

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

**In Rooms A&B, 3:00 P.M.**

**Friday, April 11, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President of Council Kevin Stokes called the meeting to order at 3:08pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were President Stokes, Vice President Gavin DeVore Leonard and Council members Brian Housh and Trish Gustafson, who was present via ZOOM. Village Manager Johnnie Burns, Project Lead Elyse Giardullo, Police Chief Burge and Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Coordinator Meg Leatherman were also present. Brown joined the meeting at 3:17.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk will receive and file:

Susan Stiles re: Include Inclusionary Zoning in Council Goals

**WORK SESSION: VILLAGE GOALS**

Giardullo provided an overview of her approach, reiterating that each of the six goal areas would be given twenty minutes, with the intention to narrow each area's goals to not more than five.

Identified goal areas are as follows:

**Community Engagement & Communications**

**Financial Sustainability & Fiscal Responsibility**

**Municipal Infrastructure & Utility Development**

**Economic Development**

**Housing Development**

**Leadership & Professional Development**

Giardullo facilitated conversation regarding all of the goals identified for each area. Council succeeded in narrowing each down to the proposed five or fewer.

With regard to specific requests made by Environmental Commission, Planning Commission and the Active transportation Committee, Council determined as follows:

Council expressed no interest in pursuing Inclusionary Zoning. Several questions were asked of Leatherman, who iterated her position that this requires more time and resources than she is currently able to provide, especially given the Village's size and amount of developable property. Council did not address the issue of Growth as a topic for consideration by a committee.

Council expressed general interest in having Environmental Commission explore low impact development and providing information for further Council consideration.

There was interest in updating the Active Transportation Plan, primarily due to the access this can provide to available grants. Council expressed interest in revisiting the sidewalk policy passed a number of years ago, given the continual scrutiny placed upon sidewalks in the last several years.

The agreed upon goals will be brought back to Council for review prior to being attached to legislation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:04, Housh MOVED and Brown SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

The next regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Yellow Springs will be held at 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, April 21, 2025**.

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