

VILLAGE OF PIKETON  
August 3, 2026  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Billy Spencer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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| Present: | Ralph Douthitt | Victor Brushart |
|          | Ryan Clemmons  | Jordan Cutler   |
|          | Dennis Foreman |                 |

Members absent: Jennifer Chandler, arrived 7:27

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dennis Foreman to approve the minutes for the July 20, 2026 meeting. A second was made by Jordan Cutler. Ralph Douthitt-yes, Dennis Foreman-yes, Victor Brushart-yes, Jordan Cutler- yes, Ryan Clemmons-yes. Motion Carried.

**FINES & FORFEITURES**

A motion was made by Ralph Douthitt to accept the fines and forfeitures. A second was made by Victor Brushart. Ralph Douthitt-yes, Dennis Foreman-yes, Victor Brushart-yes, Jordan Cutler- yes, Ryan Clemmons-yes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** Kent Bryan said the physical stuff is coming along and a meeting is set for Wednesday with the controls people. The fencing is complete and the gates are up.

**COMMITTEES**

**Finance-** Ralph Douthitt stated things look in pretty good shape.

**Police & Fire-** Victor Brushart- The activity report for July was reviewed; Brushart asked if the new officer was off probation yet and Nelson stated it would be a while because he is brand new. Nelson talked about a traffic blitz that ran from Vallery's to the Scioto county line. Nelson asked how they are to handle calls at the new water/sewer plant since they are not in the village.

Chandler arrived 7:27

Seif stated that Piketon should answer the call but if there are any charges to be filed, the county should do those. Forman stated that we need to annex but there was discussion stating because the property is not contiguous, we cannot simply annex.

Jordan Cutler asked when the Go Bus would be removed and the Mayor stated he was told it would be sometime in September.

**Utilities-** Ryan Clemmons- see above report on plants

**Streets & Sidewalks-** Jordan Cutler- Cutler asked when the Go Bus would be removed and the Mayor stated he was told it would be sometime in September.

**Subdivision**-Dennis Foreman- The Mayor reported to Dennis that he had Nathan check on the dumpster parking on the road that Dennis had inquired about and it has not been there. There was discussion and Seif stated that after looking into it there is nothing we can do about people parking on the road in that subdivision. The Mayor stated he is bringing them in at evening time and delivers the dumpster the next day. The Mayor also stated that we cannot enforce covenants.

Douthitt asked when someone comes in to get a permit, do they have to show plans or dimensions because they have to meet setbacks and the Mayor stated yes, they show a drawing or plans. Douthitt stated that Rodney Pate; the home beside the post office expanded east out the back side. The Mayor also stated that the store had originally sat on the right of way and from the alley that runs along the post office up to second street 10 ft was removed from the right of way on that one side. Douthitt stated that he basically owns 10 ft from his building.

There was discussion about the Post Office and issues that everyone has had with them in the past and continue to have. There was also discussion that it is undersized and especially undersized with the growth that is coming and parking is very limited.

**Community Development**-Jennifer Chandler reported that everyone is trying to get a PILOT agreement done. There are no new numbers regarding water but stated that with this PILOT agreement every political subdivision in Pike County will get a piece.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

The Mayor presented resolution 2026-14 amending salaries by name and title adding Kaiden Houston as a probationary officer, Removing Brett Ward from probation, and making Zoning officer Nathan King full time.

A motion was made by Ryan Clemmons to approve Resolution 2026-14. A second was made by Dennis Foreman. Chandler-yes, Douthitt-yes, Foreman-yes, Brushart-yes, Cutler-yes, Clemmons-yes. Motion Carried.

Nathan King reported that after checking other local communities we are at or above what other communities charge for permits. King also reported that several properties have cleaned up after talking with the property owners and hopes to see more progress. The Mayor stated that he is doing a great job however zoning is hard and very time consuming.

## **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 Dennis Foreman and a second was made by Jennifer Chandler to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Chandler

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Victor Brushart

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Ralph Douthitt

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Jordan Cutler

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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.