

Village of Custar, Ohio
Minutes from **April 8, 2026**
Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Robert Cavin called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Council members Renee Hartman, Cheryl Vanscoder, Dawn Cavin, Chris Pugh, Dee Bates, and Brian Cron were all present.

Minutes from the 3/11/26 council meeting were presented for review. Ms. Hartman made a motion to approve the minutes as read, which was seconded by Mrs. Vanscoder; all were in favor.

Visitor(s): Resident **Peggy Deuel** was in attendance with major concerns about our recycling site. She has dealt with recyclables blowing into her yard quite often over the years, which is adjacent to the north, but a recent incident was the worst she has seen yet. During the 70mph wind storm, a Rumpke driver proceeded to empty the bins, regardless of the fact that everything blew right into her yard and garden. In spite of her request to the driver to hold off on emptying another bin, he did so anyway (after calling his supervisor and being instructed to proceed) and she ended up collecting seven 55-gallon bags of recyclables out of her yard that day. She requested that we do something to fix the issue for good. We had initiated the construction of the recycling fence a few years ago to help keep the area contained; but the lids blow open often and items still go over the fence when it is windy. Ms. Hartman suggested that we get together with Milton Center and Milton Township and discuss moving the bins elsewhere.

BPA Business: All members were present until 7:50pm.

- John Courtney was at their meeting tonight to give his recommendations on the new projects AMP is proposing for our power portfolio, and discuss behind the meter solar options.
- Jerry reported that we didn't get any serious storm damage during the last round of storms; there were just some limbs/branches down that they were able to get cleared quickly. The crew will do spring brush pickup on Saturday, May 23rd.

Financial Items:

- Council reviewed the payment register for 3/12/26-4/8/26, which included:
 - ┌ Regular check #'s 15235 & 15251-15258, totaling \$3,170.67
 - ├ Payroll check #'s 15236-15250, totaling \$2,995.61
 - └ 10 EFT payments, totaling \$26,207.40

It was noted that the Sheriff's office implemented a rate increase (from \$52.87 to \$55.76 per hour), effective on this month's statement. We will now be paying \$34.68 more per month for patrol. Mrs. Vanscoder moved to approve the payment register, seconded by Ms. Bates; all were in favor.

- The financial reports for March 2026 were reviewed by council. Ms. Hartman made a motion to approve them as presented, and Mrs. Vanscoder seconded; all were in favor.
- Ordinance 2026-2, to create the position of "Lead Maintenance Technician" and establish pay rates for all maintenance employees, received the third reading. Ms. Bates made a motion for passage, which was seconded by Mr. Pugh; all were in favor, passed. Roger's pay will be increased to \$18/hr and he will receive retro pay on his next check for the rate difference going back to 1/1/26.
- Resolution 2026-3R, to approve the 2026/2027 agreement with the Wood County EMA, was read. Mrs. Vanscoder made a motion for passage, Mr. Pugh seconded, and all were in favor; passed.

Committee Reports:

✓ **Parks/Recreation:**

- The tree company completed the grinding of all 3 stumps. Devin was asked to move the mulch grindings to the needed areas. Ms. Hartman will be working more with him on the native garden.
- Council agreed to have the port-a-pot put in at Community Park for the season.
- The WCPD will be at our next meeting to present us with our grant check and will bring the application packet for the next round. Sarah was given the go-ahead to place the order for the new equipment.

✓ **Streets/Sidewalks:**

- Roger got 2 bags of cold patch to fill some potholes, and will probably need to get more.

- o Sarah will attend the CDIS pre-CDBG meeting at the courthouse on 4/15/26. She is working on the survey of community needs to be presented at the meeting, which required a description of our top three projects to be completed within the next 1-5 years. These were decided as:
 - 1) Repairing the damaged/deteriorated section on the north end of Custar Road;
 - 2) Fixing the ditch drainage issues at the south end of town; and
 - 3) Sidewalk repair/construction in multiple areas.
- o Sarah has a meeting tomorrow with Michelle Carpenter (from OHM) and her colleague to discuss all available funding sources for sidewalk work.
- ✓ **Zoning:** 1 permit was issued this month for a fence on High Street.
- ✓ **Safety:**
 - o Sarah presented a copy of the junk regulation section of the Ohio Basic Code (which is referenced on our citation notices). She was asked to contact the Village of Deshler (and possibly other localities) to see what type of junk regulations they have in place.
 - o Inoperable vehicles will be discussed more at the next meeting. It was noted that the solicitor had responded to our question about whether or not it was sufficient to put a tarp over a vehicle instead of moving it or putting it in an enclosed building. He stated that simply “tarping” does not put them in compliance with our ordinance. When second notices go out, those that have been tarped will get another notice.

Other Business:

- A draft of the spring newsletter was presented to council for review. Garage sale dates were set for May 15th/16th, and trash drop-off will be the following weekend (May 23rd). The newsletter should go out by the end of next week.
- Sarah submitted a grant application to the Firehouse Subs Foundation on 4/7/26 for an AED unit. It is a highly competitive grant, and it is unclear when we will know whether or not we received funding.

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:33pm, Ms. Bates made a motion to adjourn, and Mrs. Cavin seconded; all were in favor.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor