

# VILLAGE OF VANDALIA, MICHIGAN

## EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** April 15, 2026

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Location:** Village Hall, 18035 State Street, Vandalia, MI 49095

**Statement of Emergency Authority:** This meeting was held pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.265(5)), which allows emergency meetings without the standard 18-hour notice when there is a severe and imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare.

The purpose of this meeting was to address the condemnation and safety hazard of the structure located at 60525 South Main Street, Vandalia, MI 49095, which has been deemed unsafe and at risk of collapse.

**Motion:** Motion made by President Hickman to host an emergency meeting for the above-listed property address. Motion seconded by Trustee Cassandra Bennett.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye  
Trustee John Bennett – Aye  
Trustee Marianne Bhenards – Aye  
Trustee Myrick – Aye  
President Hickman – Aye

### **Motion Carried**

### **Attendance:**

Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Present  
Trustee John Bennett – Present  
Trustee Marianne Bhenards – Present  
Trustee Myrick – Present  
President Hickman – Present  
Clerk Ashley Hickman – Present  
Treasurer Khalil Brown – Present  
Office Assistant Erika Willis – Present

The structure at 60525 South Main Street has been officially condemned by the Building Inspector of the Village of Vandalia.

**Presentation of Findings:** Reports and documentation regarding the structural instability and imminent danger were presented.

**Motion:** Motion made by President Hickman for emergency demolition of the structure. Motion seconded by Trustee Cassandra Bennett.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye  
Trustee John Bennett – Aye  
Trustee Marianne Bhenards – Aye  
Trustee Myrick – Aye  
President Hickman – Aye

**Motion Carried**

The Clerk and Treasurer stated that the demolition cost exceeds the yearly budgeted amount and recommended using reserve funds.

**Motion:** Motion made by Trustee Cassandra Bennett to amend the budget to allocate \$60,000 for demolition. Motion seconded by Trustee Myrick.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye  
Trustee John Bennett – Aye  
Trustee Marianne Bhenards – Aye  
Trustee Myrick – Aye  
President Hickman – Aye

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** Motion made by Trustee Cassandra Bennett to approve the invoice from Roberts Excavation in the amount of \$53,557.00 for demolition and cleanup. Motion seconded by President Hickman.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye  
Trustee John Bennett – Aye  
Trustee Marianne Bhenards – Aye  
Trustee Myrick – Aye  
President Hickman – Aye

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** Motion made by Trustee Cassandra Bennett to approve asbestos inspection invoice in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motion seconded by Trustee Myrick.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Trustee Cassandra Bennett – Aye  
Trustee John Bennett – Aye  
Trustee Marianne Bhenards – Aye  
Trustee Myrick – Aye  
President Hickman – Aye

**Motion Carried**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.

**Prepared by:** Ashley Hickman, Village Clerk

**Approved by:** Evan Hickman, Village President