

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
7:00 PM**

Call to Order

Mayor Brenda called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Faith Renner – present
Penny Fessler – present
Crystal Stoner – present
Tony Midlam – present
Paul King - present
Teri Stivers – present

Others Present

Denis Aslinger, Village Manager
Jeff Derksen, Village Superintendent
Andrew Wannemacher, Solicitor
Alisa Weber, Utility Clerk/Assistant Fiscal Officer
Elizabeth Gilbert - Resident
Judy Barga - Resident
William Smith – Village IT Consultant
Jessica Hunsbarger - Resident
John Carroll - Resident
Bryan Pence – Reliable Waste Systems

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine. Each item will be read individually in the record and the Consent Agenda will then be enacted as a whole by one motion and one roll call. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion by the Village Council is desired on any item, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence under the Regular Order of Business.

Council Meeting Minutes August 12, 2025

August 2025 Fund Summary
August 2025 Revenue Summary
August 2025 Appropriation Summary
August 2025 Wages & Overtime Summary
August 2025 Payment Listing

Penny made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Faith seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Teri - yea
Paul – yea
Crystal - yea

Tony – yea
Penny – yea
Faith - yea
Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Reports for August



MIAMI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Law Total Incident Report, by Offense Codes

Agency: MIAMI COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

<u>Offense Code</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
[No code entered] ()	13
AGENCY ASSIST (ASTA)	3
BURGLARY OR ATT BURGLARY (BURG)	1
CIVIL MATTER (CVDS)	3
DISORDERLY CONDUCT (DCON)	1
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 13A (DMVA)	1
INFORMATION REPORT (INFO)	6
JUNK VEHICLE (JUNK)	4
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE (MENT)	1
PORNOGRAPHY OR OBSCENE MATERIA (PORN)	1
RESISTING ARREST (REST)	1
SUSPICIOUS IN NATURE (SUSP)	2
TRAFFIC OFFENSE (TOFF)	2
Total Incidents for This Agency	39

Citizens' Comments – The floor was opened for citizens' concerns. No comments were made.

Department Reports

- **Mayor Brenda Carroll**

Mayor Brenda announced that Rodney Creach, a state representative, will attend the October 23rd workshop to discuss House Bill 331, which outlines requirements for municipalities to remain a village. Representatives from Ludlow Falls and Laura may also attend.

It was also announced that there is one open council member position to be filled in January.

Upcoming events were noted: the village garage sale is on September 20th, with the Salvation Army truck present at the church. The recent blood drive collected 19 units, which was 176% of its goal, and the next blood drive is scheduled for November 10th. Beggar's Night will be on October 30th, coinciding with the county-wide date. The Fall Fair and Market Day will take place on October 3rd.

Village Murals Project – Mayor Brenda presented a proposal for two mural projects: a new mural on the library building and the restoration of a historical image on the Berry building. The total project cost is estimated to be under \$20,000. The Mayor reported that \$2,000 has been secured from an America 250 grant and \$2,880 from the Ohio Arts Council. An additional grant application for \$5,000 is pending, with a decision expected by October 10th. To cover the remaining costs, the Mayor requested that the council approve up to \$13,120 from the general fund.

Discussion followed regarding the cost and the durability of vinyl wraps versus paint. The Mayor stated that wraps are heated onto the building and can be indefinite, though they may fade over many years. The Mayor confirmed that permission to paint the Berry building, which had been given previously, would be refreshed before any work begins. It was clarified that if the pending \$5,000 grant is awarded, the village's contribution would be reduced to \$8,120. Also noted that one artist indicated it would be more cost-effective to do both murals at the same time.

Tony made a motion to approved \$13,120 for murals

Penny seconded the motion

Tony – yea

Penny – yea

Crystal – yea

Teri – yea

Paul – yea

Faith - nay

Motion carried.

- **Village Manager Denis Aslinger**

Denis provided an update on the search for a street sweeper. Prices for used units are around \$65,000, while a refurbished model from Best Equipment is quoted at \$110,000. A new unit would cost between \$220,000 and \$240,000. For the immediate future, the plan is to hire subcontractors to sweep the streets before winter, using funds already appropriated for this purpose.

Denis also reported meeting with Wagner Paving for street maintenance repairs, including work on valve boxes, manhole covers, a catch basin, and various asphalt patches. The project is budgeted for \$20,000, and a final quote is pending.

Trash and Recycling Contract Bids – Denis reported that the village received two bids for the trash and recycling contract: one from Rumpke and a lower bid from Reliable Waste Solutions. The owner of Reliable Waste Solutions, Bryan Pence, was present to answer questions. Bryan explained that his company's large item pickup service, included in the price, allows for one large and one small item, or two small items, on the second Friday of each month. Recycling will be collected every other week using 95-gallon bins. An annual service to hot wash and sanitize every trash can at no additional cost will also be provided. In response to questions about operational readiness, Bryan stated his company has two full-size garbage trucks, is purchasing another, and has partnerships with other local haulers and rental companies to ensure service continuity. The contract would be for five years, with an option for a two-year extension.

Teri made a motion to accept the low bid from Reliable Waste Systems

Paul seconded the motion

Paul – yea

Tony – yea

Crystal – yea

Faith – yea

Penny – yea

Teri - yea

Motion carried.

- **Asst Fiscal Officer – Alisa Weber – no report**

- **Service Superintendent Jeff Derksen – Jeff reported that staff is working on fall foundations at the cemetery, painting curbs around town, and changing out water meters. A valve exercising program was also conducted, where all major valves, including hydrant valves, were turned to ensure they are in operational condition.**

Committee Reports

- Pleasant Hill/Newton Twp. Joint Fire District Board – Mayor Brenda reported that Dave Stockler is the new Fire Chief. The recent fire event at the community park was noted as a nice event. Two town hall meetings are scheduled for September 15th and October 2nd in the school cafeteria to discuss the proposed 5.73 mill levy that will be on the ballot. Residents were encouraged to attend to get information and ask questions. It was noted that the Miami County Auditor's website can provide property tax estimates for the proposed levy.
- Planning Commission – Jeff Derksen reported that it had been a slow month, with the commission handling only a few permits for fence repairs and small property add-ons.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Third Reading of Ordinance 1166, An Ordinance of the Village of Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio Setting Forth the Rules for the Operation of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Repealing Ordinance No. 1143 V2
Teri made a motion to approve the Third Reading of Ordinance 1166. Crystal seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Teri - yea

Paul – yea

Crystal - yea

Tony – yea

Penny – yea

Faith - yea

Motion carried

Adoption of Ordinance 1166 – Faith made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1166. Penny seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Teri - yea

Paul – yea

Crystal - yea

Tony – yea

Penny – yea

Faith - yea

Motion carried

Third Reading of Ordinance 1156, An Ordinance of the Village of Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio Regulating Trash Containers – Village Council decided to not move forward with any motion on this.

Third Reading of Ordinance 1157, An Ordinance of the Village of Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio Prohibiting Sidewalk Obstruction – Village Council decided to not move forward with any motion on this.

First Reading of Resolution 2025-14, A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Pleasant Hill to Enter into an Agreement with the Miami County Public Defender Commission for Public Defender Services to Village of Pleasant Hill Residents

Teri made a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolution 2025-14. Crystal seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Teri - yea

Paul – yea

Crystal - yea
Tony – yea
Penny – yea
Faith - yea
Motion carried

First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 1167, An Ordinance Levying Assessments Upon Various Lots and Lands Located in the Village of Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio for 2025 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Replacement

Teri made a motion to approve the First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 1167. Tony seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Teri - yea
Paul – nay
Crystal - yea
Tony – yea
Penny – yea
Faith - yea
Motion carried

First Reading by Title Only of Resolution 2025-15, A Resolution to Employ a Village Solicitor

Faith made a motion to approve the First Reading by Title Only of Resolution 2025-15. Teri seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Teri - yea
Paul – yea
Crystal - yea
Tony – yea
Penny – yea
Faith - yea
Motion carried

First Reading by Title Only of Resolution 2025-16, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement for Prosecutorial Services

Penny made a motion to approve the First Reading by Title Only of Resolution 2025-16. Faith seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Teri - yea
Paul – yea
Crystal - yea
Tony – yea
Penny – yea
Faith - yea
Motion carried

First Reading by Title Only of Resolution 2025-17, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract for Sheriff's Department Services

Penny made a motion to approve the First Reading by Title Only of Resolution 2025-17. Paul seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Penny – yea
Tony – yea
Crystal - yea
Faith – yea
Teri – yea
Paul - yea
Motion carried

First Reading by Title Only of Resolution 2025-18, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract for Curbside Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services

Teri made a motion to approve the First Reading by Title Only of Resolution 2025-18. Penny seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Faith – yea
Penny – yea
Tony – yea
Crystal – yea
Paul – yea
Teri - yea
Motion carried

First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 1168, An Ordinance Approving a change in the Monthly Rate for Curbside Solid Waste and Recycling Collection

Teri made a motion to approve the First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 1168. Penny seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Teri - yea
Penny – yea
Tony – yea
Crystal – yea
Paul – yea
Faith - yea
Motion carried

Resolution 2025-19 - Website Agreement

A resolution was introduced as an emergency to enter into an agreement with Brian Gelhaus for website services at a first-year cost of \$4,700. The current IT provider, Bill Smith, stated that this action violated his existing contract, which includes website management. Mayor Brenda explained the village was seeking a different website solution and had been unsatisfied with the progress on updates. Following this, Mr Smith submitted his resignation effective October 9th and stated that programs he created for the village would leave with him, as stipulated in his contract. Council members expressed concern about violating an existing contract and requested to see other quotes. The initial motion to suspend the three-reading rule was withdrawn, and the matter was tabled for discussion at the September workshop.

Following the website discussion, it was noted that with the IT provider's resignation, the village would also need to secure new IT services. A potential cost of \$1,000 a month was mentioned, but no formal proposals had been gathered. This matter was also deferred to the September workshop for further research and discussion.

Old Business

Discussion on a zoning document was deferred to the next workshop.

New Business - none

Adjournment

There being no other business brought forth to Council, the Mayor stated that she would entertain a motion to adjourn. Teri made a motion to adjourn. Faith seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Paul – yea

Teri – yea

Penny – yea

Crystal - yea

Faith - yea

Tony – yea

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Brenda Carroll, Mayor



Jamie Gregorovic, Fiscal Officer

Next Ordinance # 1169

Next Resolution #2025-20