

Andover Village
Council Meeting
(14 January 2025)

A meeting of the Andover Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 January 2025 at the Andover Village Hall, 134 Maple Street, Andover, Ohio, in accordance with the rules of notification.

IN ATTENDANCE.

VILLAGE OFFICERS

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

VISITORS

Glen Day
Bob Swartz

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

1. Council meeting minutes for 10 December 2024
2. Bills
3. Mayor's report
4. Fiscal officer's report
5. Administrator's report
6. Police chief's report
7. Zoning inspector's report (*distributed at the meeting*)

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS.

1. Council minutes for the 14 December 2024. No corrections or changes were necessary, so the minutes were deemed approved as submitted.
2. Bills. It was moved to approve payment of the bills presented in the amount of \$29,598.95 and to allow the fiscal officer to pay additional bills which will come due in January. Discussion. Motion carried.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS.

1. Handbook. It was moved to adopt the Andover Handbook (Rules and Regulations Governing Andover Village) to govern the actions of council and those of the officers and employees of the village, including the appendices. Motion carried.
2. President of council. G. Randy Gentry and Curt Williams were nominated to serve as the president of council. It was moved to close the nominations and cast the vote. Motion carried. Councilmember Curt Williams was elected to service as president of council.
3. Vice president of council. Randy Gentry was nominated to serve as the vice president of council. It was moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. 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 December, the village received \$25.00 in fines from the Andover Mayor's Court.

FISCAL OFFICER

1. 2024 year-end close. The fiscal officer reported that all year-end financial reports have been filed with the state auditor and are available for review.
2. Veterans Services Commission. The village hall will host a representative of the veterans' services commission on the last Thursday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., beginning in February.

ADMINISTRATOR

1. Mobile Treasurers Office. Representatives from the Ashtabula County Treasurers office will be present at the village hall during business hours on Tuesday, 28 January, to serve local residents who wish to pay their property taxes.
2. *LakeFest*. The county commissioners will hold a meeting to discuss the future of *LakeFest* and to recruit volunteers which are needed for the annual event. The meeting will be in the commissioner's meeting room at the courthouse at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 16th.
3. Village clerk. The administrator said the last day for the mayor's court clerk will be this Friday. He will meet with staff to discuss the future of the position.

COMMITTEES.

No committee reports were presented.

LEGISLATION. The mayor read the titles of the following legislation presented for council's consideration.

1. 1st Reading, **Resolution No. 2025-1-R**, a resolution estimating maximum amounts for inactive deposits and interim deposits as active deposits of the Village of Andover and declaring an emergency. Councilmember Gentry moved to waive the 3 readings. Councilmember Orahod seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried. Councilmember Williams moved to declare an emergency. Councilmember Gentry seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried. Councilmember Gentry moved to act. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried.
2. 1st Reading, **Resolution No. 2025-2-R**, a resolution of the Village of Andover supporting the Ohio Municipal League's challenge of AT&T's tariff application at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Councilmember Williams moved to waive the 3 readings. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried. Councilmember French moved to act. Councilmember Orahod seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Committee assignments for 2025. The mayor said the committee assignments will remain unchanged from 2024.
2. *Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Agreement.* A meeting to discuss the proposal of Community Care Ambulance Network for the 2025 *Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Agreement* was set by councilmember Limestoll, chair of the Emergency Services & Safety Committee. The committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 20th, at the village hall.

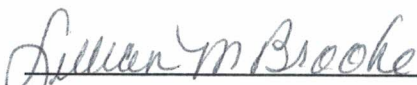
UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS.

1. Elm Street bridge. Councilmember French asked the administrator for an update on the Elm Street bridge project. The contractor for the project has requested an extension. Councilmember French noted that the project has now gone past two months. He asked that *Road Closed* signs be placed at both ends of Elm Street due to the cars that enter the street and have to turn around.
2. Simply Christmas. The mayor thanked Lara Reibold and the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce for the great job done hosting Simply Christmas 2024.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved at 7:22 to adjourn. Motion carried.



Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor