

VILLAGE OF PIKETON
March 16, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Jennifer Chandler
Ralph Douthitt Dennis Foreman
Victor Brushart Jordan Cutler

Absent: Ryan Clemmons

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

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- NONE

COMMITTEES

Finance- Ralph Douthitt noticed expenses in the wastewater projects. King stated nothing out of the ordinary and more draws have been signed so more will be coming out of both projects soon.

Police & Fire- Victor Brushart- nothing new. The Mayor reported that one of our police officers, Kasey Elam died on March 11th and the funeral is tomorrow. Chief Nelson stated that the Sheriff's Office will be covering the department while they attend the funeral. Elam's passing was not while on duty and a cause of death has not been determined. Officer Elam was 34 years old.

Utilities- Ryan Clemmons- absent. The Mayor stated that construction is going as planned for the Water Treatment plant May 1st, and Wastewater, July 2026. The Mayor also reported that he met with OKLO, the company building the nuclear reactors and their plan is to build 16 buildings for each reactor about the size of a regular sized home. They seem very confident that it will go through. The Mayor, Rick Duncan and Cheryl King met with Pike Water and an environmental company and the Mayor explained there isn't really anything we can do regarding the aquifer other than to get as many years of static measurements to compare. The cooling technologies for data centers are advancing and those may not include water or if water, not as much as originally thought.

Streets & Sidewalks- Jordan Cutler -nothing new

Subdivision-Dennis Foreman-nothing new

Community Development-Jennifer Chandler spoke about the Waste Management Conference she attended in Phoenix and how Tim Walsh spoke about the Genesis Mission

and the data center coming to Piketon. There was discussion among council members and the Mayor about the data center and the gas plant. There will be a big announcement on Friday according to the Mayor.

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor presented Ordinance 2026-01 adopting the Ohio Basic Code 2026 Edition. A motion was made by Victor Brushart to approve Ordinance 2026-01 and a second was made by Dennis Foreman. Chandler-yes, Douthitt-yes, Foreman-yes, Brushart-yes, Cutler-yes, Motion Carried.

The Mayor presented Ordinance 2026-02 Permanent Appropriations. A motion was made by Dennis Foreman to approve Ordinance 2026-02 and a second was made by Jordan Cutler. Chandler-yes, Douthitt-yes, Foreman-yes, Brushart-yes, Cutler-yes, Motion carried.

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 Jordan Cutler to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

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.