

**Town of Loch Lynn Heights
COUNCIL MEETING
May 5, 2026**

Mayor Friend called the meeting to order at 5:33 and Bryce Canfield led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Council members Max Hill, Barbara Rexroad and Bryce Canfield, and Clerk Rebecca Friend. John Groves was absent.

Agenda was approved, with additions.

April 2026 Minutes – M Hill moved to approve, forgoing reading; second - B Canfield, unanimous vote.

April 2026 Financial Report – Accepted, motion by B Rexroad, second by B Canfield, unanimous vote.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Sheriff's Office, Code Enforcement – No reports.

GCM – Will meet this week. Mayors held 2 Executive Sessions regarding Circuit Rider program. Some towns are opting out.

Grants – The trees from Street Trees Grant were planted today as part of the Arbor Day program. Oak Park Church donated \$5,000 towards the inclusive playground honoring Landon Georg. Siera Wigfield has re-applied for grant for boardwalk renovation and will pursue one for signage at playground. Load of wood carpeting was delivered and spread. Clerk reported that the required ARPA report was finalized. Closeout paperwork will be due in December. Broken urinal and faucets in park facilities were repaired. Automatic timed door lock is functional at park restroom.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Streets & Sewer – Sewer repair work at Alabama and Alley 2 was completed, as was water line repair at Tusawalla and Dundee.

Correspondence / Meetings – Mayor met with resident regarding fuel oil spill at 105 Pocahontas. MDE inspector will be here for soil removal on May 22. Town will excavate and haul the soil to the landfill. Resident at 504 Seneca requested assistance with claim against Shentel – the home's siding was damaged when a truck struck the low-hanging cable wire. Letter was sent to Shentel with police report and request for reimbursement to the resident, as well as suggestion that other wires be examined for proper height.

Maintenance Report – Mayor presented his report to Council and reviewed some points, including replacement of culvert for Janet Friend. This will be done when an excavator is obtained for the soil removal on Pocahontas. Maintenance will use old brick to raise drop boxes on Roanoke Ave. Council should consider improvement of roads and alleys as there is funding available.

Legislative Action

A. Ordinance 2026-02 – FY 2026-27 Budget Ordinance was read and is to be adopted after Public Hearing preceding June 2 Council meeting. Draft budget was presented for Council to examine.

B. Amend 2025-26 Budget – Amended budget was also presented to Council for consideration. Will be voted upon at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mustang property updates – Town received court documents indicating that the Order for demolition is being appealed by Mustang's attorney. Fencing has been placed around the property and Mr. Reed called Mayor Friend to say that demolition of the Viner's Shed will be taking place this week. The second building is apparently the one being contested.

Excavation on Seneca – Letter was received from MDE stating that Mr. Beckman will be served notice of violations and 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:

New maintenance part-time hire – Michael Zinn was interviewed by Mayor Friend and Larry Bernard, and is being offered 24 hours per week at a rate of \$16 per hour. After a satisfactory probationary period he may receive \$16.50. M Hill made motion to hire Mr Zinn, seconded by B Canfield, unanimously passed. He will begin work on May 12.

10. Announcements: Resident sent photos of campfire site and fire damage to bench on boardwalk. Need for camera upgrades there is urgent.


Sunrise will increase the cost of trash collection by more than \$1,600 if we continue with them. No other quotes were submitted, so the budget will need to be adjusted.

RSVPs needed for anyone attending the ribbon cutting at the new Bradford School.

Loch Lynn Heights is hosting AlGar dinner meeting – date has been changed to May 27 due to scheduling conflicts. We will supply fruit and cheese trays. Need reservations by May 20.

Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – June 2, 2026 following Public Hearing for Budget Ordinance.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.



Rebecca C. Friend, Clerk / Treasurer
June 2, 2026



Larry F. Friend, Mayor