



Village of Montpelier

211 N. Jonesville Street • PO Box 148
Montpelier, Ohio 43543
Phone (419) 485-5543
Fax (419) 485-4947

AGENDA NO. 10 - 2025
Agenda for Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Regular Meeting – 6:00pm
at the Montpelier Police Department

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call
3. Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approve the Agenda for May 27, 2025 (Motion)
6. Approve the Minutes from May 12, 2025 Council Meeting (Motion)
7. Comments from Audience
8. Comments from Council/Committee Reports
9. Set Trick-or-Treat for Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 6:00-7:00pm (Motion)
10. Ordinance 2281 Amending 933.14 Codified Ordinances Backflow (Suspend and Pass)
11. Village Manager's Report
12. Adjourn



VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER COUNCIL MEETING

MONTPELIER, OHIO

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

Call to Order	Mayor Steve Yagelski called the Montpelier Village Council's regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 12, 2025.
Roll Call	A roll call was conducted, and the following Council members were present: Mr. Kevin Motter, Mr. Chris Kannel, Mr. Nathan Thomspson, and Mrs. Heather Freese.
Moment of Silence/Pledge	Mayor Steve Yagelski offered a moment of silence, followed by those in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda 05/12/2025	Mr. Kevin Motter moved, and Mrs. Heather Freese seconded a motion to approve the agenda for May 12, 2025. Vote on motion: All ayes
Minutes 04/28/2025	Mr. Kevin Motter moved, and Mr. Nathan Thompson seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2025, public meeting. Vote on motion: All ayes
Approve April 2025 Financials	Mrs. Heather Freese moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to approve the April 2025 Financials. Vote on motion: All ayes
Harry Phillips of AMP to Present Richard Gorsuch Scholarship to Jada Uribes	Mayor Steve Yagelski welcomed Harry Phillips of AMP to present the Richard Gorsuch Scholarship to Jada Uribes. This non-renewable \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to a student whose parent or guardian is employed by an AMP community. Recipients are selected based on academic performance, personal achievements, and public power knowledge test scores. Out of 26 applicants, five students were chosen by the AMP Board of Trustees. Jada Uribes, daughter of Nikki and Aaron Uribes, was one of the recipients. She plans to study Inclusive Early Childhood Education at Bowling Green State University. Throughout high school, Jada was a dedicated student-athlete, participating in volleyball, basketball, and softball. She was also actively involved in the National Honor Society, serving as class and student council secretary, and participated in the show choir and theater. AMP congratulates Jada Uribes on this well-deserved honor and wishes her continued success in her academic and professional journey.
Welcome	Mayor Steve Yagelski welcomed the public to the meeting and encouraged everyone to stop and ask questions.
Audience Comments	Keith Lockhart inquired about Village consolidating two meters at his duplex property into a single meter and relocating it closer to the road. Keith Lockhart stated that he received a bill totaling approximately \$119.00, which included two meter fees and water usage charges. Keith Lockhart questioned why there is only one meter pit but two fees on the bill. Keith Lockhart must now read the residence's meters to determine the tenant's water usage. Nikki Uribes stated that a service fee is charged for the number of units on the property in the Village ordinances. The water rate usage is structured around the service fee. Keith Lockhart would like a copy of the ordinance. Mr. Chris Kannel stated that Keith Lockhart noted that it was a meter fee, but the fee in the ordinance is a service



**Audience
Comments
Continued**

fee. Keith Lockhart asked if another meter pit would go back to the tenant paying the water on their bill if it was installed. Jason Rockey stated that the Village would bill the tenants for the water. Keith Lockhart noted that he understands why the Village is moving the meter outside the residence. Mayor Steve Yagelski thanked Keith Lockhart for attending a council meeting and voicing his concerns. Keith Lockhart expressed that our departments are always willing to help.

Council Comments

Mr. Kevin Motter stated that the new monument at the Veterans Memorial, the footer and panels, were placed.

Mrs. Heather Freese thanked the Village water department for replacing the water fountain at Main Street Park.

