



Village of Botkins Council Meeting
Administration Bldg. – Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 13, 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: Kevin Market, Jake Roberts, Nick Greve and Christian Petek. Also in attendance: Village Administrator Randy Purdy and Fiscal Officer Hannah Paul.

MOTION TO APPOINT ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council appointed Nick Greve as acting Council President for this meeting.

Motion to appoint Nick Greve as acting Council President: Roberts – first; Market – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

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 29, 2026, MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 29, 2026, meeting as presented: Roberts – first; Market – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND STATEMENTS

Council was provided with incomplete reports. This is being tabled until the next meeting.

GENERAL COMMENTS

SPECIAL GUESTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BCIC

- No updates.

JOINT RECREATION BOARD

- The board needs an itemized list of materials to submit for the Sheets Grant.

FINANCE/AUDIT

- Fiscal Officer Paul has been working to correct our investment accounts to match the fund balances that correspond with the investment accounts. She presented a packet of the various funds and the monies that need to be moved. Council has approved Fiscal Officer Paul to make any necessary changes and transfers to correct the balances.



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- Fiscal Officer Paul noted that the Stofer interest is posted to the Stofer fund, but the Sheets interest is split between four different funds. Council discussed and decided that 100% of the interest in this special Sheets Fund should go directly to that fund. Paul is directed to make that change going forward. (this is acceptable per legislation 02-09 which was passed 5/14/2002).
- Interest that is posted to the Thaman account that is held within the general fund is also being split. Interest and charges are currently being tracked on a spreadsheet since these monies are not held in a fund of their own. Council authorized Paul to create a new revenue line for Thaman specific interest within the general fund.
- Paul also brought to council the current breakdown of how interest is split. A majority goes to the general fund with very minimal amounts going to streets and state highway. Council does not want money going in to state highway fund. They tabled further discussion and asked her to research whether funds must be split or if all interest can be posted to the general fund.

SERVICE

- No updates.

FIRE & SAFETY

- The next meeting is scheduled for Memorial Day. They will be working to reschedule that meeting.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- There was an issue with parking at the Community Park due to multiple sporting events being scheduled at the same time.
 - The school has asked the Village to look in to adding a gravel parking lot.
 - Councilmen Nick Greve noted that no one was parked in the overflow parking south of the track.
 - Council agreed that if an additional lot would go in, it would need to be a joint effort between the school and the Village.
 - Pat has estimated the parking lot to cost \$30,000 and that does not include the cost of fuel or our employees' time to put in the lot.
 - After further deliberation, Council decided that a sign is needed to point to the current additional parking that was not being utilized.
 - They also decided to remove two bus parking spots which would create additional spots for cars. They also want to add parallel parking spots along the curb located in front of the tennis courts.
 - Public works will work on the additional parking, and any plans for additional parking lots will be tabled.
- Brown Industrial is expanding and the new building requires fire suppression. A larger water line is required to provide adequate pressure.
 - Pat is currently getting quotes for an 8" water line.
 - We would be updating the water line from Gutman down to South Street.
 - We do not currently have the funds to do a full road project on Gutman.
 - We would potentially run the water line through the yards of residents instead of through the street.
- A survey of Hageman Woods Phase two was provided to council. They reviewed changes made and approved the survey.

Motion to approve updated Hageman Woods phase two survey and approval for Mayor to sign: N. Greve – first; Petek – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

- Mitch is getting ready so submit three building permits for phase two of Hageman Woods.
- Voting for funds for phase two South Street should happen any day now.



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

MAYOR'S NOTES

- The ambulance district levy passed.
- They district is currently in the process of drafting an RFP.
 - A special meeting will be held next Tuesday to review the second draft.
 - After the draft is approved, they will send it to the State so they can provide recommendations.
 - They will also be calling in all the police and fire chiefs of the district so they can weigh in on the RFP.
- Mayors' hours are done for the summer and will resume in the fall.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Ordinances / Resolutions were read by title.

THIRD 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

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-09: N. Greve – first; Roberts – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

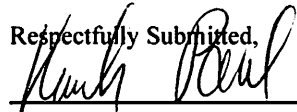
OLD BUSINESS

- Pole Maintenance – An updated list has been sent to AES. Waiting for updates from them.
- South Street Phase II Project – Voting should take place any day.
- STAR Ohio Daily Rate: 3.79%

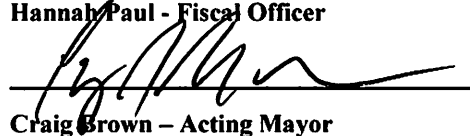
MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Hannah Paul - Fiscal Officer


Craig Brown – Acting Mayor

5/27/26

Approved