

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Village of Malta Council

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 05, 2026

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The Village of Malta Council convened in REGULAR session at 6:00 p.m. in the Malta Village Council Chambers. Mayor, Terry McGrath called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Council Member Leslie Robbins	Present
Council Member Homer Weekley	Present
Council Member Jamie White	Present
Council Member Scott Moore	Present
Council Member Don Larrick	Present

Employees: Bill Smith (VA) and Ashlee Stevens (FO)

Visitor(s): Kevin Kraman, Jim Dew, Janis Keller (Morgan County Herald)

Invocation: The Invocation was given by Jamie White.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor, Terry McGrath.

The minutes from the previous regular meeting were approved on a motion made by Don Larrick, seconded by Scott Moore. Roll call vote, all yeas.

The bills were approved to be paid out of respective funds on a motion made by Homer Weekley, seconded by Don Larrick. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Visitor Jim Dew requested to use Chet Goins Baseball Field for baseball practices.

The Mayor's Report was read by Mayor, Terry McGrath.

Mayor McGrath asked about the 28% to 34% increase Malta Village pays to McConnelsville Village for operations and maintenance, going back to 28%, there has been no discussion as of now.

Mayor McGrath is aware that Echo Street is in bad shape and is going to ask county to do a chip and seal when the weather allows.

A motion to accept the Mayor's Report was made by Jamie White, seconded by Don Larrick. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Thursday, June 4th, 2026 is the first Front Street Fest Celebration.

Joint Utility Meeting is April 13, 2026 at McConnelsville.

Fiscal Officer, Ashlee Stevens:

* Presented Ordinance 26-01 **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.**

* Presented Resolution 26-02 **A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JOHN WOODS TO COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF MALTA**

* Discussed having Image Solutions reroute box on the wall that houses Spectrum routers and hardwire computers and phones so they don't run off wifi.

* Received a public records request from McConnelsville Solicitor.

A motion to accept Ordinance 26-01 **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR**, was made by Don Larrick, seconded by Jamie White. Roll call vote, all yeas.

A motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 26-01 **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR**, was made by Don Larrick, seconded by Jamie White. Roll call vote, all yeas.

A motion to accept Resolution 26-02 **A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JOHN WOODS TO COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF MALTA**, was made by Jamie White, seconded by Homer Weekley. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Bill Smith, Village Administrator:

- * Water lines burst on Echo Street. Main lines froze supply lines, main lines to meters also froze, work to unfreeze lines was done by the village, Echo lines were 22 inches deep-could only dig about 10 feet per hour and reburied lines about 4 feet
- * Proud of the guys for sticking it out and working thru the harsh weather. The guys worked several 14 hours days.
- * Residents were without water 14 plus days. They were offered bulk water and only billed for the days they had water.
- * Spent about \$8,000.00 by doing the work ourselves.
- * 8 inch main ruptured on Echo Street, it was fixed in 6 hours. Lines were replaced.
- * Last week 10 inch main line to south tower pulled apart – worked Saturday until dark and called Zemba Brothers to come in and fix it. The cost was about \$7,500.00.
- * 170 Feet of road/bank on Front Street slipped into river Monday Night.
- * The cost to fix the slip is around a million dollars. Village may need to match up to 10% of that. Looking into emergency funding if available.
- * Thank You to the residents without water for their patience.
- * Met with DLZ and R-CAP
- * When weather warms up, we will patch holes.

Council President, Leslie Robbins:

- * Suggests changing council meeting day or time to accommodate Front Street Fest Days so that council may also attend.
- * Will let Cemetery committee know if we change council meeting day/time.
- * Rotary got a small grant to help pay the bands at Front Street Fest.

Council Member, Homer Weekley:

- * America250 update, April Copeland is now in charge and will be setting up a meeting.
- * Riverfest is on the same weekend as last year – July 11, 2026.


Council Member, Jamie White:


- * Main Street between 10th Street and 11th Street pot hole is getting deeper.

Council Member, Don Larrick:

- * Asked what progress has been made on the beautification of the roundabout.
- * There is an existing ordinance governing parking vehicles with non-existent or expired registration on village streets, a year later still discussing vehicles on 1111 Echo Street, with expired temporary tags or no tags at all.
- * Two or three years ago there was much discussion about RVs concerning where and how they could be parked. An ordinance was passed, and is still in effect. However, three months ago an RV appeared on Clarence Bywaters property, Mr. Bywater says he had no knowledge of the RV or where it came from. Why make ordinances if we aren't going to enforce or cannot enforce them?
- * At the new Malta maintenance building, when the garage doors were installed, it was found that the openings were improperly wrapped and the door trim could not be installed. The maintenance crew was told it needed to be done to correct the issue. In January during the warm couple of days it was attempted to finish up and install the trim. The door on the South end was completed by adjusting springs. It was also noticed that the North end door needed adjusted and was done so. To date the wrapping still isn't complete so the trim cannot be completed. Bill is aware of the issue.

With no further business to bring before Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. on a motion made by Jamie White.


Terry McGrath, Mayor


Ashlee Stevens, Fiscal Officer

ORDINANCE 26-03

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE FINES ON PARKING TICKETS ISSUED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MALTA FROM TWELVE DOLLARS (\$12.00) TO TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Malta, Morgan County, Ohio has the authority to increase the fines associated with parking violations.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Council of the Village of Malta, Morgan County, Ohio the current fines associated with parking tickets issued within the Village are not deterring violators.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Council of the Village of Malta, Morgan County, Ohio, it is necessary to increase the fines for the following violations: double parking, parked in front of a fire hydrant, improper display of license plate, parking in a prohibited zone, parked the wrong way on a public street, parked on a sidewalk or crosswalk, blocking an alley, blocking a public or private driveway, parking over the two hour limit as designated by the Ordinance No. 95-16 and any other parking violations designated by Ordinance from twelve dollars (\$12.00) per violation to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per violation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Malta, County of Morgan, State of Ohio, as follows:

Section I: That parking tickets issued for the following violations shall be increased from twelve dollars (\$12.00) to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00):

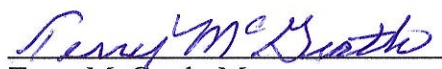
1. Parking alongside any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street (Double Parking),
2. Parking within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant,
3. Improper display of license plate,
4. Parking in any place where signs prohibit parking,
5. Parking the wrong way on a public street,
6. Parking on a sidewalk or crosswalk,
7. Blocking an alley,
8. Blocking a public or private driveway,
9. Parking over the two-hour limit as designated by Ordinance No. 95-16,
10. Any other parking violations designated by Ordinance.

Section II: That this ordinance shall be effective March 19, 2026.

Section III: That any Ordinance or section of an Ordinance dealing with fines associated with parking tickets in the Village of Malta, that are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Passed this 19th day of March, 2026

APPROVED BY:


Terry McGrath, Mayor

ATTESTED TO:


Ashlee Stevens, Fiscal Officer