

East Palestine Village Council
Meeting Agenda
March 24, 2025
7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building 85 N. Market Street, East Palestine, Ohio 44413

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Prayer
- 2. Review Prior Meeting Minutes**
 - a. **3/10/25 Minutes**
 - b. Request for Additions
 - c. Requests for Corrections
 - d. Approval
- 3. Village Department Reports: N/A**

- 4. Agenda Items:**
 - a. Eric Pohl USEPA - Derailment Work Update
 - b. Jami Wallace - Community Concerns
- 5. Reports**
 - a. **Clerk**
 - i. Next Reg. EPCIC Meeting Tuesday 3/25/25 @10:00 am
 - b. **Mayor**
 - i.
 - c. **Managers**
 - i. Water Treatment Plant Nomination - Request for council to make a motion to permit the Village of East Palestine to enter into a nomination process for a non-binding loan or grant for the completion of a Water Treatment Plant design from 30% construction to 100% so that it can be construction ready.
 - ii. General Park Updates - Village of East Palestine will work to provide regular updates online for the work being performed at the East Palestine park so that Citizens and Visitors can stay up to date on project progress as well as plan personal events accordingly.
 - iii. Community Feedback - Thank you for the comments that we received for updates and maintenance requests. Getting these items on our agenda and project lists is essential to tracking them and making sure projects get completed. Much appreciation.
 - iv. 150 Year Celebration - Discussions for the 150 Year Celebration are ongoing. July 12th, 2025 is the confirmed date and by next council meeting, we hope to have a large number of the plans solidified. I have asked Matt Dodge from the Historical Society to work in collaboration with myself to help coordinate locations, permissions, and timelines for each of the individual events.
 - v. Phase 3 Park Update - Norfolk Southern has provided an outline for the Structure of an Agreement should the Village assume control of the

Phase 3 Park Renovation project and we will be providing them comments for consideration in the coming week.

- vi. Recycling Bins - Increased monitoring of the Recycling Bin area will begin this week including daily checks for Dumping or Littering as well as updated signage. This program is a valuable asset to the community and we do not want to lose it, so we will be stepping up the monitoring and enforcement of unlawful disposals
- vii. Law Director - Request for Council to make a motion to permit the Village of East Palestine to re-advertise the position of Law Direct for a period of up to 60 days through a variety of recruitment methods.
- viii. Announcement for Park Rentals - Due to the ongoing construction at the East Palestine Park, and the subsequent cancellation of the July 4th, 2025 Fireworks Display, we understand that some members of the community who have previously booked Rentals at the Brick Pavilion, Shelters, or Community Center, may be impacted and unable or uninterested in using those spaced in 2025. As such, the Village of East Palestine is providing the following solution to those concerns: Individuals or Groups that have an existing Reservation in 2025 may:
 - 1. Opt to keep their existing reservations for 2025 - No Action is Required
 - 2. Opt to move their Reservation and Deposit from 2025 to 2026 - Please notify the Village at your earliest convenience by emailing m.martin@eastpalestine-oh.gov and state that you want to push your reservation date to 2026. If you move your reservation from 2025 to 2026, the 2025 slot will become open for others to book if they would like on a one-time stand-alone basis. No Refunds on Rentals will be issued consistent with Village Policy
- ix. Train Depot Update
- d. **Law Directors**
 - i.
- e. **Street**
 - i. Street Department Head Steve Baird attended the OMEGA-sponsored meeting for Regional Transportation improvement Plan for Columbiana County and Identified multiple avenues for future grant opportunities
 - ii. Thanks to public comment and submission, the Street Dept Cleared and Cleaned multiple Bridges in Town, including power washing some and replacing handrails on others.
 - iii. Street Department spent considerable time clearing our debris and trash from the Recycling Bin Area
- f. **Park/Recreation/Cemetery**
 - i.
- g. **Development**
 - i. RCAP has begun start up business workshop in High School Media Center Room
 - ii. EPCIC met to to review potential tenants for the train depot.
- h. **Finance**
 - i. State of Ohio Audit starts March 24th
- i. **Water and WasteWater**
 - i. Replaced a Fire Hydrant and Put in Place 2 Valves to mitigate future water disruptions

- ii. Attended Funding Calls related to the Water Treatment Plant construction projects

- j. **Safety**

- i.

- 6. **Current Legislation (Brief Overview) and Visitor Questions on Current Legislation**

Ord.1-2025	1st Reading	Amending Cemetery Regulations
Ord.2-2025	1st Reading	2025 Paving
Ord.3-2025	1st Reading	Amending Investment Policy
Ord.4-2025	1st Reading	Amending CRA Regulations

- 7. **Executive Session as Needed (ORC 121.22)**

- a.

- 8. **Adjourn Meeting:** A council Member will make a motion to Adjourn the Meeting and it must be seconded by another member of council.

- a. Motion to Adjourn:

- b. Second: