

**MINUTES
ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2025
7:00 PM**

1. Council President Silver called the Special Council Meeting of December 3, 2025 to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call

Members Present: Bilsky, Ullner, Vincent, Foster, Madden, Perry, Silver
Members Absent:
Others Present: Jud Kline, Mayor
Steve Byron, Law Director
Mike Roberts, Police Chief
Larry Genova, Fire Chief
Robert Zupan, Service Director

4. A Motion to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2025 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mr. Foster.

Ayes: Bilsky, Ullner, Vincent, Foster, Madden, Perry, Silver
Nays: None

5. A Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2025 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mr. Madden

Ayes: Bilsky, Ullner, Vincent, Foster, Madden, Perry, Silver
Nays: None

6. A Motion to appoint Anthony Lazar to the Planning and Zoning Commission effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028 was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Mayor Kline stated that Anthony has been a wonderful asset as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for many years. His background as an architect has been and continues in the construction industry. We would like to continue to have him on the board. Mrs. Vincent stated she appreciates his insight. Ms. Ullner stated he brings up good points at the meetings and he would be a benefit to the commission.

Ayes: Bilsky, Ullner, Vincent, Foster, Madden, Perry, Silver
Nays: None

7. A Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with DS Architecture to provide design services for the new fire station and Village Hall renovation projects for an amount not to exceed \$86,270 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mr. Bilsky.

Mayor Kline explained that the original amount approved at the November 12th meeting was \$85,000. Since the new amount exceeded that in order to be transparent, it was added to the agenda for council's authorization. This authorizes the Mayor to enter into the agreement.

Ayes: Bilsky, Ullner, Vincent, Foster, Madden, Perry, Silver
Nays: None

8. Audience comments relating to agenda items only
John Loftus, 4231 Lander Road
 - Ordinance 2025-26
 - o Agreement with Steve Byron
 - Disturbing that the new council will not be able to vote on this without an opportunity to discuss/receive information prior to the first meeting
 - o Wants to make sure Orange Village receives the maximum benefit for their expenditures

9. Old Business of Pending Legislation and Motions

A. ORDINANCE 2025-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF ORANGE VILLAGE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. 2nd Reading

B. ORDINANCE 2025-25

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF ORANGE VILLAGE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026. 2nd Reading

10. New Business and Consideration of:

A. ORDINANCE 2025-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN L. BYRON AND SINGERMAN, MILLS, DESBERG & KAUNTZ, CO. L.P.A., FOR LEGAL SERVICES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN L. BYRON AS LAW DIRECTOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading

Ms. Ullner stated that we should make all the Ordinances available to the new council members. She also stated that the members of council that will be departing should make their comments this week or next week.

B. ORDINANCE 2025-27

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING SHORAIN MCGHEE AS THE PROSECUTOR OF ORANGE VILLAGE, PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR THE PROSECUTOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading

Mr. Byron stated that Blair Melling will be retiring. Council interviewed her and hired her as Assistant Prosecutor. She has been working with the department this year and the proposal is that she be the lead prosecutor. Ms. Ullner asked if there is a backup if something happened to her. Mr. Byron stated there are other prosecutors in the court that usually will assist. Mr. Byron stated he will inquire with her.

C. ORDINANCE 2025-28

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN HOVANCSEK & ASSOCIATES, INC., AS ORANGE VILLAGE ENGINEER AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading

11. Audience comments relating to matters which advance the good of the Village

Jim Boyle, 31399 Fairview Drive

- Thanked Council President Silver and Councilman Madden for their time on council and the work they did for the Village
- Thanked Mrs. Girardi for the collaborative process and look forward to working with her as well
- Excited to be working with everyone

Richelle Kidder, 4599 Lander

- Member of the Orange Village Arts & Culture Committee
 - o Thanked Mayor and Council for supporting their many events
- Light up Orange for the Holidays – Wednesday, Dec 10 at 5:30 p.m.
 - o Orange High School band and orchestra and Noteoriety
- Thanked all the departments for their assistance with the program

