

## Village of Botkins Council Meeting

Administration Bldg. – Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 25, 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, Fiscal Officer Hannah Paul and Attorney Jason This.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 11, 2025, MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2025, meeting as presented: Roberts – first; L. Greve – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

### GENERAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND REQUESTS / SPECIAL GUESTS

- Todd Whitt was in attendance to discuss the pothole in front of his home off 25A. Public Works filled the pothole with gravel and now all of the gravel is in his yard. He requested we look in to cold patching. Admin Purdy advised that the hole will be patched when we have pavers come in to do paving projects throughout the Village. Whitt asked if he was allowed to put a cone over the hole to deter drivers from driving over it. Council had no issue with that.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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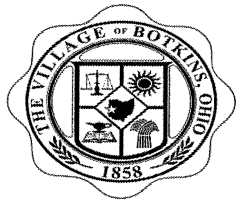
- Next meeting is on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### JOINT RECREATION BOARD

- The oak tree location was discussed. They will be planting it were the lane splits.
- Chris Monnin has concerns about foul balls hitting viewers in the stands. The park board is going to look in to netting that would hang above the stands. The cost is roughly \$50,000-\$80,000.
  - Council approved moving forward with getting quotes. Admin Purdy mentioned the Governors Capital Grant as a funding option as well as the Sheets grant.
  - The Mayor asked Councilmen Roberts to ask if the School Board would be willing to pitch in on this.
- Quite a few residents have inquired about railing in the stands at Cole Field. Railings will be added along with a flat concrete pad with railings for handicap viewing.
- There have been more inquiries regarding a pickleball court. We will be looking in to the possibility of adding a pickleball court at Cole Field. The Mayor would also like the Joint Board to revisit the cost of adding retractable nets on the basketball court at the Community Park.

#### FINANCE/AUDIT

- Fiscal Officer Paul has not gotten an update from the software engineers at BS&A regarding the Ohio Cash Basis Report.



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- We have not received payment yet from A. Hines for reimbursement for the police academy cost.
- The park board was not interested in the benches from Agrana Fruits. The Mayor has asked for three benches and would like them unfinished so we can stain them.
- There are two CDs maturing on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Council was presented with interest rates and decided to move the funds into STAR Ohio.

Motion to move CD 406560 and 406563 funds from First National to Star Ohio.: Roberts – first; Petek– second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

### SERVICE

- Meeting next Wednesday

### FIRE & SAFETY

- Next Monday's meeting is being rescheduled. Date is to be determined.

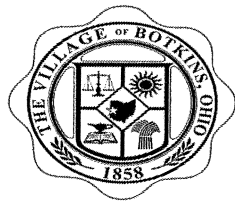
### VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Admin Purdy brought up some old park picnic tables that have been in storage. He requested that Councilmen Roberts brings this up at the next Park Board Meeting. They were interested in selling these as a fundraiser.
- Concrete work on Sycamore should be complete next week, weather permitting. They will move on to W Walnut next.
- Legislation on the agenda tonight to vacate an alley coming off of Sycamore.
- Legislation on the agenda for the vacation of sub streets on Autumn Circle. This was previously passed but we had to update some wording per the recorder's office.
- Two individuals have contacted Admin Purdy regarding the lot for sale behind Meadow Drive. Both options would require re-zoning of the lot.
- All utility assets have been removed and pole removal has begun. Three poles have electrical that needs to be moved. We will have to contract that work out.
- Work on the summer newsletter has begun. Look for this in the coming weeks.
- The Village website has been updated to include the link to the Rescue District's documents.
- Electrical aggregation will be soliciting rates soon. The current contract is for one year and is set to expire soon.
- Admin Purdy and Pat met with Mote and Associates last week. They will be coming to the next service meeting.
- Additional nuisance letters will be going out for weed issues and signage issues.
- Zoning: Sections Appeals and Variances and Amendments
  - Changed sections to no longer require posting in newspapers. Updating to posting at our five posting locations.
  - Changed certified mail requirements from footage to abutting properties.
    - Admin Purdy will finish the line striking version and get that to the planning commission for their review.

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

### MAYOR'S NOTES

- The Joint Ambulance District has their third meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Anna.
- The next Shelby County Mayors Meeting is Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at Meyers Tavern.



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- A list of upcoming Legislation for the State has been emailed to all Council members. The Mayor encouraged Council to review and bring questions to our next meeting when Susan Manchester will be here.

### **ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinances / Resolutions were read by title.

### **FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE 25-10: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN ALLEY IN THE VILLAGE OF BOTKINS, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

### **EMERGENCY READING**

ORDINANCE 25-11: AN ORDINANCE VACATING CERTAIN DEDICATED STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF BOTKINS, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to waive three readings for Ordinance No. 25-11: L. Greve – first; Brown – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-11: Petek– 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 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Pole Maintenance – Discussed in the admin report.
- South Street Project –Mote and Associates will be at the Service meeting next week.
- Village Investments – Rates discussed in finance.
- Zoning Code Updates – Discussed in admin report.

### **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Paul - Fiscal Officer

Lance Symonds – Mayor

7/9/25

Approved