

Village of Vandalia

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025

Meeting Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Village of Vandalia Board was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call:

- Trustee John Bennett – Present
- Trustee Karen Young – Present
- Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Present
- Trustee Myrick – Present

Approval of Minutes:

- *January 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes:*
A motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2025, meeting was made by Trustee Myrick, seconded by Trustee John Bennett. The motion carried unanimously.
- *January 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes:*
The minutes from the January 10, 2025, meeting were tabled pending amendments.

President's Report:

- President Hickman reported that he has joined the Michigan Association of Mayors.
- It was noted that pipes in the conference room burst, causing flooding in both the conference room and office areas. Insurance has been contacted, and repairs are being addressed.
- The Board discussed cemetery plots that were previously gifted to members of the prior administration. This discussion was tabled until the March 2025 meeting.

New Business:

- *Cass County Mitigation Plan (FEMA):*
A motion was made by Trustee John Bennett to approve the Cass County Mitigation Plan for 2025. Trustee Myrick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk Ashley Wences reported a FOIA request from resident Beverlye Young, who requested a financial report. The Board decided that Plant Moran would prepare the requested financial report at no cost to the resident.
- A motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Trustee Cassandra Bennett and seconded by Trustee Myrick. A roll call vote was conducted:
 - Trustee Myrick – Aye
 - Trustee John Bennett – Aye
 - Trustee Karen Young – Aye
 - Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye
 The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- *Road Committee:*
The Department of Public Works (DPW) is compiling a list of all Village signs that need replacement.
- *Cemetery Committee:*
It was noted that Stella Peterson was laid to rest at the Bogue Street Cemetery on Saturday, January 25, 2025.
- *Recreation Committee:*
A memorial dinner was held in honor of Isom Stanford on January 26, 2025.
It was also mentioned that Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings are being held weekly at the Village Hall.
The *Vandalia Village Voice* (monthly newsletter) continues to be distributed to residents.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Buck stated that he is not yet ready to release his plan for the land bank property to the Village Board.
- Mr. Hawthorne expressed his desire for the Village to consider mandating trash service for all residents.
- Ms. Kim James brought up concerns regarding frequent burning by residents on her street and requested that the issue be addressed.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Prepared by:

Village Clerk, Ashley Wences-Young

Approved by:

Village President, Evan Hickman