

VILLAGE OF PIKETON
July 6, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Jennifer Chandler Ralph Douthitt Victor Brushart
Ryan Clemmons

Members absent: Dennis Foreman and Jordan Cutler

Others present: Jim Nelson, Police Chief, and Zoning Officer, Nathan King

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ralph Douthitt to approve the minutes for the June 15, 2026 meeting. A second was made by Ryan Clemmons. Jennifer Chandler-yes, Ralph Douthitt-yes, Victor Brushart-yes, Ryan Clemmons-yes. Motion Carried.

FINES AND FORFEITURES

A motion was made by Victor Brushart to approve the fines and forfeitures. A second was made by Ryan Clemmons. Jennifer Chandler-yes, Ralph Douthitt-yes, Victor Brushart-yes, Ryan Clemmons-yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Kent Bryan state the water treatment plant is in the hands of Kurita which is the manufacturer of the filters and the softeners and the integrator. They are supposed to be getting together and providing a date. Kent explained he is pushing the two companies to get this completed. As far as wastewater; they are still waiting on the electrical main distribution panel but everything else is coming along as planned. The Mayor asked if all the chemicals and salt are on site? Bryan stated that where we will be buying from is Columbus and won't be a problem to get it. The Media is in and has been tested and everything else is in. Douthitt asked if we have pushed any water up the hill yet and Bryan stated yes everything has been tested.

The Mayor said he and Jim Nelson talked and were thinking about taking down the one way sign at the Seal Ave School entrance. Nelson stated the woman who lives on the corner has to go all the way around to enter her garage. Ryan Clemmons stated he would like speed bumps put in to avoid people flying out of there; at least slow them down. Nelson said he still stands by his opinion for the 20 years he has been here there hasn't been a wreck on Seal Ave or there hasn't been a kid hit on Seal Ave. Clemmons stated the gate has been closed for a long time. The Mayor said he could put speed bumps between Seal and the gate but not on school property.

The Mayor asked if anyone has a problem removing the do not enter sign and putting speed bumps in. The Mayor said he is fine either way and two cars can pass. Brushart stated we might as well take it down if we are not going to enforce it.

A motion was made by Jennifer Chandler to remove the do not enter sign at Seal into the school as long as speed bumps are put in. A second was made by Ralph Douthitt. Chandler-yes, Douthitt-yes, Brushart-yes, Clemmons-yes. Motion passed.

The Mayor stated he will not take it down until we get the speed bumps in.

Ralph Douthitt asked if there was a problem with prisoner release from the Go Bus. The Mayor said he spoke with our Solicitor, Dale Seif and he is in the process of coming up with legislation to prohibit the drop off in Piketon. There was discussion about a prisoner that was dropped off recently and was waiting on a ride. Council members expressed concern and the Mayor stated his is working on removing the bus stop from Piketon.

COMMITTEES

Finance- Ralph Douthitt- stated all the fund balances look fine.

Police & Fire- Victor Brushart- nothing new. Nelson reported they have hired on officer and looking at a couple others.

Utilities- Ryan Clemmons- nothing new

Streets & Sidewalks- Jordan Cutler-absent-the Mayor said he told a resident on the corner of Chestnut and Pine that they can remove their sidewalks.

Subdivision-Dennis Foreman- absent- the mayor asked King how many new build permits have been issued and King reported three.

Community Development-Jennifer Chandler- nothing new

MAYORS REPORT –

There was discussion about fireworks for the coming year and possible locations. Ryan Clemmons suggested a place but will need to measure to be sure and there was also talk about doing it at the fairgrounds. The Mayor will also do some research and look into it further before next year.

The Mayor also reported that a permit has been issued for storage units across 23; they were told they have to put up lighting and fences and it is located within the B1 district. The Mayor encouraged a different business but no reason to turn them down; but did tell them the whole thing needs mowed.

The papers have been signed to fix the guardrail; \$9750.00.

A zoning report was provided by King, the Mayor discussed Brian Howell requesting to put in 20x20 cabins on Main Street and that was a no; then he said he wanted to put in an impound lot and that too is not going to happen with zoning.

The Mayor presented a lot split at lot 55 and Jay Whitmore is wanting to build duplexes on that lot and on the lot 60 he is going to build office space.

A motion was made by Ryan Clemmons to approve the lot split at lot 55. A second was made by Jennifer Chandler. Chandler-yes, Douthitt-yes, Brushart-yes, Clemmons-yes. Motion carried.

OPEN ITEMS

Victor Brushhart asked if anyone had heard any more about what is going on at the plant. The Mayor stated that they have laid out what is needed as far as water; being 100,000 gallons of water a day and for the power generator plant 2 million gallons a day. And for sewer also 2 million gallons a day. The Mayor said they are supposed to reach out to us again when they are ready to talk.

PAY BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Victor Brushhart and a second was made by Jennifer Chandler to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Chandler

Victor Brushhart

Ralph Douthitt

absent
Jordan Cutler

absent
Dennis Foreman

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.