

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

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.**

Minutes prepared by:

Ashley Hickman

Village Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Evan Hickman

Village President