

VILLAGE OF PIKETON
February 17, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Billy Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ralph Douthitt Dennis Foreman
 Victor Brushart Jordan Cutler

Members Absent: Jennifer Chandler Ryan Clemmons

Others present: Cheryl King Fiscal Officer/Administrator, Jim Nelson, Police Chief

MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Victor Brushart to approve the minutes for the February 2, 2026 meeting. A second was made by Dennis Foreman. Ralph Douthitt-yes, Dennis Foreman-abstained, Victor Brushart-yes, Jordan Cutler-yes, Motion Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Kent Bryan reported that the waste water plant is coming along and it will look a lot different in the next couple of months. AEP is working to get power to the water plant. Brushart asked if we are still on schedule and Kent Bryan said yes; 2 new wells have both been drilled being 83/85 feet at the casings and the waste water plant was originally July; and stated we should be up and running by then. Douthitt asked if we maintain the property where the wells are and the Mayor said no, the school will maintain.

Damon Horn addressed council stating he built a house on Trinity Lane and the sewer backed up last Monday. Horn stated the clog was between where he taps into the sewer with the line coming apart. Horn stated he called Willis & Sons on Tuesday because he had to get a more powerful jet and asked for us to screen it to see what was blocking. The line had come apart and he had to have a contractor to repair. Horn stated he has built 3 houses in 6 years and is going to build more and feels like he should be reimbursed for the line repair of \$4800.00. Horn stated the things he has done for the youth league and mowed the ballfields and kept them up for years. The Mayor explained that he told Horn it is his responsibility to the main; and Horn argued that he was told he would have a clear line. The Mayor stated those were put in a long time ago when Randy Rider ran a line from the Main to that point where Horn hooked in. There was more discussion and questions among council members. The Mayor asked for a motion to reimburse Horn the \$4800.00 but no motion was made. A motion was made by Victor Brushart to waive the next future sewer tap fee of \$1030.00 when Damon Horn builds another house. A second was made by Jordan Cutler. Douthitt-no, Foreman-yes, Brushart-yes, Cutler-yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES

Finance- Ralph Douthitt – Pooled balances look good.

Police & Fire- Victor Brushart , nothing new.

Utilities- Ryan Clemmons, absent.

Streets & Sidewalks- Jordan Cutler stated he noticed that 2nd street does need paving and 3rd street is getting potholes. The Mayor talked about doing some crack sealing this year as well.

Subdivision-Dennis Foreman-nothing new

Community Development-Jennifer Chandler, absent.

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor will be making some calls on behalf of the Village to the US Postmaster regarding the local post office.

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 Dennis Foreman. All in favor, Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Dennis Foreman and a second was made by Victor Brushart to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

absent _____
Jennifer Chandler

Victor Brushart

Ralph Douthitt

Jordan Cutler

Dennis Foreman

absent _____
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.