

January 06, 2026

Start Time: 6:00 P.M.

Council met for the Regular meeting in council chambers located at 45 Main St, Greenwich OH 44837.

Pledge of Allegiance

The newly elected members of council were sworn in; Randy Wilson, Lynne Phillips, Randall Stephens, Larry Risner.

Roll Call: Beverly – Yes, Phillips – Yes, Wilson – Yes, Stephens- Yes, Hunter – Yes, Risner – Yes

Additional members present were Fiscal Officer Karley Binger, Village Administrator Shawn Neel, Police Officer Pat Fox, and Solicitor Steve Palmer

L. Phillips suggested that we reach out to the fire department to suggest that one of their individuals join the risk management committee for the village.

Mayor J. Twaddle asked for a motion to accept D. Beverly as village council president. R. Wilson made a motion, L. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor J. Twaddle made a few statements regarding the village being a good shape. He stated there is always room for improvement, and we are working everyday to get better. He pointed out that there are many issues that the village employees are currently still working on getting cleaned up from prior years.

The fiscal officer provided a report to all of council showing the current financial stability of the Village. The report the fiscal officer provided to the council showed the amount of cash days relating to each fund and then showed a comparison of revenue and expenditure totals for 2023, 2024, and 2025. The fiscal officer mentioned that GFOA (Government Financial Officers Association) has a recommendation that at 60 cash days, relating to the general fund, a municipality should consider seeking new revenue. The fiscal officer pointed out that the villages cash days for the general fund are currently at 98 days.

The fiscal officer pointed out that the general fund does show a net loss for 2025. It was pointed out that there was part of the story that could not be determined by just looking at those numbers. There was a quarter of 2024 that bills went unpaid, there were employees that insurance was being paid on that were no longer employed by the village, there was a payroll that the previous fiscal officer made at the beginning of 2025 that should have taken place in 2024. Also, in 2025 the last payroll of the year landed on a holiday that resulted in the payroll date being bumped up and landing in 2025 instead of calendar year 2026. Another expense in 2025 that was not typical was upwards to \$9,000 of unemployment costs.

The fiscal officer made a statement that the general fund also took a hit in 2025 because in the last quarter of the year the street fund did not receive the interfund transfers from the general fund that legislation requires. Therefore, those transfers were completed when she came on board in February of 2025.

The fiscal officer moved on to the street fund. This fund also showed a net loss. The fiscal officer made the comment that there was a bill to Erie Blacktop for \$89,000 that was supposed to be paid in 2024 but it was not paid until she came on board in 2025. Without that payment being made in 2025 that fund would have had a net gain. One recommendation that the fiscal officer made to council was that the council looks at the percentage that is moved from the general fund to the street fund to help the stability of the general fund since the street fund is a much stronger fund. Since the street fund does not receive a large amount of revenue the percentage should not be removed but rather reduced for a period of time.

The fiscal officer did not go through all funds but she highly recommended council to review the material and reach out with any questions. There was one last recommendation made by the fiscal officer regarding the electric fund. The electric fund was the fund that took the largest net loss. There were several expenses out of that fund that were not typical expenses, one being the Lake Park transformer that had to be replaced in 2025. The fiscal officer suggested that a rate increase would help the electric fund minimize the net loss it is currently experiencing.

The mayor asked for a motion to approve the council meeting rules for 2026. D. Beverly made a motion, L. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

D. Beverly made a motion to accept the village committees for 2026. R. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

The cemetery sexton shared that 15 people were buried and 21 lots were sold in 2025. In 2026 the cemetery expansion will continue to be discussed and planned for. The cemetery sexton also put in his resignation as sexton.

The council approved meeting minutes from December 16, 2025 council meeting.

Before turning the floor over to the guests that wanted to speak the mayor made a quick statement that this is a business meeting for the village council. It is not an open forum for debate and question and answering. There is a section set on the agenda for public comments with 3 minutes being left for each individual that is interested in speaking.

Invited Guests / Comments from floor:

There were comments on the floor regarding their opinions on employee compensation by the following residents: Lisa Hauke, Alex Binger, Steve Phillips, and Regina Lueck

Committee Meetings:

May 5th at 5:45pm records retention meeting

Cemetery meeting is scheduled for January 20th and 5:00pm to discuss the cemetery expansion.

Fiscal Officer report:

Reconciliation has been approved for December 2025 by council.

Disbursements for December amounting to \$310,642.80 were approved by council.

There was a bill received from the IRS for fines received for payments not received in time during the previous fiscal officers term. The fine was \$862.85. Council approved this fine to be paid.

The fiscal officer requested it to be approved for the village administrator, utility clerk, and herself attend RCAP meeting on March 18th and LGC conference on March 19th-20th for a total expense of \$2400.00 for the mileage, lodging, and registration. Council approved.

Administrator's report:

The plow truck is back up and running. No damage to the truck.

The utility workers are working on a couple projects for the EMA antenna to be installed.

We are working on getting a trench box quote so the village employees can take on more of the job duties without outsourcing. Also, we will be looking into a newer, more reliable bucket truck.

L. Phillips asked about training for the trench box. The village administrator stated that they would be looking into online training.

We are looking into moving the tornado siren. D. Beverly asked that we make sure to double check with Art Meed at EMA before we do this.

Police Chief

The police chief shared a overview of calls for 2025.

Solicitor:

Mr. Palmer welcomed the new council members. He also shared that the emails received are public records.

He shared that there is legislation on the agenda for the fiscal officer to be the designee to take the public records training but he still strongly encouraged members to take this training themselves.

Legislation:

Ordinance 2026-O-1 an ordinance fixing the compensation of all officers, clerks, and employees of the village for the calenda year except fiscal officer and cemetery sexton and repealing any and all previous legislation inconsistent herewith was denied by council.

Ordinance 2026-O-2 an ordinance fixing the compensation of the cemetery sexton of the village for the calendar year and repealing all previous legislation inconsistent herewith was approved on emergency. The ordinance was adopted.

Ordinance 2026-O-3 was tabled until the next meeting.

Resolution 2026-R-1 a resolution accepting proposal and authorizing the village administrator to make a written contract with OHM Advisors for professional services related to the village water treatment plant detailed design was approved on emergency. Resolution

2026-R-1 was adopted.

The first reading of Resolution 2026-R-2, a resolution establishing appropriate designee to attend and satisfy certified training requirements of elected officials regarding public records and open meeting laws imposed under division (E) of section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code, was approved.

Old Business

J. Hunter stated that he would like to start getting prices for a back up generator for the new building going in back at the Reservoir Park.

Mr. Palmer recommended to council that there needs to be a MOU completed between the building committee and the village of Greenwich so everybody was on the same page. Mr. Palmer also stated that he will be working on putting together legislation for the advisory board.

D. Beverly made a motion to allow the village administrator to start looking into pricing the generator for the park building. L. Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor ended the council by reading the rules of village council. He stated council's role is policy making day-to-day operations. The village administrator is the individual that makes the majority of all decisions for the village.

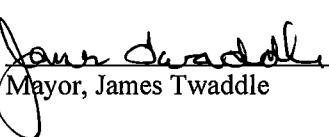
D. Beverly asked to have a committee of the whole meeting January 13th at 5:00pm.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING: *January 20th @ 6:00pm, Greenwich Village Hall*

D. Beverly made motion to adjourn. L. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 6:48 pm

Meeting minutes adopted on 20th day of January, 2025 6


Mayor, James Twaddle


Fiscal Officer, Karley Binger