**Award Bid for
2025 Asphalt
Program**

Jason Rockey presented the 2025 Asphalt bid recommendation from Justin Houk to select Gerken Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$229,428.25. The Village has worked with Gerken Paving, Inc. before and had no problems. The bid came in around \$25,000.00 under the engineer's estimate.

Mr. Kevin Motter moved, and Mr. Nathan Thompson seconded a motion to award the bid to Gerken Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$229,428.25. Vote on motion: All ayes

**Approve the Final
Change Order for
Iron Horse River
Trail**

Jason Rockey presented the final change order for the paving of the Iron Horse River Trail. The change reflects a \$8,812.88 decrease resulting from a mathematical error discovered in the original bid tabulation. The total construction cost was \$1,013,964.21. A \$1.2 million grant funded the project. The Village was responsible for the engineering inspection line-item cost of \$189,065.21. Of that amount, \$186,035.76 was reimbursed through the grant, resulting in a final out-of-pocket cost to the Village of \$3,029.42

Mrs. Heather Freese moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to approve the final change order for the Iron Horse River Trail in the decrease amount of \$8,812.88. Vote on motion: All ayes

**Utility Write-Offs
as of May 15, 2025**

Nikki Uribes presented council the utility write offs as of May 15, 2025. Twenty accounts in total were for \$3,748.57. The write-offs are due to the inability to collect property taxes, as the property owner had passed away before the Village could certify the property taxes.

Mr. Kevin Motter moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to approve utility write-offs as of May 15, 2025. Vote on motion: All ayes

**Discuss Liquor
Permit for Golden
Indian Creek LLC**

Jason Rockey presented council with a liquor permit from Golden Indian Creek LLC at the address of 311 West Main. The permit is D1, D2, and D3, which are beer, wine, and liquor till 1:00 am. The restaurant was previously Drop Tine. Drop Tine had an A1C and A1A because they are brewing beer, serving wine, and liquor. The questions with the permit are whether to have a hearing in Bryan or Columbus, or accept it as is. Chief Dan McGee has no issues with the new permit. Mr. Kevin Motter asked if legal counsel was consulted. Jason Rockey stated that they have never requested a hearing as long as he has been the manager. This permit is going to the same as the restaurant before Drop Tine.

**Discuss Liquor
Permit for Golden
Indian Creek LLC
Continued**

Mr. Nathan Thompson moved, and Mrs. Heather Freese seconded a motion to bypass a hearing for a liquor permit for Golden Indian Creek LLC. Vote on motion: All ayes

**Resolution 1432 –
Approve Tax Rates**

RESOLUTION 1432

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS
DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING
THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE
COUNTY AUDITOR**

Nikki Uribes presented Resolution 1432 to council. Resolution 1432 is a resolution to accept tax rates from the county auditor. This resolution is approved annually, and the rates don't change unless the Village passes a tax.

**Resolution 1432 -
Motion to Suspend
Three Reading
Rule**

Mr. Kevin Motter moved, and Mrs. Heather Freese seconded a motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of Resolution 1432. Roll call on motion: Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; and Mr. Kevin Motter, yes.

Resolution 1432 was read by title.

**Resolution 1432 –
Motion to Pass**

Mr. Nathan Thompson moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to pass Resolution 1432. Roll call on motion: Mr. Kevin Motter, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; and Mrs. Heather Freese, yes.

Resolution 1432 passed

**Resolution 1433 –
Accepting Proposal
for Design
Engineering
Services for
Wabash
Cannonball Trail**

RESOLUTION 1433

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WABASH CANNONBALL TRAIL**

Jason Rockey presented Resolution 1433 to the council, a resolution to approve a proposal for design engineering services with OHM for the Wabash Cannonball Trail. The process for the proposal was to advertise through ODOT for the design engineering of the Wabash Cannonball Trail. The Village received two proposals, and Justin Houk and Jason Rockey scored the proposals according to ODOTS criteria. OHM was selected as the highest scoring proposal and presented the Village with a price proposal. The Village was granted capital funds from two different funding sources to perform design engineering. OHM will perform the design engineering phases until the funds are depleted. Mr. Nathan Thompson asked for the full amount the Village was granted. The amount the Village was granted was \$300,000.00. The full price of the proposal was \$481,000.00 is the full amount for design engineering. The grant funds need to be spent by July of 2026. OHM has experience with trails and walking paths, and the Village has worked with OHM before. A student attending asked why the design engineering costs so much. Mr. Chris Kannel stated that the first thing the company does is

**Resolution 1433 –
Motion to Suspend
Three Reading
Rule**

survey the trail for a couple of weeks to understand the infrastructure of the trail and design for the trail.

Mr. Kevin Motter moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of Resolution 1433. Roll call on motion: Mr. Kevin Motter, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; and Mrs. Heather Freese, yes.

Resolution 1433 was read by title.

**Resolution 1433 –
Motion to Pass**

Mr. Chris Kannel moved, and Mrs. Heather Freese seconded a motion to pass Resolution 1433. Roll call on motion: Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mr. Kevin Motter, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; and Mrs. Heather Freese, yes.

Resolution 1433 passed

Income Tax

Nikki Uribes reported income tax collections at the end of April 2025 as \$742,769.16, compared to \$732,410.10 and \$638,848.74 in 2024 and 2023, respectively. This is up 0.66% from the average of the previous three years.

Manager's Report

Jason Rockey presented the Village Manager's report. The following points were noted:

- The new girls' softball press box was dedicated last Wednesday
- Last week, Justin Houk, Drew Shepard, and Jason Rockey attended the Regional AMP Power Supply Meeting in Bowling Green. The meeting focused on the power supply outlook for the region ATSI serves, which is owned by First Energy and supplies electricity to the Village. There was reported little to no load growth in 2024; however, the ATSI region is expected to see a 24% increase in load during 2025. This anticipated growth is primarily due to prospective data centers and bitcoin mining operations. At the same time, minimal new base load generation is expected to come online. The cost of constructing natural gas power plants has nearly tripled in recent years, which has significantly driven up capacity auction prices. Although coal plant retirements have slowed compared to the previous year, capacity remains a concern across the region. For many communities that rely heavily on the energy market for their power supply, the resulting increase in capacity charges could lead to annual residential electric bill increases of up to \$250. However, the Village of Montpelier is in a stronger position. Because the Village has proactively invested in multiple generation projects and programs in collaboration with other AMP members, it typically purchases less than 10% of its power from the market. As a result, Montpelier's capacity costs are expected to remain relatively stable. This reflects the benefit of living in a public power community, where energy decisions are made by local officials who are accountable directly to the residents, not to shareholders or investors.

Council Comments

Mr. Nathan Thompson asked if the Village would need the price of power for a data center to be located in Montpelier. Jason Rockey stated that the Village is not equipped to supply a data center and would have to purchase more power. The

**Council Comments
Continued**

Village would discuss with AMP options to purchase power. Jason Rockey stated that the more the Village purchases power on the market, the more the Village will pay for power.

Mr. Chris Kannel inquired about the recent village-wide power outages, including one that lasted approximately 45 minutes last week and another brief outage of about one minute earlier today. He asked whether the Electric Department had identified the cause. Jason Rockey responded that there is no indication the outages originated within the Village's electrical system. He noted that the issue may be related to the First Energy transmission line, as the outages appeared to be more widespread than just within Montpelier. Tim Fry is continuing to investigate the cause, which may be located near the Village substation. Jason Rockey stated he will provide an update to council as soon as more information becomes available.

Adjourn

With no further business before Council, Mr. Chris Kannel moved, and Mrs. Heather Freese seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Vote on motion: All ayes

Clerk of Council

Mayor Steve Yagelski

ORDINANCE 2281

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 933.14 BACKFLOW PROTECTION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MONTPELIER, OHIO

WHEREAS, under Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-95-03 (B), “The supplier of water shall conduct or cause to be conducted periodic on-site investigation of all premises at least every five years to identify changes in water use practices so that new, previously unidentified, or increased hazards to the public water system are identified and mitigated”; and

WHEREAS, under Ohio law, the Charter of the Village of Montpelier, and the Montpelier Ordinances, the Village of Montpelier has the authority to operate water and sewer and utilities and adopt rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of such utilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Council of the Village of Montpelier, Williams County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: Section 933.14 of the Codified Ordinances of Montpelier, Ohio is hereby amended to read as follows:

933.14 BACKFLOW PROTECTION

(c) It shall be the duty of the Village Manager to cause surveys and investigations to be made of industrial and other properties served by the public water supply where actual or potential hazards to the public water supply may exist. Such surveys and investigations shall be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated at a minimum of at least one time every five years.

(h) The Village Manager has deemed the backflow prevention program will operate as the following:

- (1) Backflow device test due letter will be mailed 90 days prior to due date.
- (2) Backflow device test due reminder will be mailed 30 days prior to due date.
- (3) Backflow device test past due 1 day shall be fined in the amount of \$150.00.
- (4) Backflow device test past due 30 days shall be fined in the amount of \$300.00.

(5) Backflow device test past due 60 days, will result in the loss of water service until such devices are in compliance with the Village of Montpelier's backflow prevention program.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage.

Passed: _____ Mayor _____

Attest:

Village Clerk of Council



April 28, 2025

Transmitted Electronically

Jason Rockey, Village Manager
Village of Montpelier
211 N. Jonesville St.
P.O. Box 148
Montpelier, Ohio 43543

**Re: Montpelier Village
Notice of Violation (NOV)
Related Correspondence
Drinking Water
Williams County
PWS ID: OH8600912**

Subject: Partial Resolution of Violation – Facility ID# 8662191, COMM

Dear Jason Rockey:

Thank you for your responses to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (Ohio EPA's) Nov. 26, 2024, Notice of Violation (NOV) letter regarding the sanitary survey conducted on Nov. 18, 2024. I have reviewed this documentation and determined that Montpelier Village has adequately resolved the following violations discovered during the Nov. 18, 2024 sanitary survey. Violations 3 and 4 were resolved in the Dec. 24, 2024, partial resolution of violation (PROV) letter. The status of the remaining violations identified during the Nov. 18, 2024, sanitary survey is discussed below.

Partial Resolution of Violation

1. Letter citation #1 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-83-01 (H)(1), "The owner and operator shall ensure that all facilities and equipment necessary for the treatment and distribution of water shall be maintained, at a minimum so as to function as intended. In the event that the treatment facilities or equipment no longer function as intended, corrective action (which may include additional maintenance or modifications of the public water system) shall be taken by the owner."

At the time of the survey, the automatic leak detection system could not be properly tested because the sensor had not been calibrated. The Village did not have the proper standard to calibrate the atmospheric chlorine sensor and had not hired a company to conduct calibrations.

On April 25, 2025, Ohio EPA received Montpelier Village's response which included a testing log documenting that the chlorine sensor has been calibrated, and the chlorine leak detection system has been tested. Therefore, this violation has been resolved. Ensure that the chlorine leak detection system is tested at a minimum monthly.

2. Letter citation #2 and OAC 3745-85-01(D), "The contingency plan shall contain the following:
 - At a minimum, public water systems covered under this rule shall address the following circumstances ...Malevolent acts including, but not limited to cyberattacks and vandalism...

- A description of a process for the provision of water to support the drinking water needs (a minimum of one gallon per person per day) of affected persons within twenty-four hours of an incident where the public water system is not capable of providing water through its distribution system...,
- The method and timing of notification of water users, Ohio EPA, local health departments and local EMAs for each circumstance...,
- A description of the process used to determine the list of critical users...,”

The Village did not address cyberattacks and did not describe the process for providing water within 24 hours of an incident in its contingency plan.

The Village did not include a description of the process used to determine the list of critical users in its contingency plan. The list should include, but not be limited to, hospitals, dialysis centers, and nursing homes.

