

**VILLAGE OF SEBRING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2026
AT 6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken, Aberegg, Walker, Rouse, Phillips, Smith

A motion was made by Rouse, seconded by Phillips to excuse Mr. Caughman from the meeting tonight due to being out of town with the football team.

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE

New Business

Reading of Legislation by Title Only

Motion: Made by Aberegg, seconded by Phillips, to read legislation by title only.

The motion passed by roll-call vote, with aye votes recorded from Mr. Aberegg, Mr. Walker, Mr. Rouse, Mrs. Phillips, and Mr. Smith.

Ordinance 43-2026

Ordinance 43-2026, introduced by council as a whole, was read by title only with the emergency clause: "An ordinance appointing Charles E. Ed Dean, Village Manager, effective August 17th, 2026, fixing the compensation and fringe benefits of the Village Manager, repealing any ordinance and/or resolution inconsistent thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Motion: Made by Aberegg, seconded by Rouse, to adopt Ordinance 43-2026 as read by title only and declaring an emergency.

The motion passed by roll-call vote, with aye votes recorded from Mr. Aberegg, Mr. Walker, Mr. Rouse, Mrs. Phillips, and Mr. Smith.

Key Points:

- Mr. Walker was asked to meet with Mr. Dean on Monday, August 17th, because the meeting chair stated that a prior commitment prevented attendance that morning.
- Department heads were to be asked to convene at 8:00 on Monday morning, August 17th, for introductions with Mr. Dean.
- It was stated that Mr. Dean would determine his schedule and next steps after the introductions.
- It was stated that arrangements were being made for Mr. Dean to complete a background check, fingerprints, and identification process at Copeland, preferably on Thursday.
- Council members were invited to stop in on Monday if able.
- It was reported that Chris had picked up items left in the refrigerator but that no additional contact had occurred. It was also reported that Chris had asked how his lump-sum payment would be issued and was advised that it would be paid over the next several pay periods to maintain insurance coverage.

Ordinance 44-2026

Ordinance 44-2026, introduced by Marvin Aberegg of the Finance Committee, was read by title only with the emergency clause: "An ordinance authorizing and directing the village manager to enter into a contract with Protech Systems Group to provide computer upgrades to the Sebring Water Treatment Plant filter gallery at the village water treatment plant, and declaring an emergency."

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The motion passed by roll-call vote, with aye votes recorded from Mr. Aberegg, Mr. Walker, Mr. Rouse, Mrs. Phillips, and Mr. Smith.

Key Points:

- A request was made for the actual quote associated with the ordinance. It was stated that the quote would be provided.
- Council discussed the need to attach contracts to legislation going forward and noted that contracts had sometimes needed to be located after legislation was considered.

Ordinance 45-2026

Ordinance 45-2026, introduced by John Walker, Annexation Business and Land Development, was read by title only with the emergency clause: "An ordinance authorizing and directing the village manager to enter into an agreement with Dirk Rozic Illustration LLC to provide restoration services to the Sebring downtown mural at Schreckengost Park and declaring an emergency."

Motion: Made by Aberegg, seconded by Phillips, to adopt Ordinance 45-2026 as read by title only and declaring an emergency.

The motion passed by roll-call vote. Aye votes were recorded during the roll call.

Key Points:

- The restoration cost was stated to be \$5,300, and the Village would need to provide a lift.
- It was stated that information would be sought regarding the height and type of lift needed and whether the contractor could provide the lift and bill the Village for it.
- A potential local source for lifts was discussed.
- It was stated that the contractor's work at another location had been delayed until late September, creating a possibility that work on the mural could begin within the next couple of weeks.
- Annual restoration work was discussed to prevent the mural from reaching its current condition.
- A review of the roof near the mural was discussed to determine whether it could be contributing to the mural condition. A participant stated that they would inspect the roof when able.

Ordinance 46-2026

Ordinance 46-2026, introduced by Council as a whole, was read by title only with the emergency clause: "An ordinance supporting Timothy Gabrelcik as a consultant outside contractor for the purpose of grant applications effective July 27th, 2026, fixing the compensation, repealing any ordinance and/or resolution inconsistent thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Motion: Made by Aberegg, seconded by Smith, to adopt Ordinance 46-2026 as read by title only and declaring an emergency.

The motion passed by roll-call vote. Aye votes were recorded during the roll call.

Key Points:

- It was stated that Timothy Gabrelcik would not work more than eight hours in any given week.
- Mr. Gabrelcik had been assisting with the water meter project and was still listed for that project.
- It was stated that, once Ed was in place, the signatory arrangement for the water meter project would be changed.
- Mr. Gabrelcik had worked with Folk on the waterline project and had checked the status of the original waterline replacement.

Ordinance 47-2026

Ordinance 47-2026, introduced by Marvin Aberegg of the Finance Committee, was read by title only with the emergency clause: "An ordinance authorizing directing the finance director to establish and fund a budget account code for revenue derived and expenditures made in conjunction with the staffing for adequate fire and emergency response, SAFER Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the fire department expenses and declaring an emergency."

Motion: Made by Aberegg, seconded by Rouse, to adopt Ordinance 47-2026 as read by title only and declaring an emergency.

The motion passed by roll-call vote. Aye votes were recorded during the roll call.

Reports and Discussion

Ambulance Purchase and Financing Legislation

It was reported that an ambulance was expected within the next few weeks. Council had previously approved the purchase, but legislation for the purchase had not been completed. Legislation for the purchase and financing was expected to be prepared for the next council meeting, if possible.

It was also reported that a Bureau of Workers' Comp grant for a cot for the new refurbished ambulance had been accepted, but related legislation had not been completed. Jerry was referenced as preparing legislation for that matter. It was stated that additional coordination with Springer would be needed.

Identification Badge System and Copeland

It was reported that Copeland would soon no longer make identification badges. Council discussed reviewing an existing system located in the building before purchasing another system. It was stated that Ed would be asked to review the system after beginning service as Village Manager.

It was reported that Copeland would continue to conduct background checks, although additional information regarding that service was to be obtained. Paul Freer was reported to be retiring, and Dave Manion was reported to be retiring at the end of the year or beginning of the year. A new individual at Copeland, identified as Eric Murray, was referenced.

Water Lines at Copeland

Discussion occurred regarding water lines running through the center of the Copeland campus. It was stated that additional review was needed regarding agreements and maintenance responsibilities. A discussion with Bill was anticipated, and it was stated that the matter might later be turned over to Ed after he begins service.

Executive Session Request

A request was made for a brief executive session for appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, and compensation. No action was stated to be anticipated. Council, Solicitor, and Finance Director were referenced for the requested session.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Rouse to enter into executive session at 6:52.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: NONE
ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE

Headworks Project and CTI

It was stated that the bill for CTI related to the Headworks project permits and fees had been paid and that the project was continuing with no issues reported at that time.

Lee reported receiving a letter from CTI regarding a requested completion letter for the UV project. The letter was requested by the funding source as part of completing project documentation. Lee stated that the letter would be forwarded to both email addresses referenced during the discussion.

It was stated that the completion letter would be reviewed to determine where it needed to be sent.

E-Biz Submission and Manager Access

It was reported that a submission involving Neco had been made without attachments and that the attachments were subsequently located. Additional review was planned, and Tim was referenced as needing to complete the submission because the E-Biz account used for Village matters was specific to him.

Discussion occurred regarding the requirement that the Village Manager use a personal PIN number to submit materials through the system. It was stated that staff could complete the preparatory work, but the submission must be made through the manager's personal PIN number. This process was stated to apply to water plant permits, lagoon permits, and related matters.

It was stated that Ed would be set up with an account after beginning service. Until then, it was stated that Tim's account could be used if needed.

Action Items

No formal action items were recorded.

Announcements

No additional announcements were recorded.

Adjournment

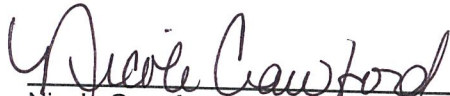
Executive session ended and the regular meeting reconvened at 7:14 P.M.

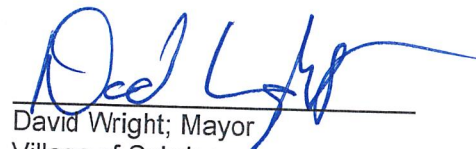
A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Rouse to adjourn at 7:15 P.M.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: NONE

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 24, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.


Nicole Crawford, Clerk of Council


David Wright, Mayor
Village of Sebring