

**MINUTES
ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2026
7:00 PM**

1. Council President Perry called the Council Meeting of May 13, 2026 to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call

Members Present: Bilsky (via phone), Foster, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Members Absent: Ullner, Boyle
Others Present: Jud Kline, Mayor
Steve Byron, Law Director
Michael Roberts, Police Chief
Bob Zupan, Service Director
Dana Kavander, Treasurer
Anna Girardi, Council Clerk

4. A Motion to excuse Council Member James Boyle from the May 13, 2026 Council Meeting was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Perry.

Ayes: Bilsky, Foster, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

5. A Motion to excuse Council Member Kimberlee Ullner from the May 13, 2026 Council Meeting was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mr. Foster.

Ayes: Bilsky, Foster, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

6. Mayor Kline presentation of proclamation to Former Prosecutor Blair Melling

Mayor Kline read the proclamation for Mr. Melling and presented him with a plaque. Mayor Kline thanked him for his service to Orange Village. Mr. Melling stated he served two Mayors, Police Chiefs and one Law Director during his 25 years of service to Orange Village. Thanked Steve Byron for recommending him.

7. A Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an employment agreement with Robert McLaughlin to serve as a part-time member of the Orange Village Building Department was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes: Bilsky, Foster, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

Mr. Byron stated the original draft had a typographical error the hourly rate stated \$50 per hour, it is actually \$60 per hour. Mrs. Vincent stated Mr. McLaughlin has been an asset to the community and thrilled he is able to stay. Mayor Kline explained the next steps for the Building Department and Mr. McLaughlin's role.

8. A Motion to confirm the appointment of Robert McLaughlin as a part-time member of the Orange Village Building Department of Orange Village effective May 1, 2026 was made by Perry seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Ayes: Bilsky, Foster, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

9. A Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an employment agreement with Ron Nied to serve as a part-time member of the Orange Village Building Department was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mr. Foster.

Ayes: Bilsky, Foster, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

Law Director Byron stated this continues our agreement with Mr. Nied. Mayor Kline will administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Nied and Mr. McLaughlin at a later date.

10. A Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an employment agreement with Anthony Ugrinic, Jr. to serve as a non-sworn member of the Orange Village Police Department was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Chief Roberts stated Anthony is currently a cadet at the Cleveland Heights Police Academy. He applied after Orange Village visited the police academy. During the interview program he has a great deal of promise to be a long-term employee and any department would be lucky to have him. That is why we are pursuing him before graduates.

Ayes: Bilsky, Foster, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

11. A Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March, 2026 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Perry.

Mrs. Kavander explained the Treasurer's Report for March, 2026

Ayes: Bilsky, Foster, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

12. A Motion to approve the Tax Administrator's Report for March, 2026 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Mrs. Kavander explained the Tax Administrator's Report for March, 2026

Ayes: Bilsky, Foster, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

13. A discussion of the Bills to be paid in the month of May in the amount of \$282,823.89 and additional April expenses in the amount of \$118,608.17.

14. Presentation of proposed fire station and Village Hall renovation with associated budget by Mayor Kline.

There will be a detailed version on June 1 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed and available on the website. Mrs. Vincent asked if there would be a presentation during the day,

Mayor Kline stated all the information is on the website. If anyone has questions, feel free to reach out to Mayor Kline.

Mrs. Kurland inquired about sustainable energy for both projects

- Mayor Kline stated he is meeting with NOPEC next week concerning renewables for both projects.
 - Group buying - Mayor Kline stated he plans to look into this when we plan on making the purchases.
- Inquired about another set of traffic lights on Brainard.
 - Mayor Kline stated this was addressed during the traffic study and the traffic engineer decided this was not needed

Mr. Foster inquired as to how much growth are the buildings for staff. Mayor Kline stated we are building for the future.

15. Audience comments relating to agenda items only
- No comments

16. Old Business of Pending Legislation and Motions

A. ORDINANCE 2026-14

AN ORDINANCE ENGAGING BRICKER GRAYDON WYATT LLP TO PROVIDE SPECIAL COUNSEL TO ORANGE VILLAGE IN MATTERS RELATED TO THE FINANCING OF CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading

Mayor Kline explained there are a great deal of steps in order to get the bond issue on the ballot. They have a thorough understanding of the project and the financing we are pursuing. They assisted us on many other projects on TIFF financing. They do an excellent job and you want the best people you can get and trust to do the work.

17. New Business and Consideration of:

- Charter Review Amendments were sent to council members
 - Law Director Byron stated he distributed the information to council. There are nine proposed amendments to the charter. In order for council to put anything on the ballot for charter, they need 5 votes of Council. He recommends that Council deliberate the information, maybe amend them, or come up with other ideas. A Motion will be required to prepare legislation (need 5 votes) and he will prepare one piece of legislation
 - Each ballot issue will be separate but Council can place them on one piece of legislation
 - Mrs. Vincent asked that the leader of the Charter Review Commission to come and speak about the amendments
 - Short presentation at the June 3 meeting
 - Mr. Byron stated if we get it to them after the August 12 meeting, that should be fine
- Special Meetings/Work Sessions
 - Came up in the Charter Review Commission
 - Mrs. Perry stated she spoke with Mr. Boyle concerning how Council conducts business
 - Mr. Byron explained 90% of our agenda items are either housekeeping items or items that did not need to be studied
 - The chair still had the ability to slow things down and so does the Mayor
 - 1987 was when they added a Work Session

- Council President and/or Mayor have the ability to put items or remove items from the agenda
 - Mrs. Perry stated when she first started Council had one work session to discuss items and the second was a regular meeting we voted. There was no discussion at the regular meeting
 - Information was not as readily available as it is now
 - Mr. Boyle will head up the committee and provide a recommendation to Council of their findings
 - Mrs. Perry stated Council has the decision if they want to make any changes
18. Audience comments relating to matters which advance the good of the Village
- None
19. Comments by the Mayor
- Shavuot - May 22
 - Village Hall Closed on May 25 in observance of Memorial Day
 - o Trash/recycling pickup will be delayed until Tuesday, May 26
 - o We honor the brave heroes
 - Woodchips and Leaf Humus are still available, visit our website to order
 - Orange Village is a proud partner with United States of Kindness
 - o This is a nationwide call to complete 250 acts of kindness for America's 250th anniversary
 - o Sign up as a family – wonderful for others
 - Public Meeting - June 1 at 6:30 p.m. – presentation concerning the new fire station and Village Hall renovation including cost estimates
20. Comments by the Council President
- Thanked everyone for their condolences
21. Committee Reports and Comments by Council Members
- Kurland**
- Congratulated all the Orange graduates including her daughter Emily
- Bilsky**
- Not comments
- Foster**
- No comments
- Vincent**
- Juneteenth weekend - June 18 – Fulla Love - Mulcahy pavilion – 7pm
 - Arts & Culture Committee – June 2 – 7pm Village Hall
 - Stagecrafters update
 - Artisan and Farmers Market – June 13
 - o 4680 Lander Road
 - Orange Schools update
 - National Police Memorial Week
 - o Gratitude to officers and soldiers, their families and their loved ones
 - Congratulated Orange graduates
22. A Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the appointment and compensation of Village employees, the discussion of the status of the union negotiations and discussion pending or imminent litigation was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Ayes: Bilsky, Foster, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

Council reconvened the Council Meeting of May 13, 2026 at 8:39 p.m.

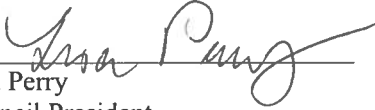
23. Adjournment of the Council Meeting of May 13, 2026

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of May 13, 2026 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mr. Foster.

Ayes: Bilsky, Foster, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

Council Meeting of May 13, 2026 was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.


Annamarie Girardi
Council Clerk


Lisa Perry
Council President