

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH

Regular SESSION

Held October 28, 2025

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The Village of Plymouth convened in regular session on October 28, 2025 at 7:00PM in person and streamed live on Facebook. The meeting was held at 48 West Broadway, Plymouth, Ohio in the council chambers. Mayor Fryman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Mrs. Susan Moore	Present	Mr. Dwayne Cassidy	Present
Mrs. Amanda Clark	Present	Mr. Richard Hurles	Present
Mr. Jeff Brown	Present	Ms. Susan Broderick	Present

EMPLOYEES: DiAnn Jamerson, Fiscal Officer; James Burton, Administrator; Montel Gordon, Police Chief; Richard Metzger, Fire Chief; and Rebekah Fearing, Tax/Mayor's Court Clerk.

VISITORS : Kassondra Bellinger Hoover, Resident, 110 Plymouth St., Beth Donaldson, Plymouth Library Branch Manager.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion to Approve Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the minute of October 14, 2025.

Motion carries 6-0 **Motion** **1**

Motion to Approve Payment of Bills

It was moved by Mr. Hurles and seconded by Ms. Broderick to approve the payment of bills through November 30, 2025.

Motion carries 6-0 **Motion** **2**

Public Input -

Beth Donaldson, Plymouth Library, Branch Manager

- 211 service provides free, confidential access to information and services.
- Services include food pantries, community meals, housing, shelters, financial and utility assistance, seasonal help, and abuse reporting.
- Service operates in Richland, Huron, and surrounding counties.
- Winter increases community hardships: awareness of 211 is important.

Kassondra Bellinger Hoover, Resident, 110 Plymouth St.

- Suggested moving public input before adjournment for better participation.
- Highlighted challenges attracting small businesses to Plymouth.
- Recommended exploring federal, state, and local financial aid for small businesses (e.g., USDA, SBA).
- Asked a few questions about the solar field, shut off valve 225 Plymouth St. and grate in the woman's restroom at park
 - Burton explained that the solar field does not run the sewer plant. The solar field helps to prevent an increase in the electric rates. It is not something that is seen directly, but it does help reduce the cost of electric. The issue with the shut off valve at 225 Plymouth St. was addressed and the leak was on the homeowner's side. Lastly, the grate at the bathroom was replaced.
- Lastly, she asked all council members to remember professionalism. Stating "it can be very hard to have people whose opinions differ from your own. And at times it gets out of hand. It is all your job to make sure that professionalism is kept intact during meetings. The job is no fun without a bit of humor and laughter that can lighten any meeting. But all in all, keeping the peace in office and outside of office is and should be a main source to follow. Thank you. I appreciate all your ears and all the time that you take out of your weeks as we all know that you take time away from your families and your home to be able to do this for our small community. Thank you."

Petitions, Proclamation and Remonstrances – None

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Committee Reports –

Finance: Mrs. Clark stated there will be a meeting on October 30, 2025 at 6:30 to discuss wages and projects for fiscal year 2026.

Service: Mr. Hurles stated everyone has the Administrators report. Burton stated he wanted to bring up the solar field. The solar field helps us keep the cost down and to not increase the electric rates. It does not supply our wastewater plant or anything like that it helps to offset the electric cost.

The Administrator's report is as follows:

Water / Sewer

- Install a new pit meter on Walnut St. Ext.
- Flushing hydrants.
- Did sewer reports.
- Working on winterizing the pool.

Electric

- Did shut offs.
- Read meters including large powers
- Replaced a telephone pole on Walnut Street and hooking up new service lines.
- Disconnect power on Sandusky St., Brooks Ct., Nicholas St., and Sandusky St.
- Hooked up new electric service line on Walnut Street.
- Hooked up new electric service on Wall Street.

Street

- Picking up leaves.
- Put hot patch down on Riggs St., Pine St., East Main St., Willow Dr., Plymouth East Rd., Plymouth Springmill Rd., Trux St., Whitney Ave., and Donnenwirth

Pool / Cemetery / Park

- One full grave.
- Put photocells back in at the park at Nightmare in the Park.

Miscellaneous

- Picked some brush up for the fire department.
- Clean the gutters out at the office building.

Safety: Mr. Cassidy stated we have moved into the new fire station. There will be a safety meeting after council tonight. Cassidy asked if Chief Gordon had anything.

Chief Gordon clarified what had been brought up at the last meeting. Gordon stated there was a discussion at the last council meeting about the road being closed and issues with it. He stated he was the one that made the changes to the road being closed for safety reasons.

