



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

July 25, 2025

VILLAGE OF HOBART – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: 07/18/2025 TIME: 7:03 PM LOCATION: Village Hall, Hobart Ohio

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Martha Elkins, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Martha Elkins, Chair of Council – Central
- Harold Gunn – North Fork
- Jeremy Puck – Canal
- Gary Sloan – Riverfront
- Linda Jo Cavanaugh – The Heights / N. Hobart
- Gene Shoemaker – At-Large
- Dee Harker – Gallia

Absent:

Mayor Velma T. Chiggins – Acting authority passed to the Civic Committee Chair

Quorum? **Yes** / No

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion by Shoemaker to approve April 17, 2025 minutes.
- Second by Sloan.
- Motion carried unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Dotty Phelps (The Heights): Concern about overgrowth near the culvert by the N. Gallia spur
- Ralph Norris (Riverfront): Suggested the gazebo painting budget also include a “coat for himself” – comment noted without action



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V. REPORTS

- a. Committees
 - i. Civic (Elkins) – Announced preparations for Possum Fest. Vendor applications lagging. Suggested pushing deadline into August.
 - ii. Finance (Shoemaker) – Ledger reconciled through Counting Hour of July 10.
 - iii. Public Works (Sloan) – Reported patching on Canal Street, reiterated need for resurfacing funding.
 - iv. Public Safety (Gunn) – Raised concern about WV trooper presence near the bridge and confusion of jurisdiction.
 - v. Fire Department (Harker) – Chief Givens absent; committee noted Engine 1 remains operational following last month’s fuel leak.
 - vi. Public Access (Puck) – PAL-TV experiencing microphone distortion, volunteers requested.
- b. Mayor/Chair’s Note – Chair Elkins offered thanks to Public Works for “decorative pothole mitigation.”
- c. Clerk’s Ledger Update = Receipts balanced; petty cash reconciled.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- Canal Street Parking Ordinance revision tabled until October meeting.
- Discussion of dog tags postponed pending further review from Animal Control.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Gazebo Appropriation

- Motion by Sloan to appropriate \$4,500 from the Civic Beautification Fund for the painting and sealing of the uptown gazebo.
- Second by Cavanaugh.
- Discussion: Gunn questioned color scheme; Elkins clarified Public Works will solicit two bids.
- Roll Call Vote: Gunn (aye), Puck (aye), Sloan (aye), Cavanaugh (aye), Shoemaker (aye), Harker (aye), Elkins (aye)
- Motion carried unanimously – 7-0

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing mysteriously carried over.

IX. EMERGENCY / SHADOW ITEMS

Nothing emerging from the darkness.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Counting Hour: Thursday, July 25, 2025, 3:00-4:11 PM



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- Next Regular Meeting – October 16, 2025, 7:03 PM
- Observances – Possum Fest – November 9-16

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Time: 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

[Digital Signature]
Evelyn “Evie” Trask
Clerk of Council