12. Comments by the Mayor

- The last day to purchase Shop with a Cop tickets is this Friday. Stop by the police department to purchase your tickets for the great cause
- Computer, flags, household hazardous waste and holiday lights collection is this Friday, December 5 from 7am – 3pm at the Service Department 4680 Lander Road
- Holiday light collection continues every Friday in December from 7am – 3pm
- Orange Village Fire Department holiday delivery service will continue to accept gifts until Thursday, December 11 or we are at capacity. Fire department personnel will deliver Hanukkah gifts and Santa Claus will accompany them to deliver Christmas gifts that are provided by the resident.
- Olivia's Dream Toy Drive – In honor of Olivia Schneider's wish to help others we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys to benefit Toys for Tots and families in need across Northeast Ohio through December 11th
- Orange Community Artisan & Farmer's Market is this Saturday, December 6 from 10am-3pm at Moreland Hills Elementary Gym
- Lighting up Orange for the Holidays is Wednesday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Orange Village Park
- Please advise snowplow contractor not to push snow against mailboxes or fire hydrants. Snow placed on hydrants is a violation of Village ordinance. Never push snow against or bury hydrants.
- The Internet Safety Night was very informative, I would like to thank Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children for their presentation. I would also like to thank Orange Village Police Department and the Orange C.A.R.E.S. Committee for sponsoring this event. If you were unable to attend the presentation is on the home page of our website
- Pearl Harbor Day is Sunday, December 7
- Now approved to move forward with the contract with the architects for the fire station and Village Hall modification we will begin the process very soon.
- Charter Review Commission will take place in January. Please send in your resume if you are interested in joining the commission. This takes place every 8 years.
- Ribbon cutting for the first phase of the Canyons on December 17 at 10:30 a.m.

13. Comments by the Council President

- Big shout out to the service department, they had a very busy week. The trails look great as well.

14. Committee Reports and Comments by Council Members

Bilsky

- No Comments

Ullner

- CodeRed databreach
 - o Mayor Kline stated we were just notified by the County and they stated they would be notifying everyone that was affected and we did not want to duplicate their efforts
- Reappointed Anthony Lazar to the Planning and Zoning Commission and she appreciates everyone's vote
- Pulte is moving forward with the Canyon's
 - o They have been very responsive to the different questions the members have
 - o They made an effort to keep as many trees as possible
 - Mayor Kline stated the area that appears to be clear cut in the front is the commercial development
 - There is an extensive landscape plan proposed for the commercial property
- First Aid classes will be held in the first quarter of 2026
- RAD classes will be held in May/June

Vincent

- Arts & Culture meeting is tomorrow night at 7pm – all are welcome
- Holiday Artisan Market – Dec 6 from 10am – 3pm
 - o Over 40 vendors
- Noteoriety Concert – Tuesday, December 9 at 7pm at Garfield Church
- Light up the Holidays – Wednesday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m.
 - o Special thanks to Richelle for chairing the event
 - o There will be approximately 50 Orange band members and 14 orchestra members
 - o Noteoriety will perform as well
 - o Thanked the Chiefs, Zugan and their teams for their assistance
- Thanked all departments for their service during the snow storm and holidays
- Thanked Bob Zugan for his assistance with the water issue in Orange Hill
- Thanked John Loftus for explaining his solar panels. Hope to discuss the potential for future use on village buildings
- Orange Schools update
 - o Next school board meeting is Monday, December 8
 - o Congratulated Dr. Nash
- Shop with a Cop tickets are still available

Foster

- Thank you for acknowledging Pearl Harbor
- We have a couple new members for the Veterans Committee
- Happy Holidays to all

Madden

- No comments
- Sustainability Committee meeting will be Tuesday at 7pm

Perry

- Get all questions in to Dana concerning the budget
 - o The meeting will be next week
- Recreation Committee will be at the December 6 Artisan Market
 - o Gift basket drawing for the new dog forest
- Wood part of the fence is up and we can
 - o Thanked the service department for all of their work

15. A Motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment and compensation of Village employees was made by Mr. Silver seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes: Bilsky, Ullner, Vincent, Foster, Madden, Perry, Silver
Nays: None

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:38 p.m.


Mr. Silver departed at 8:47 p.m. Mr. Madden departed at 8:48 p.m.

Reconvened the Council Meeting of December 3, 2025 at 9:13 p.m.

16. Adjournment of the Special Council Meeting of December 3, 2025

Council President Pro-Tem Vincent adjourned the Special Council Meeting of December 3, 2025 at 9:13 p.m.


Annamarie Girardi
Council Clerk


Staci Vincent
Council President Pro-Tem