



**Village of New Madison
Council Meeting
June 23, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Eric Burns. Present for the meeting were Lexie Cook, Gail Farmer, James Lawrence, Nathaniel Mogle, Monyca Schlechty, Chad Begoon, Solicitor Mike Rieman

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors: Rae Jean Collins, Haedon Schlechty, Reginald L. Staples, Jr. Esq., - Dinsmore Legal Counsel, Kathy Harmon – USDA RD, Sharon Anderson

USDA Wastewater Plant Upgrade Loan Closing – Reginald Staples addressed council with items to be signed and passed for the loan closing of the wastewater plant upgrades.

Begoon motioned to suspend the rules and ready by title 2nd and 3rd time Ordinance 2025-05 authorizing the Village of New Madison, Darke County, Ohio to execute a water & wastewater system grant agreement, to execute a loan resolution and to issue a wastewater system revenue bond, series 2025 (wastewater treatment plant expansion project), pursuant to Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,100,000, to be purchased and held by the United State of America, acting through the Rural Utilities Services, United State Department of Agriculture, for the purpose of retiring an interim loan incurred for the purpose of paying part of the cost of certain improvements to the village's wastewater system; prescribing the form of said bond; providing for the collection by the village of revenues from said system sufficient for the purpose of paying the costs of operating and maintaining such project; providing for an adequate reserve fund; providing for the segregation and distribution of said revenues; providing for the security and the payment of such bond and any additional bonds issued on a parity therewith; providing for the segregation and distribution of revenues of such system and the rights of the owners of such bond; and declaring an emergency; second by Cook.

Yea – Cook, Farmer, Lawrence, Schlechty, Begoon

Motion passed

Abstain – Mogle

Begoon motioned to declare Ordinance 2025-05 and emergency; second by Lawrence.

Yea – Cook, Farmer, Lawrence, Schlechty, Begoon

Motion passed

Abstain – Mogle

Begoon motioned to adopt Ordinance 2025-05; second by Lawrence

Yea – Cook, Farmer, Lawrence, Schlechty, Begoon

Motion passed

Abstain – Mogle

All legal documents for loan closing were signed by Roberta Hocker – Fiscal Officer, Eric Burns – Mayor, and Michael Rieman – Solicitor

Schlechty motioned to accept May 19th minutes; second by Cook.

Yea – Cook, Farmer, Lawrence, Schlechty, Begoon

Motion passed

Abstain – Mogle

Lawrence motioned to accept the cash summary by fund, appropriations payment register, revenue receipt register; April and May 2025 bank reconciliations; second by Farmer.

Yea – Cook, Farmer, Lawrence, Mogle, Schlechty, Begoon

Motion passed

Public: Haedon Schlechty – Schlechty's Sports Bar asked for permission to close Washington Street beginning August 9th from 4 pm until August 10th 2:30 am for the Tri-Village Athletics fundraiser; Begoon motioned to approve closing Washington Street from Schlechty's drive thru to Jefferson Street on August 9th beginning at 4 pm until August 10th 2:30 am; second by Cook.

Yea – Cook, Farmer, Lawrence, Mogle, Schlechty, Begoon

Motion passed

Rae Jean Collins concern over all residents on Washington Street replacing sidewalks and her neighbor not replacing theirs. Council is working on the notifications to the resident who has not followed through on sidewalk replacement.

Mayor:

Village Administrator: New slide should be received in July. Cameras for Drew Park by Paralax.

Solicitor:

Fiscal Officer:

Parks: Darke County Parks grant approved for new swing frame at Drew Park.

Ordinances/Resolutions:

Lawrence motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Resolution 25-09 increasing appropriations & revenue with the Darke County Auditor and declaring an emergency; second by Mogle.

Yea – Cook, Farmer, Lawrence, Mogle, Schlechty, Begoon

Motion passed

Farmer motioned to declare an emergency on Resolution 25-09; second by Lawrence.

Yea – Cook, Farmer, Lawrence, Mogle, Schlechty, Begoon

Motion passed

Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 25-09; second by Lawrence.

Yea – Cook, Farmer, Lawrence, Mogle, Schlechty, Begoon

Motion passed

Schlechty motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Resolution 25-08 adopting the budget of the Village of New Madison, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, submitting the same to the County Auditor; second by Lawrence

Yea - Cook, Farmer, Lawrence, Mogle, Schlechty, Begoon

Motion passed

Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 25-08; second by Schlechty.

Yea – Cook, Farmer, Lawrence, Mogle, Schlechty, Begoon

Motion passed

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Schlechty thanked Duane Cook for spraying, mulching and pulling weeds at the gazebo.

Executive Session:

Farmer motioned to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.; second by Schlechty.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is July 21st at 6:00 p.m.