October 21, 2025 Start Time: 6:00 P.M.

Council met for the Regular meeting in council chambers located at 45 Main St, Greenwich OH 44837. Additional members present were Fiscal Officer Karley Binger, Village Administrator Shawn Neel, Police Officer Paul Zehner, and Solicitor Steve Palmer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: King - Yes, Wilson - Yes, Lueck - Yes, Beverly - Yes, Phillips - Yes, Hunter - Yes

Solicitor, Steve Palmer, was excused from the meeting.

The council approved meeting minutes from October 7, 2025 council meeting.

Invited Guests / Comments from floor:

Tom Dupee came in front of council to share that they have decided to improve the trail from Greenwich to New London to phase 3. Phase 2 will be completed this year. Phase 3 will be completed next year. The Rails to Trails is asking Greenwich to sponsor phase 3. Greenwich will not have to put any funds towards the trail. They will only be responsible to sign off on some paperwork.

D. Beverly requested that the agenda be amended so that council could enter executive session and then vote on ordinance 2025-O-25 directly after because L. Phillips would be leaving the meeting early.

Committee Council Reports:

Record Retention Meeting planned for November 18th, 2025 @ 5:45pm.

There will be park committee meeting on November 18th at 5:00pm before the next council meeting. There will be ground-breaking ceremony held on November 1st at 11am back at Reservoir Park where the building will eventually be.

The name suggested for the community center by the committee donating the building is The Gathering Grove Community Center.

Banner to say future sight of The Gathering Grove Community Center which will cost the park fund \$65.00. R. Wilson made a motion for the park to pay for this expense; L. Phillips seconded the motion, Motion carried.

R. Wilson made a motion to approve the name of the Community Center as Gathering Grove Community Center which could be shortened as "The Grove". D. Beverly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The council requested to go into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22G(1) to discuss an employee's compensation.

L. Phillips approved to go into executive session. D. Beverly second. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 6:13pm.

Exited executive session at 6:30pm.

The council voted on Ordinance 2025-O-25 as an emergency, an ordinance amending 2024-O-28 and fixing the compensation of village administrator and repealing any and all previous ordinances inconsistent herewith (including section 8 of ord. no.:2025-O-18). The council vote was split 3 yeas and 3 nos. Mayor split the tie with a yea vote to accept the first reading.

The ordinance was not voted on to dispense or to adopt because of the split vote to approve. The ordinance will carry to the next meeting for the 2nd reading.

Fiscal Officer report:

D. Beverly made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation for September 2025. J. Hunter seconded. Motion carried.

Administrator's report:

Shawn Neel shared that the utility workers are working on winterizing equipment for the winter. He also shared that the village salt truck is not working correctly. We are looking into getting an insert for the back of the dump truck. He brought the two options to the council that he was looking at. One was all stainless steel and believed to be much more durable and more affordable. The other option was plastic which Mr. Neel did not feel was the best option. Mr. Neel believes that we will be able to get in a few weeks and it will be coming from Wellington. Mr. Neel also shared that they are making room at the utility buildings for the leftover dirt that they will be getting from the community building construction.

Lastly, it was discussed that the bathrooms back at Reservoir Park and the concession stand will be closed up and winterized for the

winter.

Chief of Police report:

No report

Solicitor:

No report

Legislation:

D. Beverly shared with council that option 6 on the Village office phones are messages for the council. She is going to have it set up so that the voicemails go to the emails of the council. D. Beverly stated that there should be a process of how quickly to respond back to the people that leave messages.

The council approved the third reading of Ordinance 2025-O-19, an ordinance amending sections 1042.01, 1044.02 and 1048.01 of the Greenwich codified municipal code of ordinances revising utility bill procedures for waterworks, sewerage and electricity. Ordinance 2025-O-19 was adopted.

The council approved the third reading of Resolution 2025-R-37, a resolution finding it necessary to obtain a utility rate study, and accepting the professional services proposal of OHM Advisors for Village Utility rate study, and authorizing the Village Administrator to make a written contract. Resolution 2025-R-37 was adopted.

The council approved the second reading of Ordinance 2025-O-24, an ordinance fixing the compensation of the elective officers of the mayor and of the village council for the ensuing term of office pursuant to section 731.13 of the Ohio revised code.

R. Wilson raised the concern about the amount that the mayors pay would be raised to. He stated he is aware it has been many years since a raise but just questioned if this big of a jump at one time was the answer. D. Beverly stated that she spoke with S. Palmer on the legislation and any council can propose this legislation to be changed, and it can still go on to the third reading next council meeting. J. Hunter wanted to make it known that this was not them giving themselves a raise and that this legislation would not go into effect until the two elections from now.

New Business:

Mayor Twaddle brought up the land where the uptown building was tore down again. D. Beverly shared that she reached out for an idea on what that piece of land cost. She shared that the quote she received back was between 14-19,000. Several council members voiced their opinion that they would like the Village to sell the piece of land to hopefully see a new business be built there. Mayor was asked to start entertaining offers on this piece of land.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING: November 5th @ 6:00pm, Greenwich Village Hall

D. Beverly made motion to adjourn. J. Hunter seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor, James Twaddle

Fiscal Officer, Karley Binger