

Village of Vandalia
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2026

Location: 18035 E. State Street, Vandalia, MI 49095

Time: 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Village of Vandalia 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

Roll call was taken by Clerk Ashley Hickman.

- Trustee Behrends – Present
- Trustee John Bennett – Present
- Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Present
- Trustee Sharon Myrick – Absent
- Clerk Ashley Hickman – Present
- Treasurer Khalil Brown – Present
- Office Assistant Erika Willis – Present

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Cassandra Bennett to approve the March 2026 meeting minutes.
Seconded by Trustee Behrends.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried.

5. Amendments to Agenda

Motion made by President Hickman to amend the agenda to allow Martha Suggs to speak regarding Vandalia history and the Underground Railroad.
Seconded by Trustee Cassandra Bennett.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried.

Motion made by President Hickman to amend the agenda to include the appointment of a President Pro Tempore.
Seconded by Trustee Behrends.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried.

6. Resolution No. 2026-01 – Appointment of President Pro Tempore

Motion made by President Hickman to adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 appointing Trustee Cassandra Bennett as President Pro Tempore.
Seconded by Trustee John Bennett.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Behrends – Aye
- Trustee John Bennett – Aye
- Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye
- President Hickman – Aye

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

7. New Business

- Council discussed school bus signage at the corner of Wood Street and other bus stops throughout the Village.
- Council reviewed the Village burn ordinance.
- The Village is actively seeking a Chairperson for the Planning Commission.

8. Old Business

- The Melon Man Race donated \$1,700 to the Village of Vandalia.

9. Approval of Bills

Clerk requested approval of April 2026 bills.

Motion made by President Hickman to approve payment of April 2026 bills.
Seconded by Trustee Cassandra Bennett.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Behrends – Aye
- Trustee John Bennett – Aye
- Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye
- President Hickman – Aye

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

10. Department Reports

Road Report:

Motion made by President Hickman to transfer MSF funds.
Seconded by Trustee Cassandra Bennett.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Behrends – Aye
- Trustee John Bennett – Aye
- Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye
- President Hickman – Aye

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Cemetery Report:

No report.

Recreation Committee:

- NA meetings are held on Thursdays at the Village Hall.
- Painting classes are held throughout the week in the Youth Center.

11. Public Comment

Public comment was offered with a three-minute limit per speaker.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

Prepared by:

Ashley Hickman, Village Clerk

Approved by:

Evan Hickman, Village President