



VILLAGE OF VANDALIA

18035 State Street
Vandalia, Michigan 49095

REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 2, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Vandalia Village Hall

1. Call to Order

President Evan Hickman called the meeting to order at **6:00 PM**.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Present:

- President Evan Hickman
- Trustee Myrick
- Trustee Cassandra Bennett
- Trustee Marianne Behrends
- Trustee John Bennett
- Clerk Ashley Hickman
- Treasurer Killa Brown

4. Approval of Agenda Amendment

The Clerk requested that **Matthew, Water Coordinator for the City of Dowagiac**, be allowed to address the Council regarding **Village of Vandalia backflow issues**.

Motion made by **President Hickman** to allow Matthew from the City of Dowagiac to speak regarding water issues.

Seconded by **Trustee Cassandra Bennett**.



Vote: All in favor.
Motion carried.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee **Cassandra Bennett** to approve the **February 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**.

Seconded by Trustee **Myrick**.

Vote: All in favor.
Motion carried.

6. New Business

Housing Development Discussion

Mr. **Thomas Landgrebe** addressed the Council regarding potential housing development opportunities within the Village of Vandalia.

Council held discussion with Mr. Landgrebe regarding potential housing development.

The Council then opened the floor for **public discussion** regarding the proposed housing concepts.

Public comments were received.

7. Clerk and Treasurer Reports

Clerk and Treasurer reports were presented to the Council.

Approval of Bills

Motion made by Trustee **Cassandra Bennett** to approve the **March 2026 bills**.

Seconded by Trustee **John Bennett**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee **Cassandra Bennett** — **Aye**
- Trustee **Marianne Behrends** — **Aye**
- Trustee **John Bennett** — **Aye**
- Trustee **Myrick** — **Aye**
- President **Hickman** — **Aye**

Motion carried.



8. Easter Celebration Budget

The **2026 Easter Celebration Budget** was presented to the Council.

Motion made by **Trustee Cassandra Bennett** to approve the **2026 Easter Budget** in the amount of **\$1,000.00**.

Seconded by **Trustee Marianne Benards**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Cassandra Bennett — **Aye**
- Trustee — **Aye**
- Trustee John Bennett — **Aye**
- Trustee Myrick — **Nay**
- President Hickman — **Aye**

Motion carried.

9. Committee Reports

Street Committee

Motion made by **President Hickman** to transfer **50% of the Major Street Fund** balance to the **General Fund** in the amount of **\$3,599.65**.

Seconded by **Trustee John Bennett**.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Cassandra Bennett — **Aye**
- Trustee Marianne Benards — **Aye**
- Trustee John Bennett — **Aye**
- Trustee Myrick — **Aye**
- President Hickman — **Aye**

Motion carried.

Recreation Committee

The **Village Easter Event** will be held on **April 4, 2026**, from **12:00 PM to 2:00 PM**.



Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings are held each Thursday evening at the Vandalia Youth Hall.

The Village Council invited members of the community to assist in the planning of **Underground Railroad Days.**

Cemetery Report

No report.

10. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at **7:34 PM.**

Certification of Minutes

Minutes prepared by:

Ashley Hickman
Village Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Evan Hickman
Village President