Village of Clarksville
Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Clarksville Village Council was held October 5, 2026 at the Clarksville Village Hall. President Tristen Alderink called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Other council members present – Trustees Debra Winkler, Bonnie Main, Brian Reser, Allen Sheldon, Brad Clark, Scott Briggs, and Clerk Shari Clark. Absent – Treasurer Rose Barratt.

Public comment was heard from Deb Aldrich, President of the VFW Auxiliary in Lake Odessa, shared their Veteran Banner Project and offered to assist if someone wanted to take charge and start up in Clarksville.

Sue Wolbers inquired about a house on Main Street if any zoning regulations can be enforced due to carpet on the yard & other issues. The Village Zoning Administrator will be asked to follow up.

The minutes of the September 8, 2026 meeting were read and approved.

Moved by B.Clark and supported by Sheldon to pay monthly bills totaling $13,301.76. All in favor, motion passed.

Reports were read Treasurer by clerk (as prepared by Barratt), Street Commissioner Sheldon, Sewer by B.Clark, *ex officio* Planning Commissioner Main, Clerk by S.Clark, and President Alderink.

Moved by Sheldon and supported by B.Clark to accept the Bi-Annual Audit as prepared by Willis & Jurasek, P.C. The financial audit of the Village of Clarksville is available for public inspection at the village office at a mutually convenient time.

The Annual Sidewalk Inspection will be conducted by Street Commissioner Sheldon. Pictures taken will be filed with the Clerk.

Letter of Resignation from Planning Commissioner Chairperson John Jewell effective September 10, 2026 was accepted.

SEEKING VILLAGE RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION

Interested applicants contact Village Clerk at clarksvillemi@clarksvillemi.org

Applicants and nominations will be considered by the Village President who shall appoint members to the Commission based upon majority vote of Council at the next council meeting set for November 2nd.

Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce has merged with Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce. The Village membership has been transferred over and first year of membership is covered through remaining LACOC funds.

President Alderink shared request from Klahn family to extend sidewalk on S. Main Street to D&K Farm Market. Village Clerk will pull out the engineer project drawings, which included new sidewalk in that section, presented at a public hearing held on March 29, 2016 for sidewalk improvement and new sidewalks proposed to make walking to downtown destinations easier and safer.

An offer of $10,000.00 in full and final settlement of claim from ClearPath Utility Solutions, LLC was reviewed by council. The offer includes a full release of ClearPath relating to this incident and prompt release of all ClearPath funds currently being withheld due to this claim. Council objected to a full release to ClearPath due to possible other damaged areas not yet discovered. The Village Attorney will be asked for recommendation in seeking a compromise.

Moved by B.Clark and supported by Winkler to accept annual contract renewals as written with Tony Stahl/ Snow Shoveling, Shari Clark/Hall Rental, Robbie Mutschler/Hall Cleaning, Kevin Count/ Maintenance, Jordan Burnie/ Website Support & Maintenance, and CL Trucking & Excavating/ Snow Removal. All in favor, motion passed.

Moved by Sheldon and supported by Reser to accept proposal from Jesse Tracy of Bright Life llc for holiday lighting to be placed on street light poles $75.00 each and Clarksville Village Hall $225.00 up to $1,500.00 total cost (17 poles + hall). All in favor, motion passed. Contingency of minimum of four buildings includes acceptance of Alderink Automotive. President Alderink will inquire with Farmhouse Pizza, McClure Body Shop, and United Bank.

Leaf Removal within Clarksville Village Limits will begin mid-October and continue through November.

Residents are responsible to rake leaves to street curb for removal.

Please remember LEAVES ONLY no grass clippings or other debris allowed.

At no other time should any debris be put in the road and never be placed upon storm drains.

Moved by Sheldon and supported by Main to **set Trick-or-Treating 5-7 pm in Clarksville on Saturday, October 31st**. All in favor, motion passed. Party will follow at Campbell Township Fire Department.

Moved by Sheldon and supported by Winkler to support reappointment of village resident Randi Williams for a four-year term on the Clarksville Library Board. All in favor, motion passed.

Beautify Our Business Community Grant Application from Rock Hill Childcare Center was reviewed. Moved by B.Clark and supported by Briggs to approve. All in favor, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held November 2, 2026 and a Special Meeting November 5, 2026 to swear in newly elected officials.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk