

# VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE

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## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 15, 2025 7:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR:

**ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: 0:00:07**

### ROLL CALL: 0:00:21

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Hale, Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Whitmyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Goetsch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Chalfant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Hemmelgarn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Kvacek
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Rubin		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Grandinetti, Law Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Filarski, Engineer & Building Official	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gabe Barone, Police Chief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Maistros, Service Director	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy Most, Fiscal Officer		

### CLERK: 0:00:37

A Motion to accept prior written minutes, as amended, and audio recording of the December 18, 2024, Council meeting.

Motion to adopt by Rubin, second Chalfant

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

Since there were appointments to be made the mayor suggested moving agenda items around to accommodate those in attendance for the swearing in of the new officers.

### MOTIONS: 0:02:22

Motion to approve full-time Officer Austin Carr. 0:07:04

Motion to approve by Chalfant, second Goetsch

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

Motion to approve part-time Officer Rachael Cagwin. 0:07:49

Motion to approve by Goetsch, second Rubin

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

## **MOTION TO APPOINT LAW DIRECTOR FOR 2025: 0:10:25**

Motion to appoint Law Director Joe Grandinetti, and John Montello by Rubin, second Chalfant.

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

The Chief wanted to point out the hours for full-time officers was reflected in the budget as part time hours.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT: 0:14:30**

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Streets & Safety Chairman: Alex Goetsch
  - Finance Grants & Insurance Chairman: Terry Hemmelgarn
    - Committee member, Ryan Ruban
  - Planning & Zoning Chairman: Bob Chalfant
  - Parks & Beautification Chairman: Bob Chalfant
    - Committee member, Ken Kvacek
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- The Village received a solicitation for donation to Chagrin Falls High School after prom.
  - Employee handbook: updates will be forthcoming for approval after review by legal counsel and Kevin Conway, benefits consultant.
  - Planning and Zoning did not meet. Doug Miller will presumably still chair the planning and zoning code committee. Peter Kelly mentioned he might like to be involved in re-writing the code. Mr. Filarski mentioned a couple of items that may be up for review including multiple dwellings and topsoil ordinance issues.
  - NOPEC has sent grant notifications again this year.
  - There is a new watercolor painting by Alfred Howell, an artist originally from Britain, donated to the Village from Nick Trudick, a resident of Novelty, in the council room depicting the bridge over the Chagrin River that collapsed in 1977. Mr. Kvacek provided a bit more history on the bridges in Bentleyville. The bridge was not replaced due to the County not having the funds and use of the bridge was declining. There is a sign in the historical society that presumably was on the bridge asking people to walk their horse over the bridge. A thank you to the donor will be forthcoming.

**FISCAL OFFICER: 0:31:19** Ms. Most reported that she spoke with the bank representative, Scott Wolf, regarding the fees that are being charged to the Village and how the bank plans to reduce and restructure those fees so they will amount to \$0.00. Mr. Wolf also agreed to refund the fees charged in December.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: 0:37:46** Mr. Kvacek asked about posting the ordinances in the newspaper versus on the website, and community bulletin board. Mr. Grandinetti said he was

not sure but since the Village is not a charter village it is governed by statute. He agreed to look into it. Mr. Kvacek continued, asking about whether the Village is permitted to use email addresses gathered for notifications outside of emergencies. Mr. Grandinetti said he would also look into that and report back.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT: 0:43:09**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT: 0:43:18** Mr. Kvacek asked whether the restroom in the park is adequate. Mr. Filarski said it was adequate. The restroom is currently locked and will be unlocked once Mr. Filarski and Mr. Maistros figure out how to make a path.

**CHIEF'S REPORT: 0:44:21** A squad car is in the shop. Mr. Rubin asked whether the outfitter will be covering the cost of repairs. Chief Barone said the repairs are covered under warranty. Grant applications are being made for 2-way radios and body cameras. Vest grants will be applied for this year.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 0:46:40** Leaf vacuum delivery date pushed back to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Dash cam installed in the Freightliner to document whether mailboxes are being hit by the plow. The woodchipper from Solon is still in progress. Ms. Most asked for the purchase order information for the leaf vacuum. Mr. Maistros agreed to forward the information.

**NOMINATION OF 2025 COUNCIL PRESIDENT: 0:52:56**

Mr. Kvacek nominated Ryan Rubin.  
Motion to appoint Council President Ryan Rubin by Kvacek, second Goetsch.  
Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: 0:53:46**

- **Streets and Safety Committee Report**
- **Finance, Grants, Insurance Committee Report** Mr. Hemmelgarn mentioned RITA income was up 3% from last year. He asked Mr. Filarski for 10-year projections regarding road projects in the coming years. The Committee would like to try to plan for those expenses.

**0:55:47** Mr. Kvacek asked about annual employee safety meetings for Workers Compensation. Chief Barone did not know about that but agreed to ask Ms. Papa.

- **Planning and Zoning Commission Report**
- **Park, Facilities, Beautification Committee Report**
- **Utilities Committee Report**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (May be limited to no more than 5 minutes)**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS: 0:56:52**

**2025-01** An Ordinance for the payment of bills in the month of January 2025 in the amount of \$142,182.90 and declaring an emergency.

Motion to adopt by Rubin, second Chalfant

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

Motion to suspend the three-reading rule by Rubin, second Chalfant.

Roll call: Chalfant: Yes; Goetsch: Yes; Hemmelgarn: Yes; Kvacek: Yes; Rubin: Yes; Whitmyer: absent

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: 0:59:41**

Ms. Papa, Village Administrative Assistant, wanted it mentioned, four of the six Council positions are terming out. Please visit the Board of Elections to pull a petition if you would like to run for another term.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 1:02:12**

Voice vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Ryan Rubin  
President of Council



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Tammy Most  
Fiscal Officer