

Andover Village
Council Meeting
(13 January 2026)

A meeting of the Andover Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 January 2026 at the Andover Village Hall, 134 Maple Street, Andover, Ohio, in accordance with the rules of notification.

IN ATTENDANCE.

VILLAGE OFFICERS

Mayor Lillian Brooke
Solicitor Christopher Newcomb
Village Administrator Richard Mead
Village Fiscal Officer Cathryn A. Williams
Police Chief Christopher Baker
Zoning Inspector Lara Reibold
Councilmembers: G. Randy Gentry
Margo Hornyak
Alicen Limestol
Richard K. Orahood

VISITORS

Raymond "Buddy" French
Bob Swartz

MINUTES AND REPORTS. The following minutes and reports were presented for council's review prior to the meeting.

1. Council meeting minutes for 9 December 2025
2. Bills
3. Mayor's report
4. Fiscal officer's report
5. Police chief's report
6. Zoning inspector's report

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS.

1. Oath of Office. The solicitor administered the Oath of Office to newly elected councilmembers Christy Davis and Gene Nipple and to reelected councilmembers Margo Hornyak and Rick Orahood.
2. President of council. Gene Nipple moved to nominate Randy Gentry as president of council. Alicen Limestoll seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, it was moved to close the nominations and cast the vote. Gene Nipple; yes. Alicen Limestoll; yes. Rick Orahood; yes. Randy Gentry; yes. Margo Hornyak; yes. Christy Davis; yes. Motion carried.

3. Vice president of council. Margo Hornyak moved to nominate Rick Orahood as vice president of council. Gene Nipple seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, it was moved to close the nominations and cast the vote. Margo Hornyak; yes. Gene Nipple; yes. Christy Davis; yes. Randy Gentry; yes. Rick Orahood; yes. Alicen Limestoll; yes. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS.

1. Council minutes for the 9 December 2025. Councilmember Orahood moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Davis; abstain. Councilmember Nipple; abstain. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Motion carried.
2. Bills. Councilmember Hornyak moved to approve payment of the bills presented and to allow the fiscal officer to pay additional bills which will come due in January. Councilmember Gentry seconded the motion. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Motion carried.

VISITORS.

1. *America 250.* Lara Reibold, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, said she received commemorative flags for *America 250* festival. The flags will be hung up around town.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS. The following officers presented, reviewed, and commented upon the reports and other matters noted.

MAYOR

1. Mayor's report. For the month of December, the village received \$25.00 in fines from the Andover Mayor's Court.

ADMINISTRATOR

1. The administrator said there was no written report for December activity. The month was mainly spent conducting snow removal and fixing 6 significant water leaks at Holiday Camplands. He briefed the new councilmembers that his monthly report is not an inclusive report of all the work that is done in a month but a snapshot of the highlights.

COMMITTEES.

No committee reports were presented.

CORRESPONDENCE. The mayor reviewed the following correspondence in addition to the items presented for council's review.

1. Meeting for school-based health center. Council received information about the community engagement session to be held on Monday, January 19 at 5:30 at the school auditorium to discuss the possibility of Ashtabula Regional Medical Center and Pymatuning Valley Local Schools developing a primary care health center on the school campus.

LEGISLATION. The mayor read the titles of the following legislation presented for council's consideration.

1. 2nd Reading, **Ordinance No. 2025-8-O**, an ordinance approving the Firefighting Agreement between The Village of Andover and The Andover Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for a term of two (2) years commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027 and declaring an emergency. Councilmember Hornyak moved to accept the 2nd reading and move the ordinance to a 3rd reading. Councilmember Orahood seconded the motion. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; abstain. Councilmember Gentry; abstain. Councilmember Davis; yes. Motion carried.
2. 1st Reading, **Resolution No. 2026-1-R**, a resolution appointing Curt Williams to the Village of Andover Zoning Appeals Board for the unexpired term due to the vacancy created by Gene Nipple commencing January 6, 2026 and ending March 31, 2028 and declaring an emergency. Councilmember Orahood moved to declare an emergency. Councilmember Hornyak seconded the motion. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Gentry moved to waive the 3 readings. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Gentry moved to act. Councilmember Orahood seconded the motion. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Motion carried.

3. 1st Reading, **Resolution No. 2026-2-R**, a resolution appointing Pete Hill to the Village of Andover Zoning Appeals Board for the unexpired term due to the vacancy created by Shannon Rowe commencing January 9, 2026 and ending March 31, 2028, and declaring an emergency. Councilmember Gentry moved to declare an emergency. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Limestoll moved to waive the 3 readings. Councilmember Gentry seconded the motion. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Orahood moved to act. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Committee assignments for 2026. The mayor discussed the committee assignments for 2026.
2. *Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Agreement.* Councilmember Gentry advised tabling the proposed agreement until Chris Brooks of Community Care Ambulance Network (CCAN) could be present to discuss it. The group agreed that the agreement was not ready to be signed; they had some questions and would like to see changes made. Councilmember Limestoll will contact CCAN to discuss some of the concerns and to arrange a meeting.
3. Waive fee. The fiscal officer requested that the \$30 fee for outside users of the water & sewer utility be waived for Jeannette Hollis as she is seeking to annex her property to the village. Councilmember Limestoll moved to waive the fee. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Motion carried.
4. Joint meeting. The fiscal officer said the February council meeting will be a joint meeting with the township trustees to reappoint Dave Roberts and Bill French to the Andover Union Cemetery Board.
5. Open seat on the Planning Commission. The fiscal officer said a new member of council will need to be appointed to the Andover Village Planning Commission. The handbook states that one of the board members will be a member of council. Councilmember Christy Davis volunteered to fill the seat left vacant by former councilmember Curt Williams. Legislation to appoint councilmember Davis will be presented at the February meeting.
6. Council work sessions. Councilmember Gentry said he will continue the monthly work sessions. Work sessions are on the last Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS.

There was no old/unfinished business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Councilmember Gentry moved at 7:41 to enter an executive session to discuss pending/imminent litigation. Councilmember Orahood seconded the motion. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Gentry moved to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:14. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes.

Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Councilmember Limestoll moved at 7:22 to adjourn. Councilmember Gentry seconded the motion. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Motion carried.

Cathy Williams
Village Fiscal Officer

Julian Brooks
Mayor