

VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL
Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 7:00 pm at Fieldhouse

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by **Mayor Carroll**.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Tony Midlam, Russell Landwehr, Penny Fessler, Paul King, Teri Stivers

Absent: Crystal Stoner

Others Present: Kim Landwehr, Stan Fessler, Andrew Wannamacher, Elizabeth Bush, Brenda Carroll, and Denis Aslinger.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda with corrections was made by **Teri Stivers** and seconded by **Penny Fessler**, motion passed.

Corrections to March 10th and March 26th minutes were discussed, motion to approve as corrected by **Teri Stivers**, seconded by **Penny Fessler**, motion passed.

Citizens' Concerns / Park Maintenance

The council discussed a proposal to add dog waste bags near existing trash receptacles at the village parks.

Key Points:

- Trash cans are currently located near shelter areas, shaded baseball fields, and bathrooms.
- Existing signage regarding pet waste is largely ignored by some park users.
- The council reached a consensus to encourage the use of existing trash cans rather than installing separate waste bag stations, and the matter will be taken to the township.

Administration and Department Reports

Mayor Carroll provided updates on administrative matters, including mandatory Sunshine Laws training and upcoming community events.

Key Points:

- Council members were reminded to complete their once-per-term Sunshine Laws training to ensure compliance for the auditor.
- The Arbor Day celebration and tree planting will take place on the 24th with the local kindergarten class and the library.

- Progress was reported on the abandoned property at 13 South Main (Frank's House); it was purchased at a sheriff's sale and a flip company is taking possession in April to begin clean-up and renovations.

Street Sweeping and Village Equipment

Denis Aslinger provided an update on street maintenance and equipment orders.

Key Points:

- Street sweeping is scheduled for the following week and will be divided over two days, with notices to be distributed indicating which side of the roads will be swept on each day.
- A new tornado siren has been ordered, and the village is awaiting a shipping and installation timeline.

Liquor Permit Renewals

The council reviewed a notification from the Division of Liquor Control regarding the option to object to the renewal of two local liquor permits (the gas station and Local Coffee and Cream).

Key Points:

- No citizen complaints or issues involving sales to minors have been reported for either establishment.
- The council agreed it is beneficial to maintain local availability and opted not to file an objection.
- The council agreed to add an annual review of liquor permits to the January calendar for proactive planning.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Elizabeth Bush provided an update on the village's finances and payroll.

Key Points:

- The wages report was slightly higher for the period due to increased working hours for the fiscal staff.
- A few voided items appeared on the payment listing due to standard training and learning curves, but all accounts are balanced.

Joint Fire District (JFD) Report

Mayor Carroll summarized the recent JFD meeting, highlighting operational changes and run statistics.

Key Points:

- The department recorded 31 EMS runs and multiple fire/hazmat calls in the past month.

- New guidelines will require scheduled personnel to remain in-house at the station to improve response times, even if they reside in the village.
- The district expects to phase out mutual aid subsidies to Covington as staffing stabilizes.

BPA and Ordinance 1169

The council discussed the reintroduction of Ordinance 1169 regarding water main shut-offs for multiplex properties.

Key Points:

- The current setup allows only one water shut-off per building, creating issues if a single tenant fails to pay their bill.
- The council debated the responsibilities of property owners versus the village in managing shut-offs and metering.
- The ordinance will be redistributed for review and added to the agenda for an upcoming workshop.

Comprehensive Strategic Plan

Russell Landwehr provided an update from the planning committee regarding community outreach.

Key Points:

- The committee is finalizing a questionnaire to gather input from residents.
- The committee is considering hosting a Town Hall meeting during a future council workshop to present the plan and collect community feedback.

Ordinance 1171: Adopting a Cybersecurity Program

The council conducted the third reading of Ordinance 1171, which establishes a confidential cybersecurity program reviewed by legal counsel and the IT department.

Motion:

Made by **Tony Midlam**, seconded by **Teri Stivers**, to pass Ordinance 1171. The motion passed by roll call vote, excluding **Crystal Stoner**.

Executive Session Procedures and General Discussion

The council discussed Ohio Sunshine Laws regarding the timing and placement of executive sessions on the meeting agenda.

Key Points:

- Members debated whether executive sessions must be followed by open business or if they can be placed at the end of the meeting prior to adjournment. Legal counsel will be consulted for clarification.

- **Kim Landwehr** reported an ongoing issue with missing or displaced garbage cans at the local laundromat, and Speaker 19 confirmed a replacement was dropped off inside the facility.

Ordinance 1171: Adopting a Cybersecurity Program

Council motioned to adopt Ordinance 1171.

Motion:

Made by **Penny Fessler**, and seconded by **Tony Midlam**, to adopt Ordinance 1171. The motion passed by roll call vote, excluding **Crystal Stoner**.

Executive Session

The council received a request to purchase the funeral home property and required a closed session to discuss the real estate matter.

Resolution 2026-07: Purchase of Property at 1 South Main Street

The committee discussed the proposed purchase of a property located at 1 South Main Street. Andrew Wannamacher advised on the financial parameters to include in the motion and offered to draft the purchase contract directly, which the committee supported to avoid paying a 3% real estate commission fee. Members discussed the condition of the property and coordinated plans for interested participants to walk through the building prior to finalization.

Key Points:

- The purchase price is set not to exceed \$299,000, with an additional allowance of up to \$1,300 to cover normal and customary closing costs, including a title exam.
- An appraisal is not required for the transaction.
- The current owner has agreed to replace the property's electrical boxes prior to transferring possession.
- The property's central air HVAC units were installed in 2023, and the boiler was replaced in approximately 2010.

Motion: Made by **Paul King**, seconded by **Teri Stivers**, to approve Resolution 2026-07 by title only for the purchase of property at 1 South Main Street, not to exceed the cost of \$299,000 plus \$1,300 in normal and customary closing costs and inspection. The motion passed by roll-call vote, excluding **Crystal Stoner**.

Announcements

- Food trucks will be available in the village on Wednesdays (Asian food truck and You Want a Pizza Me, alternating) and Thursdays (Pappy and Nana's Smoke and Eats and Treats).
- Arbor Day tree planting will occur on the 24th.

Adjournment

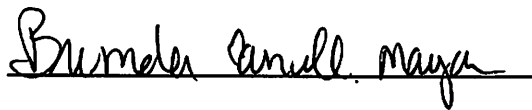
Motion:

Made by **Paul King**, seconded by **Teri Stivers**. Exit executive session and adjourn at 8:34pm.

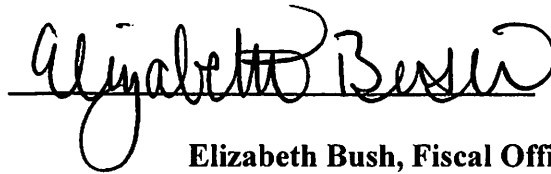
The next meeting date was not specified, but Village Council Meeting & Workshop will be April 23, 2026.

Next Ordinance #1172

Next Resolution #2026-08

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Brenda Carroll, Mayor

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Elizabeth Bush, Fiscal Officer