

**Town of Loch Lynn Heights
COUNCIL MEETING
June 2, 2026**

Mayor Friend called the meeting to order at 5:56, following Public Hearing for Budget Ordinance. John Groves led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Council members Max Hill, Barbara Rexroad, John Groves and Bryce Canfield, and Clerk Rebecca Friend.

Agenda was approved.

May 2026 Minutes – M Hill moved to approve, forgoing reading; second – J Groves, unanimous vote.

May 2026 Financial Report – B Rexroad noticed that the \$5,000 donated by Oak Park Church did not appear on the report. It may not have been reported to the accountant. Draft was accepted with that addition, motion by B Rexroad, second by B Canfield, unanimous vote.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Sheriff's Office, Code Enforcement – No deputy present. Vandalism at the park bathroom was reported to Sheriff's office and is being investigated. Two boys seen on video are the likely culprits. Code Enforcement report shows 7 cases open, no new ones. Officer Mahoney suggests that town may wish to further prosecute debris, trash and rubbish issue on Shenandoah Ave. Council agrees.

GCM – nothing to report meet this month.

Grants – POS applications are due in August. State Highway personnel will be doing a walk-through on the Wetland Trail on Thursday, June 4. This is to make assessments for the proposed County trail installation and upgrades connecting the towns along Rt 135.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Streets & Sewer – A letter is being sent to County Administrator Kevin Null requesting County assistance for tar and chip on Alley 2 and the unpaved section of 1st Avenue. Oak tree that was leaning into wires and had been marked for removal fell across Shenandoah and crushed a vehicle. Insurance claim was filed. A call was received about a plugged sewer, but heavy rains had caused flooding, as it did along several streets and in basements.

Correspondence / Meetings – Mayor and Clerk met with Mr and Mrs Georg, who had their girls' 4-H project mistakenly removed by maintenance during Household Cleanup. An itemized list of expenses was presented, and a check was issued to Mrs Georg for \$1,000 to cover the \$800 costs and a \$200 donation to reimburse the girls for their project loss. ALGAR dinner meeting, hosted by Loch Lynn Heights on May 27, was well attended. Former Mayor Corley was presented with a proclamation in her honor. She called the office to request that the Mayor and Council be informed of her surprise and appreciation for being honored in that way. Healthy Families group visited the playground last week and we received a call praising the new and improved play area and restroom. Clerk renewed the .gov domain – must be updated annually. Councilman Groves distributed photographs showing areas of concern with power lines and poles that should be addressed by Potomac Edison. Cody Aronhalt spoke with two councilpersons about doing a community project through Lowe's – his employer. It was suggested that he stain the floor of the pavilion. Town needs to work on a booth for the US 250th birthday celebration and must submit photographs soon for enlarging into posters.

Maintenance Report – New employee is working out well. He has completed his probationary period and received a \$.50 pay raise. An excavator was rented for the soil removal on Pocahontas and culvert installation on East 2nd. New soil was hauled in to replace the contaminated dirt that was taken to the Landfill. There is a gap between the pavilion and a fence post that could be dangerous. Will contact the fencing company to see what needs to be done.

Legislative Action

A. Ordinance 2026-02 – FY 2026-27 There was no public comment at the hearing. Budget Ordinance was read and adopted – J Groves made the motion, seconded by B Canfield, unanimous vote.

B. Amend 2025-26 Budget – Amended budget was also reviewed, and several line items were adjusted. B Rexroad moved to accept, J Groves seconded, passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Sunrise Garbage Collection Quote – Quotes were solicited, and Sunrise gave the only response. Their service has been very good. M Hill made motion to accept their bid of \$2,123.28 per month for municipal trash collection and disposal, M Canfield seconded, passed unanimously. May need to raise rates to residents to cover the increase.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mustang property updates – Viner's Shed at Mustang is down, but pile of rubble has not been moved.

Excavation on Seneca – No additional information - State Attorney General's office will be following up with enforcement.

Possible Re-financing of Sewer Loan – Tabled

Purchasing Limits and Guidelines Resolution – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Community Yard Sale – A Community Yard Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13. A banner will be displayed by the welcome sign, and advertisements are being placed in the local newspaper and on radio.

B. Employee Salary Increase for FY27 – The Mayor has completed annual reviews for the employees and is recommending a \$.50 pay increase for each. J Groves moved to approve the increases, B Canfield seconded, unanimous vote. This will be effective July 1.

Announcements:

CHIPS will be working on adding more memory and trouble-shooting some issues with the office computer.

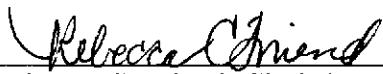
Town Picnic will be held the 3rd Friday in August.

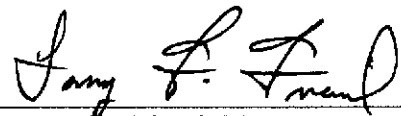
The State has been passing legislation that overrides County and municipal ordinances. This does not take into consideration the differences in diverse areas of the state, nor the desires of the residents who live there. The Town of Oakland is asking other towns for support for a letter being sent to our legislators regarding this issue.

Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – July 7, 2026

Public Comment – J.J. Tusing requested that the Council consider allowing improvements to the ballfield on the far end of the sports complex. He would like to use it for T ball, softball and young baseball players. There is a shortage of fields, and he would work to make it a useable field. This would need to be worked out with the soccer league, but the Council members are in favor of allowing it.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.


Rebecca C. Friend, Clerk / Treasurer
July 7, 2026


Larry F. Friend, Mayor