

Village of Botkins Council Meeting
Administration Bldg. – Council Chambers
Wednesday, July 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: Kevin Market, Lucas Greve, Christian Petek, Nick Greve and Craig Brown. Also in attendance: Village Administrator Randy Purdy, Fiscal Officer Hannah Paul and Attorney Jason This.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to amend the evening's agenda to include Ordinance No. 26-18 as a first reading: Petek– first; L. Greve – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14, 2026, MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2026, meeting as presented: Market – first; L. Greve – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Resident David Pohlschneider was in to address council regarding the state of some neighboring properties. He expressed concerns about the state of the property and feral cats in the area.
 - Admin Purdy advised he would go by the property and would address these concerns through nuisance violations.

SPECIAL GUESTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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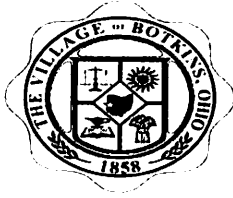
- No updates.

JOINT RECREATION BOARD

- The pickleball courts are complete and open to the public. The board is looking for final invoices to submit to the Sheets Grant for final portion of the grant.
- They received a quote for spraying the arborvitae trees at the park.
 - We do have the ability to allow a landscaping company to mix the chemicals, and public works could spray trees. We will compare costs.

FINANCE/AUDIT

- We waited one additional week to apply late fees due to the issues with water bills being lost in the mail. We did do a posting on Facebook as well as sent out a One Call text to let residents know of the postal issue and to contact the Village if they never received a bill.



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SERVICE

- Service meets August 5th.

FIRE & SAFETY

- The Fire Department bourbon raffle went well.
- There have been 97 calls this year for the fire department. This is close to the total number of calls from 2025.
- No updates on when the grass truck will be complete. We have not received the chasey yet. Once that comes in, we will pay for the chasey. No additional payments will be made until the truck has been delivered.
- The Fire Department is starting to spec out a new fire engine which will be purchased in 2029.
- The Police Department is working on a rescue task force training which would prepare them for school incidents.
- E-Scooters are becoming a real safety concern within the Village. The legislation on the agenda tonight would address concerns and allow the Police Department to enforce laws regarding E Scooters.
- The department is working on a right of road presentation, and they plan to coordinate with the school so they can present this to the students.
- National Night Out will be taking place on August 4th from 6-8 pm.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- South Street phase one updates.
 - The water lines are in and have been tested. Service lines have been hooked up.
 - Construction moves on to storm water next.
 - PAB is looking at having an outside company pour sidewalks.
 - L. Greve mentioned that some residents have complained of excavators backing up into yards. Admin Purdy will address this with PAB.
- Admin Purdy met with the Shelby County Sheriff to discuss our feral cat issue. They have the SCARF program which does catch and release.
 - SCARF will cover the cost of spay/neuter and a first round of shots before releasing the cats. They do ask for a donation to help with the costs they expend.
 - Council wants Admin Purdy to move forward with a donation and setting up traps throughout town.
 - SCARF does require permission from property owners to set out traps. They will work on communicating with property owners for permission.
- The bleachers at Cole Field are being torn out. New construction will begin in the coming weeks.
- The County has secured additional funding, so the Village does not need to spend \$80,000 on our portion of 25A. We will re-direct those funds and use them toward the waterline on Gutman Street.
- We have had inquiries regarding the former Dodge Charger police cruiser. Admin Purdy would like to sell through sealed bids instead of through GovDeals.
 - We will remove all police related equipment if a civilian wins the bid.
 - Council approved Admin Purdy's plan to post the sale for sealed bids.
- Admin Purdy has not had a chance to work on subdivision regulations regarding wooded lots. We will resume discussion at the next meeting.
- Budget is underway. Admin Purdy is waiting for expected expenses for 2027 from each department head.

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



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MAYOR'S NOTES

- The Northern Shelby County Joint Ambulance District met last night to answer and approve submitted questions from prospect bidders. They have moved the deadline by seven days.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Ordinances / Resolutions were read by title.

EMERGENCY READING

ORDINANCE NO. 26-16: AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to waive three readings for Ordinance No. 26-16: Brown – first; Petek – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-16: L. Greve – first; Market – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-17: A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET \$53,500 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Motion to waive three readings for Resolution No. 26-17: N. Greve – first; Petek – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 26-17: L. Greve – first; Brown – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

THIRD READING

RESOLUTION NO. 26-13: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JASON E. THIS, VILLAGE SOLICITOR OF THE VILLAGE OF BOTKINS AS THE PUBLIC RECORDS AND OHIO SUNSHINE LAW TRAINING DESIGNEE FOR THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE VILLAGE OF BOTKINS.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 26-13: Petek – first; N. Greve – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-14: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING CERTAIN SIDEWALKS, CURBS, AND PLANTING GRASS IN THE VILLAGE OF BOTKINS, OHIO, AND REQUIRING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS CONSTRUCT OR PLANT THE SAME.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 26-14: Market – first; N. Greve – second. All voted in favor - motion carried.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 26-18: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 75.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF BOTKINS TO REQUIRE PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO WEAR PROTECTIVE HELMETS WHILE OPERATING OR RIDING AN ELECTRIC BICYCLE OR ELECTRIC SCOOTER



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NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

- Pole Maintenance – There are four poles remaining.
- STAR Ohio Daily Rate: 3.82%

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

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

MOTION TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION

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

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Paul - Fiscal Officer

Lance Symonds – Mayor

8/12/26

Approved