

**COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: EMERGENCY LEVY LEGISLATION
MINUTES**

Council Chambers @ 11:00 A.M.

Friday, August 1, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Kevin Stokes called the meeting to order at 11:05pm.

SWEARING IN

President Stokes swore in Johnnie Burns as Deputy Clerk of Council.

ROLL CALL

Present were President Stokes, Vice President Gavin DeVore Leonard and Council members Brian Housh, Carmen Brown and Trish Gustafson. Village Manager Johnnie Burns, Project Lead Elyse Giardullo and Solicitor Amy Blankenship were also present.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS/LEGISLATION

Reading of Resolution 2025-42 Repealing Resolution 2025-35 entitled "Resolution to Proceed with Election on the Question of a Renewal Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation". Brown MOVED and DeVore Leonard SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Blankenship explained that Ohio law regarding ballot language specific to stated revenue from a proposed levy went into effect in April, 2025. This change was not reflected in the Auditor's certification of the estimated property tax revenue for Yellow Springs' 2025 levy renewal.

The certificate provided by the County Auditor to the Village in June stated a dollar amount which was rounded to the nearest thousand. Current (2025) law requires that that number be rounded to the nearest dollar amount.

The Secretary of State issued an advisory to all Ohio Boards of Election in mid July that Ohio law requires a county auditor to round estimated revenue to the nearest \$1 rather than the nearest \$1,000 when certifying to a taxing authority the estimated annual collections of a proposed levy.

Blankenship explained that it is therefore necessary that Council pass a new Resolution to Proceed which references the estimated revenue as rounded to the nearest dollar amount.

Blankenship noted that as required by Charter, the President of Council called for the Special Meeting, which was then properly noticed.

Blankenship stated that Council is now considering the resolution repealing the erroneous Resolution to Proceed. Following passage of that resolution, they will then consider the corrected Resolution to Proceed.

That resolution is required to be filed with the Greene County Board of Elections by 4pm on August 6th.

Stokes CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

Reading of Resolution 2025-43 Resolution to Proceed with Election on the Question of a Renewal Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation. Brown MOVED and Housh SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Stokes CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:35, Brown MOVED and DeVore Leonard 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, August 18, 2025**.

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