MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LITTLE VALLEY
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026 – 7:00 PM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT:

James Bowen – Mayor
Raymond Hughes – Trustee
Craig Bedell – Trustee
JoElla Emborsky – Clerk Treasurer
Larry Imhoff – Sr. Line Worker
Kory Gross – Streets/Water Supervisor & CEO

ABSENT:

Todd Palmatier – Deputy Mayor/Trustee
Jeremy Keesler - Trustee

VISITORS:

Brad Lockwood Todd Fuller

Mayor James Bowen called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION #89, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2025, regular meeting. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

GUEST: None

MAYOR:

- ***OLD BUSINESS:***

- ***NEW BUSINESS:***

1. **Need to appoint a new Fire Commissioner for the Fire District Board** – I would like to appoint Dennis Viereck as the new Fire Commissioner for the Fire District Board.

MOTION #90, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the appointment of Dennis Viereck to the Fire District Board. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

2. **Contractor's Pay Application #5 for Contract 2A – General Construction** – Willey Well Drilling, Inc. is requesting $96,765.88 for Pay App #5 for work done from December 1st – January 2nd.

MOTION #91, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Bedell, to approve Contractor's Pay Application #5 for Contract 2A – General Construction to Willey Well Drilling, Inc. in the amount of $96,765.88. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

3. **Contractor's Pay App #2 – Contract 2B – Electrical Construction** – Gerwitz & McNeil Electric, Inc. is requesting $27,491.91 for Pay App #2 for work done from November 1st – December 26th.

MOTION #92, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Bedell, to approve Contractor's Pay Application #2 for Contract 2B – Electrical Construction to Gerwitz & McNeil, Inc. in the amount of $27,491.91. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

4. **Sewer Credits requested** – One customer reported a broken pipe, and another reported a leak to an outdoor water line. Both customers stated the water did not run through the sewer lines and would like a credit to their account.

MOTION #93, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the two sewer credits that were requested. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT:

1. **MEUA Meter School** – Would like to send Adam and Lou to this 2 day schooling in March.

MOTION #94, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve sending Adam and Lou to the MEUA Meter School in March. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

2. **MEUA Spring Engineering & Accounting/Finance Workshop** will be held March 10-11th. Would like to send Karli, Jake and Larry.

MOTION #95, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve sending Karli, Jake, and Larry to the MEUA Spring Engineering & Accounting/Finance Workshop in March. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

3. **Ramboll Contract** – would like to hire Ramboll Engineering as the Engineers to navigate the substation issues.

MOTION #96, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Bedell, to approve Ramboll Engineering as the engineers to navigate the substation issues. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

4. **Discussion on Apprentice Zeafla's situation** – Adam has finished his 7000 hours and is working on getting his journeyman card from the Department of Labor. He still needs to get his CDL License. He needs his instructor to walk him through the steps for the pre-inspection so he can take the test. Kory will meet with Adam on Wednesday.

5. **Electric Department Supervisor** – Are we planning on hiring someone for this position because I'm being spread out too thin doing both jobs?

   Verizon and Armstrong have been calling regarding the list of all the infractions penalizing them with their placements of their line on the poles. They are asking us what we are going to do.

6. **New Computer for Electric Department** – our IT guy recommended three options for a replacement computer for the shop.
   a. Dell Pro 24 All-in-One 35W Desktop - $858.00
   b. Dell Pro Slim Desktop - $852.00 (we would use the current monitor)
   c. Dell Pro 24 All-in-One 35W Desktop - $894.00

MOTION #97, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Bedell, to approve the purchase of a new computer at the price of $858.00. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

7. **Rate Proposal Increase** – wanted to mention that Karli and Larry will be starting to work on a rate proposal increase in March. The MEUA workshop has a "Preparing for your rate filing."

STREETS/WATER WORKING SUPERVISOR:

1. Controls for Water Treatment Plant – Barton & Loguidice gathered three different proposals for the Water Project to replace the current Rafa System.
   a. **AquaLogics Systems, Inc.** – price includes the Treatment Building Main Control Panel, Water Storage Tank Remote Telemetry Unit (RTU), and Field Services - $75,180.00
   b. **Turner Integrated Systems** - $55,300.00 for the Treatment Building Main Control Panel (does not include the cost of RTU needed for the Water Storage Tank.)
   c. **Motion Ai** - $74,394.68 for the Control Panel and SCADA System (does not include the RTU panel at the tank.)

MOTION #98, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the proposal from AquaLogics System, Inc. at the cost of $75,180.00 for the Main Control Panel, RTU and field services. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

Street Supervisor Gross mentioned the old dump truck needs a new starter. They will work on that tomorrow. Also, the Chevy Silverado had to be towed to Jim Basil to have the transfer case repaired. That will be covered under the warranty.

TRUSTEES:
Trustee Craig Bedell:

Trustee Ray Hughes:

Trustee Jeremy Keesler:

1. **New Electric Truck's tinted windows. Will it pass inspection?** Larry stated the back windows are factory tinted and the front windows are legally tinted.

2. **Can we post when the skating rink is opened on our Village Facebook page.** – Hours have been posted to the Facebook page.

Trustee Todd Palmatier:

CLERK TREASURER:

BUILDING & ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT:

PAY BILLS AND APPROVE PAYROLL REPORTS:
Clerk Treasurer Emborsky presented the payrolls for December 10 and December 24, 2025, January 7 and January 21, 2026, along with the accounts payable printouts for the board's approval. She also had the board review the vouchers listing for each fund and sign for their approval. The vouchers to be approved for payment are as follows:

	12/10/25 through 1/27/26 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
CHECKS:	General Fund	#8425-8465	$17,157.30
	Electric Fund	#8444-8495	$387,633.66
	Sewer Fund	#5883-5910	$8,040.31
	Water Fund	#6049-6078	$58,130.59
	Trust Fund	#4477-4479, 4483,4487-4489,4493-4495	$6,926.98
	Water Project Fund	#0140-0141	$166,024.08
CHECKS VOIDED	Trust Fund	#4462	0.00
	Payroll Ending 12/10/25		
	Payroll Fund		$0.00
	Direct Deposit		$24,739.11
	Trust Fund	#4474-4476	$13,613.09

Payroll Ending 12/24/25

Payroll Fund		$0.00
Direct Deposit		$25,206.07
Trust Fund	#4480-4482	$13,750.55

Payroll Ending 1/07/26

Payroll Fund		$0.00
Direct Deposit		$22,157.28
Trust Fund	#4484-4486	$11,953.33

Payroll Ending 1/21/26

Payroll Fund		$0.00
Direct Deposit		$25,945.47
Trust Fund	#4490-4492	$13,799.98

MOTION #99, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to pay the bills and payroll as presented. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brad Lockwood – Stated the Beautification Committee is seeking new members and will hold their next meeting on February 10th and 6 pm at the Memorial Library. Anyone interested in joining, please come. Mentioned the Village of Knives festival will be held on July 10-11th. Tables have been sold out and looking to add more. They are looking for volunteers to help set up tables and on-site parking.

Todd Fuller – Asked questions regarding the Village's reserves and the valves that Northrup's purchased for the Water Project.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #100, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Hughes
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Keesler, Trustee Palmatier

Respectfully submitted,

JoElla Emborsky

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Clerk Treasurer