



## Village of Vandalia Regular Council Meeting Minutes

18035 State Street  
Vandalia, Michigan 49095

**Meeting Date:** May 4, 2026

**Meeting Time:** 6:00 P.M.

### 1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Village of Vandalia Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Evan Hickman.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### 3. Roll Call

Present:

- Trustee Sharon Myrick
- Trustee Marianne Behrends
- Trustee John Bennett
- President Evan Hickman
- Treasurer Khalil Brown
- Clerk Ashley Hickman
- Clerk Assistant Erika Willis

Absent:

- Trustee Cassandra Bennett

A quorum was present.

#### **4. Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by President Hickman to amend the agenda to allow guest speaker Zoning Solutions to address Council. Motion supported by Trustee John Bennett.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

#### **5. Approval of Minutes**

##### **Regular Meeting Minutes – April 2026**

Motion made by Trustee John Bennett to approve the April 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion supported by Trustee Myrick.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

##### **Budget Meeting Minutes – 2026**

Motion made by President Hickman to approve the 2026 Budget Meeting Minutes. Motion supported by Trustee John Bennett.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

##### **Emergency Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by President Hickman to approve the Emergency Meeting Minutes. Motion supported by Trustee John Bennett.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

#### **6. New Business**

##### **Water Street Property – Zoning Enforcement**

Motion made by President Hickman to authorize Zoning Solutions to issue citations regarding the Water Street property. Motion supported by Trustee Myrick.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

##### **2026–2027 Fee Schedule**

Motion made by President Hickman to approve the 2026–2027 Fee Schedule. Motion supported by Trustee John Bennett.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Behrends – Yes
- Trustee Myrick – Yes
- Trustee John Bennett – Yes
- President Hickman – Yes

Motion carried.

### **Trustee Pay Schedule**

Motion made by President Hickman to maintain the current trustee compensation schedule as pay-per-meeting. Motion supported by Trustee John Bennett.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

### **Roberts Excavating Quote Review**

Council reviewed the quote submitted by Roberts Excavating regarding demolition services.

Trustee Behrends stated that she did not believe the Council should approve the invoice at this time, noting that Preston Bartow had expressed interest in purchasing the property and bringing it into compliance.

Motion made by President Hickman to approve the invoice from Roberts Excavating. Motion failed due to lack of support.

## **7. Clerk's Report**

### **Approval of Bills – May 2026**

Motion made by President Hickman to approve payment of the May 2026 bills. Motion supported by Trustee Myrick.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Behrends – Yes
- Trustee Myrick – Yes

- Trustee John Bennett – Yes
- President Hickman – Yes

Motion carried.

### **Transfer of Funds**

Motion made by President Hickman to transfer \$4,741.36 from the Major Street Fund (MSF) to the General Fund. Motion supported by Trustee John Bennett.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Behrends – Yes
- Trustee Myrick – Yes
- Trustee John Bennett – Yes
- President Hickman – Yes

Motion carried.

### **8. Cemetery Report**

Nothing to report.

### **9. Recreation Committee Report**

- NA meetings are held weekly.
- Art classes are held weekly.

### **Reconsideration of Roberts Excavating Invoice**

Clerk Hickman addressed Council regarding the Roberts Excavating demolition proposal. Clerk Hickman stated that failure to approve the demolition could place the Village out of compliance following Council's previous determination during the emergency meeting that the structure constituted a hazard to public safety. Clerk Hickman further advised that if Roberts Excavating was no longer available, the Village may have difficulty locating another properly licensed and qualified contractor to perform the demolition, potentially resulting in increased costs. Clerk Hickman requested that Council reconsider the matter.

Motion made by Trustee John Bennett to approve the Roberts Excavating invoice in the amount of \$64,500. Motion supported by Trustee Myrick.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Behrends – No
- Trustee Myrick – Yes
- Trustee John Bennett – Yes
- President Hickman – Yes

Motion carried.

## **10. Public Comment**

Public comment was opened. Each speaker was allotted three (3) minutes to address Council.

## **11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Hickman  
Village Clerk

Approved by:

Evan Hickman  
Village President