

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## ASHVILLE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 2, 2026

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The Council of Ashville convened in Regular Session from 6:45 PM to 8:12 PM in the Charles K. Wise Council Chambers at 200 East Station Street, Ashville, Ohio 43103. Mayor Clark called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Jesse Burke-present; Ron Teeters – present; Jeremy Scoby-present; Dave Rainey-present; Darryl Glick-present; Jeff Martin-present

### MINUTES

Jesse Burke moved, seconded by Jeff Martin, to approve the minutes for the February 17, 2026 Regular Session as presented. The motion passed with all votes in favor.

### PRESENTATION

- Jack Phillips of Frontier addressed the council, stating that Frontier is planning a fiber broadband project in the Village and the surrounding rural areas. Phillips explained that the project will primarily follow the right-of-way of Frontier's existing copper network and will be capable of providing residents in the Village with symmetrical broadband speeds of up to 7 Gbps.
- Adam Seeley of Bricker Graydon was present to answer questions from Council regarding the Development and Supply Agreement Term Summary with EdgeConnex. Jesse Burke stated that the developer has proposed using natural gas but wants to know whether they could switch to nuclear energy in the future, even if local zoning rules prohibit nuclear energy. Seeley explained that the developer must adhere to the plans approved by the EPA and the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). Jeff Martin expressed concerns about the behind-the-meter resolution and worried that other developers might be able to pursue similar arrangements. Seeley responded that they would not, noting that the agreement is exclusive to this developer.

### LEGISLATION

#### RESOLUTION FOR THIRD READING

##### **02-2026      A RESOLUTION SELECTING TIM OOTEN FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE PICKAWAY COUNTY 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- Mayor Clark read the Third Reading of Resolution 02-2026-title only.
- Dave Rainey moved, seconded by Ron Teeters, to adopt Resolution 02-2026.
- Roll Call: Jesse Burke-yay; Ron Teeters-yay; Jeremy Scoby-yay; Dave Rainey-yay; Darryl Glick-yay; Jeff Martin-yay. The motion passed with all votes in favor.

#### RESOLUTION FOR FIRST READING

##### **06-2026      A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPLY AGREEMENT TERM SUMMARY WITH EDGECONNEX AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Mayor Clark read the First Reading of Resolution 06-2026-title only.

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### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

**2026-04        AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT TO CREATE THE MADISON TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TOWNSHIP PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT, APPROVING A SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED MADISON TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONTRACT, AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN ANNEXATION MORATORIUM AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME, APPROVING RELATED MATTERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Mayor Clark read the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-04-title only.

**2026-06        AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR'S EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, BASED UPON THE AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF RESOURCES ISSUED BY THE PICKAWAY COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Mayor Clark read the First Reading of Ordinance 2026-06-title only.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Ohio Plan Renewal – Ron Teeters moved, seconded by Jeremy Scoby, to increase the Village's liability coverage to \$5M/\$7M. The motion passed with all votes in favor.
- Cyber-Security Renewal – Jeremy Scoby moved, seconded by Jeff Martin, to keep the Village's cyber coverage with Hiscox. The motion passed with all votes in favor.

### VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

- Bert Cline reported that a pre-construction meeting for the water treatment plant had been scheduled for the middle of the month and that we should receive the loan approval by the end of the month.

### COMMITTEES

- Ron Teeters reported that the Parks Committee is working on getting a grant to upgrade the park with sensory equipment to meet the needs of those with strollers, wheelchairs, or other challenges with the standard park equipment that's currently in the park.
- Jeff Martin reported that the Planning, Vision, & Economic Development Committee will meet Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Allison Meade stated that she and other members of the community are upset that legislation is being passed as emergency measures when they do not feel it meets the criteria for an emergency. Meade added that she and others in the community are paying close attention to council actions and will raise questions when they feel it is necessary.

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- Joe Allen, Village Administrator of South Bloomfield, informed Council that the village is applying for a grant to construct a safety building in South Bloomfield that will also serve as a fire department substation. Allen explained that the grant application requires support from the
  - Village of Ashville and asked Council to sign the application. He noted that signing the application does not obligate Ashville to provide funding for the project. Dave Rainey moved, seconded by Jesse Burke, to sign the grant application. The motion passed with all votes in favor.
  - Amber Jones addressed Council regarding current staffing at the police department and asked whether the chief and captain would also be required to pass the same fit-for-duty or mental health evaluation required of Sergeant Mayse before returning from administrative leave. Jones also questioned why legislation is being passed as an emergency without giving Council adequate time to thoroughly review and research the information provided.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Jesse Burke invited members of the community to participate in the upcoming St. Patty's Day 5K Run. Burke stated that he believes annexing the Pence and Black properties would benefit the village. He concluded by noting that a data center is going to be built on the property that's within the village. Burke stated that there is nothing the village can do to stop it because the permit application was submitted before the moratorium was passed.
- Ron Teeters echoed Burke's sentiments, stating that the developer is not required to provide anything to the village because the land where the data center is being built is already zoned for that use. He said that regardless, a data center will be built, but signing the agreement would provide funds to assist with several infrastructure projects.
- Jeremy Scoby stated that he will review legislation thoroughly and thoughtfully before voting to waive readings and/or pass emergency legislation.
- Dave Rainey thanked Council for their work and for stepping up to serve. Rainey also encouraged prayers for the troops.
- Jeff Martin said that he is proud of Council and the work they are doing and thanked the community for their involvement.

Dave Rainey moved, seconded by Ron Teeters, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with all votes in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

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ATTESY: April Grube, Clerk



Roger Clark, Mayor

All formal actions of the COUNCIL of the VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions, ordinances, and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.