

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL
Council Workshop Minutes
Thursday, October 23, 2025
7:00 PM**

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Teri – present
Paul – present
Crystal – present
Tony – present
Penny – present
Faith – present

Others Present

Jamie Gregorovic – Fiscal Officer
Lenny Wirz – BPA Member
John Carroll
Rodney Creech, State Representative

House Bill 331 Discussion

Rodney Creech, a State Representative, introduced himself and provided an overview of House Bill 331. He described it as an accountability bill designed to ensure local governments provide necessary services for the taxes they collect. He explained that the bill establishes criteria to assess a village's viability, and failure to meet these could lead to a community vote on whether to dissolve the village and be absorbed by the township. He noted that the bill discourages shared services, such as using the county sheriff instead of a local police department, a point with which he personally disagrees. He emphasized that the bill does not mean villages will automatically go away; dissolution requires a vote by the community.

A key point of discussion was the importance of having elected officials rather than appointed ones. Mayor Brenda noted that the village has several appointed members. The council also discussed how the village's joint service agreements, such as the joint fire district with the township and the library being run by the county system, might be viewed under the bill. Representative Creech reassured the council that if the township and village work well together, there is little cause for concern. He advised the council to focus on keeping its boards filled with elected officials. A resident raised concerns about the ballot petition process, citing a personal experience where his petitions were rejected on a technicality. He questioned why the Board of Elections does not provide feedback to candidates on potential errors before the filing deadline.

IT Vendor Selection

The IT committee provided an update on the process of selecting a new IT provider. The village currently lacks IT support, cybersecurity, and regular data backups. One of the three initial candidates, Fields, withdrew from consideration, citing "too much drama." The committee interviewed the remaining two companies, Dark Cloud and Royal Computers. A third potential vendor, Arctic, is also being considered. Arctic is on the Department of Administrative Services' preferred vendor list and specializes in government clients. Crystal has a meeting scheduled with Arctic for Friday Oct 24.

The committee compared the vendors. Dark Cloud was presented as having a team with extensive technical

expertise and certifications, offering a comprehensive service outcome rather than billing by the hour. Their initial cost was stated as \$4,500 to \$7,500, with a monthly fee of \$1,500 to \$2,500. Royal Computers was described as a father-son team that currently serves other local villages. Their estimated cost was \$960 to \$1,200 for transition and \$2,000 to \$3,000 annually for labor. Concerns were raised about Royal Computers lacking certain certifications and a clear plan for firewall monitoring. Arctic's initial contract cost was stated to start at \$4,500, with a monthly fee between \$1,000 and \$2,000. The committee noted that Dark Cloud seemed better prepared to ensure compliance with House Bill 96. The committee plans to provide a summarized comparison of all three vendors, including pricing and a recommendation, for the council to review.

Social Media and Website Policy

The IT committee presented a draft policy for managing the village's website and social media, particularly the Facebook page. The discussion centered on whether to continue allowing public comments. One proposal, was to allow moderated comments under a clear set of guidelines. This policy would require that any comments removed for violating the rules be archived. An alternative, suggested by Mayor Brenda, was to disable comments entirely and use the Facebook page strictly for official village information, similar to the policies of the cities of Troy and Covington. This would direct community discussion to other social media pages not managed by the village. The council discussed the need for transparency and community engagement versus the challenges of moderating comments and ensuring the page remains a professional, administrative tool.

Ordinance Violation Process

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the village's process for handling ordinance violations. Teri introduced a proposed ordinance for a "softer approach" to non-safety-related violations, prompted by feedback that the current process is perceived as too harsh. The conversation covered the tone of violation letters, the high volume of notices sent, and whether to enforce all violations uniformly or prioritize the most significant ones.

Mayor Brenda explained the current process involves documenting violations, sending a notification letter, and following up to see if progress has been made, noting that court action has not been taken. It was stated that the violation letter was revised this year to be less harsh than the one used previously. However, others expressed that the community remains upset. A suggestion was made to adopt a generic, checklist-style letter, similar to one used by the city of Troy, to remove personality and tone from the notifications. The debate also touched on whether to require a formal, signed complaint from a resident before acting on a violation, versus allowing the mayor or village staff to initiate the process based on their own observations. The council agreed that the violation letter could be changed, but no formal decision was made on a new process.

Citizen Comments

A request was made by Paul to move the citizen comments section back to the beginning of the meeting agenda to allow residents to speak without having to wait through the entire meeting. After a brief discussion, the council agreed to this change for future meetings.

Adjournment

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

Roll call:

Paul – yea

Teri – yea

Penny – yea

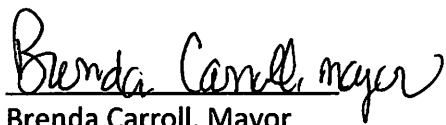
Crystal - yea

Faith - yea

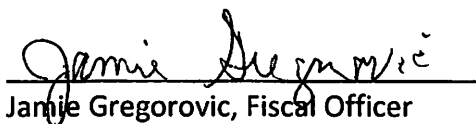
Tony – yea

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

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Brenda Carroll, Mayor

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Jamie Gregorovic, Fiscal Officer

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