

February 16, 2026

The Fredericktown Village Council met in regular session on February 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fredericktown Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Council Members Brewer, Cline, Lanuzza, McKnight, Pugh and Shoemaker; Administrator Snell; Chief Sheffer; Solicitor Landon; Zoning Inspector Fox; Fiscal Officer Graves.

President Pro-Tempore Lanuzza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Todd Lindeman, Cornerstone Community Church

MINUTES: Cline noted that he did vote in favor of passing Resolution No. 2026-04, but it was not marked as so. Brewer made a motion to approve the February 2, 2026 council meeting minutes with the change. Seconded by Pugh. All Yea.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

- Bill and Mary Elder, Fredericktown Historical Society: Moved the Historical Society to the old funeral home on W. College. It has come to light that deed to the building includes a reverter clause that requires only a 501(not-for-profit) can inhabit the building. It would limit the Historical Society on who they can sell the building to. (Building was sold to them in 2002 for \$1.00.) Most members that were on Council and the Historical Society Board are now deceased. If they cannot sell it, it will sit empty.
- Brett Well spoke about a potential buyer for the Historical Society building and the intentions to make the property nice.
- Steve Minor: Has intentions to purchase the building and fix it up for a possible venue for weddings, etc. Other idea was to let farmer's market use it during inclement weather at no charge. He does not think anyone will buy the building if the reverter clause remains on the deed.
- Shoemaker addressed concerns about properties Minor has agreed to fix up but has not. Minor said he had sold those properties, and working to get S. Main St. property cleaned up.
- Lanuzza stated most Council members were just notified about the deed issues right before the meeting and they need time think about the issue and do more research on why the clause was included in the deed.

LEGISLATION:

(Second Reading) **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06 - COLUMBUS RD ODOT E&D AGREEMENT**

(First Reading) **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07 – AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKTOWN, STATE OF OHIO, KNOX COUNTY, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

(First Reading) **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 AS REQUIRED BY OHIO REVISED CODE**

(First Reading) **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09 – AN ORDINANCE SPECIFYING THE STAFFING AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKTOWN, OHIO**

OLD BUSINESS:

- Water Improvements Project: Phase I begins February 23rd. Working on Phase II plans with Superintendent. More grant funding possible for a Phase III project.
- Sewer Plant Project: Equipment hopefully here mid-March, installed in April.
- Continuity of Operations Plan: Still working on, will hand over to Chief, and then get together with him and Fiscal Officer to finalize.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Shoemaker spoke with the Boy Scout leader about the Memorial Day parade. Asked if anyone else on Council would like to help with the planning of the parade. Council will discuss at next meeting.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

- Council reviewed the bills, financial reports and bank reconciliation statement for the month of January 2026. Brewer made a motion to approve the financial reports, bills and bank statement for January 2026. Seconded by McKnight. All Yea.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Injured officer is on light duty through at least April 10th, he is doing physical therapy.
- Working with officers and what his expectations are from them.
- Looking at S. Main Street junk vehicles, and motorcycle sitting on E. College St.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

- 2025 had 232 responses. Biggest concerns/questions were from realtors. Residents asking about property pins, fences and accessory buildings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

- Safety, Public Works and Finance Committees – next meeting March 16th
- Planning Commission – to be determined
- Miscellaneous Committee Reports
 - Lanuzza, Ackerman Nature Preserve will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 13th at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Cline made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Shoemaker. All Yea.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Rick Lanuzza, President Pro-Tempore

Suzan Graves, Fiscal Officer