



Amesville Newsletter
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<https://amesvilleohiogov.weebly.com/>

VILLAGE UPDATES AND BUSINESS NEWS

ODOT GRANT THE GRANT TO INSTALL CROSSWALKS, ETC., TO DECREASE SPEEDING AND ENHANCE VILLAGERS'/STUDENTS' SAFETY WAS APPROVED IN 2023. CONSTRUCTION IS TO BEGIN IN 2025.

Broadband in Amesville Amesville completed all requirements. After months of backlog at the Appalachian Regional Commission, the funds have been released for Amesville and the Broadband project. A new agreement was drafted and signed, and companies were asked to bid on the project. We are awaiting bids in January 2025.

DECEMBER'S WATER EMERGENCY

The water main break was caused by a valve failure at the top of Franklin Street. Lee Van Dyke worked with Wilson Plumbing to Repair the faulty valve and install an additional valve to preserve water in the water tank during future breaks.

Amesville is seeking a Water Loss Prevention Grant from the Ohio EPA. If awarded, we will work with RCAP and Kurtis Strickland to identify weakness in our distribution system.

AMESVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN: THERE ARE BEDS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN IN AMESVILLE FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

[HTTP://WWW.VILLAGE-PRODUCTIONS.ORG/AMESVILLE-COMMUNITY-GARDEN.HTML](http://www.village-productions.org/amesville-community-garden.html) OR CONTACT [MWESTENDORF@FRONTIER.COM](mailto:mwestendorf@frontier.com)

EVENTS

Village Productions offers a variety of classes, including yoga, pilates, and Zumba. Check out their website: <http://www.village-productions.org/>

Don't forget the Amesville Senior Center MEETS on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 9-NOON BREAKFAST SERVED AT 9:00 AM.



Remember you can find Council minutes and information at <https://amesvilleohiogov.weebly.com/>

Social events for Amesville are found online at <http://www.amesvilleohio.org/>

Facebook stories about Amesville are at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/189695341118445>

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MINUTES – The minutes from the October meeting were presented. Motion to approve made by Michael and seconded by Jason. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Michael – aye, Jason – aye, Miranda – aye, and Lynne – aye.

SOLICITOR REPORT – N/A

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT – A chlorine pump needed replaced. The cost was \$942. We can pay for this from the John O’Donnell fund. Miranda made a motion to transfer \$942 from the John O’Donnell fund to the water fund. Lynne seconded the motion. Motion passes with all aye’s. Motion to approve the financials made by Miranda and seconded by Jason. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Michael – aye, Jason – aye, Miranda – aye, and Lynne – aye.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES –

Res. 13-24 1 st reading approving the Ohio AG’s OHLEG policy for exclusive criminal justice purposes. This is what Chief Miller uses to look up background checks. The motion to approve was made by Michael and seconded by Jason. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Michael – aye, Jason – aye, Miranda – aye, and Lynne – aye.

Ordinance 1-24 2 nd reading to adjust the water and sewer rates as follows; water rate from \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.50 per 1000 gallons and base rate of \$20 up to \$22.50. Also, adjusting rates over 10,000 in any given month from \$14.50 to \$15.50 per 1,000 gallons. To adjust the sewer rates from \$5.50 to \$6 per 1000 gallons and leaving the base rate at \$25.

The motion to pass the ordinance was made by Miranda and seconded by Michael. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Michael – aye, Jason – aye, Miranda – aye, and Lynne – aye.

Ordinance 2-24 2 nd reading to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District motion made by Michael and seconded by Miranda. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Michael – aye, Jason – aye, Miranda – aye, and Lynne – aye.

Ordinance 3-24 1 st reading to adopt a noise ordinance based off of the city of Athens’. Motion made by Miranda and seconded by Lynne. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Michael – aye, Jason – aye, Miranda – aye, and Lynne – aye.

We have had multiple complaints from residents regarding loud music and fireworks. The first call Scott received for this complaint was September 26 th . He told them the ORC rules and they came up with a plan. The second time he was called there he logged it. The third time he was called there he made a report with the Athens County Sheriff’s office.

The council members will read through the language of Athens City's noise ordinance and have the option to change the times or the language for the next reading.

Ordinance B 23 – on hold - to allow Amesville's fire department to put a MedFlight landing site in. There needs to be a concrete strip as well because gravel makes it too difficult to load the gurney. The Solicitor and Mayor Goosman drafted a MOU to share with them. Once we are in agreement, we can move forward with the second and third readings. MedFlight could have a separate MOU that will allow us to collect a lease payment to go toward the landowner.

(We have sent the easement to the Fire Department for their review for the helipad).

SAFETY COMMITTEE & STREETS – Franklin County donated the cruiser and said if anything goes wrong with it they'll donate another one. We will be receiving \$1040 from Wildwood to be used for anything except payroll.

The deputy that we had from Gallipolis is no longer available.
Miranda informed us the murals have all been finished.

FINANCE COMMITTEE- no meeting

PARKS COMMITTEE –

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Marti and Lee are asking sewer forgiveness in the amount of \$9.
Lynne made the motion and it was seconded by Jason. All were in favor and said aye.

OTHER – Ready Local Government update: the funds can be used for planning, design, compacity building, or training. It cannot be used for the water or wastewater departments.
We have a vacancy left from Alan Trout stepping down. Currently nobody is applying.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

Motion to adjourn made by Miranda Kridler and seconded by Jason Bew. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Michael – aye, Jason – aye, Miranda – aye, and Lynne – aye.