



Village of Botkins Council Meeting
Administration Bldg. – Council Chambers
Wednesday, April 29, 2026 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, Kevin Market, Jake Roberts, Nick Greve, Lucas Greve and Christian Petek. 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: Petek – first; Roberts – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 8, 2026, MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2026, meeting as presented: Roberts – first; L. Greve – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

GENERAL COMMENTS

SPECIAL GUESTS

- Chad Berning and Addison Blindauer were in attendance to discuss an FFA project. The project would entail putting "BOTKINS" and a trojan head on the east face of the southbound off ramp. The signage would be seen from the park. They would be partnering with Kahs Landscaping for installation. The entire scape would be made of gravel for easy maintenance. FFA and Young Farmers have agreed to take care of the maintenance of the area once finished.
 - The Village would have to apply for a permit through ODOT for this project to be completed but would not be financially responsible for the project.
 - Council approved the project and instructed Admin Purdy to file for the permit through ODOT.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BCIC

- No updates.

JOINT RECREATION BOARD

- No updates

FINANCE/AUDIT

- No updates.

SERVICE

- Will be meeting on May 6th.



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FIRE & SAFETY

- Chief Glass is on vacation, so he was not in attendance.
- The new cruiser is now in circulation, but we are waiting for the new radar.
- The police department has been awarded a spring Sheets grant. This will be going toward a new generator for the police station.
- The fire department was also approved for a spring Sheets grant. This will be used for turnout gear.
- The chiefs met with the Community Club, and everything has been squared away for the parade route.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- We received the quote back from Hemmert regarding the replacement of the backstop and the grandstands. Council approved \$25,000 for the backstop replacement in the 2026 budget. The backstop and grandstand replacement came in at \$42,250. This quote does include demo. It does not include poles and nets.
 - Council can use some of the Thaman funds toward the grandstand replacement. Youth baseball may also be able to contribute.
 - Council approved going forward with this project and to use Thama funds, not to exceed the interest accumulated.
- The Beautification Club has received Sheets funding for the Christmas tree in the Veterans park. They would need an additional \$13,000. We have around \$13,000 in the lodging tax fund that can be used toward the purchase of the tree.
 - Council approved using lodging tax funds to make up the difference.
 - A new tree will be planted where the old tree was located.
- There is an appropriation legislation on the agenda tonight. The appropriation would cover our portion of phase 2 of the Hageman Woods expansion.
- Phase 2 of Hageman Woods curbs have been installed. Asphalt should be poured next week, pending weather.
- We have received documents from both schools so we will be able to pass the CRA legislation tonight.
- South Street phase 1 will be starting around the end of May, early June.
- We should hear about South Street phase 2 funding in the second week of May.
- Engineering has been tied up with EPA projects but as soon as those are complete, Admin Purdy will begin working with them on industrial park engineering and our zoning.
- There are 15 properties that Admin Purdy is currently tracking for nuisance violations.
- Councilmen Market asked about re-doing South Main Street. This would be a 2029 project. Potentially 2028 if we can secure funding.

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

MAYOR'S NOTES

- All the public forums for the Northern Shelby County Joint Ambulance District have been completed.
 - Election day will take place on May 5th.
- There is a Northern Shelby County Joint Ambulance District meeting taking place in Jackosn Center next week.
- Mayors' hours will be held on May 9th. This will likely be the last before summer begins.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Ordinances / Resolutions were read by title.



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EMERGENCY READING

RESOLUTION NO. 26-10: A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET \$31,000 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Motion to waive three readings on Resolution No. 26-10: Petek – first; L. Greve – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 26-10: Brown – first; N. Greve – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 26-09: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 153.006 AND 153.037 OF THE VILLAGE OF BOTKINS ZONING CODE TO DEFINE AND PROHIBIT DATA CENTERS

THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 26-07: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH D & T BERGMAN PROPERTIES, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-07: Roberts – first; Petek – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

- Pole Maintenance – An updated list has been sent to AES. Waiting for updates from them.
- South Street Phase II Project – We should not get an update on funding until late spring.
- STAR Ohio Daily Rate: 3.81%

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

5/13/26

Approved