

Village of Botkins Council Meeting

Administration Bldg. – Council Chambers Wednesday, June 11, 2025 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Mayor Lance Symonds called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation followed.

ROLL CALL

Members answering roll call: Craig Brown, Lucas Greve, Jake Roberts, Christian Petek and Kevin Market.

Also in attendance: Village Administrator Randy Purdy and Fiscal Officer Hannah Paul.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the evening's agenda: Market – first; Brown – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 27, 2025, MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2025, meeting as presented: Roberts – first; Petek – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Motion to approve the May 2025 financial statements and reports: Petek- first; Roberts- second. All voted in favor motion carried.

GENERAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND REQUESTS / SPECIAL GUESTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BCIC

No updates.

JOINT RECREATION BOARD

- Scott Bayless is asking Council to approve the Dietz family request to have alcohol at the Community Park for a family reunion. They would also like to have a bounce house.
 - Admin Purdy noted he has written a hold harmless agreement so the Village will not be held liable for any mishaps.
 - o Council approved the requests.
- Carousel breakfast went well and roughly \$1,300 was raised.
- The Village was gifted a white oak tree. Mayor Symonds asked that the Park Board determines a location for the tree at their next meeting.
- There will be a hog raffle this year. It is \$10 per ticket and the processing fee is included in the winning.
- Agrana has contacted the Village regarding bench donations. They would like to donate 5 benches. Park board will discuss at their next meeting which is June 18th.

FINANCE/AUDIT

- Funds from the CDs that matured June 3rd have been transferred to STAR Ohio.
- Bank rec training has been completed and all months have been reconciled in the system.
- We have discovered that the Ohio Cash Basis report from the software system is broken. A case has been opened with the software engineers and Fiscal Officer Paul has contacted the solutions consultant. As of right now, she cannot validate the accuracy of the reports. But she has been able to account for all expenses



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and revenue via the bank recs in the system. She will update them as she gets information from BS&A.

• The police recruit that will no longer be moving forward with the Village has been invoiced for the academy expenses. He has until the end of the month to reimburse the Village.

SERVICE

- No updates from service.
- Councilmen Roberts noted that the pavement in front of E. Zimpfer's home has ripples and splits. Admin Purdy noted that Wagner's is coming out to assess.

FIRE & SAFETY

- There were no incidents at Carousel.
- Some of our officers will be assisting at Anna Homecoming this weekend.
- Market brought up complaints he has received regarding loose dogs.
 - o If someone has concerns about a loose dog, residents should contact the non-emergency number.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Todd Weigandt could not make the meeting tonight but he plans to be at the next meeting.
- Hagaman Woods has sold another lot. Only two remain. They may start on phase 2 this fall.
 - o Tom Schnippel asked if the Village would like the dirt pile from phase 1. We will be moving the dirt and using it to correct some elevation issues.
- Spectrum should be done with their pole transfers tomorrow and Brightspeed only has 2 remaining.
 - Once complete, an updated list will be sent to AES for pole removal.
 - We will be removing the poles that are holding up projects ourselves.
- Concrete work has begun on S Sycamore.
- Legislation on the agenda tonight to update nuisance ordinances.
 - A resident has made contact with Admin Purdy and has shared plans to clean up their property.
 Admin Purdy will monitor their process. If no progress has been made, fines will be enforced.
 - o Additional nuisance letters will be going out soon.
- Admin Purdy is working on vacation of various streets and alleyways in the Village.
- Zoning Code: Non-conformities
 - o No changes were made to this section.

Purdy closed the Admin Report pending any Council Questions – Nothing was heard.

MAYOR'S NOTES

- The Joint Ambulance District held their second meeting.
 - o Bylaws have been passed.
 - o Official officers will be voted on at the next meeting.
 - The meetings will be held at each Village's office on rotation. The July meeting will be held in Anna and the August meeting will be held in Botkins. The schedule and locations are posted outside of the Village Office.
 - O There will be a link on the Village's website that will house the Ambulance District's minutes and legislation.
- Mike Barhorst, Mayor of Sidney, is organizing a meeting for all the mayors within his district.
 - There will also be a meeting for all of the mayors within Susan Manchester's district. No date yet for either meeting.
- Carousel went very well. Mayor Symonds thanked everyone involved in the event.



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Mayor Symonds commended the Village for their decision to contract out curb painting and cross walk
painting. The work was done within two days and the Village looks much better with the updated paint.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Ordinances / Resolutions were read by title.

EMERGENCY READING

ORDINANCE NO. 25-09: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPLACING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF BOTKINS'S ("VILLAGE") ZONING CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO NUISANCE ABATEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to waive three readings for Ordinance No. 25-09: Roberts – first; Brown – second. All voted in favor motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-09: L. Greve - first; Roberts - second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

- State Route 25-A –Susan Manchester is on the agenda for the July 9th meeting.
- Pole Maintenance Discussed in the admin report.
- South Street Project Admin Purdy and Pat will be meeting with Mote and Associates next week.
- Village Investments Will have rates at the next meeting
- Zoning Code Updates Discussed in admin report.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Petek - first; Roberts- second. All in favor - motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Paul - Fiscal Officer

Lance Symonds - Mayor

Approved