

VILLAGE OF PIKETON
May 18, 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 Victor Brushart
Ralph Douthitt Jordan Cutler
Dennis Foreman Ryan Clemmons

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jordan Cutler to approve the minutes for the May 4, 2026 meeting. A second was made by Victor Brushart. Jennifer Chandler-yes, Ralph Douthitt-yes, Dennis Foreman-yes, Victor Brushart-yes, Jordan Cutler-yes, Ryan Clemmons-abstained. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Kent Bryan reported the Kurita, the manufacturing of the softening equipment came in last week and are trying to program the overall master controls of the SCADA system to interface so Kurita is not sure when they will get back so now it may be July before opening the new water plant. Bryan said the old plant seems to be running fine so he would rather get the bugs worked out before switching over to the new plant. Clemmons asked when the week of training might be rescheduled to and that has not been determined yet.

Mary Nalley of SOPEC introduced herself as the new liaison for Southeast Ohio. She thanked council for their membership and reported the benefit of the fixed rate. Since 2023 that program has saved the community \$142,285.36. Community members should have recently received an opt out program, however also reported that rates are going up. She assured Council that they are doing everything they can do combat the rising rates, with that being said the Community Aggregation rate beginning June 2026 will be 11.262. AEP Ohio will publish their standard service offer the 1st of June. Mary reiterated that customers have a choice and can opt in or opt out at any time. Our community currently has a balance of \$2,709 to put back into the community in the form of a grant.

COMMITTEES

Finance- Ralph Douthitt- Commented that we paid some big bills from the grant line.

Police & Fire- Victor Brushart- said he saw a brand new cruiser; thought it looked sharp. He asked if we were still down an officer and Nathan King is out on FMLA

Utilities- Ryan Clemmons- nothing new

Streets & Sidewalks- Jordan Cutler-nothing new

Subdivision-Dennis Foreman- said he would like to get a meeting set for next week.

Community Development-Jennifer Chandler- nothing new

MAYORS REPORT -The Mayor presented Resolution 2026-08 Amending Salaries by Name and Title adding Brett Ward who started today.

A motion was made by Ryan Clemmons to approve Resolution 2026-08. A second was made by Ralph Douthitt. Chandler-yes, Douthitt-yes, Foreman-yes, Brushart-yes, Cutler-yes, Clemmons-yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported the first mosquito spraying will be the 21st 7-9.

At Second and Market Streets, Jay Whitmore has purchased those properties and will be torn down. He spoke with the Mayor today; he is wanting to put duplexes but the Mayor said he is getting drawings and will need to have some discussion.

A resident in town questioned about building a second story on a home; the mayor will meet with her later this week.

Ralph spoke with the Mayor about Davis Market and the Mayor did tell him the back porch needed remodeled. Douthitt said that a birdbath and traffic cone has been put into the right of way and needs moved.

The Mayor passed out a drawing of a new restaurant.

Jennifer Chandler made a motion to transfer both lots from the CIC to the Village; both lots being the one beside Rio Grande and the one in front of the boat ramp. A second was made by Ralph Douthitt. One lot going to Brewster's Pharmacy and one to El Charro's. Chandler-yes, Douthitt-yes, Foreman-yes, Brushart-yes, Cutler-yes, Clemmons-yes. Motion Carried.

OPEN ITEMS- Nelson reported that the guardrail has been hit again; no license; no insurance. Chandler asked if the yellow house at Market and the tracks has sold and if not needs torn down.

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 Dennis Foreman . All in favor, Motion carried.

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

Jennifer Chandler

Victor Brushart

Ralph Douthitt

Jordan Cutler

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.