

Village of Lynchburg
Council Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2025

M. B. Hamlin
Christie Hamlin
Chris Toller
Dave Minton
Judy L. Davis

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor James Burton at 6:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Roll call was taken by Village Administrator, Ashley Campbell. In attendance were Mayor James Burton, Marty Bailey, Judy Davis, Chris Hamlin, Dave Minton, Tagg Pendleton, and Chris Toller. Absent was Fiscal Officer, Jordan Groves.

Minutes:

A motion to approve April 10, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Dave Minton, seconded by Tagg Pendleton. Vote of 6-0. Motion passed.

Finances:

A motion to approve April's Finances was made by Marty Bailey, seconded by Chris Toller. Vote of 6-0. Motion passed.

Village Administrator:

The Village Administrator Report for 4/11/2025 – 5/8/2025 was presented by the Village Administrator, Ashley Campbell. Please see enclosed copy for a full detailed report.

Chris Hamlin asked if the pump at the garage needed repaired. Ashley let her know that it is not operational anymore - to replace would cost more than a new pump.

Chris Toller asked if anyone who received a junk letter reached out. Ashley stated that no one had and they would need to discuss in the next Public Works meeting.

Fiscal Officer:

The Fiscal Report was presented by Village Administrator, Ashley Campbell. The receipts for April were \$325,558.94. The expenses for April were \$120,959.57. Revenue over Expenses for April totaled \$204,599.37. Please see enclosed copy for full detailed report.

Chris Hamlin asked about the website looking different than usual, especially when using a mobile device. Ashley stated that nothing changed on our end, but Host Monster is doing some updates and that could be the reason.

Police Chief:

The Police Department Report was presented by Police Chief, Casey Cecil. Please see enclosed copy for full detailed report.

Tagg Pendleton asked about a house on Short St. that has squatters. Chief Cecil said that she is aware that the owner is renting the upstairs, but most likely there will be an eviction issue. Tagg said that someone also is living downstairs and also the grass is very tall. Ashley stated that she sent grass letters to them – the mortgage holder via certified letter. Dave Minton asked how much a certified letter cost - \$7.00. Randalyn Whorley asked if we are mowing and then adding to the tax duplicate. Ashley let her know that yes, if it is not taken care of, we mow and add to taxes.

Committee Reports:

The ACGP Update/Highland County Economic Board Report was presented by Chris Hamlin. The engineer needs to finalize a drawing regarding the informational building. Leesburg goes to bid next week, but we are not far behind. Our cultural survey set us back. Leesburg also came in under budget, which is great since ours is priced similar. There is a Community Fund Grant coming up with available monies, if there is anything that needs done around the Village. Chris suggested requesting money to replace the items broken at the cemetery.

Old Business:

There was no old business discussed.

New Business:

2nd Reading of Resolution 2025-04: A Resolution to Accept the Village of Lynchburg's Investment Policy as described in Exhibit A.

A motion to Authorize Chief Cecil to sell the listed firearms as listed in Exhibit A to a federally licensed dealer which will give the police department a credit to purchase equipment etc. from Cross Creek Guns located in Blue Creek, Ohio was made by Tagg Pendleton, seconded by Dave Minton. Vote 6-0. Motion passed.

Petitions from Council or Public:

Judy Davis asked if Mr. Stiles was hired. Ashley stated she had called him and hadn't heard back yet.

Marty Bailey asked about replacing windows above the Historical Society. Ashley said that the Lutheran Church has money they need to donate to places and it was discussed using some to replace the windows. Marty asked if it's our building and our responsibility if we could just go ahead and replace them. Ashley stated she would get someone to give us an estimate.

Judy Davis asked if Richard was informed about cooking the meat for the Memorial Day Picnic. Marty said yes, he spoke to him. Ashley stated she is getting everything else.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:32 PM was made by Marty Bailey, seconded by Chris Toller. Vote of 6-0. Motion passed.