The main reason he is bring it up is because the Chief does the same job Council has to have a majority vote for (in the closing of the road), it is what he is paid to do, he is paid to be the Police Chief, and he is paid to oversee safety. Gordon feels the powers of chief should be restored to him for closing the road because at the end of the day once council votes on it the Chief is responsible to make sure everything's in place, and it is hard to follow what council is thinking. There is a lot of talking about it but there's nothing put down on paper.

Gordon feels there should be a permit process to address these issues. This would allow everyone involved to know what is going on, who to communicate, what party(s) that are going to be affected by it. Council has the power to vote for the road to be closed but why not just transfer it back to the Police Chief, who also has authority and then he can make sure that there's a process in place. He knows it will not make everyone happy. There is a lot of stuff that is not being done that should be done. He is having to pick up the pieces and make it happen. He does agree that some of the communication is broken and we need to restore it. Council can decide if you want to restore the power to him, so he can make sure that everything's being covered, or we are going to just continue to do it the way it's been done for years. He has a form that he has been working on it's not ready yet. He hopes to have it at the next council meeting, so that he can present it.

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He wants to make sure that we don't have an incident or put anybody in jeopardy. He witnessed an incident when he drove by and this is on a Sunday, he seen people walking behind cars that are pulling in and out. They are not behind barricades the whole event is supposed to be behind barricades, according to his rule. The only rubber that should be touching the ground in the protected zone, the safety zone, is people's feet, the soles on their shoes so if you have cars pulling in and out and the kids are playing and they back up the first person that's going to be thrown under the bus is the Police Chief.

It only makes sense the person that's here all the time deals with the events from start to finish. He is already in charge of planning the safety so why not just transfer it back to the Chief. The permit will go through him, and he will make sure that things are communicated properly, He will have a process. The way we have things now is broken and that's why we keep having so many issues because nothing's being communicated.

Also, with the food truck zones, when that was passed, that was all done out of anger, we were approving for food trucks to be parked on an open street, cars going down the street. He has watched cars or people stand out in the middle of the road and you must go around. Are we supposed to shoo them out of the road because legally it says that they can park a food truck there and they can have a line. We should never have approved for a food truck to be on an open road, and for cars to go down it. It should be in a parking lot. He said he would like to request for council remove those signs from the square, council can do it if they want to, because where the food trucks are designated to be parked, isn't that an inconvenience to the people that live in apartments above. If we're doing things based on people being inconvenienced.

He is asking two things, one that the food truck signs be repealed that involves people standing out in the middle of the road, while waiting to get food on the triangle. He is also asking for the event to be transferred back to him so he can do from start to finish with a permit.

Broderick asked if council would approve it first then it would go to him. Chief Gordon stated he would deal with it all, from start to finish.

Chief Metzger stated there will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday November 8, 2025, from 7am to 11am.

Broderick stated it is national first responders' day and thanked all the Village first responders.

Rules and Village Admin: Mrs. Moore stated there is no legislation tonight.

Planning Commission: Nothing to report.

Pool/Park: Ms. Broderick asked if everything was winterized at the Pool and Park. Burton stated everything is winterized. The Park will be closed after flag football. The Park will be plowed in the winter for scout hut rentals.

Economic Development: Mrs. Moore stated there was a meeting on October 20th at 6:30pm, everyone has the minutes. There will be another meeting scheduled before the end of the year.

Legislation - None

Contracts, Bonds or Bids – The Village received no bids on the Nicholas Street property. It could be put out to bid again, or council could choose to sell through the CIC.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Announcements: Next Regular Council meeting will be WEDNESDAY November 12, 2025, at 7pm. Service Committee will meet on October 29, 2025, at 5:30pm, Finance will meet October 30, 2025 at 6:30pm. Safety committee to meet November 25, 2025, following Council meeting. Other committees meet as needed.

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Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Mr. Hurles and seconded by Ms. Broderick to adjourn at 7:30pm.

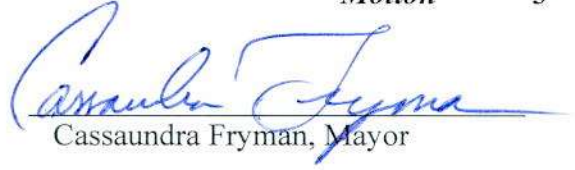
Motion carries 6-0

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DiAnn Jamerson, MMC, Fiscal Officer



Cassandra Fryman, Mayor

All formal actions of the Village of Plymouth concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.