
MEETING MINUTES

Village of Port Hope Council Meeting

May 11, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Gary Schave. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call: Hunter, Reinke, Schave, Schulz, Schultz, Steinhorst **Absent:** None

Treasurer: Cindy Strozeski, absent **Clerk:** Sally Arndt

Guests Present: Don Goetze, Mark Slagh, Joe Murphy, Luke Deming

- **Approval of Agenda** - Motion by Chris Gust, second by Roy Reinke to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.
- **Approval of Minutes** - Motion by Roy Reinke, second by Schultz to approve the Minutes of the 4/13/2026 meeting, Motion carried.

Reports:

- **Sewer** – Lagoon being drained
- **Streets** – Heinemann Rd. to have gravel put on it
- **Fire Department** - Six refurbished packs of the new style and six new bottles have been purchased – we should be good for 6-8 years. We have 14 altogether, but some are older.
- **Marina** – Docks are in, water is up approximately 14 inches.

Old Business:

- **Pay Bills** – Motion by Ken Schultz, second by Roy Reinke to approve bills of \$60,255.38. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **Set Fire Standby Fees** - Motion by Jim Hunter, second by Ken Schultz to set fire standby Fees at ½ mills, which is the same from previous years. Motion carried.
- **Resolution** - In 1987, Village purchased a narrow strip of land along 3rd Street owned by Robert & Candy Oeschger to enlarge drainage ditch, thus eliminating flooding. **Be It Resolved** that the Village continues to maintain the property for drainage purposes, thus benefiting the public by continuing to relieve the flooding issue in the area. Motion by Jim Hunter, seconded by Ron Steinhorst to adopt this resolution. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications/Correspondence/Public Comments:

- Joe Murphy, Commissioner reported that there will be renewals on the ballot: 911, veterans, and seniors (.075 increase).
- Luke Deming present at the meeting about solar information. He stated that it is important to look at options where local communities could benefit and to know what the state is requiring.
- Don Goetze said that the Planning Commission will not be raising rates at this time.

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Roy Reinke, seconded by Chris Gust. Motion carried.

Sally Arndt, Village Clerk