

VILLAGE OF PIKETON  
February 3, 2025  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Ralph Douthitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Jennifer Chandler	Victor Brushart
	Ralph Douthitt	Cristy Shanks
	Ryan Clemmons	

Absent: Billy Spencer & Dennis Foreman

Others present: Jim Nelson, Police Chief and Cheryl King Fiscal Officer/Administrator, Dale Seif, Solicitor

MINUTES

A motion was made by Victor Brushart to approve the minutes for the December 16, 2024 meeting. A second was made by Cristy Shanks. Chandler-yes, Foreman-yes, Brushart-yes, Shanks-yes, Clemmons-abstained, Motion carried.

COMMITTEES

**Finance-** King reported balances are good.

**Police & Fire-** Victor Brushart- Nelson provided the activity report for the month; Brushart stated looks good; not too much going on.

**Utilities-** Ryan Clemmons- nothing new

**Streets & Sidewalks** – Cristy Shanks-nothing new

**Subdivision-**Dennis Foreman-absent

**Community Development-**Jennifer Chandler-nothing new

MAYORS REPORT-

There was a third and final reading by title only for Ordinance 2024-05 Backflow Prevention. A motion was made by Jennifer Chandler to read Ordinance 2024-05 by title only. A second was made by Cristy Shanks. Chandler-yes, Foreman-yes, Brushart-yes, Shanks-yes, Clemmons-yes. A motion was made by Jennifer Chandler to approve Ordinance 2024-05 Backflow Prevention. A second was made by Victor Brushart. Chandler-yes, Foreman-yes, Brushart-yes, Shanks-yes, Clemmons-yes.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** Douthitt asked if there was anyone present that wished to discuss anything other than the annexation. Douthitt stated the hope is to give people as much information as they can tonight but are not going to listen to 50 people say the same thing. Douthitt asked for one spokesperson to ask questions and make statements.

Derik Myers said he could not speak for any of the other people but had something he wished to say. Myers spoke about unions and the importance to unions to himself and his family. Myers presented a petition to remove the Mayor from office. Myers read the petition aloud and presented

to the Fiscal Officer, Cheryl King, when after review realized the petition was blank and had no signatures.

Douthitt asked if the others present were comfortable with Herman Potter speaking on their behalf and the crowd responded yes.

Herman Potter stated that they have been through this twice; this time done without many knowing anything about it. Potter said they have always worked with the Village of Piketon, but now it's a little bit different. Potter further said he is here on behalf of the Steele Workers Union are going to boycott the Village; further stating that no one is going to come here and buy anything from this Village. Potter also stated that he is the Chairman of SODI and is trying to bring business to this area. Potter said they may not win this but one thing they can do is not buy anything out of this little Village.

Douthitt state the commissioners said Piketon could not provide water and sewer services to the plant. Douthitt clarified that in one year we can provide water and in two years we can provide sewer services.

One member of the audience asked who can approve the annexation? Chandler stated it is a process according to the Ohio Revised Code. Other members unidentified in the crowd expressed their feelings about the annexation; asking questions and making statements out of turn.

## **PAY BILLS**

A motion was made by Victor Brushart to pay the bills and any that are due before the next meeting. A second was made by Jennifer Chandler. All in favor, Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Victor Brushart and a second was made by Cristy Shanks to adjourn the meeting. Chandler-yes, Brushart-yes, Shanks-yes, Clemmons-yes. meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Chandler

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Victor Brushart

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Ralph Douthitt

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Cristy Shanks

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absent

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Dennis Foreman

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Ryan Clemmons

All formal actions of the Village of Piketon 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.