

March 17, 2026

At 6:00 pm., the meeting of the council was called to order by Mayor Douglas Plyler: followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered roll call: Tom Richter, Lisa Lash, Allison Miller, and Melissa Troyer, Alyssa Miller

Motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting by Tom Richter, 2nd by Allison Miller; roll call vote five (5) ayes.

Motion to pay bills totaling \$27,318.39 by Tom Richter, 2nd by Lisa Lash: roll call vote five (5) ayes.

Motion to accept the financial report by Lisa Lash and 2nd by Alyssa Miller; roll call vote five (5) ayes.

Motion to accept PNC bill by Allison Miller and 2nd by Tom Richter; roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

VISITORS:

Kelly Yoder, Shane & Gina Renfrew, Daryl Miller, Ruth Plyler

Kelly Yoder:

Kelly asked about a no-jake-brake ordinance. Attorney Frautschy said it would have to change to a no-engine brake. The illegal exhaust that the semis use is not good.

Shane Renfrew-

Apartments on the street corner of 93 are a safety concern. It's changed hands and now Joshua Doll. Shane is requesting a one-way entrance and not to be on 93. It's a safety issue. Propose to put a sign there so they drive the right way. We can put a sign that says you can't pull out on 93, but we can't put a sign that says no entrance. We are going to look around 1996-2008 when Felton was mayor and check.

FIRE:

Chief Stein picked up the new radios at Staleys in New Philadelphia.

904 is going up for the new recall.

Pump testing is coming up, and a quote was sent for the cost of \$1,372.50.

Motion to approve \$1372.50 for All American Fire Equipment to do pump testing by Tom Richter; 2nd by Allison Miller; roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

Motion to pass as an emergency to sell for govdeals.com by Tom Richter: 2nd by Alyssa Miller; roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

Motion to sell Lucas on govdeals.com for a reserve price of \$15,000 by Tom Richter; 2nd by Lisa Lash: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

Friday night department had 10 calls in 6 hours and Sunday had 2 calls within 2 hours.

VIT:

A deposit of \$47,763.08 was made on March 1st and of this amount, \$14,880.40 represents the ½%. The deposit for March 13th was made in the amount of \$5,851.45, and of this amount, \$1,341.18 represents the ½%.

COMMUNITY INTEREST/PARKS/MAINTENANCE:

Concrete in the bathrooms is done, and the appliances are ready to go in. Creek Bank project is underway and should be able to start at the end of the week.

STREET/EQUIPMENT:

T-bones donated approximately 10 tons of road salt that was in a trailer they are repairing. Keith spoke with the state about the state route 651 project. Found out we will be losing between 6 and 8 parking spaces with the new regulations that are 20 ft from a crosswalk and 50 ft from railroad tracks. State routes 93 and 651 will both be repaved, and new catch basins will be put under some on 651 and High Street. The sidewalk will be cut down and reshaped. We should have the plans next week.

Street painting will start as soon as the weather permits.

As of now, we will only need 1 load of salt (25 tons), and that will fill out the bin for next year.

FINANCE:

Base rate for everyone will get a \$1.00 raise across the board. As of 2025, the base rate was \$13.80 and is now \$14.80. There is a proposed .50 cent raise for each certification you obtain past the basic. We need more part-time help. The mayor talked about an incentive and wants to crunch more numbers. 2021 rates of officer pay: Chief was at \$4,000, assistant chief \$1500, captains \$300, lieutenant \$175. Proposed amounts for Chief \$4250, assistant chief \$2000, captains \$400, and lieutenant \$200. Maybe in the next month, we can check into an incentive rate weekend shifts and night shifts.

Motion to pass the \$1.00 rate across the board by Tom Richter; 2nd by Lisa Lash: roll call vote five (5) ayes.

LANDS, BUILDINGS, DEVELOPMENT/ CEMETERY:

A quote is provided from Pleasant Valley Plumbing for a 50 gal electric water heater in the amount of \$1,280.95

Motion to approve quote from Pleasant Valley Plumbing for water heater in the amount of \$1280.95 by Alyssa Miller; 2nd by Tom Richter: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

Spouting needed to be fixed, and Holmes Rental donated new spouting at the Fire Department.

Daryl was getting quotes for paint, garage doors, and spouting.
Lisa is going to get quotes for the side of the building.

TREE COMMISSION:

The first meeting is on March 18th.

ZONING:

There were random signs that were up around the area, and Keith pulled the signs and took them to the office for pick up if they wanted them back.

Dena is going to get a letter together for the garage on 93 that is having a garage sale every weekend. The garage sales that they are having are considered a store.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Quote for spring cleanout dumpster for 40 yd for \$515 for the haul up to 7 ton and \$40 every ton after the 7 ton with a \$75 delivery fee.

Motion to accept the quote from Kimble's by Tom Richter; 2nd by Allison Miller: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

Mayor:

Nothing at this time.

Executive discussion at 7:10 pm and back in session at 7:23 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tom Richter; 2nd by Allison Miller

Mayor