



Village of Montpelier

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AGENDA NO. 12 - 2026
Agenda for Monday, June 22, 2026

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 June 22, 2026 (Motion)
6. Approve the Minutes from June 8, 2026, Council Meeting (Motion)
7. Comments from Audience
8. Comments from Council/Committee Reports
9. Jesse Rayford to Discuss Business and Zoning at 120 S Monroe St
10. Approve the Retirement Agreement for Mark Smith on 7/2/2027 (Motion)
11. Village Manager's Report
12. Executive Session Consideration of Purchase or Sale of Property (Motion)
13. Adjourn



VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER COUNCIL MEETING

MONTPELIER, OHIO

MONDAY, JUNE 08, 2026

Call to Order	Mayor Steve Yagelski called the Montpelier Village Council's regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 08, 2026.
Appoint Acting Clerk	Mrs. Heather Freese moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to approve to appoint Nikki Uribes as acting clerk. Vote on motion: All ayes
Roll Call	A roll call was conducted, and the following Council members were present: Mr. Chris Kannel, Mr. Nathan Thompson, Mr. Kevin Motter, Mr. Don Schlosser, and Mrs. Heather Freese. Ms. Melissa Ewers was absent.
Prayer/Pledge	Pastor Kevin Doseck offered a prayer, followed by those in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda 06/08/2026	Mr. Don Schlosser moved, and Mr. Kevin Motter seconded a motion to approve the agenda for June 08, 2026. Vote on motion: All ayes
Minutes 05/26/2026	Mr. Nathan Thompson moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2026, meeting. Vote on motion: All ayes
Approve May 2026 Financials	Mrs. Heather Freese moved, and Mr. Don Schlosser seconded a motion to approve the May 2026 Financials. Vote on motion: All ayes
Welcome	Mayor Steve Yagelski welcomed the media and the public to the meeting and welcomed attendees to ask questions.
Council Comments	<p>Mr. Chris Kannel reported on the Economic Development and Strategy (EDS) committee meeting with three items.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. They are looking into applying for the NRG funding for downtown parking. This application will be due in 2027.2. The small-town spotlight was aired Thursday last week. It was a three-minute spotlight on the Village of Montpelier. He thanked Mayor Yagelski for helping with the interview.3. We have been awarded \$200,000 in the State Capital Budget, if the bill is signed and passed, for design and engineering for the Municipal Pool. <p>Mr. Kannel also made an announcement that the first cruise-in is scheduled for tomorrow night, pending weather conditions. They will make the call by noon tomorrow if it is cancelled because of rain.</p> <p>Mr. Nathan Thompson thanked the Electric Department for their hard work hanging the Hometown Hero Banners and getting the new downtown lighting installed. The downtown is much brighter at night with the new lighting.</p> <p>Mrs. Heather Freese let council know that during the Bean Days festivities, on July 18th at 2:00p.m., the Park Dept will be passing out ice cream and asked if anyone on council can commit to helping with this activity. Also, at 3:00 Chief McGee will be capturing a drone photo of the downtown that will be included in</p>

**Council Comments
(continued)**

the new time capsule. Mr. Motter will be there with the Color Guard, Mr. Kannel, Mr. Thompson & Mayor Yagelski will be there.

**Approve ARS
Contract Extension**

Jason Rockey presented the ARS Contract. ARS is not seeking a price increase or decrease, and he surveyed two other local communities, and our ARS rate is lower than their competitors'. He would like to move forward with the two-year extension and then can consider going out for RFP after the contract expires, however, he does not feel we will get any better pricing than what we have with ARS.

Mrs. Heather Freese moved, and Mr. Kevin Motter seconded a motion to approve the contract extension with ARS. Vote on motion: All ayes

**Resolution 1459 –
Police Pension
Transfer**

RESOLUTION 1459

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL
FUND FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF
MONTPELIER, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2026**

Jason Rockey presented council with Resolution 1459. Nikki Uribes explained that this Resolution is to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$35,000 to pay the police pension. This transfer can occur up to three times per year, and this is the first transfer this year.

**Resolution 1459 –
Motion to Suspend
Three-Reading
Rule**

Mr. Nathan Thompson moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of Resolution 1459. Roll call on motion: Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mr. Kevin Motter, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; and Mr. Don Schlosser, yes.

Resolution 1459 was read by title.

**Resolution 1459 –
Motion to Pass**

Mr. Don Schlosser moved, and Mrs. Heather Freese seconded a motion to pass Resolution 1459. Roll call on motion: Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; Mr. Don Schlosser, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mr. Kevin Motter, yes; and Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes.

Resolution 1459 passed

Income Tax Report

Nikki Uribes reported income tax collections at the end of May 2026 as \$949,567.98, compared to \$964,576.99 and \$934,028.00 in 2025 and 2024, respectively. The previous three-year average was \$964,576.99. This is down 1.56% from the average of the previous three years.

