

Village of Lowellville Regular Council Meeting

July 8, 2026 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by Mayor James Iudiciani, Sr.

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

Motion to excuse Joe Donatelli moved by Durbin 2nd D’Onofrio

Roll Call Yes

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

Motion to go out of regular order of business to swear in new firefighter, public request and engineer report. Moved by Durbin, 2nd Daniels

Roll Call Yes

Note from Chief Harris – Recommending appointment of Jordan Hinton, background check, drug test, and physical all came back good. Newer firefighter, came highly recommended from other area chiefs.

Mayor requesting council for appointment of Jordan Hinton to the Lowellville Fire Dept. Moved by Daniels, 2nd Piscitelli

Roll Call Yes

April Purtee will be Jordan’s representative. Jordan sworn in by Mayor James Iudiciani, Sr.

Public Request –

Judy Carney 254 W Wood St – Questions regarding the work on Parsons Ave. Q: Was it bid out? A: Yes, Underground X-Press was lowest on closed bid. Council agrees job was a disaster, lots of changes and unforeseen circumstances that took place during the job. Q: Will grass be taken care of? A: Yes, and there are several subcontractors on site, as well.

Engineer Report – Jim Shamrock MS Consultant (Report Provided)

- Parsons Ave – Tentatively ending Mid-July. Inspection being done daily.
- OEPA Finding and Orders – Status: Pending agreement
 - MS submitted draft scope & fee (\$724,727.00) to perform Sewer System Analysis Study. Needs reviewed. Mayor spoke with Mike Szenborn and he noticed improvement with plant especially with all the heavy rains we had since we projects have started.
- Riverfront Park & W Water St. – construction completed at Park except surfacing of basketball court. Transfer of quantities associated with asphalt from Riverfront to W Water St. was performed resulting in a reduction to change order of \$3,726.00
- Riverfront Park – per Joann – Eastgate takes care of these payments.
- OPWC Round 40 Watson St. from W. Walnut to W. Wood – Replace approx. 600 LF 8” sanitary sewer. Cost \$419,087.00 (Local Share \$67,053.92)

- ARC Final application – must have drawings finalized to submit for PTI approval. Due Sept. 9th.
- OPWC Round 41 Park Ave. Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation
- Mahoning County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Park Ave. Sanitary Sewer Improvements between Wood and Walnut
 - Funding limited to \$200,000.00
 - Engineering covered by Village \$18,000 design \$18,000 construction observation
 - Will be applying for OPWC grant, due 9/8/26
- Siphon
 - Joann still waiting to hear back from railroad (Railpro)
- Senate bill 450 Stavich Bike Trail Improvements
 - Phase 5 E. Liberty St. trail access to Village Corp.
 - Est. cost \$220,285.00 but will try to stay with awarded amount
 - Awarded \$150,000.00

Mayors Meeting will be Friday July 17 at Carlson's 3:00 - all council is invited

Motion to return to regular order of business moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Piscitelli

Roll Call yes

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting 6/10/26 moved by McNicholas 2nd Daniels

Roll call yes

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

Comment: Mayor: status of claim regarding tire from delivery food driver, follow up with Dave Sugar, claim was sent to him. Also, status of tire from Willa Mattern, send to mayor and he will follow up.

Roll call yes

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

Roll call yes

Fiscal officer/clerk read the July 8, 2026 correspondence

MS modification #3 – Daniels: allot of project was done incorrectly and not according to the contract do we have any way to go back on of this? Why are we eating the higher cost? Mayor: Not getting paid for things they did wrong. Daniels: since extended due to negligence can we do something? What was the original end date? November but held up due to weather and other issues. Mayor: there were lots of design errors by CT consultants, as well, and not able to do anything about that. MS Consultants went on the job site to monitor and found/corrected errors. We did not have anyone to do inspections that's why we requested MS to do it.

Motion to approve MS modification #3 \$14,500.00 for construction observation on Parsons Ave. and approve Joann to sign moved by Daniels 2nd Piscitelli

Roll Call yes

Draft Agreement between Village of Lowellville and MS Consultants for \$724,727.00 for engineers' services, contingent on getting loan. This is needed for notice of violations from EPA for sewer system analysis, this would be the study. This would be a 5-year loan.

- Motion to approve DRAFT agreement, contingent on getting loan, moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Durbin
- Roll call – yes

Committee Reports:

Improvements Joe Donatelli – Absent

Finance Ryan McNicholas

- Finance meeting was held and discussed budget and FY27.
- Tax budget was due to county auditor on 7/20 but fiscal officer requested extension due to vacation, was approved. Will need approved at August meeting.
- Will need to start working on 2027 budget.
- Fiscal officer requesting increase on appropriation for elevator maintenance, approx. \$600.00
 - Motion to approve \$600.00 moved by McNicholas 2nd Piscitelli
 - Roll call yes
- Following up on back pay for Chief Alli and Tom Wolfgang. Mayor was to speak with PJ. Has not spoke with him yet, but will.

Safety Dave Durbin

- Signs at the new fire station for “no parking”. Solicitor suggest you get approval from owner.
- People entering Pine Hollow Park after dark in cars. Need signs in place, dusk to dawn. Suggest we start closing/lock gate. Durbin and Police chief will take care.
- Walnut and Jaric St. – can not see up the hill due to bush. Extremely dangerous.
- McGill – ground is sinking again. Need to call JS Bova
- Second and Grant – sidewalk/wall needs barricade, owner needs to address
- Park Ave has sink holes. Will have street dept. look
- Riverfront Park – sidewalk needs yellow paint to mark, trip hazard

Utilities Leslie Daniels

- Assessment needs removed; person has bankruptcy. Will send to solicitor for legislation.

Ordinance Don D'Onofrio

- Had meeting today, before this meeting.
- Solicitation ordinance needs reviewed
- Restoration ordinance needs reviewed

Claims Dom Piscitelli

- Dave Sugar still pending if he's coving cost of tire damage to resident car

- 301 W Wood St. insurance claim, send all correspondence to insurance co.

Solicitor James Lanzo

- Nothing to report

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- Join Struthers dispatch, leave Austintown (ABM). Chief Alli to find contract, Fiscal officer will look, as well
- Report from Tom Collins: RITA as of 6/30/26
 - \$374,466.86
- LCIC board meeting Aug 18 asking enrichment group and LBA to attend meeting

Legislation

Was approved at June meeting and solicitor provided resolution today:

A resolution authorizing the fiscal officer to establish a new fund in UAN for the sanitary siphon replacement project and declaring an emergency RESOLUTION #4198

Motion to suspend the rules moved by D'Onofrio 2nd McNicholas

An ordinance vacating Robinson Court (alley) from 1st Street to 2nd Street and transferring title to abutting property owners. ORDINANCE # 4199

Motion to suspend the rules moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Daniels

Roll Call yes

Motion for passage moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Daniels

Roll call yes

Fiscal officer informed council about HB314 – permits a court to issue an order suspending a person's ability to request public records for up to five years if that person is found to have submitted requests for the purpose of harassing or disrupting a public office or person responsible for public records. The court can extend the suspension period if the person violates the order and can also fine the person up to \$100 for attempting to circumvent the order via anonymous request. Solicitor will look at.

Old Business

D'Onofrio – pavilion, are we renting A: yes, have some reserved. Fiscal officer, who do we inform of rental and who is in charge? Reserved sign? What is the procedure? A: Mayor – text Joann, Mayor and police chief. Mayor will look into signage with regulations.

Possible stopping rental of truck

New Business

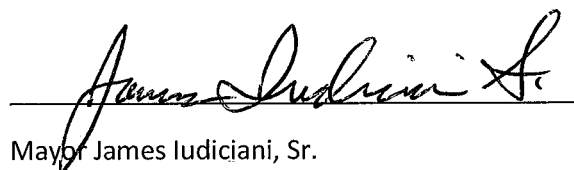
August 8 (9th rain date) will be community garage sale day. Money will be collected by Tammy Ross.

Joann suggest we lock the restrooms at Riverfront Park during the festival to prevent any possible damage. Mayor will have Chief Alli lock them.

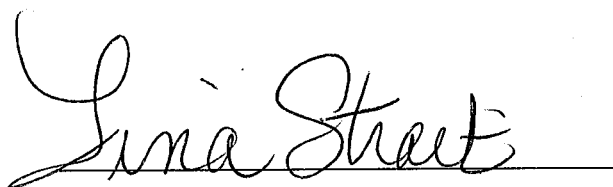
D'Onofrio - KO Consultant, have we reached out yet? Mayor, not yet. She goes after small grants and very successful. Will request for her to come speak with us.

Motion to adjourn moved by McNicholas 2nd Daniels

Roll Call yes

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Mayor James Iudiciani, Sr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tina Strait", written over a horizontal line.

Fiscal Officer/Clerk Tina Strait

