

**Village of Vandalia**  
**Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes**  
18035 State Street, Vandalia, Michigan 49095

**Date:** January 5, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Vandalia Village Hall

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**1. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Vandalia was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Village President **Evan Hickman**.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Roll Call**

Present:

- Trustee Karen Young
- Trustee Sharon Myrick
- Trustee John Bennett
- Trustee Cassandra Bennett

Absent:

- None

**4. Approval of December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by **Trustee Sharon Myrick** to approve the December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by **Trustee John Bennett**.

**Vote:**

- Ayes: Myrick, Bennett (John), Bennett (Cassandra)
- Abstention: Young

**Motion carried.**

## **5. Approval of December 5, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by **Trustee Sharon Myrick** to approve the December 5, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by **Trustee John Bennett**.

**Vote:**

- Ayes: Myrick, Bennett (John), Bennett (Cassandra)
- Abstention: Young

**Motion carried.**

## **6. President's Report**

President Hickman wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that as the Village enters the new year, the Village Council remains committed to working diligently to ensure the continued growth and improvement of the Village of Vandalia. He expressed the Council's desire for residents to take pride in and enjoy their community.

## **7. Old Business**

None.

## **8. Public Comment**

Public comment was opened. Residents were afforded **three (3) minutes each** to address the Council.

## **9. New Business**

### **A. Generations Forward Rezoning**

Motion made by **Trustee Sharon Myrick** to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-1-3R2**.

Seconded by **Trustee John Bennett**.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Trustee Karen Young – Aye
- Trustee Sharon Myrick – Aye
- Trustee John Bennett – Aye
- Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye

**All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-1-3R2(B)**

Motion made by **Trustee Cassandra Bennett** to adopt **Resolution No. 2026-1-3R2(B)**.  
Seconded by **Trustee John Bennett**.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

- Trustee Karen Young – Aye
- Trustee Sharon Myrick – Aye
- Trustee John Bennett – Aye
- Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye

**Motion carried.**

## **C. Approval of January 2026 Bills**

Motion made by **Trustee John Bennett** to approve the January 2026 bills.  
Seconded by **Trustee Sharon Myrick**.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

- Trustee Karen Young – Nay
- Trustee Sharon Myrick – Aye
- Trustee John Bennett – Aye
- Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye

**Motion carried.**

## **10. Committee Reports**

### **Street Committee**

President Hickman discussed the use of GIS address signs.

Trustee Sharon Myrick proposed the installation of plot signs at each property. The Council **tabled the discussion** pending further details.

It was announced that **James Prestley** has been relieved of his position as DPW employee. **Jerome Wares** has been appointed Head of the Village of Vandalia DPW.

### **Recreation Committee**

The winners of the Village house decorating contest were announced as follows:

1. **Raymona Neal** – First Place
2. **Cody Foster** – Second Place
3. **Anna Kirk** – Third Place

#### **Cemetery Committee**

Residents expressed concerns regarding standing water at the Fox Street Cemetery following rain or snow melt. DPW advised that no washout had occurred.

#### **11. Trustee Resignation**

Trustee **Karen Young** tendered her resignation, effective **January 6, 2026 at 6:40 p.m.**

#### **12. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made, and the meeting was adjourned at **6:45 p.m.**

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#### **Minutes prepared by:**

Ashley Hickman  
Village Clerk

#### **Minutes approved by:**

Evan Hickman  
Village President