The Village did not adequately identify the method and timing of emergency notifications in its contingency plan. Notifications up to 72 hours are not acceptable for emergencies.

On Dec. 19, 2024, Ohio EPA received Montpelier Village’s response which included revised contingency plan pages that included the method and timing of emergency notifications, and a description of the process used to determine the list of critical users. On March 28, 2025, Montpelier Village submitted revised contingency plan pages addressing malevolent acts and describing the process for providing water within hours of an incident in its contingency plan. Therefore, this violation has been resolved.

Outstanding Notice of Violation

1. Letter citation #5 and OAC 3745-95-03(B), “The supplier of water shall conduct or cause to be conducted periodic on-site investigation of all premises at least every five years to identify changes in water use practices so that new, previously unidentified, or increased hazards to the public water system are identified and mitigated...

In lieu of conducting an on-site investigation at each premises, the supplier of water for all community public water system may document, in writing, an alternate, on-going, methodology to identify changes in water use practices that may represent a new, previously unidentified, or increased hazard to the public water system.

At a minimum, a water use survey questionnaire must be used to document the evaluation of each premises. An on-site investigation is required when a potential new or increased hazard is suspected to confirm the degree of risk and how the hazard will be addressed.”

The survey program has lapsed, and the Village has not ensured that a survey or investigation is conducted at each non-residential premises at least every five years.

On Dec. 17 and 19, 2024, Ohio EPA received Montpelier Village's responses which stated that the Village was in the process of developing a procedure to restart the backflow prevention survey program. On Jan. 1, 2025, the Ohio EPA received the Village's response which included a revised backflow ordinance and stated that 20% of required surveys would be completed by Jan. 31, 2026.

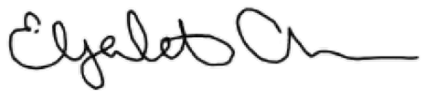
- (a) The information provided by Montpelier Village was not sufficient to resolve the violation. Therefore, this violation has not been resolved.
- (b) Conduct a survey or investigation at each non-residential premises.
- (c) By Jan. 31, 2026, submit documentation that 20% of required backflow prevention surveys have been completed. Ensure that surveys or investigations are conducted at a minimum every five years.

Conclusion

Please be advised that violations cited above will continue until the violations have been properly resolved. Failure to comply with Chapter 6109 of the Ohio Revised Code and rules promulgated thereunder may result in an administrative or civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation. It is imperative that you return to compliance. If circumstances delay the resolution of violations, Montpelier Village is requested to submit written correspondence of the steps that will be taken by the dates outlined above.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or any other matter involving your water system, please feel free to contact me by email at elizabeth.ames@epa.ohio.gov or by phone at 419.373.3107.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Ames
Environmental Specialist
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

/tkz

cc: Justin Houk, Deputy Village Manager
Thane Apt, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor
Rich Stoy, Water/Sewer Maintenance Supervisor
Williams County Health Dept.
Michael Deal, Manager – DDAGW
Jill Schiefer, Supervisor – DDAGW
Lara A. Schramm – DDAGW



PHONE 419/485-5515

FAX 419/485-3565

Martin SPROCKET & GEAR, INC.

350 S. Airport Road • Montpelier, Ohio 43543-9329

Steve Yagelski

VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER
P.O. BOX 148, MONTPELIER, OH 43543

Dear Steve,

Writing to say thanks to the Village of Montpelier and all the departments that worked tirelessly to restore power to our facility at Martin Sprocket and Gear, Inc. following the storm in late March. With the help and extra effort of the Village, and our employees, our customers saw minimal impact and we were able to have a successful month of output in April.

Again, we truly appreciate the partnership, and value the community we all work and live. Keep up the good work.

Best regards,

Martin

Brad Bowers

Regional Vice President - Midwest
Martin Sprocket & Gear Inc.

p: 419.485.5515

m: 734.516.2580

a: 350 S Airport Rd
Montpelier, OH 43543

w: martinsprocket.com
[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [LinkedIn](#)

cc: Jason R
Light DEPT
Council
5/20/25 Steve Y.