

Village of Lowellville Regular Council Meeting

August 12, 2026 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by Mayor James Iudiciani, Sr.

Roll Call – Leslie Daniels, Joe Donatelli, Dave Durbin, Ryan McNicholas, Dom Piscitelli, Don D’Onofrio

Comment: Mayor – our solicitor will be unavailable for a little while, we may have to have a special meeting and amending to legislation due to doing in-house.

Motion to excuse Solicitor James Lanzo moved by D’Onofrio 2nd McNicholas

Roll Call - yes

Also, in attendance – Joann Esenwein Village Administrator, Tina Strait Fiscal Officer/Clerk

Motion to go out of regular order of business to hear from our engineer, Team Office, public request, Chief Alli and Chief Harris moved by Donatelli 2nd Durbin

Roll call – yes

Engineer Report – Jim Shamrock MS Consultants

- OEPA Findings and Orders – Sewer System Analysis Study Draft scope - being reviewed
- WPCLF nomination for NOV submitted on 7/28/26
- Riverfront Park – Rudzik to seal basketball court around 8-19-26, pending weather – may need to lock up court while sealing
- W Water St – Pending drawings from PrimeNet
- Change orders – completed under cost
- Parsons Ave – X-Press Underground - outstanding list was sent to them
- Watson St. Sanitary Sewer Project - MS submitted draft scope for design & inspection
- ARC Final application – ARC pre-application was selected
- Park Ave – MS submitted draft scope for design & inspection

Joann – Stavich Bike Trail Improvements (SB450)

- \$150,000.00 received State Capitol Fund
- ODNR funds
- Talking with ODOT on how to bid as maintenance project

Tom Reeveley – Team Office 118 N. Canfield-Niles Rd

- Cybersecurity and Technology work has started
- Working with Spectrum
- Support Services \$288.00 mo / Cyber Security \$216.00 mo = \$504.00
- Switching from Delta to Team for phone service \$350.00 mo
- Ryan will let fiscal know which fund/code to use for all the above

Motion to enter into contract for \$350.00 mo with Team Office, effective Oct. 6, this will replace Delta telephone contract moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Daniels

Roll Call – yes

Public Request:

Jenn Henderson 56 W. Walnut Requesting permission to place Rock Garden within the village, it will be mobile. Will take responsibility for care and maintenance. Looking to spread positivity within the village and send a message to someone who may need it.

- Permission granted to put in Riverfront Park by the valve, to the left when you enter park

Bob Durick 5990 Badal Dr. speaking about property 301 W. Wood

- Has talked with Mike from Hylant in regards to his claim
- Still not resolved, may not have enough coverage on insurance for finished basement, a worker from x-press underground said they would cover it but doesn't know the workers name.

Terrance Esarco 127 E Grant

- I live on Grant and 1st St, with the big one-way hill. Has seen "big" trucks trying to come up it and kids on bikes. Concerned that someone is going to get hurt. If someone is coming down that steep hill and someone is trying to come up a one-way, it's dangerous. Our police dept. need to talk to kids about safety and explain one-ways.
- Too many people parking half on sidewalk and road. It's not appealing to our neighborhoods. Police need to fine for this.
- Great community events ... the festival and community garage sale!

Police Chief Alli – nothing to report

Fire Chief Harris – Unfortunately April Purtee has to step down from our fire dept. after 17 yrs. of service, but will still be part of the association. Everyone thanks April for all her years of service and dedication to our village. Station 31 has had donation of floors and association making purchases to improve the station. EMS for football season is starting. Mayor thanks the dept. for cleaning up the trees that fell on 289

Motion to return to regular order of business moved by Donatelli 2nd Durbin

Roll Call -yes

Minutes from previous meeting 7/7/26 and 7/8/26 motion to approve moved by McNicholas 2nd Daniels

Roll Call – yes

Motion to send claims to the claims committee for approval moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Piscitelli

Roll call – yes

Motion to send claims as approved by the claims committee to the pay ordinance moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Piscitelli

Roll call -yes

Clerk read the correspondence for tonight's meeting

Comment: Shop with a cop is still not closed but mayor will request our former Officer Karis to take care of.

Village Administrator – Joann Esenwein

- Water Trail Legislation – goes through Mahoning, Trumbull Counties to the PA line.
- **Resolution 4200** – Trumbull Co. Metro Park District, Howland Township, Weathersfield Township, Village of McDonald, City of Girard, City of Youngstown, City of Campbell, City of Struthers, Village of Lowellville and Poland Township, the Mahoning River Corridor initiative and the Mahoning River Corridor Mayors Assoc. proposed to extend the Mahoning River Water Trail as a means to encourage tourism and eco-friendly, educational, historical, cultural, and recreational activities on the Mahoning River. Whereas, said water trail designations must meet the criteria and guidelines for approval by the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources; and Whereas, said Water Trail is a cooperative effort amongst the aforementioned agencies, communities, and organizations to obtain designations of the Mahoning River Water Trail and to seek grant funds for related signage.
- Motion to suspend the rules moved by Piscitelli 2nd Donatelli
- Roll Call – yes
- Motion to approve moved by Daniels 2nd Durbin
- Roll Call – yes
- NOV legislation that was discussed in July's meeting (WPCLF loan)
- Motion to suspend the rules moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Piscitelli
- Roll Call – yes
- **RESOLUTION #4201** – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to apply for, accept, and enter into a water pollution control loan fund (WPCLF) agreement on behalf of the Village of Lowellville for construction of wastewater facilities; and designating a payment source for the loan.
- Motion to approved moved by Durbin 2nd McNicholas
- Roll Call – yes
- Fiscal officer – requesting legislation for approval to increase appropriations on the following:
 - These will show on the appropriation supplement reports you receive monthly
 - When budget was done, we did not take into account the consultants for projects being done in the village. For the project adjustments they are really just showing money in/out. We receive from OWDA and then we pay consultants. This is new – in the past the funds were paid directly to the consultants and contractors from OWDA. Only OPWC pays directly now. We will have to look over our budget and verify if revenue was taken into account on these projects, we're doing to justify the appropriation side. Administration believes we did not take the consultants revenue received from OWDA into account. McNicholas, finance chair, says we will look into. We will run reports to look at all revenue and make adjustments as needed to clear up for the year.
- 5201-549-399-5205 \$18,407.10 Yo-Low Rd, Siphon CT Consultants

- 5201-549-399-5205 \$7,000.00 Aqua Billing Fee's (mayor wants FO to double check this, FO will inform mayor and council to verify)
- 5201-549-346-5203 \$44,176.03 Mod 2&3 MS Consultants + amounts we don't have yet
- 1000-730-420-0000 \$2000.00 Money received from Lowellville Business Assoc.
- 1000-110-520-0000 \$251.54 Court settlement money received. Chief Alli requesting equipment increase.

Fiscal officer will continue to request until we figure it all out. Will pull out all contracts with consultants/contractors to get total dollar values.

Fiscal officer is requesting blanket approval to correct appropriations/revenues, and will provide council with reports and explanations. D'Onofrio is fine with this as long as they are provided all information each time. McNicholas is fine with a blank ordinance, as well, with same stipulation. Will need to get legislation put together for this.

Moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Daniels to suspend the rules.

Roll Call – yes

Move on passage by D'Onofrio 2nd Donatelli to make above changes to appropriations and any necessary revenue as long as council is kept in loop. If the legislation provided tonight needs amended it can be done once our solicitor looks over. **Ordinance 4203**

Roll call- yes

Huntington Bank Depository Agreement – At July meeting solicitor said Fiscal Officer could sign but need legislation, since no legislation provided, we are requesting permission for Village Administrator to sign.

Motion to approve Joann to sign moved by Donatelli 2nd Piscitelli (follow up with solicitor to see if need resolution)

Roll call – yes

Tax Budget from Mahoning County Auditor – NEW – Legislation not available since solicitor not available. Spoke with Poland and they suggested to have council approve since no solicitor but follow up with getting.

Motion to approve moved by Daniels 2nd Piscitelli

Roll call – yes

Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. **RESOLUTION 4204**

Suspend the rules moved by McNicholas 2nd Durbin

Roll call – yes

Motion to approve moved by Donatelli 2nd Daniels

Roll call – yes

Mayors Report –

- spoke with Republic requesting help for the NOV loan and if remain status quo with treating leachate. Will be meeting with them soon.
- Dispatch agreement (ABM) for Police. 3 mo. notice to leave contract and return equipment we may have. Will need to know how long for new service (Struthers) will need to set up.
- Chief Harris concerned about switching to Struthers for dispatch

Improvements: Joe Donatelli

- Nothing to report

Finance: Ryan McNicholas

- Need to monitor spending
- Be sure to request PO's
- Will be having a finance meeting soon
- All expenses are increasing, need to watch spending
- Fiscal Officer informed council we still are not receiving advances from county auditor office at this time.
- Ryan following up on loan for fire station. Administrator is not comfortable to sign her personal information for village loan. President of Council, Don D'Onofrio said he will sign, we will need resolution from solicitor.

Safety: Dave Durbin

- Closing/Opening the gate in evening (Pine Hollow)
- Trees falling
- Kids on motor bikes, not stopping at stop signs, speeding, no helmets, no headlights (driving when dark)

Utilities: Leslie Daniels

- Nothing to report

Mayor – wants to address situation from tree that was on 289 – miscommunication with First Energy. When tree fell and took out wires it was AT&T. Our street dept was there but unable to do anything since wires down. When area was cleared the street dept. was not informed.

Ordinance: Don D'Onofrio

- Did meet before this meeting with Richie Schrader in regards to cutting into streets for fiber optics and recommends mimicking what Mahoning Co. does. Need to look at what our current permit states.
- Will look at pay ordinance at their next meeting
- Mayor - Traylor ordinance needs looked over. SET will be setting up.

Claims: Dom Piscitelli

- Nothing at this time

Mayor – John Deere mowers for street dept. Few proposals provided.

- Motion to select option 1 (3 mowers \$500) moved by Daniels 2nd McNicholas
- Roll Call – yes
- Whereas, the lessee is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio (the “State”) and is duly organized and existing pursuant of the constitution and laws of the State.
Whereas, pursuant to applicable law, the Governing body of the Lessee (“Governing Body”) is authorized to terminate the attached existing John Deere account # 001-0112369-000
That the Village Administrator be and is hereby authorized to terminate the John Deere Account #001-0112369-000. That the Village Administrator be authorized and hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with LANDPRO for the attached quote ID:
- Quote #2410368 \$500.00
- Motion to suspend the rules moved by Donatelli 2nd Piscitelli
- Roll call – yes
- Motion on passage moved by Donatelli 2nd D'Onofrio
- Roll call – yes
- **RESOLUTION #4202**

Old business –

Fiscal officer – Ordinance 4199 Robinson Ct. has information that is needed that was not provided to me. Ex: plate or survey by certified licensed surveyor or engineer. All needs sent to auditor's office for transfer and deed recording. Mayors requesting, I send him a copy and will contact the auditor's office.

New business –

Village administrator - \$150,000.00 Stavich bike trail is everyone in agreement be used for repairs, resurfacing from Yo-Low Rd to as far as we can get with funds. Yes, everyone is.

Daniels – requesting closure of Water St. for Riverview Day on Sept. 19th. Motion to close Water St. from 1st to 3rd on Sept. 19 from 10AM to midnight moved by Daniels 2nd D'Onofrio

Roll call - yes

Motion to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation, ordinances, zoning and enforcement and inviting mayor. Moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Daniels 8:57PM

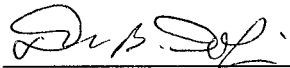
Roll call – yes

Motion to return to regular order of business moved by Durbin 2nd McNicholas

Roll call – yes

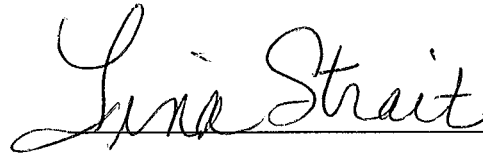
Motion to adjourn moved by D’Onofrio 2nd Donatelli

Roll call – yes



~~Mayor James Iudiciani, Sr.~~

President of Council



Fiscal Officer/Clerk Tina Strait

