

Village of Clarksville
Council Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Clarksville Village Council was held May 4, 2026 at the Clarksville Village Hall. President Tristen Alderink called the meeting to order at 7pm.

All Council members present – Trustees Debra Winkler, Brian Reser, Brad Clark, Bonnie Main, Allen Sheldon, Scott Briggs, Treasurer Rose Barratt, and Clerk Shari Clark. Planning Commissioner Vice Chairperson Kellie Stank was also present.

Public Comment was heard from Mary VanDenburg regarding residential basement flooding issues and inquiring about the village storm drain system.

Moved by B.Clark and supported by Reser to adopt the agenda adding one item under new business: Lawn Violations. All in favor, motion passed.

The minutes of the April 6, 2026 meeting were read and approved.

A presentation from Clarksville Library Director Alex Larson was given regarding the Ionia County library millage renewal to be placed on the August 4, 2026 ballot.

Moved by Sheldon and supported by B.Clark to pay monthly bills totaling \$8,810.38. All in favor, motion passed.

Reports were read by Treasurer Barratt, Street Commissioner Sheldon, Sewer by B.Clark, *ex officio* Planning Commissioner Main, Clerk by S.Clark, President Alderink, and Playground Committee Sheldon/Winkler/Reser.

Quotes will be sought out to investigate by camera storm drain damage caused by underground fiber boring. Clearpath Utility Solutions, LLC has been contacted to request compensation for damages.

Moved by Briggs and supported by Main to approve CL Trucking & Excavating, LLC \$20,946.00 proposal to repair storm sewer damage at intersection of Broad & Cross Streets, \$10,239.00 proposal to relocate catch basin at 155 E. Cross St., and \$6,025.00 proposal to replace catch basin at southwest corner of Ferney and Main Street. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Moved by Winkler and supported by Briggs to authorize \$515.00 Daktronics parts expense for An'D Signs to repair the digital sign. All in favor, motion passed.

Kellie Stank updated council on planning details for the Village Playground Opening event scheduled June 13th. Planning Commission members Stank, Mossner, Cappon, Main, & Jewell and Council members Winkler, Reser, Sheldon, B.Clark, and S.Clark gathered at the playground just prior to the meeting to move the gaga pit to accommodate a mowing path and determine where to place the cement pads for the bench and two tables. Village residents and special guests former Clarksville-Campbell Historical Society members will be invited to the event. President Alderink will serve as Master of Ceremony. The library will open by 8am so bathrooms will be available.

Moved by Sheldon and supported by Winkler to authorize \$500.00 expense to cover food & paper products for the playground opening event and to also pay for 15 t-shirts for village park workers to wear day of the event. All in favor, motion passed.

Moved by Sheldon and supported by Winkler to support the 2026 Operating Tax Millage to be levied, to reflect the 2026 Headlee Millage Reduction Fraction 0.9879 reducing the current millage to 8.1042. All in favor, motion passed.

Moved by B.Clark and supported by Reser to accept \$405.00 proposal from Simon Inc. to power wash village hall. All in favor, motion passed.

A Lawn Grass Violation Notice will be placed upon vacant property located at 140 S. First Street. If not mowed within five days, village will contract with Stahl Lawncare to abate the nuisance.

Council requested that a letter will be mailed to 123 N. Main St. regarding keeping of backyard chicken regulations.

Public comment was heard from Ed Sternisha announcing his candidacy for 8th Circuit Court Judge.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held June 1, 2026.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk