

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Regular Meeting
Council Chambers.

April 6, 2026

Dwight A. Clark, President of Council, presiding.

President of Council Dwight A. Clark called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: Dwight A. Clark, President of Council
Lydia DeGeorge, Vice President of Council and Councilwoman, Ward 2.
Sara Byrnes Maier, Council-at-large.
Peter J. Winzig, Council-at-large.
Steve Swidarski, Councilman, Ward 1.
Michael A. Greco, Ward 3.
Mayor Koomar.

Dan Rettig, Councilman, Ward 4, was excused this evening.

Also Present: Law Director Mark Barbour, Assistant Finance Director Diane Truman, Police Lieutenant Eric Tuisku, Fire Chief Chris Lyons, Building Director Eric Tuck-Macalla, Cathy Flament, Bay Village Historical Society and Director of Rose Hill Museum, Don Bierut, P.E., City Engineer, Tom and Laura Sherman, Sustainable Energy Services, Clerk of Council Joan Kemper.

AUDIENCE.

Eric and Cynthia Eakin, Bruce Geiselman.

Motion by DeGeorge to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 16, 2026, as prepared and distributed.

Motion carried.

5 – yeas, 1 abstention (Mr. Clark)

Motion by DeGeorge to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees meeting held March 16, 2026, as prepared and distributed.

Motion carried.

6 – yeas, 1 abstention (Mr. Clark)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Koomar reported that Shredding Day will be held on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, at the City Service Garage. Habitat for Humanity and Rust Belt Riders will be

present for scrap food recycling, and there will be the opportunity for Styrofoam recycling and disposal of chemicals and hazardous household waste.

Also, on April 25, Drug Take Back Day will be held at the Bay Village Police Station from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon for drop off of drugs and needles.

The City is fortunate to get another mile of water lines from the Cleveland Water Department, equating to about \$1.7 million. The City has now seen approximately \$5.5 million, or three miles of water line replacement since beginning that program. We should be on a cycle to replace fire hydrants with a larger mouth opening per our code. When the Cleveland Water Department comes in and makes a repair, the City crew will finish with the road repair because they do a really good job and we do bill that time back to the Cleveland Water Department. That time adds up quickly when we have so many of those breaks, pulling the Service Department away from doing other projects in the City. Just in that Russell/ Douglas/ Bruce area, we had 10 or 12 breaks this winter, which takes a whole crew to come in, dig it out, put it in and then come and have to bring a truck and repave it and seal. Our hope is that if you get to some of these worst areas, Westlawn Dr., Lake Rd., and Glen Park Dr., that will start providing some efficiencies for the Service Department team.

At 5:00 PM on April 7th, there will be a public hearing in council chambers for the application of grants for a new 12 to 14 passenger vehicle for the Community Services Department.

Mayor Koomar addressed Councilman Swidarski regarding power outages in Ward 1, noting that they are trying to also focus on outages in Ward 4. The Mayor noted the importance of residents calling in to First Energy to report outages, which provides information to First Energy as to the number of outages in a neighborhood, enabling them to prioritize their responses. There is an outage map provided by First Energy on the internet which is helpful for tracking outages and potential repair times.

REPORTS

Law Director Barbour had no report this evening.

Assistant Finance Director Diane Truman, sitting in for Finance Director Milton who is on vacation this week, had no report this evening.

Police Lieutenant Eric Tuisku, representing Police Chief Gillespie who is on vacation this week, had no report this evening.

Director of Public Service and Properties Mary Kay Costello reported that on March 31, 2026, approximately one half inch of rain fell in 15 minutes, 1.2 inches in two hours, and by the end of the day, 2.6 inches. The next day the rain continued for a total of 5.3 inches of rain during that 48 hours, resulting in water in the streets. Ms. Costello noted that it is better to have water in the streets than flooded basements, but, urged caution when driving. There were a total of 12 calls for water in basements, and the addresses of those properties were cross referenced with those properties that have had work done. As a result of Phase 1 Sewer Testing and private

property improvements, none of those properties were included in the list of properties that made improvements. Director Costello noted that tree roots in lines will cause water to back into basements. Mayor Koomar noted that smoke and dye testing will get through tree roots, and even though roots are cleaned out, a normal maintenance cycle is recommended. Without a clean line with capacity there will be issues.

Power outages occurred on Huntmere, Parkside, Kenilworth, Carlton, Brooke, Yarmouth, Lakeview, Sunset, and, in some cases, were not restored until April 2, 2026. A tree fell across Wolf Road near the police station which was taken care of by the Service Department during the night of March 31, 2026. Sewer personnel are responding to those residents who did request a diagnostic look at the lateral line for the sanitary sewer. Maintenance is the responsibility of the owner, but if a resident has a wet basement, the Service Department will respond to diagnose the problem, whether it be tree roots or sediment that has built up. Two residents had water coming through their basement walls and one with a garage drain issue.

Human Resource and I.T. Operations Director Demaline was excused this evening.

Director of Community Services Messeri was excused this evening.

Fire Chief Lyons reported regarding the fire station renovation project underway. As a reminder to the community, the Chief noted that it is an ongoing effort to encourage residents to stay out of the police driveway, not only because of the construction area which makes it rather dangerous for residents, but, because the long-term goal is to steer traffic away from the driveway which is used for emergency response. We are seeing reduced foot traffic, which is good. The superintendent of construction is stopping residents and reminding them respectfully. While taking some photos, the Chief noted that he stopped a jogging couple and respectfully reminded them to use the east side of the station.

The Mayor noted the future extension of the trail in Cahoon park, connecting to the Metroparks, with intent to separate that from the emergency roadways, securing the safety force area in the rear and signage in the front of the property. There are long-term ideas to separate traffic and pedestrian flows and improve safety in the rear of the fire and police station.

Building Director Tuck-Macalla reported that plans for Bay School projects have been submitted to the Planning Commission with the first review to be held at the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for April 15, 2026.

The Hawthorne-Grove Day Care expansion into the former Malley's Ice Cream property is moving along.

Recreation Director Enovitch was excused this evening.

AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications this evening.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE -Winzig, DeGeorge, Maier, Clark

Mr. Winzig introduced and read, by title only **Ordinance 26-38** to make appropriations for the current and other expenditures of the City of Bay Village for the Fiscal Year 2026 as previously appropriated in Ordinances Nos. 25-121, 26-10, 26-16, 26-20, and 26-32, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 26-38.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig.

Nays- None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 26-38, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE- Greco, Winzig, Swidarski.

Mr. Greco had no report this evening.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, PLANNING & UTILITIES COMMITTEE -DeGeorge, Winzig, Rettig.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced and read, by title only, **Ordinance No. 26-39** authorizing an agreement with Equix, Inc. for a Smoke and Dye Testing Program and declaring an emergency and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 26-39.

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Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark.

Nays- None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 26-39, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced and read, by title only, **Ordinance No. 26-40** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Amrize Ltd. for street resurfacing material and services for 2026 and declaring an emergency and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 26-40.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays- None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 26-40, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced and read, by title only, **Ordinance 26-41** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Stoneco, Inc., dba Allied Corporation for street resurfacing material and services for 2026 and declaring an emergency and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 26-41.

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Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco.

Nays- None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 26-41, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced and read, by title only, **Ordinance 26-42** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Westview Concrete Corp. for the furnishing of ready-mix concrete and declaring an emergency and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 26-42.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Swidarski, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier.

Nays- None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 26-42, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced and read, by title only, **Ordinance No. 26-43** authorizing a contract with Terrain Tech Construction for the Westlawn Drive Watermain Replacement and Pavement Resurfacing Project and declaring an emergency and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 26-43.

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Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski.

Nays- None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 26-43, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced and read, by title only, **Ordinance No. 26-44** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Karvo Companies for the 2026 pavement partial depth repairs and declaring an emergency and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 26-44.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig.

Nays- None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 26-44, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced and read, by title only, **Ordinance No. 26-45** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Dynegy Energy Services (East), LLC. D.B.A. Dynegy Energy Services, LLC. for the supply of electrical services to the inhabitants of the City of Bay Village as Governmental aggregators and declaring an emergency and moved for adoption.

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Mr. Winzig commented that the Shermans of Sustainable Energy Services, residents of the City of Bay Village, always come before Council very prepared and have the best interests of the residents of the City of Bay Village in mind.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 26-45.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Greco, Maier, Swidarski, Winzig, Clark.

Nays- None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 26-45, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE-Swidarski, Rettig, Greco.

Mr. Swidarski had no report this evening.

SERVICES, FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE- Maier, Swidarski, DeGeorge.

Ms. Maier had no report this evening.

TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE-Rettig, Greco, Maier.
MISCELLANEOUS

There was no report for the Technology and Digital Infrastructure Committee this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. DeGeorge stated that the City of Seven Hills Fire Station has been in the news frequently lately. Ms. DeGeorge asked if doors will be included in the fire station dormitory rooms.

Fire Chief Lyons stated that currently they have a dorm room that is one large room with cubicle dividers between the beds.

Ms. DeGeorge asked the plan for the new facility in respect to those rooms.

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Mayor Koomar stated that instead of one open room for the firefighters and paramedics there are separate areas for sleeping that will have a bed, desk area, and cabinets for bedding, and a curtain entrance for the front. There are solid walls in between the bunk areas, and in the front just a curtain.

Ms. DeGeorge asked if there is any reason why the individual rooms will not have doors.

Mayor Koomar responded that some stations have done that, and others, like North Ridgeville do not. We are paying our firefighter/paramedics to be on duty and ready and communicate with one another. We have a nice set up providing them with a lot more privacy, but we also need them to be able to hear a call, talk with one another, and respond to the call.

Ms. DeGeorge stated that one of the things that Seven Hills was most excited about was the fact that they were going to have doors on their cubicles, because they do live there during their shifts. In terms of being able to hear one another, when they go to their rooms to rest they want that privacy as well. If we just have a curtain now, as opposed to individual doors on the cubicles, we are going to need those down the road so that it is coed friendly, and for privacy concerns. The firefighters need their rest, and it could be a little bit quieter. It is probably something we overlooked, but that seems to be the way that fire station renovations are going. Curtains are more or less old school. And there seems to be a more modern step in preparing for the future to go forward with doors.

Mayor Koomar stated that when you get a call and you have got a team that you are responding with, you need to talk with people. Relative to privacy, bathroom areas are set up with the fire station team and Chief Lyons wanted common sinks for the whole crew. Within a toilet area and a shower area, there's an individual changing area. They can lock that door, and they can have their time in the in their shower and have their privacy.

Ms. DeGeorge asked than how do other fire stations have doors and we are choosing not to?

Mayor Koomar stated that some like us have one open room, some have a doors. In talking to the chief out there, he felt like you needed to have that communication, that was more important.

Ms. DeGeorge stated that, but again, if they get a call, then they are going to be communicating. But if they are going to bed for the evening or whenever they go to bed, then they are going to want that privacy. Rocky River just redid their fire station. Do they have doors?

Mr. Greco stated that Rocky River will be going to doors with no locks.

Ms. DeGeorge stated that it seems to be that way with the newer stations. I know you looked at North Ridgeville.

Mayor Koomar stated that it is a very huge station. It is probably a preference.

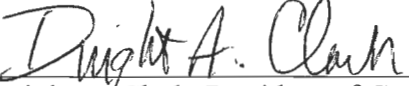
Ms. DeGeorge stated that it sounds like it is a train of thought or an opinion, but, from what I have read, and sleep studies done by the City of Seven Hills looking at their quality of life when

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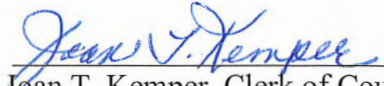
they are in the station, it is something that we should revisit. It seems to be a more modern step in preparing for the future to go forward with doors.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.



Dwight A. Clark, President of Council



Joan T. Kemper, Clerk of Council