

Andover Village
Council Meeting
(10 February 2026)

A joint meeting of the Andover Village Council and the Andover Township Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 February 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 by roll call: Christy Davis - present
Randy Gentry - present
Margo Hornyak - present
Alicen Limestoll - present
Gene Nipple - present
Richard K. Orahood - present

Trustees: Glenn Day - present
Bill French – present
Andrew Kirby - Absent

VISITORS

Raymond “Buddy” French
Betty Legg, Andover Township Fiscal Officer
Mark Limestoll
Bob Ettinger, The News

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS.

1. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and was followed by the roll call.

JOINT MEETING.

1. A.U.C.B. appointment. Glenn Day moved to reappoint Bill French as the *Township Member* to the Andover Union Cemetery Board. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Trustee French will serve a 3-year term from 1/1/27 – 12/31/2029.
2. A.U.C.B. appointment. Bill French moved to reappoint Dave Roberts as *At-Large* member to the Andover Union Cemetery Board. Councilmember Gentry seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Roberts will serve a 3-year term from 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to be addressed by the combined group, Bill French moved to adjourn the joint meeting at 7:02 p.m. Councilmember Limestoll seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Trustee Day remained in the audience.

The regular meeting of the Andover Village council convened at 7:02 p.m.

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

1. Council meeting minutes for 13 January 2026
2. Bills
3. Mayor's report
4. Fiscal officer's report
5. Administrator's report (*provided at meeting*)
6. Police chief's report
7. Zoning inspector's report
8. Andover Union Cemetery Board minutes for 18 September 2025, 16 October 2025, and 10 November 2025.

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS.

1. Council minutes for the 13 January 2026. Councilmember Hornyak moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Motion carried.
2. Bills. Councilmember Gentry moved to approve payment of the bills presented and to allow the fiscal officer to pay additional bills which will come due in February. Councilmember Orahood seconded the motion. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Motion carried.

VISITORS.

1. *America 250.* Lara Reibold, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, would like help from anyone willing to put up posters advertising the March 13th showing of the movie *Inherit the Wind* and the March 27th showing of *The Ashtabula Train Disaster*. Both will be shown at the Veteran's Memorial Performing Arts Center at PV High School. The movies are to help commemorate local history as part of the America 250 celebration.

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 January, the village received \$557.00 in fines from the Andover Mayor's Court.

COMMITTEES.

There were no committee reports presented.

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

1. Police Dispatching Contract. Council was provided with the proposed 2026/2027 bi-annual contract for dispatching services with the county. Legislation approving the contract will be presented at the March council meeting.

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

1. 3rd Reading, **Ordinance No. 2025-~~28~~0**, 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 Orahood moved to declare an emergency. Councilmember Nipple seconded the motion. Councilmember Orahood; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; abstain. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Gentry; abstain. Councilmember Davis; yes. Motion carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Country Neighbor. The administrator said the Country Neighbor is looking for help in their effort to obtain a grant to build a new building to improve operations, storage and parking. Letters of support from the community are part of the grant application process. There was discussion on the many services available through the Country Neighbor program.
2. Playground equipment. Councilmember Davis asked if there were any plans to upgrade the playground equipment at the recreation park. The administrator said the village has long wanted to upgrade the rec park and acknowledged that it was needed. The cost of new playground equipment, with all safety standards met, was not in the village budget. Mark Limestoll suggested reaching out to A-Tech for help from their carpentry class to build new dugouts.
3. Bike racks. The mayor reported that TrueNorth has offered to place a bike rack in their lot near the air pumps. The bike rack would be available for bikers on the Greenway Trails who want to visit the town square.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS.

There was no old/unfinished business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Councilmember Gentry moved at 7:21 to enter an executive session to discuss pending/imminent litigation. Councilmember Orahoad seconded the motion. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Orahoad; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Limestoll moved to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:08. Councilmember Gentry seconded the motion. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Orahoad; yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Councilmember Hornyak moved at 8:08 to adjourn. Councilmember Nipple seconded the motion. Councilmember Hornyak; yes. Councilmember Nipple; yes. Councilmember Gentry; yes. Councilmember Limestoll; yes. Councilmember Orahoad; yes. Councilmember Davis; yes. Motion carried.



Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor