

**Village of South Charleston
Commission Meeting
February 17, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

Members Present: President Stucky, Vice President Saunders, Commissioner Litteral, Village Manger Trecia Waring, Clerk Jessica Hiser and Chief Brian Redish
Guest: Kim Flax, Aubrey Ward, Kelly Skovlikavis, Thomas Ross, Dillon Ashley and Clayton Talliar

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 Vice President Saunders and a vote of 3/0, 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 3/0, 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. 2-2026
- A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 1332; AUTHORIZING NOTICE TO VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- This resolution is to set a rate for the fiber optics that is being run through the Village. This will require them to pay us a portion of the profits just like they do with cable.
- President Stucky motioned to approve the Resolution and with a second from Vice President Saunders and a vote of 3/0, the motion is approved.

VI. Public Comments

- Kelly is here from Invenergy about the renewable energy project happening in Harmony Township here in Clark County. She provided handouts with information for them to review. This is a 180 Mega-Watt solar farm. They are negotiating 56.7 million dollars to the County in lieu of property taxes. The county then decides how to distribute the funds. President Stucky asked if this an estimate or an actual figure and they said it was an estimate and those are the numbers from a study they did. President Stucky asked where they are in the process. Kelly stated that they have submitted their application to the Ohio Siting board they have 180 day and it will be decided after a public hearing. He asked if the money goes to the County and if it ear-marked. She said that most of it goes to the schools. She said that there is a breakdown in the information. It will all stay in the county but non will go to Madison Township or South Charleston. Kim Flax stated that the county commissioners declined the project because when they and their attorney reviewed the breakdown in money versus taxes from the payout over those 20-30 years the taxes would make more money than would be paid out. Harmony Township has also declined the project for the same reason. President Stucky asked if Invenergy sells off or lease the project. They want to own an operate the project. They will also have 24-hour maintenance. He asked how many they have done in Ohio and they said eight. He then asked how many they are still with and she said 4. He asked if the local residents will benefit with power from this project, he was told that it would be sent to the East Coast. She said no it will go to the closest and there are 15 states on the line. Kim stated that it is sold to the highest bidder on the electric. Dillon and Clayton on here from the labor union 1410 and they are the people that would be doing the building on this project. This union works out of Dayton and Clark Counties. When they start the installation, it will employ about 200 workers for the duration of that project. When the project is installed, there will still be people that will work there for maintenance. Kim stated that there are maybe 15 to 20 employees over multiple projects for the maintenance. President Stucky asked the lifetime of the project. They stated that 25-35 years and when it come to the end, they are required to submit a decommissioning bond. He then asked what happens to the property after the decommission and that is depending what the owner wants to do. Vice President Saunders asked why solar and not wind. Tom stated that it is not feasible with the set back from homes from the turbines. President Stucky states that he does understand why people don't want it on prime farmlands. He also understands both sides of this. He doesn't feel that it is the government's place to tell owners what they can use their property for or get into other peoples deals. Once the government gets into these, they just keep adding stipulations. He worked for the government for 32 years and he has seen it happen. He has a brother-in-law and nephew who make their living with solar farms and he understand the need for them but he also understands

the need for farmland. Even with his family in the solar field industry he won't let that sway his decision. He would like to take the Resolution as well as the information that Invenergy has provided and will look at it in two weeks. Commissioner Litteral agrees with seeing both sides of the projects she don't agree completely with the solar farms but her husband does work for the Local 18 and installs them. President Stucky would like to complement everyone for how they all got along and let each other speak.

VII. Village Manager Report

- She spoke to the sweeper company and they will walk the bad streets in March. They are confident that they will be able to do all of the streets but in the bad sections they will turn down the power. The company is called sitesweep. She believes that the contracting the company is more cost effective since it would take nine years to equal the purchase of a new sweeper. That doesn't include the cost of maintenance or repairs. She has received some of the plans for the Houston Park sidewalk project. The first phase will be the Northside of East Jamestown Street and the cost estimate is 75-95K. They are still looking for grants. When we get to Oak Street it will cost much more due to the fact that it will need storm drains but should be easier to get grants due to the storm drains. She also has an estimate for the splash paid exercise equipment and concrete. It is broken down into various estimates but the total cost would be 40-46K. She recommends holding off on this and she is applying for a grant and it would pay 75% of the project. The property at 47 South Chillicothe has received a final notice to get the repairs done if not it will go to the prosecutor. They had a funeral last week and got the cemetery plowed. They did tear up some sod but they will repair it when the weather is better as well as straighten some headstones. She would like to have the Commissions list of streets to get estimates on. The Commissioners requested estimates on James Court, Willow and Short Street. Trecia asked for some clarification on a couple of wish list items. The Coffee and Conversation for Saturdays would that be quarterly. President Stucky stated he was thinking quarterly maybe the 2nd Saturday. She also asked how often he would like to have a Village Employee meeting. They discussed and they felt like that should be in the day and it should be done twice a year. Maybe the Spring and the Fall. She wanted to discuss the dissolution of the Village we qualify for four out of five required services. The big item is always having someone on the ballot. Jessica stated that she will be attending a class at her conference regarding this. Commissioner Litteral let the Village know that she spoke with the park board and they are open to discussion about the Village taking over the park. Trecia asked about the style of the welcome sign at the Village limits. It must meet ODOT size and if must be a breakaway. They looked a different style and decided on a wooden one they all liked. The sidewalk going up John Street would need to be put on hold with the other sidewalk

project going on. She also gave them some pricing on the lights on Berschet Drive. It would cost 5200K and there is a lead time of 20-25 weeks for them to arrive. The commission said to go ahead. Trecia asked for clarification on the lighting that Commissioner Litteral inquired about and she said that yes, she would love the decorative lighting down the middle of town but she would take plugs on the poles. Nathan will also be working on the continuance of the street levy to go on the ballot. This spring she will be getting quotes to paint the awning in front of town hall. She has also begun looking into ways of opening the entrance to the cemetery. They will do a write up in the newsletter about cleaning up businesses in town to make them look nicer. The village will also continue to work on the trash pick up around town.

VIII. Clerk Report

- Shut off for water are on Monday the 23rd we currently have 77 on the list. She will be going to a conference in March for her continuing education. She has a kid coming in for community service. She has been dealing with multiple public records request recently.

IX. Chief's Report

- He gave his calls of service report. He has secured one bid for the windows and doors at 2 East Mound Street he is waiting until we have three to present them to the Commission.

X. Commissioner Comments

- None

XI. New Business

- None

XII. Old Business

- None

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 3/0, the motion passes.

After exiting executive session

President Stucky motioned after reviewing all reports from April 25, 2024 and Mr. Youngs request, the Commission has decided to decline the request to investigate Officer Hull any further, with a second from Commissioner Litteral and a vote of 3/0, the motion is passed.

II. Motion to Adjourn

President Stucky motioned to adjourn the meeting and with a second from Vice President Saunders and a vote of 3/0, the meeting is adjourned. Meeting Adjourned at 6:37.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica N Hiser/Clerk

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