

**Village of South Charleston  
Commission Meeting  
March 3, 2026  
5:00 P.M.**

Members Present: President Stucky, Commissioner Litteral, Village Manger Trecia Waring, Clerk Jessica Hiser and Chief Brian Redish  
Guest: Kim Flax, Aubrey Ward, Kelly Skovlikavis, Jack Kramer, Douglas Rice, Joshua Trapp, Mark Hoffmaster, Debra Smith, Chad Swartzmiller and Charlie Litteral

**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Addition or Corrections to the Minutes**

- None
- President Stucky motion to approve the minutes and with a second from Commissioner Litteral and a vote of 2/0, the motion is approved.

**IV. Discussion of the Bills**

- None
- President Stucky motioned to approve the bill list and with a second from Commissioner Litteral and a vote of 2/0, the motion is approved.

**V. Action Items**

- RESOLUTION 1-2026
- A RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHARLESTON OHIO SUPPORTING THE HARMONY FARMLAND PRESERVATION COALITION AND LIMITING SOLAR FARM PROJECTS IN THE NEAR TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES IN OHIO, AS WELL AS SUPPORTING CHANGES TO CURRENT LAWS REGARDING SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATIONS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT AND PROTECT OHIO FARMLAND, LOCAL RESIDENTS, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES.
- They will hold until next meeting.
- RESOLUTION NO. 3-2026
- A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF FOR THE ELEVATED STORAGE TANK REPAINTING & REPAIR PROJECT
- This resolution is to accepted bids for the water tower project.
- President Stucky motioned to approve the Resolution and with a second from Commissioner Litteral and a vote of 2/0, the motion is approved.
- A RESOLUTION DOCUMENTING AUTHORIZATION FOR FILLING OUT THE NATUREWORKS APPLICATION.
- 1<sup>st</sup> reading. This is for the splash pad grant she is working on.

**VI. Public Comments**

- Mark Hoffmaster is here and he is part of the HFPC and he has a goat farm with a South Charleston address. He is here because he wants to protect the rural way of life. If the solar panels are installed the landscape would look vastly different. He is asking that the Village passes the resolution to support HFPC in working to prevent solar panels on prime farmland. He does not live within the Village limits they come to town and they support our Village as well as he sends his customers. Douglas Rice is also with HFPC and he would encourage the commission to read the letter he wrote to the OSPSB. He gives 12 reasons in his letter about why not to allow solar in our community and he doesn't want to go through all of it but encourages the commission to read it. He worries about property values and when people choose to live here it is because of the agriculture and the beauty of the rural life. He loves the sprawling farmland and wants to protect where we live. He is also concerned about the water issue and is urging the Village to help by posting the resolution by March 11. President Stucky want to make everyone aware that we do not have any control over the zoning of these projects. Chad Swartzmiller, he understands that the village has no control over the zoning they are just looking for support from the Village. He does not like how they are trying to make the money look good to entice people to approve the project. He wants people to look at how far the money would go. President Stucky stated that the Village would not receive any monies from the pilot. Chad wanted to remember that what effects the schools effects the Village. The money is not as good as it sounds. Josh Trapp from the HFPC is here to urge the Village to pass the resolution in support. There is no pilot program yet and it has yet to be negotiated with the Clark County Commissioners. They have gone door to door to educate residents of the county. Ten Townships as well as the county have passed resolutions in support. He asks if they could pass it soon and get it to OSPSB. He is sorry if he sounds a certain way but he is very passionate about this. President Stucky asked about the projection of this project and the money and it is all a guess at this point including if the aquifers and the decommissioning would hurt the land. Josh agreed but that is a very big risk for 50 years. Kim Flax said that she can send facts on the research of the aquifers and land but she is here looking for Community Support. This Village is so much more than just inside the Village it includes the Community. She wanted to discuss how President Stucky didn't think government should get involved but the Village has removed a potential trash company and has passed a resolution for no solar inside the Village. Why not support the Community? President Stucky asked if they have contacted the landowners because they seem to be the main source of allowing this. He was told that they live in Salt Lake City, UT. He doesn't like to be able to tell people what they can and can't do with their property and it sounds like the landowners are okay with this on their property. Mark asked what about the neighbor's property rights. President Stucky said that it should be a question for your State Legislative. Jack with

