications are to remain within strict guidelines set by Council.
- Motion carried without dissent.

Item 3 – Time Capsule Hum

- Proposal to dig up the 1978 Bicentennial Time Capsule.
- Vote: Shoemaker (aye), Elkins (no), Gunn (no), Puck (no), Sloan (no), Harker (no)
- Motion defeated. Capsule will remain undisturbed.

V. EMERGENCY / SHADOW ITEMS

No items emerging from darkness

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Counting Hour: October 9, 3:00 – 4:11 PM
- Next Regular Meeting – October 16, 2025, 7:03pm
- Observances – Possum Fest, Nov 9-16

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Time: 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

[Digital Signature]

Evie Trask

Village Clerk