

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton Village Council Committee Meeting Held Thursday, March 20, 2025

The Village of Silverton Council convened in regular session in the Council Chambers, located at 6943 Montgomery Road, at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2025. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Elected Officials:

•	John Smith, Mayor	Present
•	Britt Born, Council	Present
•	Shirley Hackett-Austin, Council	Present
•	Mark Quarry, Council	Present
•	Idella Thompson, Council	Present
•	Dottie Williams, Council	Present
•	Franklin Wilson, Council	Present

Also present:

- Jack Cameron, Village Manager
- Bryan Pacheco, Village Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Camp – Memorial Day Parade Co-Coordinator

Deputy Chief Camp invited Mayor Smith, the Village Council, and all community members to the Memorial Day Parade. A grill will be out at the Deer Park Community Center hosted by the Deer Park Police Dept., Friends of Chamberlin Park, and Thomas Justin Funeral Home.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Andrea Harth – TEC Engineering

Ms. Harth gave updates on Silverton's current projects and grant applications:

 Section Road is a project grant from SORTA and will begin in May and conclude in August, per the contractor's projected schedule. The total project funds are \$694,000 and the project low bid came in at \$488,207. Council Member Quarry asked if this would include curb replacement. Ms. Harth stated that the project will consist of sidewalk, curbs, and the roadway. It will help clean up the area just east of the railroad crossing, which receives abuse from vehicles and trucks cutting the turn on the inside.

- The Plainfield Road ODOT PID project team, which consisted of more than a dozen people, met last week to discuss the various aspects of the project design. Jack Cameron noted the right-of-way process taking place now and for the next several months. Dennis Ziccardi and his team will coordinate the ROW portion. Many businesses will be contacted if Council Members hear about the ongoing ROW discussions. The project has a start date scheduled for June of 2026. Ms. Harth noted that northbound Plainfield will have a dedicated left turn lane onto Montgomery Road that is causing a push west, impacting the parking lot at Highgrain.
- Holman Circle and Silverton Avenue are being put out to public bid, with an opening date
 of April 10. These streets will be resurfaced, and the work is still expected to be
 completed in 2025.
- Superior and Quartermain have been recommended to the State of Ohio as one of 5 local projects. We will hear in May whether they were given final funding. Council Member Quarry asked about curb work on Superior as that street is in bad shape. Ms. Harth confirmed that Superior would be a complete rebuild, including curbs. Mr. Webber recommended rolled curbs, given Superior's narrow dimensions. Ms. Harth noted that Quartermain would not be a complete rebuild, as it is not in the same poor condition as Superior.

Jen Vater – JMA Consulting

- Ms. Vater reported that Silverton will get the final funding notification for Superior and Quatermain in May and we will get better understanding for funding on Queen Crest and Oak Crest later in the year. Ms. Vater feels good about our chances of getting those funded.
- Ms. Vater updated our expected filing for SORTA grant funds for Plainfield Road matching funds, which will score higher on an actual bus route. Mr. Cameron said that the Village will receive \$150,000 in ODOT jobs funding for the Plainfield Road PID project.
- Mr. Wilson asked about payment for Silverton Avenue and Holman Circle. It was clarified that the OPWC grant/loan project payment does not start until completion. At that point, the required 30-year loan payments will begin.

Jason Webber - Public Works

Mr. Webber reported that the Public Works Department has been using the asphalt hotbox we purchased jointly with Amberley Village. He noted they had placed about 7 tons of asphalt while repairing potholes on various roads.

Along with the road patching, Mr. Webber noted the repair to the walking path at Ficke Park. This was following drainage work on an area that historically holds water. Mr. Webber provided a short video of the drain pipe dumping water into the catch basin, verifying the positive results from the project.

Mr. Webber noted that we must repair the storm sewer on Ohio Avenue at the northern border with Deer Park. The contractor has assessed that there is a separation in the pipe connection. This will result in an \$8,300 repair cost, requiring a supplemental appropriation at the next Council meeting on April 3.

Eric Hall – Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Hall did not have much current activity to update, as the winter months are typically quiet, with grass and debris being less frequent until warmer weather arrives. Council Member Wilson inquired about the early placement of trash receptacles and questioned the timeframe. Mr. Hall stated that dusk on the day of collection would be the time to have the trash receptacles returned. This initiated a brief discussion about the effectiveness of notice and the practicality of influencing behavior.

Mr. Cameron added that part of Mr. Hall's efforts is to gain compliance without the process encumbrances of formal notification and required time periods. Mr. Cameron noted that Mr. Hall maintains contact with many property owners and handles numerous issues without issuing notices, saving time and effort and achieving compliance more quickly.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Cameron noted that Meredith George has been doing a good job as Interim Finance Director. She has quickly become familiar with the daily functions and continues to explore the required components of the role. Lindsey Helmers will continue to be available as a resource.

Mr. Cameron noted that a \$27,500 refund will be given for an overpayment of earnings tax paid through the State of Ohio portal. Alycia Boggs and Meredith George have communicated with the State and obtained the details of the overpayment, ensuring we cannot be surprised by a large refund in the future. Council Member Quarry asked if this has been verified as a valid refund. Mr. Cameron reiterated that Ms. Boggs and Ms. George have verified with the State that it is accurate and needs to be refunded.

Mr. Tom Foppe of 6869 Park Avenue was allowed to make public comments. Mr. Foppe complained that his neighbor's tree was hazardous and asked that the Village inspect it. Mr. Eric Hall provided some background on Mr. Foppe, his neighbor, and the resident across Park Avenue. This is an ongoing dispute between neighbors in which each party complains about the other. Mr. Hall confirmed that he would inspect the situation again regarding the tree complaint.

ADJOURNMENT:

·	moved for an adjournment, which was seconded by . Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.		
The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.			
Respectfully submitted,			
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Meredith L. George			
Clerk of Council			
John A. Smith	_		
Mayor			