

Andover Village
Council Meeting
(8 October 2024)

A meeting of the Andover Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 8 October 2024 at the Andover Village Hall, 134 Maple Street, Andover, Ohio, in accordance with the rules of notification.

IN ATTENDANCE.

VILLAGE OFFICERS

Mayor Lillian Brooke
Village Administrator Richard Mead
Village Fiscal Officer *Pro-Tem* Cathryn Williams
Solicitor Christopher Newcomb
Police Chief Christopher Baker
Zoning Inspector Lara Reibold
Councilmembers: Raymond French
G. Randy Gentry
Margo Hornyak
Alicen F. Limestoll
Richard K. Orahood
E. Curt Williams

VISITORS

Glenn Day
Mark Limestoll
Nancy Logan
Corinne Schoren, *The News*

MINUTES AND REPORTS. The following minutes and reports were presented for council's review prior to the meeting.

1. Council meeting minutes for 13 August 2024
2. Bills
3. Mayor's report
4. Fiscal officer's report
5. Administrator's report (*distributed at the meeting*)
6. Police chief's report (*distributed at the meeting*)
7. Zoning inspector's report
8. Andover Union Cemetery Board minutes for 22 August 2024 & 5 September 2024

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS.

1. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and was followed by the roll call.
2. Council minutes for 13 August 2024. No corrections or changes were necessary, so the minutes were deemed approved as submitted.

3. Bills. It was moved to approve payment of the bills presented in the amount of \$48,123.77 and to allow the fiscal officer to pay additional bills which will come due in October. Motion carried.

VISITORS.

None addressed council at this time.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS. The following officers presented, reviewed, and commented upon the reports and other matters noted.

MAYOR

1. Mayor's report. For the month of September, the village received \$344.00 in fines from the Andover Mayor's Court.

FISCAL OFFICER

1. Temporary appropriations. The fiscal officer advised the mayor and council that a detailed report for the 2025 temporary appropriations budget was available for review.
2. Council work sessions. Council work sessions will resume in October. The meetings will continue to be held the last Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

COMMITTEES.

No committee reports were presented.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Local Government Fund Hearing. The Ashtabula County Budget Commission will hold a hearing to receive feedback on the allocation percentages of the Local Government Fund. The meeting will be held on 15 October 2024 at 11 a.m. or 6 p.m. at the County Commissioner's meeting room located in the old courthouse.
2. *America250-OH* celebration. Lara Reibold provided information on the *America250-OH* celebration which will be in 2026, including suggestions for each community to participate in monthly themes. A suggested Resolution/Proclamation was included in the information.

LEGISLATION

1. **Ordinance No. 2024-24-O, 2025 Temporary Appropriations**, an ordinance to make temporary appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of Andover Village during the fiscal year ending 31 December 2025, and repealing Ordinance No. 2024-8-O on 1 January 2025. Discussion. Councilmember Williams made a motion to waive the 3 readings. Councilmember Orahod seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried. Councilmember Williams made a motion to act. Councilmember Orahod seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance No. 2024-25-O**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance Nos. 2021-12-O, 2021-13-O, 2022-40-O, 2023-12-O, 2023-16-O and 2024-15-O, establishing the new salaries, wages, and employment benefits of the Andover Village employees, effective August 1, 2024, unless otherwise provided in this ordinance, incorporating attached Exhibit A & B as reference, and declaring an emergency. Councilmember Gentry moved to

declare an emergency. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried. Councilmember Williams moved to waive the 3 readings. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried. Councilmember Gentry made a motion to act. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried.

3. **Ordinance No. 2024-26-O**, an ordinance modifying certain sections of the Village of Andover Handbook (Rules and Regulations Governing the Village of Andover), specifically under Section 613, Water/Sewer Plant Operator effective September 1, 2024 and declaring an emergency. Councilmember Gentry moved to declare an emergency. Councilmember Orahood seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried. Councilmember Gentry moved to waive the 3 readings. Councilmember Orahood seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried. Councilmember Williams made a motion to act. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance No. 2024-27-O**, an ordinance accepting and approving the bid from Union Industrial Contractor, Inc. of Ashtabula, Ohio for the Andover Village Elm Street Culvert Replacement and Sanitary Improvement Project in the sum of \$222,581.50 and authorizing the Mayor and/or Administrator to execute any contracts associated with the same and declaring an emergency. Councilmember Williams moved to declare an emergency. Councilmember Orahood seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried. Councilmember Williams moved to waive the 3 readings. Councilmember Gentry seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried. Councilmember Williams made a motion to act. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Trick-or-Treat. Trick-or-treat will be held on 31 October 2024 from 5 - 6 p.m.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS.

1. Credit card payments. Councilmember Orahood asked how the new credit card payment software was working. September went fine with many people opting to pay their utility bill on-line.
2. UH ER. Councilmember Limestoll updated council on her efforts to find out if University Hospital still owns the old emergency room and if it is for sale. She commended Edwina Payne, of *RealtyNet*, for successfully locating the real estate information on the internet. Councilmember Limestoll is working with the Ohio Lieutenant Governor's office and the Appalachia Development Project to promote the building as a location for a new medical facility.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved at 7:45 to adjourn. Motion carried.



Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor