

**COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

In Council Chambers @6:00 P.M.

Monday, March 2, 2026

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of February 17, 2026 Work Session
2. Minutes of February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting

REVIEW OF AGENDA

I. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk will receive and file:

Superintendent Holden re: Requested School Signage (2)
Judith Hempfling re: Comments on Village Goals
Gavin DeVore Leonard/Angie Hsu re: Decision to Lower Municipal Flag

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS/LEGISLATION (6:15)

Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 2026-04 Repealing Chapter 220.01 “Rules and Procedures” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Chapter 220.01 “Rules and Procedures”

Reading of Resolution 2026-10 Approving 2026 Expenditures for Public Arts and Culture Commission as Appropriated in the Village of Yellow Springs 2026 Budget

Reading of Resolution 2026-11 Approving 2026 Expenditures for Environmental Commission as Appropriated in the Village of Yellow Springs 2026 Budget

III. CITIZEN CONCERNS (6:30)

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS (6:40)

End of Year Report: Finance (Robinson: 10 min.)
End of Year Report: Treasurer (Kintner: 5 min.)

V. MANAGER’S REPORT (6:55)

VI. OLD BUSINESS (7:00)

Finalize Goals Document: Assign Responsibilities/Timelines (DeVore Leonard: 30 min.)

VII. NEW BUSINESS (7:30)

Council Consideration of Request for Earth Day Sponsorship (Clerk: 5 min.)
Prioritization of Projects/Requests (DeVore Leonard: 20 min.)

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS* (7:55)

March 16: **5-6pm: Executive Session:** Under section 121.22 (G)(1): To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.

Reading of Resolution 2026-12 Approving Village Goals for 2026-2027

Swearing In: Schultz-Herman; Gibson; Green

Annual Calendar Update

April 6: Executive Session

Personnel Policy Manual Ordinance

Ordinance Amending 252.03

April 9: Retreat: 9-3:30

April 20: Solicitor Evaluation Timeline

*Future Agenda items are noted for planning purposes only and are subject to change.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Council for the Village of Yellow Springs will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, March 16, 2026.**

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**COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: WORK SESSION
MINUTES**

Council Chambers 5pm.

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Gavin DeVore Leonard called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present were Council President DeVore Leonard, Vice President Angie Hsu and Council members Carmen Brown, Senay Semere and Stephanie Pearce. Solicitor Amy Blankenship, AVM/Project Lead Elyse Giardullo, Solicitor Amy Blankenship and Village Manager Johnnie Burns were also present.

WORK SESSION

1. Village Values. Hsu suggested a minor change, and this was agreed-upon. The Clerk will bring the resolution back reflecting the suggested change.

2. Village Goals. Giardullo introduced the process for identifying a set of both meaningful and attainable goals.

Council worked through each section of the identified goal areas, discussing which of the 2025 goals to retain or build upon and where to add goals.

Council repeatedly referenced the need to clearly communicate utility increases and other cost of living impacts.

DeVore Leonard stressed the need to identify core service provision as a need, and to frame other goals accordingly.

Goals work will be picked up in Old Business during the Regular Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:54pm, Brown MOVED and Hsu SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

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**Council for the Village of Yellow Springs
Regular Session Minutes**

In Council Chambers @ 6 P.M.

Tuesday February 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Gavin DeVore Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present were Council President Gavin DeVore Leonard, Council Vice President Angie Hsu and Council members Carmen Brown, Senay Semere and Stephanie Pearce. Solicitor Amy Blankenship, AVM/Project Lead Elyse Giardullo and Village Manager Johnnie Burns were also present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of February 2, 2026 Regular Meeting
2. Credit Card Statement for April

Hsu MOVED and Brown SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no changes made.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk will receive and file:

Molly Lunde re: Unsafe Structures in Business District
Mayor's Clerk re: Mayor's Monthly Report (2)
Anne Randolph re: Thanks for Opening Short Street
Council Clerk re: Board and Commission Updated Document
Marcia Wallgren re: How Motions and Votes Should Work

Hsu reviewed communications.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/LEGISLATION

First Reading of Ordinance 2026-04 Repealing Chapter 220.01 "Rules and Procedures" of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Chapter 220.01 "Rules and Procedures". Semere MOVED and Brown SECONDED a MOTION to APPROVE.

Council worked through the redlined document. No changes were made.

The document will return as Exhibit A to Ordinance 2026-04 for the second reading.

DeVore Leonard declined to call a vote on the first reading.

Reading of Resolution 2026-06 Approving Dues for Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission of Greene County for 2026. Hsu MOVED and Brown SECONDED a MOTION to APPROVE.

DeVore Leonard CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 on a VOICE VOTE.

Reading of Resolution 2026-07 Designating Judy Kintner as Village Council’s Designee to Receive Public Records Training on Behalf of Each of the Elected Officials Pursuant to and in Accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43(B) and 149.43(E) (1). Brown MOVED and Hsu SECONDED a MOTION to APPROVE.

The Clerk briefly explained the legislation as providing backup paperwork for the auditor as well as covering a repeat training for a returning Council member who may choose not to repeat the training.

DeVore Leonard CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 on a VOICE VOTE.

Reading of Resolution 2026-08 Approving Purchase of a YSPD Cruiser at State Bid Pricing. Semere MOVED and DeVore Leonard SECONDED a MOTION to APPROVE.

Burns provided information regarding the need for a new cruiser, noting that this was approved in the 2026 budget, but needs to be approved for actual purchase. He noted that hybrid models are lasting longer with fewer repair costs, so that once the YSPD fleet is fully hybrid, the replacement interval can be extended an additional year. He noted that police package kits are not available for fully electric vehicles making them cost-prohibitive as well as very slow to obtain.

Citing desire for accuracy, Pearce MOVED TO REMOVE LANGUAGE FOLLOWING “2025” IN THE FIRST “WHEREAS”. DeVore Leonard SECONDED, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

DeVore Leonard CALLED THE VOTE on the amended motion. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

Reading of Resolution 2026-09 Approving 2026 Expenditures for “AMERICA 250” Events as Appropriated in the Village of Yellow Springs 2026 Budget. Brown MOVED and Semere SECONDED a MOTION to APPROVE.

Brown explained that while the appropriations were made during the 2026 budget process, Council needs to approve the funds for their stated purpose.

DeVore Leonard CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Ralita Hilderbrand spoke to several matters, asking that Council use Roberts Rules and commenting on Council Goals.

Mitzie Miller addressed school zone signage, offering a myriad of suggestions.

Riley Dixon asked for any update Burns could provide regarding changes to the COS positions.

SPECIAL REPORTS

There were no Special Reports.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Burns provided highlights from his Manager’s Report. Both Burns and DeVore Leonard expressed appreciation to Village crews for rapid removal of a huge amount of snow following the recent snow event.

OLD BUSINESS

Village Goals Document Discussion. Council resumed the Goals discussion started during the Work Session.

The discussion was completed, with Council generally agreeing as to which goals to modify, combine or remove. Giardullo stated that she will work the final list into a spreadsheet which will eventually list outcomes, timelines and entities or persons responsible for shepherding and reporting on each goal.

Council agreed to finalize the document during their March 2nd meeting, with timelines, responsible parties and outcomes identified at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Housing: Next Steps. DeVore Leonard led a discussion around housing next-steps. Council determined that Hsu, Brown and Burns will collaborate on a retreat agenda, and the Clerk will schedule a 6-7-hour retreat for late March or April.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Brown reported on upcoming AMERICA 250 speakers, which are being coordinated through PACC.

Semere reported on his first RPCC meeting.

Hsu reported on her first Library Commission meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- March 2: **Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 2026-04** Repealing Chapter 220.01 “Rules and Procedures” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Chapter 220.01 “Rules and Procedures”
 Reading of Resolution 2026-10 Approving 2026 Expenditures for Public Arts and Culture Commission as Appropriated in the Village of Yellow Springs 2026 Budget
 Reading of Resolution 2026-11 Approving 2026 Expenditures for Environmental Commission as Appropriated in the Village of Yellow Springs 2026 Budget
 Village Goals for 2026-2027: Finalize Outcomes and Individuals Responsible
 Prioritization of Projects/Requests
 Special Reports Topic Discussion
 Quarterly Financials
 End of Year Report: Finance
 End of Year Report: Treasurer
- March 16: **Reading of Resolution 2026-12** Approving Village Goals for 2026-2027
 Swearing In: Schultz-Herman; Gibson
 Annual Calendar Update
 Personnel Policy Manual Work Session
- April 6: Personnel Policy Ordinance
- April 20: Solicitor Evaluation Timeline

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17pm DeVore Leonard MOVED and Hsu SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

Signed: _____

Gavin DeVore Leonard, Council President

Attest: _____

Judy Kintner, Council Clerk

VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

ORDINANCE 2026-04

REPEALING CHAPTER 220.01 “RULES AND PROCEDURES” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO AND ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 220.01 “RULES AND PROCEDURES”

Whereas, Codified Ordinance Chapter 220.01 of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio provides for Council’s rules and procedures, as called for in Section 20 of the Village Charter; and

Whereas, Village Council has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Village to adopt a new Chapter 220.01 to update these rules and procedures,

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

Section 1. Chapter 220.01 entitled “Rules and Procedures” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio be repealed.

Section 2. A new Chapter 220.01 entitled “Rules and Procedures” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio be enacted to read as set forth in Exhibit A with new language underlined and **bolded**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force at the earliest date permitted by law.

Gavin DeVore Leonard, President of Council

PASSED:

Attest: _____
Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

Roll Call:

Gavin DeVore Leonard____ Angie Hsu____ Carmen Brown____
Senay Semere____ Stephanie Pearce____

Exhibit A to Ordinance 2026-04

220.01 Rules and procedures.

VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES

Ethics

Council Members shall act with honesty and uphold the highest ethical standards so that public confidence and trust in the integrity, objectivity and impartiality of government are conserved and enhanced. Each member of Council, the Village Manager and Clerk of Council shall become familiar and comply with the most current version of the Ohio Ethics Laws (O.R.C. Ch. 102: <https://ethics.ohio.gov/education/factsheets/EthicsLawOverview.pdf>) and Related Statutes (O.R.C. Ch. 2921: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/chapter-2921>), specifically, as they apply to elected officials and public employees of Villages. As of 2024, all Council members are also required to complete fraud training per Auditor of State Bulletin 2024-005. The Clerk of Council will ensure that each Council member receives a copy of the Ohio Ethics Laws and Related Statutes upon his or her election or appointment. Any Council member or Employee who believes that they may have a conflict of interest with a pending issue should seek the advice of the Village Solicitor or Ohio Ethics Commission prior to entering into any discussion or voting on that issue.

Respecting Village Values

All members of Council will uphold the standards set forth for all Village employees in sections 607 and 608 of the **Village Personnel Policy Manual** to combat harassment and bullying in the workplace, promoting a safe and healthy environment for all Village employees .

In discussions of Village business, Council members shall refrain from making inflammatory, derogatory or slanderous remarks, and shall refrain from ad hominem attacks, blaming or assigning negative motives and from knowingly repeating false or inaccurate information.

Council Social Media Presence and Comments

Council members are expected to adhere to the same standards stated above when engaging on social media. An additional caveat is that elected officials should take care to be clear as to when they are commenting in their capacity as citizens, and when comments are intended to reflect their view as an elected official. This caveat recognizes that there are times when public perception will assign the mantle of public official to the Council member regardless of any disclaimer.

Meetings

All meetings of Council shall be properly advertised and, with the exception of executive sessions (see below), shall be open to the public regardless of whether they are regularly scheduled meetings, special meetings or emergency meetings. Three (3) Council members constitute a quorum, which is required to hold any meeting.

Regularly Scheduled Council Meetings will convene at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays monthly (except when Monday is a recognized holiday, in which case the meeting will be held on Tuesday of that week) in Council Chambers (unless otherwise advertised) located on the second floor of the John Bryan Community Center. The Clerk of Council will present a meeting schedule for the coming year at a regular Council meeting by December of the preceding year. Additionally, notice specifying time, place and agenda shall be published the week prior to the regularly scheduled meeting in a local newspaper of general circulation. Council will endeavor to conclude the regular meeting by 8:30 p.m.

Work Sessions may be called at times when Council wishes to hear more extensively from staff or advisors and wishes to facilitate additional citizen response and input than can be afforded in a Regular Meeting of Council. A Work Session agenda shall be noticed as a limited-topic Work Session agenda, and may omit some agenda items seen on the Regular Meeting agenda. Legislation may be heard at a Work Session and must be noticed per Charter specification.

Special Meetings may be called by the President of Council, by two Council members, or by an affirmative

vote of the majority of Council taken at any Regular or Special Meeting to conduct non-emergency Council business that should be addressed before the next regularly scheduled meeting. All news media outlets that have requested such notification will receive 24-hour minimum advance notification of any Special Meeting with time, place and purpose of the meeting being stated. Special meeting notices will be posted on the Village website within the same time period that news media notification is made.

Emergency Meetings may be called by the President of Council to address issues that are time-sensitive and must be addressed immediately. All such meetings shall comply fully with the requirements of **Ordinance 2009-20**, which is summarized in Attachment 3. Emergency Meeting notices will be posted on the Village website within the same time period that news media notification is made.

All Council members will be notified of the time, place and purpose of each Special Meeting or Emergency Meeting. The President of Council, Village Manager and Clerk of Council may jointly coordinate the notification of Council members.

The Clerk of Council shall be responsible for ensuring that advance notification of all meetings is accomplished and notices are displayed as described above.

Executive Sessions may be called at any meeting on affirmative vote of the majority of Council members in accordance with Ohio law: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-121.22>.

Meeting Agenda & Materials

The Clerk of Council shall work with the President and Vice President of Council, Village Solicitor, and the Village Manager in constructing the agenda for each Council meeting. Items to be considered for the agenda will be accepted from Council members until 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday ten days prior to the next scheduled meeting. In exigent circumstances, as determined by the President and Vice-President of Council, items may be added to the agenda after the aforementioned deadline.

The Clerk of Council shall cause to be placed into the possession of each member of Council and the Village Manager, seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the regular meeting, a packet containing the meeting agenda, minutes of the previous meeting, proposed/pending legislation, reports and communications. The same information will be available in the Bryan Center lobby, online at www.yellowsprings.gov, and at the Public Library in advance of a regularly scheduled meeting.

The Clerk of Council will work with the Village Manager to provide comprehensive reports and other information as deemed appropriate to Council members by the most efficient means possible as soon as those items become available. When time allows, those materials will be added to the information available to the public, otherwise they will be provided in the next Regular Meeting packet. Meeting materials will also be available on a table outside Council Chambers on the day of the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

The Clerk of Council will prepare and maintain full and accurate minutes of all meetings. These minutes shall provide sufficient facts and information to permit an understanding of the rationale behind Council decisions.

Order of Business

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Session
4. Swearings In (Third Mondays)
5. Announcements
6. Consent Agenda
7. Review of Minutes
8. Review of Agenda
9. Review Petitions/Communications
10. Citizens' Concerns
11. Public Hearings/Legislation

12. Special Reports
13. Manager's Report
14. Old Business
15. New Business
16. Standing Board & Commission Reports (Third Mondays)
17. Agenda Planning
18. Adjournment

Council may decide during Agenda Review at the beginning of the meeting to vary from this order as needed.

Recess

The presiding officer has the discretion to call for a recess, for the convenience of the Council and citizen participants, or at the request of another Council person or staff participant, especially when a regular meeting extends beyond two and one half hours and is expected to continue for more than one half (1/2) hour. The amount of time needed for the recess will be stated when it is called and the meeting will begin promptly after the stated time.

Decorum

While the Council is in session, order and decorum must be preserved. Therefore, Council members and citizen participants shall observe rules for debate and participation outlined below, and shall not, by conversation or other means, delay or interrupt the proceedings or disturb duly recognized speakers. Council will endeavor to communicate Council rules during meetings, but persons who ignore or violate Council rules or refuse to follow the orders of the presiding officer may be asked to leave the meeting.

Rules of Debate

Council meetings will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order as a general guideline: <https://assembly.cornell.edu/parliamentary-procedure>. The President, Vice President or other member of the Council who may be presiding shall not be deprived of any rights and privileges of a Council member (move, second and debate, etc.) by reason of acting as the presiding officer.

Council members shall wait until the presiding officer has recognized them before speaking. A member, once recognized, shall not be interrupted except under the general guidelines of parliamentary debate.

Citizen Participation

Comments from the public are welcomed at two different times during the course of a regular meeting: (1) Comments on legislative items when comment is open on those items (not inclusive of Public Hearings, which are required), and (2) Comments on all items listed on the Agenda will be heard during Citizen Comments, subject to the following guidelines:

1. The presiding officer must recognize citizens wishing to speak. When recognized, citizens shall; provide name and affiliation with the Village and state the subject of concern or comment.
2. Comments shall be addressed to the presiding officer. No conversations will be carried on between individual citizens in attendance or with individual Council members, except when recognized by the presiding officer.
3. The use of profane or threatening language or gestures while making comments will not be tolerated, and may be cause for removal from the meeting
4. Individual comments should be limited to three (3) minutes with only one (1) comment per person. Persons with divergent views on the same subject will be given equal time for response. The presiding officer may terminate continued discussion at any point during the comment period after opposing views have been equally addressed.
5. Citizens should address all staff and/or personnel matters to the Village Manager prior to coming to Council. Should a staff/personnel matter be raised by a citizen during the course of the meeting, it will be referred to the appropriate supervisor.
6. All cell phones shall be silenced during meetings.

Public Hearings

The second reading of each proposed ordinance is designated a Public Hearing, **the official opportunity for citizens to be heard**. Citizens are encouraged to comment and make inquiries as to the nature or impact of the ordinance or to offer their approval if that is their desire. The presiding officer will open the floor to public hearing after the second reading and following a motion to adopt and a seconding by Council. Following the public hearing, Council will hold a discussion and take appropriate action.

In time-sensitive situations, an ordinance may be declared an emergency, which means it will go into effect immediately rather than in thirty days as is standard for an ordinance. An Emergency Ordinance can have one or more readings with the final reading including a Public Hearing.

Resolutions will not normally require public hearing. However, the scope of the particular resolution may be such that it warrants such a hearing. When that is the case, the process will follow the same procedure for the second reading of an ordinance.

Public comments will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes with only one (1) comment per person. Persons with divergent views on the same subject will be given equal time for response. The presiding officer may terminate comment at any point during the Public Hearing after opposing views have been equally addressed.

Other Agenda Items

The presiding officer may recognize members of the public who are in attendance during discussion of other agenda items, when and to the extent it is appropriate.

Letters to Council

Letters to Council must be received by the Clerk of Council by 10:00 a.m. on the Friday preceding a regularly scheduled meeting to be considered in that meeting. Items received after 10:00 a.m., unless having direct bearing on a topic slated for discussion, will be held without review or action until the following regularly scheduled meeting unless it is determined that such delay would create an emergency or that the correspondence requires special action on the part of Council or Village staff. Regarding the aforementioned: Items having direct bearing on a topic of consideration for that meeting will be made available to Council members at the Council table and by e-mail. To the extent possible, Council Members will endeavor to review all such material prior to the start of the Council Meeting.

Reserved Time Participation and Submissions for Council Meeting

Any group or individual wishing to make an oral presentation to Council may, by notifying the Clerk of Council not later than 10:00 a.m. on the Thursday ten days before the next regularly scheduled meeting, make a request to Council to be placed on the agenda. A short summary defining the intention of the presentation must be provided to the Clerk at that time.

Any such addition to the Agenda requires the approval of Council. Council may elect to defer the presentation to the following meeting, to request further information regarding the group or the presentation or, if appropriate, to deny the request altogether. In the latter instance, the group or individual may still elect to speak during Citizens' Concerns.

Council members wishing to champion projects or bring initiatives forward are urged to follow the process outlined in the "Council Initiatives Process"(https://www.yso.com/egov/documents/1712859695_87356.pdf) document for bringing projects forward.

Any materials for inclusion in the Council packet must be delivered to the Clerk of Council not later than 5pm on the Thursday preceding the meeting.

Please contact the Clerk of Council for any questions regarding these procedures.

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO RESOLUTION
2026-12**

**APPROVING 2026 EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AS APPROPRIATED IN THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Council affirms that Public Arts and Culture Commission (formerly Arts and Culture Commission) was established “for the purpose of promoting and supporting the improvement, beautification, growth and creativity of the Yellow Springs community,” and that PACC is further charged with “initiate(ing) public education activities related to its purpose”; and

WHEREAS, during their 2026 budget process Council approved a total of \$4,500.00 for 2026 Public Arts and Culture Commission (PACC) events and activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS OHIO HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

Section 1. Village Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of not more than \$4,500.00 for the following categories of activities and events, these funds to be taken from Council’s PACC account:

- Murals & Public Art Installations: \$2,000
- Women’s Voices Out Loud: \$1,000
- Village Inspiration & Design Awards (VIDA): \$1,000
- Discretionary Fund: \$500

Section 2. Village Council hereby recognizes these events and activities as educational and recreational activities serving the established public purpose of promoting and supporting improvement and providing educational activities for the beautification, growth and creativity of the Yellow Springs community.

Gavin DeVore Leonard, President of Council

PASSED:

Attest: _____
Judy Kintner, Council Clerk

ROLL CALL:

Gavin DeVore Leonard____ Carmen Brown____ Angie Hsu____
Senay Semere____ Stephanie Pearce____

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO RESOLUTION
2026-13**

**APPROVING 2026 EXPENDITURES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ACTIVITIES
AND EVENTS AS APPROPRIATED IN THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS 2026
BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Council affirms that Environmental Commission (EC) was established “for the purpose of conservation and improvement of the environment.” and that EC is further charged with “Initiate(ing) public education activities related to its purpose”; and

WHEREAS, during their 2026 budget process Council approved a total of \$4,500.00 for 2026 Environmental Commission (EC) events and activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS OHIO HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

Section 1. Village Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of not more than \$4,500.00 for the following categories of activities and events, these funds to be taken from Council’s EC account:

- Sustainable Building Practices Education: \$2,500
- Local Food Systems Education & Directory: \$500
- Watershed Health Education: \$1,000
- Discretionary Fund: \$500

Section 2. Village Council hereby recognizes these events and activities as educational and sustainability initiatives and activities serving the established public purpose of enacting sustainable practices and informing the Yellow Springs community of ways in which to contribute to the environmental good.

Gavin DeVore Leonard, President of Council

PASSED:

Attest: _____
Judy Kintner, Council Clerk

ROLL CALL:

Gavin DeVore Leonard____ Carmen Brown____ Angie Hsu____
Senay Semere____ Stephanie Pearce____



SEWER - Revenue					Quarterly - December 2025			2024			2023			Notes
	Actual	Plan	%	Remaining	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%				
Consumer Fees	1,409,776	1,363,950	103.4%	(45,826)	1,298,185	1,298,185	100.0%	1,303,629	1,303,629	100.0%	Fluctuation in Taps Adjustment from Audit			
Other	117,702	51,000	230.8%	(66,702)	150,438	150,438	100.0%	67,478	67,478	100.0%				
Transfers in	73,000													
Total	1,600,478	1,414,950	113.1%	(112,528)	1,448,623	1,448,623	100.0%	1,371,107	1,371,107	100.0%				
SEWER - Expense					Quarterly - December 2025			2024			2023			Notes
	Actual	Plan	%	Remaining	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%				
Collection	362,484	507,732	71.4%	145,248	404,647	404,647	100.0%	370,168	370,168	100.0%	-75k Sal/Ben, -65k discretionary -35k Sal/Ben, -65k discretionary			
Treatment	492,814	594,991	82.8%	102,177	459,751	459,751	100.0%	437,714	437,714	100.0%				
Debt Service	67,345	67,363	100.0%	18	67,312	67,312	100.0%	67,356	67,356	100.0%				
Transfers OUT - Capital	700,000	700,000			140,000	140,000		511,000	511,000					
Total	1,622,643	1,870,086	86.8%	247,443	1,071,710	1,071,710	100.0%	1,386,238	1,386,238	100.0%				
Annual Surplus/(Deficit):	(22,165)	(455,136)		432,971	Beginning Cash: \$	1,285,803	Actual Cash \$	1,263,638	Ending Cash \$	830,667				



Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Breakdown - Other Funds and Capital Summary

PARKS - Revenue					Quarterly - December 2025			2024			2023			Notes
	Actual	Plan	%	Remaining	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	
Transfers In (from GF)	742,000	742,000	100.0%	-	410,000	410,000	100.0%	405,000	405,000	100.0%				
Pool	55,526	55,000	101.0%	(526)	53,672	53,672	100.0%	55,050	55,050	100.0%				
Other	38,840	42,000	92.5%	3,160	79,844	79,844	100.0%	37,437	37,437	100.0%				
Total	836,366	839,000	99.7%	2,634	543,516	543,516	100.0%	497,487	497,487	100.0%				
PARKS - Expense					Quarterly - December 2025			2024			2023			Notes
	Actual	Plan	%	Remaining	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	
General	124,614	165,404	75.3%	40,790	165,267	165,267	100.0%	111,335	111,335	100.0%	-10k reserves, -10k sal/ben, -14k services			
Bryan Center/Youth Program	351,703	361,163	97.4%	9,460	340,928	340,928	100.0%	302,003	302,003	100.0%				
Pool	125,280	183,794	68.2%	58,514	118,996	118,996	100.0%	99,642	99,642	100.0%	-18k concrete/diving, -12k Sal/Benefits, -28k Services			
Transfers OUT	200,000	200,000	-	-										Did not do pool upgrades as planned b/c of pumps.
Total	801,597	910,361	88.1%	108,764	625,191	625,191	100.0%	512,980	512,980	100.0%				
Annual Surplus/(Deficit):					34,769	(71,361)	106,130	Beginning Cash: \$	280,123	Actual Cash \$	314,892	Ending Cash \$	208,762	
STREET					Quarterly - December 2025			2024			2023			Notes
	Actual	Plan	%	Remaining	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	
Revenue	512,431	486,525	105.3%	(25,906)	607,174	607,174	100.0%	666,272	666,272	100.0%	18k Interest Earn over plan. 8k reimburse not planned.			
Expense	527,953	782,825	67.4%	254,872	655,271	655,271	100.0%	858,824	858,824	100.0%	-70k sal/ben, Cap/Prof Serv -125k; Didn't use Perm 25k			
Annual Surplus/(Deficit):					(15,522)	(296,300)		Beginning Cash: \$	972,312	Actual Cash \$	956,790	Ending Cash \$	676,012	
Solid Waste					Quarterly - December 2025			2024			2023			Notes
	Actual	Plan	%	Remaining	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	
Revenue	516,125	463,515	111.4%	(52,610)	459,256	459,256	100.0%	428,367	428,367	100.0%	Adjusted '26 revenue to align.			
Expense	466,130	435,006	107.2%	(31,124)	414,013	414,013	100.0%	392,543	392,543	100.0%	Contract increase that will hold '26+			
Annual Surplus/(Deficit):					49,995	28,509	21,486	Beginning Cash: \$	225,130	Actual Cash \$	275,125	Ending Cash \$	253,639	
Storm					Quarterly - December 2025			2024			2023			Notes
	Actual	Plan	%	Remaining	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	
Revenue	116,895	87,000	134.4%	(29,895)	105,853	105,853	100.0%	95,004	95,004	100.0%				
Expense	-	30,000	0.0%	30,000	-	-	#DIV/0!	-	-	#DIV/0!				We always budget just in case.
Annual Surplus/(Deficit):					116,895	57,000		Beginning Cash: \$	200,858	Actual Cash \$	317,753	Ending Cash \$	257,858	
Police Pension					Quarterly - December 2025			2024			2023			Notes
	Actual	Plan	%	Remaining	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	
Revenue	52,670	51,848	101.6%	(822)	121,363	121,363	100.0%	124,491	124,491	100.0%	Change in Accounting FY2025			
Expense	51,688	51,848	99.7%	160	125,384	125,384	100.0%	112,325	112,325	100.0%	Change in Accounting FY2025			
Annual Surplus/(Deficit):					982	-		Beginning Cash: \$	124,421	Actual Cash \$	125,403	Ending Cash \$	124,421	
Affordable Housing					Quarterly - December 2025			2024			2023			Notes
	Actual	Plan	%	Remaining	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	
Revenue	393,751	384,090	102.5%	(9,661)	247,502	247,502	100.0%	52,000	52,000	100.0%	Change in Accounting/Focus			
Expense	141,517	250,184	56.6%	108,667	149,903	149,903	100.0%	43,990	43,990	100.0%	Council Initiative of ~100k for soccer field; 7500 paving			
Annual Surplus/(Deficit):					252,234	133,906		Beginning Cash: \$	115,359	Actual Cash \$	367,593	Ending Cash \$	249,265	
Capital Fund Expenses					Quarterly - December 2025			2024			2023			Notes
	Actual	Plan	%	Remaining	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	To-Date	Total FY	%	
Water Capital	847,192	640,500	132.3%	(206,692)	2,285,405	2,285,405	100.0%	331,933	331,933	100.0%	Carryover projects from 2024 (HB168 Grant).			
Sewer Capital	39,822	559,000	7.1%	519,178	201,183	201,183	100.0%	673,142	673,142	100.0%	Held on capital b/c blower issues.			
Electric Capital	438,940	355,000	123.6%	(83,940)	770,370	770,370	100.0%	243,186	243,186	100.0%	Transformer for the School that was reimbursed			
Parks/Rec Capital	28,796	147,720	19.5%	118,924	22,662	22,662	100.0%	98,595	98,595	100.0%	No Pool Capital/playgrnd JBC, other funds used for rest			
Facilities Capital	24,555	55,000	44.6%	30,445	106,449	106,449	100.0%	100,547	100,547	100.0%	No Windows @ BC, No office upgrades @ YC			
Equipment Capital	-	9,000	0.0%	9,000	5,500	5,500	100.0%	-	-					
Totals	1,379,305	1,766,220	78.1%	386,915	3,391,569	3,391,569	100.0%	1,447,403	1,447,403	100.0%				

Village of Yellow Springs
Treasurer's Report for Period Ending December 31, 2025

Quarterly Comparison: As of December 31, 2025, the Village had under active investment \$16,180,954. This amount represents a cash balance increase of \$14,988 since your last report, given in October. The total investment number is derived from combining the Star Ohio account, Raymond James account and WesBanco account information.

Interest on all investments for 2025 was \$656,665.

Short-term interest rates dropped throughout 2025, with the Fed lowering rates in September, October and December at .25 each occurrence. Through 2025, the Federal Funds Rate moved from an upper-end rate of 4.50% to an upper-end rate of 3.75% at the end of December.

CASH BALANCE as of December 31, 2025:

Account	Balance
Wesbanco	\$7,213,009
Raymond James	\$3,538,841
Star Ohio	\$5,419,104
Total	\$16,170,954

CASH BALANCE as of September 30, 2025:

Account	Balance
Wesbanco (interest rate follows Star Ohio rate)	\$7,308,860
Raymond James	\$3,493,971
Star Ohio	\$5,363,135
Total	\$16,165,966

ANNUAL COMPARISON BY MONTH: Cash Balance as of December 31, 2024 with comparison to 2025:

Account	2024 Balance (Amount over/under 2025)
Wesbanco	\$5,696,533 (+ \$1,526,476)
Raymond James	\$3,398,048 (+ \$140,793)
Star Ohio	\$5,187,344 (+ \$231,760)
Total	\$14,281,926 (+ \$1,899,028)

INTEREST INCOME Fourth Quarter of 2025:

Account	Balance
Wesbanco (interest rate 3.86 as of Dec. 31)	\$75,187
Raymond James	\$44,869
Star Ohio	\$55,969
Total	\$176,026

Brad Drager's quarterly Raymond James commentary provided in early January 2026 provides a more detailed look at the forecast for both interest rates and the overall US economy, and is available upon request.

Raymond James totals below are as of December 31, 2025.

*Face (Par) Value of Individual Securities:		\$3,460,000
Value of Money Market Funds		\$88,683
Total	Portfolio	\$3,548,683
Security Type:		
	FDIC Insured Securities	37.8%
	US Treasury Securities	62.2%
	Federal Agency Securities	0.0%
	FFCB	0.0%
	FHLB	0.0%
	FHLMC	0.0%
	FNMA	0.0%

Liquidity:

Average Weighted Maturity	1.87	Years
Modified Duration	1.49	Years

Yield:

Yield to Maturity at Purchase	4.41%
Yield to Worst at Purchase	4.41%
Current Average Coupon	4.29%
Est. Annual Cpn Cash Flow	\$148,350

Money Market Funds Estimated Yield & Annual Income	4.12%	\$3,308
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Total Portfolio Estimates	Cpn Cash Flow	YTW	Mod Duration
	\$151,658	4.39%	1.45 Years

Star Ohio rates moved steadily lower in this reporting period, reflecting the rate cuts enacted in October and December. Star Ohio began 2025 at a rate of 4.70%. Rates at the start of this reporting period-- October 1-- were 4.39% and ended the year at 3.99%.

In this reporting period, Treasury rates showed a significant decrease in the one-month rate, with smaller decreases in the one, two and five year rates.

As of February 19, 2026, Treasury rates were:

1 Month:	3.72%	(4.20%)
One Year:	3.50%	(3.68%)
Two Year	3.47%	(3.60%)
Five Year	3.65%	(3.74%)

The rates from September 30, 2025 are shown to the right, in parentheses.

WesBanco is continuing to match interest rates, which means that the Village's sweep account earns about the same rate as Star Ohio. The rate on that account as of December 31st was 3.86%, a drop from the 4.44 rate held in September.

Submitted February 27, 2026,

Judy Kintner, Treasurer

To: Village Council, staff, interested community members

From: Gavin DeVore Leonard

Re: 03/02/26 Council Meeting: Finalizing Goals Document & Prioritizations of Projects/Requests

Date: 02/26/26

At our meeting there are two topics on the agenda that this memo is meant to contextualize and prepare Council members for our discussions on: 1) Finalizing Goals Document and 2) Prioritizations of Projects/Requests.

Finalizing Goals Document

Elyse has updated the Goals document based on our last meeting and conversation, the included version should mesh with where we landed. Here are the things we'll discuss in this portion of the agenda:

- Since we were moving quickly at points, are there any Goals that you think are missing or any Goals you think are included that you expected would be taken out?
- Are there any Outcomes missing or any changes to those listed?
- What is the projected timeline for completion for each Goal? This will significantly inform our agenda planning for the remainder of the year and into 2027.
- Who is responsible for ensuring each Goal is moving forward? Right now the Responsible Party column includes several stakeholders, who will all likely be involved, but we should clarify who is ultimately responsible. The responsible party would then be in charge of ensuring they have clarity on the Outcomes and timeline.

Prioritizations of Projects/Requests

During this portion of the agenda, we'll discuss any other outstanding issues that are not explicitly covered in the Goals. For context, I'm pasting below the "Leftover Issues" portion of my memo from 1/1/26. This list very well may not be comprehensive, some of the items are clearly addressed in the Goals and others have already been dealt with this year. We will not go through this list one by one. This will be a time where we'll discuss if there are other projects that you'd like to be considered for prioritization. Hopefully, given that we have just done the Goals process together, if there is a significant item that you feel is warranted for priority you can make a case as to how it helps us reach our goals. This discussion will also be instructive as we consider agendas for the remainder of the year. After this meeting, I expect to update the draft annual Council calendar so that everyone is clear on initial thinking about where we'll be headed in our work together.

Leftover Issues

Much of my thinking about how we work in 2026 is upon reflection of the many, many issues and ideas that have surfaced in the past 1-2 years that have not been resolved and may require us to revisit topics and issues from the past. We also may consciously choose to let some issues drop. I'm looking forward to conversations about which of these items align with this group's priorities. This list may not be comprehensive, but in an attempt to get us all closer to the same page, I thought I'd share what was on my radar. Some of these topics have received significant attention, others have been brought up in quick exchanges without anything close to clarity. They are listed alphabetically based on my quick notes/titles, not based on priority or importance:

Active Transportation: Council rep?
anti-discrimination ordinance
Budget deficit long-term (utility rates, etc.)
CRA (general/ scoring — commercial, residential)
Economic development/downtown business support strategy/YSDC engagement • Followup from Village goals (what is our role vis a vis other entities)
growth/planning/housing development strategy/Housing Committee • Followup from growth work session (summer 2025), furthering shared understanding of where we're going with development and the priorities and values that are driving our decisions • Addressing gap between Comp Plan and Bowen study "needs" (X number of units needed vs. now existing or in development) • Set housing goals (uncompleted 2025 Village goal) • How to pursue development on current properties (Glass Farm, etc.) • Current rental housing review • Proactive code enforcement • Update zoning code/Planning Commission - o Conservation development - o Inclusionary zoning - o Corporate chains
Head shop moratorium
HR followup (how is our HR capacity — internal + external/contract — meeting our needs?)

ICE plan/response
Lawson Place pro forma analysis, plans/expectations
Pay review next steps • Legislate FLSA, overtime • Systems improvements toward automation and compliance
Pay study (comparing Village and other munis)
Policy handbook updates
Short Street next steps (2/2 meeting expectation)
Sidewalks (return to residents?) — staff recommendation from 2025 budget discussions
Solicitor evaluation, fees management process
Strategic planning (uncompleted 2025 Village goal)
TIF (Student Union + Kettering) • Antioch street closure
TIF uses, expectations going forward
Website improvement
Windsor/Student Union “permanent affordability” (closing the loop)
Zoning/Econ Dev hiring • Finding alignment, skills necessary vs. ideal • How does this impact our role vis a vis YSDC (uncompleted 2025 Village goal that is now even more complex)

As I’ve considered this list of items, there are many, many more topics that could be on the list that have been raised by current or past Council members and staff, let alone other community members at one point or another in the recent past. Here is an additional incomplete list that comes to mind:

- Shared services (minimal i.e. baseball fields, max i.e. fire/PD)
- CBE
- Proactive Antioch property ID and integration
- Keith's Alley
- Parking improvements or changes — paid parking, expansion of spots adjacent to/near downtown
- Closing the loop on municipal broadband network
- Deputy Clerk posting

As I hope everyone will agree in looking at this list, it's daunting. There are several hot button issues where there are strong opinions from many perspectives. Many topics could take significant investments of time and/or money. We will need to work hard to find a balance of pursuing as many of our priorities as possible without overwhelming ourselves or Village staff. Keeping our capacity in mind will be so important. There are so many things that we want to do in an ideal world, we need to figure out what we can do within reasonable constraints. Exercising our collective imagination feels like one of the best parts of Yellow Springs, so I'm by no means suggesting that we should stop dreaming, but there are limitations on what is possible.

2026–2027 Council Goals

Village Goals are the priorities established by Village Council to guide operations, resource allocation, and organizational focus for 2026–2027. They inform decision-making, budgeting, and staff capacity planning.

Core Service Provision: The Village's primary focus is delivering essential services, including utilities, public safety, planning and zoning, finance and administration, parks and recreation, and youth services, that sustain the daily quality of life in Yellow Springs. Council goals build on these services to guide priorities beyond routine operations.

Focus Area	Goal	Outcomes	Projected Timeline	Responsible Party*
Community Engagement & communications	Develop and launch a new user-friendly Village website designed to meet ADA accessibility standards.	Accessibility compliant website with improved features.	Estimated completion: Spring 2026	Assistant Village Manager; Digital Media Manager
	Create overarching Village communications plan to increase and improve communication with the community through multiple avenues.	Coordinated, consistent approach that improves awareness, engagement, and access to information.		Assistant Village Manager; Digital Media Manager
Financial Sustainability & Stewardship	Identify and implement cost-cutting strategies while tracking progress on a return to a balanced budget by 2028.	A clear path, communicated during the budget process, toward a balanced budget.		Finance Committee; Village Manager; Finance Director; Shared Resources
	Deepen our shared understanding of the budget and clearly identify what is considered a need.	Better-informed budgeting decisions aligned with realistic short- and long-term financial expectations.		Finance Committee; Village Manager; Finance Director; Shared Resources
Municipal Infrastructure, Utilities, & Public Spaces	Assess Village sidewalk policy.	Fund mandate for Village-owned sidewalks or return ownership to property owners.		Council Representative (Lead); Village Manager; Solicitor
	Revisit existing parking plans.	Evaluation of Village parking needs and, if necessary, develop plan of action for new parking.		Village Council; Village Manager
Economic Development & Downtown Vitality	Clarify role of YSDC in Village economic development, including expectations for intergovernmental communication to support long-term planning.	Discuss and then document our role; Communicate that role to relevant stakeholders; Align related staffing and budget allocations.		Village Council; YSDC Representatives; Village Staff
	Consider policies affecting pop-ups, markets, and micro-enterprises.	Learning about these policies in process of determining applicability to Village economic development goals.		Village Staff (Planning Director, upon hire); Chamber of Commerce; Solicitor
	Review CRA and TIF policies and consider legislation if needed.	Update CRA and TIF policies.		Village Council; Village Manager; Solicitor
Housing & Affordability**	Establish Housing Committee or Commission to assess housing needs and data and develop a Village housing strategy to support affordable housing.	Document purpose/scope, outcomes, and process for housing and development-related work.		Village Council; Housing Committee/Commission; Village Administration; Solicitor
Organizational Leadership, Capacity & How We Work	Develop and run a thoughtful strategic planning process and complete a Council and staff supported plan.	Complete plan based on agreed upon timeline.		
	Align capacity and goals for current and proposed projects to assure manageable workload and improve outcomes.	Improve staff work/life balance; Maintain focus on mutually agreed-upon goals; Increase percentage of completed goals as compared to 2024–2025.		
	Present a revised and updated Personnel Policy Manual to Council for review.	A clear, up-to-date set of personnel policies that aligns with Village operations, legal requirements, and best practices.	Estimated completion: Spring 2026	Village Administration; Solicitor

*The Village Manager is the primary contact for questions about staff responsibilities or goal implementation.

**A dedicated Housing Retreat will be held to review, refine, and prioritize Village housing and affordability goals. Specific goals for this theme will be determined following that session.

To: Council

From: Council Clerk

Re: Request for Earth Day Sponsorship

In your packet you received a Sponsorship Request form requesting Council funding for Earth Day activities.

The request is coming from an informal group of residents identifying as the “YS Habitat Community Group”. In years past, Environmental Commission has sponsored Earth Day, but they have elected not to do so this year.

Council did vote to appropriate \$1,500 for Earth Day activities during the budget process, but did not direct those funds to any specific organization or Commission.

Should Council wish to authorize this expenditure for Earth Day activities, we will bring a resolution to your March 16th meeting.

Village of Yellow Springs Commission Sponsorship Proposal

Date: 2/12/26 Applicant or Group Name: Wildlife Habitat Community Team

Person Completing this Form: Catherine Zimmerman

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mail: catherinezimmerman@yahoo.com Phone: 301-754-1414

Name of the Project: 2026 YS Earth Day & Community Habitat Celebration

Describe the Project or Event (include target population, timeline, location, tools and expertise etc.):

This is the 6th year for this 3-hour family event. Attendance has grown from 100 to over 900 in 2025. It is an educational outreach opportunity to encourage people to use native plants to build habitat in their yards, school yards and businesses. We have children's activities, native plant vendors, environmental booths, recycling, music, a free Milkweed raffle and food trucks. This event, as well as a number of other outreach events, is part of our yearly recertification as an YS Wildlife Habitat Community, per NWF rules.

Please describe how this project is in line with the mission of the specific board or commission by identifying expected outcomes:

The Village made one of its 2020 goals to certify the Village as a Wildlife Habitat Community through the National Wildlife Federation as an effort to promote the Village goal of environmental sustainability. The Wildlife Habitat team, composed of members from the Environmental Commission, Agraria, TLT and Glen Helen, jumped into action and in a record 7 months got the Village certified. All this during the pandemic. National Wildlife Federation named Yellow Springs one of their top 10 communities for 2020.

Is this a collaborative project? If Yes, please provide details:

Agraria, YS Tree Committee, Glen Helen, Tecumseh Land Trust, Village Mayor's Office, local Ohio Division of Nature Preserves, and staff from Clifton Gorge.

SUPPORT REQUESTED

How can the board or commission assist with this project?:

The Commission has already assisted by setting aside \$1500 for the Earth Day event in fall of 2025.

If assistance involves financial support, please detail how much is requested, how the funds will be spent and if attempts will be made to use local resources:

\$1500

Rental of facility \$210 (However, there looks like we might be charged an additional \$100 for fencing. That wasn't made clear on the permit) Musicians \$400, Minuteman Press (flyer) \$275, Advertising (YS News flyer insert) \$205, Porta potty \$180, Poster printing \$65, Display easel \$58. Total \$1493

If assistance includes financial support, please detail any other funding that will also be used towards the project and indicate if local:

We have an ongoing donation for the purchase the Milkweed plants that are raffled (free). CRESCO volunteers

Name of INDIVIDUAL or ORGANIZATION to receive funds (if awarded): Wildlife Habitat Community Team

Address and Phone #: 139 N Walnut Street, YS 45387 301-754-1414

Submit completed form to: clerk@yellowsprings.gov Subject line: BOARD/COMMISSION SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

For Village use only:

Date of Council Resolution: _____:

Amount approved: _____

Funds will be taken from budget line _____

Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

From: Judith Hempfling <jujuhempfling@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 11:36 AM
To: Gavin DeVore Leonard, Council President; Angie Hsu, Council Vice President; Carmen Brown, Council; Stephanie Pearce, Council; Senay Semere, Council
Cc: Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council
Subject: Letter for the packet on Sidewalks and Affordable Housing

2/27/2026

To: Village Council
From: Judith Hempfling

Hello Village Council,

I'm writing about two Village Council Goals. The first is Sidewalks and the second is Affordable Housing.

#1. Regarding sidewalks:

Several years ago, Village Council decided that walkability and accessibility, a public good, should be the financial responsibility of the Village as a whole. This is an issue of fairness because this cost should not be the financial responsibility of a small percentage of homeowners while others pay nothing. It also gives the Village the opportunity to determine the need for repairs and to set standards regarding the sidewalks. A staff member will be walking the sidewalks soon to determine the needs of the sidewalks for this year.

If you look at our GIS map, you will see that properties in the center of the village have 50 to 60 feet frontage with 3 foot Sidewalks. That is 180 ft.². If the house is on a corner property the approximate length of the sidewalk is around 200 feet which equals 600 ft.² And some sidewalks around town are wider which increases the square footage. As you go further from the center of town, often the frontage is greater. Many Yellow Springs homes do not have any sidewalks.

If you look at the costs per square foot of repairs/replacement in our area (below), you can see that the cost to an individual homeowner could be onerous.

Before any decision to change the funding of sidewalks should be discussed, Village Council should ask for the following information:

- What percentage of homes in Yellow Springs has sidewalks?
- In the years since the Village has been responsible for sidewalks, how much was budgeted yearly for sidewalks?
- How much cost was labor and how much materials?
- How many feet of sidewalk and residential sidewalk had been repaired/replaced each year?
- What kind of repairs were done?
- How long are the repairs holding?

- If the funding of sidewalks does not come out of current village coffers which are based on income and property tax, how do we ensure the funding is progressive and not regressive such as a flat tax/fee? Regressive taxation or fees impose a higher percentage burden on lower income earners.

Once this information is gathered we will be in a good place to start this conversation.

#2. Regarding Affordable Housing:

Almost three decades ago, Village Council created an affordable housing nonprofit, Home Inc. to assist in addressing this need. Kevin McGruder And Emily Seibel, Affordable Housing experts, have often spoken to Village council about the difficult challenges of gaining funding from the state or federal government for affordable housing. This housing is not be built by private developers because of the lack of profit they produce.

With small investments by the Village, a required local layer of investment, Home Inc has brought millions of dollars of investment to Affordable Housing in Yellow Springs. The return on these investments has far outweighed village financial support. This development has not only provided quality housing for lower income villagers, but has also played a role in reducing the cost of utilities, property and income tax tax for all villagers.

Since it's inception, Home Inc has created the vast majority of affordable and permanently affordable homes in Yellow Springs. The number is around 40 units I believe. The village provided small amounts of funding, the local layer of funding, which is necessary to garner the millions of dollars of state and federal funds necessary. As far as I know, there is no other local organization/individual providing this resource. An example of this is the Cascades, where the village investment garnered many millions of dollars to provide permanently affordable housing for many of our seniors.

For many years, Home Inc and Village Council worked together to address this community need. However, in the last few years, it has appeared that Village government has been reluctant to work with Home Inc. I notice that Home Inc was not mentioned when affordable housing was discussed at the last meeting.

Given the critical nature of this relationship to address what we all know is a critical need, and given that we have three new members on Village council, I ask council to do the following:

- Request that Home Inc provide their annual reports and present to Village council regarding its work, challenges and successes as well as how much money they've brought to the village for affordable housing and the return on that investment.
- Identify concerns on both the Village and Home Inc side, regarding this relationship.
- Resolve any issues so that any hindrances can be addressed and a constructive relationship between the Village and Home Inc can resume.

Sidewalk repair and replacement costs in Greene County, Ohio, typically range from **\$5 to \$25+ per square foot**, depending on whether the job requires minor leveling or full structural replacement. A standard 5-foot by 5-foot sidewalk slab replacement often costs between **\$250 and \$500** per section.

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Estimated Costs

- **Full Replacement:** \$10–\$25+ per square foot.
- **Minor Repairs/Grinding:** \$1–\$4 per square foot.
- **Mudjacking/Leveling:** \$3–\$6 per square foot
- **Contractor Costs:** Concrete contractors in the region may charge \$6–\$14 per square foot for repairs, with removal of old concrete costing an additional \$1–\$6 per square foot.



To: Village Council Members, Staff and Citizens

Re: Lowering of JBC Flag

From: Gavin DeVore Leonard and Angie Hsu

Please see the statement below regarding the decision of Council President and Vice President, in consultation with the Village Manager, to lower the Bryan Center flag in honor of Reverend Jesse Jackson.

In honor of the Reverend Jesse Jackson's extraordinary contributions to civil rights, justice, peace, and democracy throughout his lifetime, and his enduring impact and inspiration, flags in the Village of Yellow Springs will be lowered to half-staff from sunrise on March 6th until sunset on March 7th. March 6th is the day of Rev. Jackson's public celebration of life ceremony and a private memorial will be held on March 7th.



February 26, 2026

Village of Yellow Springs Council

Re: Formal Request for Safety Signage and Crosswalk Enhancements at District Campuses

Village Council Members,

In October 2025, I submitted a district letter of support for the Village's Active Transportation Planning Grant. That support remains in place, even if the Village does not pursue approval of the Active Transportation Plan in 2026. In conversations with the Village Manager, it was discussed that because the district's construction project is not yet complete, certain planning grant items—such as sidewalks—may be better addressed outside of the current grant cycle or during the next submission period in March 2027.

Throughout these discussions, the district has consistently communicated the need for improved signage and crosswalk safety measures at both of our campuses. As we stated previously, pursuing significantly enhanced crosswalk signage is appropriate at this time. As we approach project completion, we remain open to collaborating with the Village on solutions for areas such as E. Enon Road sidewalks in a manner that preserves the integrity of our construction work.

On February 2, 2026, Council voted to reopen Short Street. This action once again altered traffic patterns around Mills Lawn School. At the request of the Chief of Police, the district communicated this change to families and asked for support to reduce traffic conflicts during arrival and dismissal. Specifically, we requested temporary restrictions on left turns during school hours to improve traffic flow and student safety. We were informed that these changes would require Council action and therefore could not be implemented administratively.

Yesterday, I conducted an on-site assessment of current signage conditions with a member of the Active Transportation Committee and the district's Director of Operations. This review confirmed longstanding concerns: school safety signage at both campuses is inadequate. Speed limit signage is inconsistent; school zone signs are either improperly



placed or insufficient; there are no flashing crosswalk signs or flashing stop signs; and road markings and crosswalk paint have significantly faded.

Accordingly, Yellow Springs EVSD is making a formal request to Village Council for signage and crosswalk enhancements as identified on the attached maps. These improvements may be temporary, with permanent installations incorporated into the next Active Transportation Plan. If cost is a concern, the district is willing to fund temporary signage. However, we do not have the legal authority to install or modify roadway signage ourselves.

The Village and Yellow Springs EVSD have a strong history of collaboration through the Active Transportation Committee, which is dedicated to improving safe access for pedestrians and cyclists throughout the community. We value this partnership and look forward to continued collaboration as planning progresses. Ensuring that student and family safety remains central to infrastructure planning is a shared responsibility.

Although our current Safe Routes to Schools Plan remains valid through 2028, the district intends to revise it to reflect our new construction and evolving safety needs. As always, our primary consideration is the safety of the children we serve.

Finally, this request should not be interpreted as criticism of the Village Manager or the Chief of Police. We value our working relationships and understand that final authority regarding traffic regulation rests with Village Council.

We respectfully request Council's consideration and action on these safety improvements.

Sincerely,

Terri L. Holden, EdD
Superintendent

YELLOW SPRINGS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



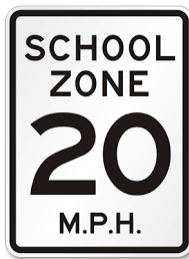
▲ Flashing Speed Limit Sign

■ School Speed Limit Sign

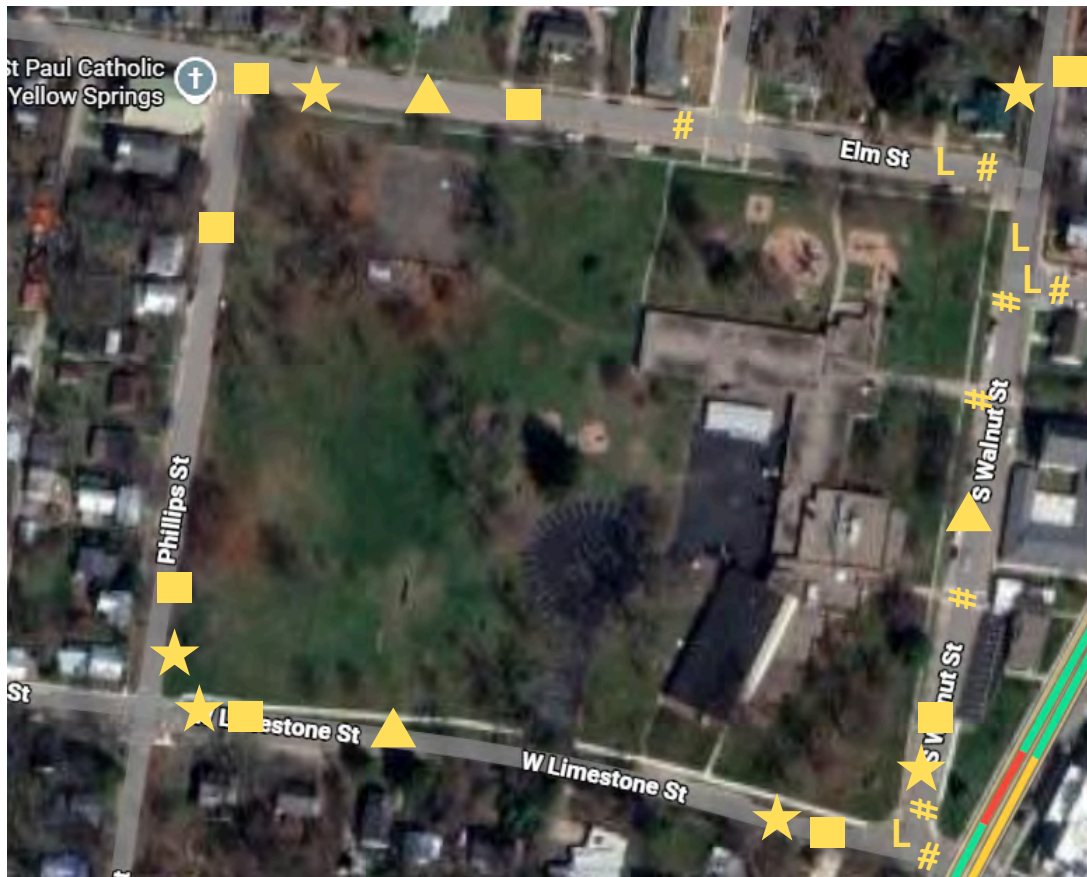
★ School Zone Sign

Crosswalk

SIGN EXAMPLES



MILLS LAWN SCHOOL



- ▲ *Flashing Speed Limit Sign*
- *School Speed Limit Sign*
- ★ *School Zone Sign*
- # *Crosswalk*
- L *No Left Turn*
7:30-8:30 a.m.
2:00-3:00 p.m.

SIGN EXAMPLES

