

Commissioners of Barnesville
TOWN MEETING held on August 18, 2025

Called to Order at 7:30pm, all commissioners present, and 7 residents attending in person and no residents online.

Pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Past Minutes. The July minutes were approved.

Reports:

Financial Report summarized. FY2026 began July 1. The commissioners met with representatives from PNC and were able to set up accounts and transfer funds from the M&T. This is the first step in moving funds to PNC and investing in the MLGIP. Speed Camera revenue for FY25 are expected to be 85-90k.

Beautification and Sustainable Barnesville committees did not have reports, the committees have not met during the summer months.

The Planning and Zoning Board has received interest from new and returning members. A permit for a fence was under consideration.

The Board of Appeals had no report.

The Community Connection Committee will hold the Twilight in the Park in September and October. Also in October will be an Apple Bake-off. In November, there will be a movie night at town hall.

Capital Improvements

The town well roof will be repaired very soon. Gary and Mike were checking with ABC supply.

Traffic calming with contracted patrols resulted in 123 violations, with 3 weekend and 7 weekday patrols. The patrol officer and town residents note that the feedback signs do make a difference. A traffic survey and evaluation is planned in order to determine the best placement of cameras.

Town Hall hosted the meditation meeting, typically 7-12 are in attendance..

Communications—if anyone has information to share in the Tidbit Newsletter, it can be sent to the town clerk. There is renewed interest in a town directory. The PACC directory may not have enough extra copies for the town residents.

New Business

The beautification grants program for town residents was discussed. The goal is to offer a small amount of funds to residents for streetview repairs or upkeep for curb appeal projects. The small grant is intended to help residents initiate larger projects or complete small ones. It is

similar in scope to the WSSC/county program to assist residents in replacing septic systems. Project ideas for the beautification grants discussed were those that would be seen from the street, even for those with long driveways. Grants will be up to \$1500 per household. Residential and business properties may be considered. Projects could include plantings, fencing, painting, or more structural work. Once the application is available, an email blast will notify residents and include the time period for submitting applications. They will be considered on a first come first served basis. Evidence of completion would be required prior to distribution of funds—such as receipts and/or photographs. Applications may be submitted through postal mail or email. The program will be discussed more at the next meeting.

The tattered and faded flags should be taken down. They are scheduled to be removed the week of Labor Day. Next year, the town will order new poles and new flags. They generally only look nice for a single summer season.

For future town events, invited speakers were discussed. The county or extension office had a speaker about the proper use of septic systems. The Lions Club had a speaker about the aquifer. Invited speakers could be events at town hall during the cooler months.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.