Invenergy is here they have an office on 150 West Mound. Wanted the Village to know that the application is very thorough and covers a magnitude of the questions that they have asked. They put an application in in December of 2025. He wanted to be clear that they are not allowed to do what they want they must abide by State and Federal Law. They are not allowed to disturb the water shed. With the pilot program it would allow to offer the money upfront and the county to decided how it is distributed. He also stated that yes, the Village would not benefit from this. The benefits would be to create local jobs and support the community while they are working on the project as well as local contractors or unions. The industrial waste is not a concern because non is created and any materials would be disposed off just like a construction site. They must check off all boxes while doing this project for the environmental aspect before starting, during and after the project. They have attended School Board meetings and the schools will receive most of the money. Which will benefit the communities. President Stucky asked about the jobs being mostly on the front end of the project and he said yes and that there would be 80% of workers from Ohio. They want to work as local as possible. Commissioner Litteral asked about the land compatibility and they explained to make it suitable or feasible for this project. If the state denies the project, then it will be moved elsewhere. He also explained that some of the energy produced could stay here but it goes to who bought it. Charlie Litteral is here from the local 18. He has worked on solar farm project using the heavy equipment. He said that 90 percent of power is being sent to Chicago. And it is sold to the highest bidder. The only way it would stay here would be if AES purchases it. He also stated that 80% of the workers do come from the local area but a lot to them are actually from Texas and infiltrate the local labor union. He is not for or against the solar projects. The projects are for 50 years and the ground is stagnant for 10 years after decommissioned. They do try and make the ground look nice. Kim asked the commissioners to drive and look at a solar field. There are also the safety concerns on some of these back roads. With the mud that is on the roads and just the size of the roads. It does concern her when you put school buses as well as this heavy equipment on the same roads. The construction of these projects lasts for 18 months. Invenergy said that they do check to see that these workers are Ohio residents he has personally checked their identification. He said that they do try and mitigate the mud but it will happen during certain times of the year. The County Engineer may make the decision to widen the road. He also said that they do take precautions with the topsoil and they set it aside then they replace it.

## **VII. Village Manager Report**

- She has been working ODNR Grant. They have been putting cold mix in the water break patches. The sweeping of the streets is schedule to be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month with weather permitting. She will put this in

the newsletter with the hopes that people would move their cars to allow the street sweeping. She has sent over the street replacement project streets to the county for bids. She will update them when she gets pricing back. She has set up Quarterly Saturday Coffee and Conversations for April 11<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-10.

**VIII. Clerk Report**

- Shut off for water we had 8 in total and they are all back on now.

**IX. Chief's Report**

- He gave his end of year report to the commissioners. We are working on nuisance as well as juvenile issues. The Easter Egg hunt will be April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am and it will be held at the park this year. He wanted to note that the biggest concern in his end of year was the 31% decrease in patrol hours last year but with the staffing he has now this number should improve.

**X. Commissioner Comments**

- None

**XI. New Business**

- None

**XII. Old Business**

- President Stucky wanted to say that Dwyane and Walt did a great job on clearing the creek. He also wants to know what the plans for the bridge are at the park since it is becoming dangerous.

**I. Executive Session**

- President Stucky motioned to enter into executive session for pending or imminent court action and with a second from Commissioner Litteral and a vote of 2/0, the motion passes.

**II. Motion to Adjourn**

President Stucky motioned to adjourn the meeting and with a second from Commissioner Litteral and a vote of 2/0, the meeting is adjourned.  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:04.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Jessica N Hiser/Clerk

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Samuel Stucky/President

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES AS TAKEN FROM THE

FILES OF THE CLERK FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH  
CHARLESTON COMMISSION