Mr. Nathan Thompson asked if we could show the portion that is going into the Police & Fire Fund since the tax rate increased by 0.2% this year. It is hard to tell the actual difference with a rate increase. Mr. Kannel suggested giving that breakdown twice a year instead of each month. Nikki Uribes will include a breakdown of funds receiving income tax on the June and December reports.

Manager's Report

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

Attended AMP's regional power supply meeting in Napoleon with Justin and Drew in Napoleon on May 27th. The annual meeting provides updates on energy, transmission and capacity markets both globally and locally. Commercial load growth has outpaced residential and industrial growth since 2024 primarily due to data center development. First Energy, our transmission provider, is projecting 70% load growth over the next 10 years. Also, the price to build a combined cycle, natural gas power plant, has more than doubled in the last 6+ years causing the capacity market to skyrocket. Also, the transmission market has doubled since 2016. Today, transmission and capacity charges make up nearly 50% of our power bill. Finally, there is only one new natural gas plant in the queue for the ATSI transmission area, so it is expected that future prices for FE and AEP customers will remain high. Currently, FE is at \$.19 and AEP is \$.21.1/kwh while we are a little over \$.17 and our base fees are significantly lower. Our lower rates are because we own generation through AMP and we are buying less than 15% of our power from the energy market. Because we own generation, we are also receiving capacity credits to help offset a portion of our capacity charges.

Last Thursday was the annual Touch-A-Truck event at the library. This year Hutch's Towing, ARS and LifeWise also participated so the Village took less equipment than normal. It takes place on the east side of the library, and we close off the 100 block of S Harrison St.

The pre-construction meeting for the Main St. Waterline project was last Friday. Bryan Excavating, MVPO, ODOT, OEPA and the Village were all represented. The contractor said they think they will only need a one or two-day closure of Main St. During construction, they plan to utilize mobile traffic signals to keep at least one lane open. Currently, construction could begin right after the Williams County Fair in September if the weather allows them to complete other scheduled work on time and all materials are onsite. If they can't start within a few weeks of the fair ending, they will have to wait until early spring as the asphalt plant shuts down over the winter and they can't leave a stone trench unrepaired.

Adjourn

Mr. Chris Kannel moved, and Mrs. Heather Freese seconded a motion to go into executive session for consideration of purchase or sale of property. Roll call on motion: Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; Mr. Don Schlosser, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mr. Kevin Motter, yes; and Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes.

With no further business before Council, Mr. Chris Kannel moved, and Mr. Don Schlosser seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Vote on motion: All ayes

Acting Clerk of Council

Mayor

RETIREMENT AGREEMENT

The Village of Montpelier (the "Village") has established a program that offers qualifying retiring employees an incentive to notify the Village of a firm date of retirement at least 12 months but not more than 18 months in advance. The program makes this incentive available to qualifying retiring employees and participation is voluntary on the part of the employee. The program promotes smooth transitions and continuity of service when an employee retires. The program also allows the Village to plan for future vacancies and budget considerations.

In accordance with the terms of the program, **Mark J Smith**, (Employee) wishes to take advantage of the incentive offered by the Village and hereby notifies the Village that Employee will retire on July 2, 2027 (Retirement Date).

In accordance with the terms of the program and subject to the terms below, upon retirement, the Village agrees to pay Employee a one-time lump-sum payment of **\$6,131.84** (the "Payment"), less withholdings required by law.

The Village and Employee further agree:

1. Payment shall be made upon retirement and only if Employee continues employment to the Retirement Date. If prior to the Retirement Date, Employee resigns, retires, is terminated, or otherwise does not continue employment to the Retirement Date, Employee shall not receive the Payment or any prorated portion thereof.
2. Except as specifically provided in this Retirement Agreement, the terms of Employees employment shall not change. This Retirement Agreement is not to be construed as an employment agreement and Employee's employment shall continue to be subject to the terms of the Village Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.
3. **Employee understands that the Retirement Date is firm and that Employee's employment with the Village will terminate on the Retirement Date. Employee should not sign this Retirement Agreement unless Employee is sure that Employee wants to retire on the Retirement Date.** Employee further understands that the Village is relying on the Retirement Date for budgeting purposes and/or for purposes of hiring and training Employees replacement. Employee acknowledges that Employee has had the opportunity to carefully consider the terms of this Retirement Agreement and consult with legal counsel if desired.

The parties below have executed this Retirement Agreement with the intent to be bound by its terms.

THE VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER, OHIO:

BY: [Signature] 6/17/26
Village Manager Date

Employee: [Signature] 6-16-26
Signature Date
MARK J. SMITH
Printed name