



Village of Botkins Council Meeting
Administration Bldg. – Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 24, 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, Jake Roberts, Christian Petek, Kevin Market and Lucas. Nick Greve arrived after approval of the agenda and minutes.

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 as presented: Roberts – first; Petek – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2025, meeting as presented: Petek – first; Roberts – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

GENERAL COMMENTS

SPECIAL GUESTS

- Chief Mark Jordan was in attendance along with Jordan Reineke. Reineke is joining the Botkins Police Department as an auxiliary officer. Reineke was sworn in by Mayor Symonds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BCIC

- Meets next month. A reminder email will go out.

JOINT RECREATION BOARD

- The park board contacted the donor of the tennis ball court at the community park regarding their idea of adding pickleball courts. The donor would rather we remove one of the tennis courts and put in permanent nets for the pickleball courts rather than doing movable nets.
 - Council discussed and determined that if we are going to do this project, we need to do it correctly. The court is in need of resurfacing. If we are going to paint lines, they want the court resurfaced and the official lines painted for the pickleball court.
 - Council would like the park board to continue with the fall sheets grant application. They will be going after permanent nets rather than portable nets.
- Football squares are for sale.

FINANCE/AUDIT

- CD set to mature on October 10th. We will have rates at our October 8th meeting.
- Fiscal Officer Paul has been in contact with the CPA officer doing our audit. She has been scanning documents to



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them. If she can scan everything they need, no on-site visit will be needed. She is currently waiting on the expense samples.

SERVICE

- Meets next week.

FIRE & SAFETY

- Meeting has been moved from September 29th to September 25th.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Public works has been busy at Cole Park.
 - Pickleball court will be poured this week, pending weather.
 - Straightening of alleyway is in process.
 - The old shed is being removed.
 - Turf has been added to the batting cages.
 - Cole Field will be dedicated as Cole Park, tentatively at Carousal 2026.
- Planning Commission is set to meet October 16th to discuss the zoning changes.
- October 6th is the tentative date that the Board of Zoning Appeals will be meeting to discuss the Boomerang variance and a fence variance.
- A refuse container has been issued for State Street.
- AES has stated they will be removing the poles around town soon.
- The budget is mostly done. Admin Purdy is still waiting on some final figures from a few departments.
- We have multiple pieces of legislation on the agenda tonight.
 - Appropriation to the Thaman fund to cover reclamite invoice.
 - OPWC legislation which will authorize Mote to apply on our behalf for OPWC funding.
- Councilmen Market asked if there is any update on the clean up around interstate. Admin Purdy stated ODOT would be doing it later this fall.
- Councilmen Market asked if there was any update on the nuisance violations for signs. Admin Purdy stated he has been told by the businesses that they are in the process of ordering new signage.

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

MAYOR'S NOTES

- Mayor's meeting will be held next Monday in Russia.
 - The Mayor of Fort Loramie will be retiring in November.
- There is a Joint Ambulance District meeting on October 2nd. It will be held in Anna.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Ordinances / Resolutions were read by title.

EMERGENCY READING

ORDINANCE 25-17: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN ALLEY IN THE VILLAGE OF BOTKINS, OHIO, REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 25-10, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY



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Motion to waive three readings for Ordinance No. 25-17: L. Greve – first; Brown – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-17: Market– first; L. Greve – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-19: A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATION OF THE 2025 BUDGET \$29,000 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Motion to waive three readings for Resolution No. 25-19: Petek – first; Roberts – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25-19: Roberts– first; L. Greve– second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

RESOLUTION 25-20: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to waive three readings for Resolution No. 25-20: Brown – first; Petek – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25-20: L. Greve– first; Roberts– second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 25-18: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN ALLEY IN THE VILLAGE OF BOTKINS, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

THIRD READING

RESOLUTION NO. 25-16: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25-16: Petek – first; Roberts – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- There has been a car parked on N Sycamore St for months and it has a flat tire. There are rules regarding nonworking vehicles on the road. We will have the police department look in to this.
- There has been inquiries regarding designating an address for the community park. Admin Purdy will talk to the auditor about designating an address. There are other properties that run along the park lane.
- The Mayor will be hosting Mayor's hours starting in October. It will be the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 am.



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OLD BUSINESS

- Pole Maintenance – A list has been submitted to AES for removal. They will be removing soon.
- South Street Project – Will go out to bid at the end of this year.
- Village Investments – Will be discussing CD 406592 at the October 8th meeting.
- Zoning Code Updates – Planning Commission to meet October 16th.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION- POTENTIAL SALE OF REAL

Motion to enter executive session: Petek - first; Brown- second. All in favor – motion carried.

MOTION TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION

Motion to re-enter regular session: Brown - first; Roberts - second. All in favor – motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2026 WAGE AUTHORIZATION

Motion to approve 2026 wage authorization: Roberts - first; L. Greve - second. All in favor – motion carried.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Paul - Fiscal Officer

Lance Symonds – Mayor

10/8/25

Approved