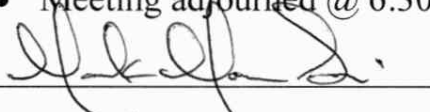



## Public Hearing Minutes

Monday, April 14, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

- Meeting called to Order – Mayor Mark Mason
- Roll Call of Committee  
Mayor Mark Mason  
Mr. Bryant  
Mr. Glover  
Mr. Karr  
Mr. Pittman  
Mr. Schilling  
Ms. Xander
- Motion by Mr. Bryant to Open Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Pittman, vote 4-0.
- Staff Report – Village Administrator Doug Wehmeyer  
The Planning Committee will meet on March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00p.m.
- Public Comment  
Will Korte – 1 N. Commerce Park Drive Suite 103. – Discussing the Billboards.  
Jeff Day & Mike Schraer- Lamar Billboards – 1260 Edison Drive -  
Discussing the Billboards.
- Motion by Mr. Schilling to close Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Bryant, vote 6-0.
- Motion by Mr. Schilling to Adjourn, seconded by Mr. Karr, vote 6-0.
- Meeting adjourned @ 6:30pm.

  
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Mayor Mark Mason, Sr.

  
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Clerk Kathy Pittman

**Village of Lockland, Ohio**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 14, 2025**

Moment of Silence:

Danny Edwards  
Dorothy Armstrong

Invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance by all present.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Bryant  
Mr. Glover  
Mr. Karr  
Mr. Pittman  
Mr. Schilling  
Ms. Xander

All present

Motion by Mr. Bryant to dispense with the reading of the minutes from March 10, 2025, session of council, seconded by Mr. Karr, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Schilling to approve the minutes with any corrections from March 10, 2025, session of council, seconded by Mr. Pittman, motion varied 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Pittman to dispense with the reading of the minutes from March 24, 2025, special session of council, seconded by Ms. Xander, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Bryant to approve the minutes with any corrections from March 24, 2025, special session of council, seconded by Mr. Karr, motion carried 6-0

Motion by Ms. Xander to approve the financial reports ending March 31, 2025, seconded by Mr. Pittman, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Schilling to approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders for March 2025, seconded by Ms. Xander, motion carried 6-0.

## Reports of Village Officials

**Police Chief Mike Ott** -31 Incident Reports: 182 Traffic Stops: 4139 Patrol Miles: Average response times emergency dispatches 2.4 minutes, Average response times non-emergency dispatches 4.4 minutes. Total Calls for Service – 894.

**Community Engagement** – The next Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-1:00. The Lockland Police Department is partnering with WeThrive to provide doughnuts, coffee and lemonade for the event. We will be setting up on Mill/Dunn streets, so please spread the word to the community.

**Body-Worn Camera Update**- We have received all the necessary equipment for our body-worn camera program. Each officer has been assigned a camera and will receive training over the next week. Once that training has been completed, our program will be fully implemented. Officers will be able to manually turn the camera on/off and anytime an officer turns on their emergency light, the system will automatically turn on and Lenslock camera within a 25-75 ft radius.

**Hiring Update**- We have given a conditional offer to a person to fill the open position created when Sgt. Poe left. Pending the results of his psychological evaluation, we hope to give him a final and get him started within the next few weeks. He will then complete our FTO program before being released for solo patrol.

**Grants**- We will receive approximately \$500 from the OVI Task Force Grant to reimburse the department for 8 hours of SEP that occurred in the month of March. This amount covers the officer's overtime, benefits and wear and tear on the vehicle that was used.

**Notable Incidents-** **On 3/4/2025**, Officer Sodemann was on patrol when he observed a vehicle failing to maintain its lane of travel and revving the engine. A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver was observed to have obvious signs of impairment. The M/29 was arrested for OVI and refused a breathalyzer test. The subject was also found to have an open felony warrant for unlawful sexual contact with a minor, so he was transported to the Justice Center. **On 3/6/2025**, Officer Blair was on patrol when he observed a vehicle leaving the area of a known drug house that failed to stop at a stop sign. He initiated a traffic stop and found the driver to be suspended and have an open warrant and the passenger to have an open warrant for nationwide pickup. The passenger was taken into custody and admitted to having drugs on his person. The M/47 was taken to the Justice Center where additional suspected narcotics were found concealed in his sock. **On 3/8/2025**, Officer Sodemann was on patrol when he observed a vehicle operating at a high rate of speed. A registration check on the vehicle returned that it had been stolen. Officer Sodemann continued to follow until multiple units including Cincinnati Police Department arrived and they were able to deploy "Star Chase" on a stolen car. This equipment allows the car to be tracked by GPS. The vehicle then tried to flee at a rapid pace but turned down a one-way street when the occupants bailed from the car. Officer Sodemann initiated a foot pursuit and with the help of Cincinnati Police, located the M/14 driver behind a building and took him into custody. The M/14 was charged with receiving stolen property and obstruction. He was transported to the Juvenile Detention Center. **On 3/9/2025**, Officer Waters was on patrol when he made a traffic stop on a vehicle that had one headlight and expired tags. While speaking with the driver, he observed what appeared to be drug paraphernalia in plain sight inside the vehicle. The occupants were ordered out of the car and the item was recovered and confirmed to be a crack pipe. The driver, a M/60 was charged with drug paraphernalia. **On 3/9/2025**, Officer

Hornback responded to the area of 405 Sheperd Ave for an auto accident. Upon arrival, he observed signs of impairment. The driver, a M/29 was subsequently arrested for OVI and tested a .172 BAC. **On 3/13/2025**, Officers responded to the 200 block of Carthage Ave. for a TPO violation. The victim advised she had an active TPO against her daughter who showed up to the residence. The F/24 suspect had left the area. Video evidence validated the victim's statement, so a warrant was issued for violating a TPO. **On 3/31/2025**, Officers responded to Lockland High school for an assault report. A F/15 was reported to have entered a classroom that wasn't hers and began to assault another student. The suspect then fled the school but was located at her residence. The F/15 was charged with assault and released to her guardians.

**K9 Activities**- Dash was retired. We have started the process of obtaining a new K9 unit.

**Fire Chief Doug Wehmeyer** –March was a slow month. Runs were down. 108 responses for the month, 45 fire runs and 68 EMS runs. 4 runs were EMT only ambulance due not having a paramedic on duty. Call response time continues to be exceptional, well below the National standard time. One minute dispatch time, one minute turn out time. On scene from the time the trucks roll until they are on the scene of the incident for all responses including mutual aid is 3 minutes, in Lockland it's 2 minutes. We average 99.7 runs per month which is down 17% from last year and down 6.2 % from 2023. Critical responses for the month: Responded to Blue Ash for a structure one alarm residential fire. Followed up with 2 responses in the village. 333 Williams Street, a juvenile was forced to jump out of the window due to the rapid growth of the fire. The crew was on scene about 2 minutes from dispatch and maintained the fire to the room where the fire started. On 3/22 responded to 415 Pershing Ave during the day, where cooking oil burned the wall as well as the resident with minor injuries. Based on the damage to the home, it is expected the house will be torn down and rebuilt. There were 7 additional structure fires for the month, none of any significance. Code Enforcement has ramped up with grass cutting season coming up. 121 activities for the month, 193 for the year. This number is expected to double by the end of next month. Training hours for the month are 382 and 1055 for the first quarter. Personal remains at 44. The fire department as well as the village will maintain the Adopt-A-Class and a part of the Safety Fair. Great news from The Insurance Service Organization, Lockland Fire Department, was rated a 2 out of a scale from 1-10. A 10 is equivalent to not having a fire department at all. It is the lowest score that Lockland has ever scored in the history of the department. This is community evaluation, mutual aid, dispatching and deployment. There are 32,200 fire departments in the United States, 1790 have a class 2 rating which is exceptional. The Mayor/Village Administrator and Fire Chief met with the US Army Corp of Engineers regarding the West Fork of the Mill Creek Lake had become exceptionally full to discuss plans. After the call they were staffing the dam 24 hours a day, which initially was not going to be staffed at all.

**Village Administrator Doug Wehmeyer** - Explanation of the Ordinances. Thank Chief Ott on how he handled the officer involved shooting by taking care of the officer as well as the family that was involved. Also, the Mayors' courts' numbers have been up. The mayors' courts number currently look like we looked at the 7-month last year. Still working with the family of Master Chief Petty Officer William Goines in setting up a memorial for him at Veterans Memorial Park. The plan is to have this done by Memorial Day, but it will not be rushed.

**Village Solicitor: Kathy Ryan** – No Report

**Mayor Mark Mason** – Fire Department Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Gardner Park @ 2:00pm. The mayor attended the Zone 15 Awards in Woodlawn which recognizes organizations that contribute to the betterment of the Valley region. Recognize Chief Wehmeyer and Asst. Chief, when the village was notified by Hamilton County emergency management that we were looking at a flooding situation, they were already putting a plan into place. An awesome job of leadership by both men. Great job to Chief Ott for representing the Village very well.

**Public Participation** – please stand at the podium and state your name and address. To allow everyone an opportunity to speak, there will be a 3-minute limit for each person wishing to address council.

**Randy Greer -401 Pershing Ave.**

Shared his opinion on the Electricity Aggregation Program. Also, he is against the billboards and the anti-American advertisements.

### **Reading of the Ordinances and Resolutions**

#### **Ordinance # 2025-12**

An ordinance authorizing the Village to enter into an agreement for the purchase of electricity for the Villages Electricity Aggregation program and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Bryant to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Pittman, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Karr to adopt, seconded by Mr. Schilling, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Pittman to enact the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Karr, motion carried 6-0.

#### **Ordinance # 2025-13**

An ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief to donate unused and expired Fire Protection gear to the Warren County Career Center and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Schilling to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Xander, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Bryant to adopt, seconded by Mr. Glover, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ms. Xander to enact the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Pittman, motion carried 6-0.

**Ordinance #2025-14**

An ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to apply for, accept and enter into a Water Supply Revolving Load Account.( WSRLA) agreement on behalf of the Village and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Bryant to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Schilling, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Karr to adopt, seconded by Mr. Pittman, motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Pittman to enact the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Bryant, motion carried 6 0.

**Ordinance #2025-15**

An ordinance adopting amendments to the Lockland Zoning Code that prohibits the establishment of new billboards and similar signs and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Bryant to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Pittman, motion carried 5-1.

Motion by Ms. Xander to adopt, seconded by Mr. Schilling, motion carried 5-1.

Motion by Mr. Bryant to enact the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Schilling, motion carried 5-1.

**Ordinance # 2025-16**

An ordinance to make additional appropriations and transfers for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Lockland, State of Ohio, during January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Motion by Mr. Karr to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Xander, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Karr to adopt, seconded by Mr. Schilling, motion carried 6-0.

**Ordinance # 2025-17**

An ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a loan agreement with 5/3rd Bank for the purchase and outfitting of two police cruisers and a paver for the Public Works and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Schilling to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Pittman, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Bryant to adopt, seconded by Mr. Glover, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Schilling to enact the emergency clause, seconded by Ms. Xander, motion carried 6-0.

**Correspondence – Phyllis Null.** Received and filed by Mr. Schilling.

**Old Business - No**

**New Business -** Mayor addressed the Police Chief regarding the weather change and the ice cream truck to make sure they have proper identification.

**Public Participation-** please stand at the podium and state your name and address. To allow everyone an opportunity to speak, there will be a 3-minute limit for each person wishing to address the council.

Mayor Mason made a motion to go into Executive Session:

**Executive Session –** Read by Ms. Xander, seconded by Mr. Schilling

ORC 121.22(G)(3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending or imminent court action and ORC 121.22(G)(2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property.

Entered Executive Session @ 7:43pm – Reconvened @ 8:18pm

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Motion by Mr. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Bryant**



Two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is "Mark Schilling" and the bottom signature is "Katy Pittman".