

VILLAGE OF VANDALIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 25, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Type: Special Village Business Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Village President, Evan Hickman, at 6:01 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Present:

- Village President Evan Hickman
- Trustee Cassandra Bennett
- Trustee Karen Young
- Trustee John Bennett

Absent:

- Trustee Sharon Myrick

Guests:

- Sara Senica, Village Attorney
 - Several residents of the community
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4. Public Comments

Several members of the public voiced their concerns during this portion of the meeting, including the following key points:

- Previous village president (Beverly young) requested to be taken off of all Village bank accounts.
- Concerns regarding the recent firing of the Clerk and Treasurer. Questions about the hiring process for the new Treasurer and Clerk.

- Public comments noted that previous applications for these positions had been submitted but were not considered.
 - Questions were raised about the President's authority and position of power within the village government.
 - Residents inquired about the rental process for the Youth Center.
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5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

There were no minutes available from previous meetings to review.

6. President's Report

President Evan Hickman provided the following updates:

- The Council has passed a motion to retain Clerk Beth James in office through the end of November 2024. During this period, Clerk James will provide all necessary logins and passwords for Village accounts and assist the incoming administration with the transition of these accounts. As part of this transition, the following individuals—Beverly Young, Don Damron, Beth James, and Dana Donald—will be removed from the GW Jones Village bank account. Village President Evan Hickman will be added as the account administrator. Once the new treasurer is appointed, they will be added to the account as well.
 - No new appointments for Clerk or Treasurer were made during this meeting. The Village is currently accepting applications for these positions.
 - A new Village Attorney, Sara Senica, has been appointed.
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7. Old Business

There was no old business to address.

8. New Business

Motion 1:

A motion was made by Trustee Cassandra Bennett to retain Clerk Beth James until the end of November 2024. Clerk James will also provide access to all Village accounts and assist the new administration in setting up these accounts. The motion was seconded by Trustee John Bennett.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Cassandra Bennett: Aye
- Trustee John Bennett: Aye
- Village President Evan Hickman: Aye
- Trustee Karen Young: Nay

Motion Approved.

Motion 2:

A motion was made by President Evan Hickman to hire Sara Senica as the new Village Attorney. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cassandra Bennett.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Cassandra Bennett: Aye
- Trustee John Bennett: Aye
- Village President Evan Hickman: Aye
- Trustee Karen Young: Nay

Motion Approved.

9. Committee Reports

Cemetery Committee: No report.

Recreation Committee: No report.

Code Enforcement: No report.

Street Administrator Report: No report.

Financial Report: No report.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Cassandra Bennett. The motion was seconded by Trustee John Bennett.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Evan Hickman

Village President