

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Village of Malta Council

REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 07, 2026

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The Village of Malta Council convened in REGULAR session at 6:00 p.m. in the Malta Village Council Chambers. Mayor, Terry McGrath called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Council Member Leslie Robbins	Present
Council Member Homer Weekley	Present
Council Member Jamie White	Present
Council Member John Woods	Present
Council Member Scott Moore	Absent
Council Member Don Larrick	Present

Employees: Bill Smith (VA) and Ashlee Stevens (FO)

Visitor(s): Janis Keller (Morgan County Herald), Jamie Lang (EZ Grout), John Telesz (Morgan County Engineer), Steve Best, Ray McComas (Kinder's Insurance Agency), Paul Cameron, Kevin Kraman

Invocation: The Invocation was given by Jamie White.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor, Terry McGrath.

The minutes from the previous regular meeting were approved on a motion made by Leslie Robbins, seconded by Jamie White. Roll call vote, all yeas. Don Larrick, abstain.

The bills were approved to be paid out of respective funds on a motion made by Jamie White, seconded by Don Larrick. Roll call vote, all yeas. Don Larrick, abstain.

Visitor Jamie Lang addressed council about the Front Street Slip and repairs and expressed his appreciation that council is working with the county engineer to fix the slip.

Visitor John Telesz addressed council about funding for Front Street Slip repair. Discussed OPWC funding to reconstruct Front Street, stating that it could cost \$800,000. The project will need to go out to bid. The money will be federal funding, all money will be grant money. Asked council for approval to take over project. Reconstruction wouldn't start until Spring 2027. When asked by council member John Woods if the project will be fully funded, John Telesz said he would address council when he has the actual numbers. Mentioned Shannon Wells is also working on funding for the 10% required by the OPWC.

Ray McComas addressed council about renewing the insurance policies.

Paul Cameron introduced himself as the Democratic Candidate for District 95, joining local council meetings to get an idea of what local governments need.

A motion to excuse Scott Moore from the May 07th, 2026 meeting was made by Don Larrick, seconded by Jamie White. Roll call vote, all yeas.

The Mayor's Report was read by Mayor, Terry McGrath.

A motion to accept the Mayor's Report was made by Jamie White, seconded by Don Larrick. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Joint Utility Meeting is July 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Malta Village Hall.

Fiscal Officer, Ashlee Stevens:

* Presented Resolution 26-07 to council.

* Explained what happened with payroll and how it got mixed up.

A motion to accept Resolution 26-07 **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR TERRY MCGRATH TO SIGN DOCUMENTS FOR FRONT STREET SLIP REPAIRS**, was made by Jamie White, seconded by Don Larrick. Roll call vote, all yeas

A motion to approve the Morgan County Engineer, John Telesz, to take over the Front Street Slip project was made by Don Larrick, seconded by Jamie White. Roll call vote, all yeas.

A motion to increase the policy on the backhoe and renew the insurance with Kinder's Insurance Agency was made by Leslie Robbins, seconded by Don Larrick. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Bill Smith, Village Administrator:

- * Water tower cleaning has been completed. There are videos of the divers in the tank cleaning. One video is North Tower and one is South Tower.
- * Been trimming down by the river and took down trees that were dying. Looks much better especially from the other side of the river.
- * Next week putting in the boat dock. Weather pending.
- * Boat ramp has been cleaned off.
- * Put some stone in by the kayak ramp.
- * Water plant project is on going. The right people are getting stuff moving now.
- * Spent 2 days in meetings with Artimus Group. Report gets turned in in August. Hoping this is the last time they come. The one has zero contamination and the other one the level hasn't moved in 20 years.
- * Should know in September or October what the final decision is.
- * Hometown Heroes Flags came in.

Council President, Leslie Robbins:

- * Cemetery met on Saturday, Darrin Carpenter mows the cemetery. Allen George works with Darrin when there are complaints. Cemetery Committee would like some cold patch.
- * Joint Cemetery Meeting will be held June 2, 2026 at 5:45 P.M.

Council Member, Homer Weekley:

- * Hometown Heroes Flag company has sold to another owner. The new company has better quality flags but the cost is more expensive.
- * Parks look good
- * Was asked about the boat dock and when it was going in. Village Administrator, Bill, had already mentioned it was going in weather permitting.
- * Riverfest is coming back to Malta this year. Will be adding a Jeep Fest, the plan is to ride to all the covered bridges. Currently working on a route for it. Is aware there are a couple bridges that cannot be crossed.
- * Would like to see it be successful.

Council Member, John Woods:

- * Asked to be excused from the June 2, 2026 council meeting.
- * Asked to be excused from the July 7, 2026 council meeting.

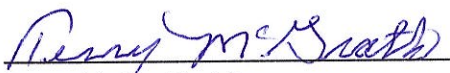
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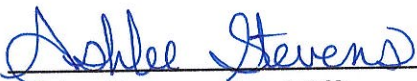
- * Beautification project on roundabout – Homer showed idea for the sign.
- * Asked Village Administrator, Bill, about the coil stack on the maintenance building, Bill said its still not there.
- * Legion and VFW Auxiliary are putting flags on veterans headstones in Malta and McConnellsville Cemeteries at 9:00 A.M., would like 4H kids to help so time could be later.
- * Mentioned he will be out for the first June meeting.

A motion to go into executive session at 7:05 P.M. to discuss property, was made by Don Larrick, seconded by Leslie Robbins. Roll call vote, all yeas.

A motion to come out of executive session at 7:13 P.M. was made by Don Larrick, seconded by Leslie Robbins. Roll call vote, all yeas.

With no further business to bring before Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M. on a motion made by Homer Weekley.


Terry McGrath, Mayor


Ashlee Stevens, Fiscal Officer