

Village of Van Buren

Record of Proceedings Held: February 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Ed May presiding. Roll call was answered by:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Little | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boston Beitzel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don Wills | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natalie Walters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Heitkamp | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick DeVore |

Minutes of the January meeting were presented and reviewed by council. Motion made by Natalie Walters, second by Ashley Little to dispense with reading of minutes and pass as written. All votes yea, 4-0, motion carried.

Treasurer report, credit card statement and Bank reconciliation were presented to council.

The following bills were reviewed by Council:

Date	Account	Description	Amount
2/16/2025	ED MAY ZONING	PAYROLL	\$ 266.67
2/16/2025	ED MAY MAYOR	PAYROLL	\$ 200.00
2/16/2025	GREG AYERS	PAYROLL	\$ 350.00
2/16/2025	ASHLEY LITTLE	PAYROLL	\$ 50.00
2/16/2025	DON WILLS	PAYROLL	\$ 50.00
2/16/2025	ERIC HEITKAMP	PAYROLL	\$ 66.67
2/16/2025	BOSTON BEITZEL	PAYROLL	\$ 50.00
2/16/2025	NATALIE WALTERS	PAYROLL	\$ 50.00
2/16/2025	NICK DEVORE	PAYROLL	\$ 50.00
2/16/2025	AEP	STREET LIGHTS	\$ 1,882.22
2/16/2025	AEP	ELECTRICITY	\$ 35.34
2/16/2025	HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF	PATROL	\$ 628.92
2/16/2025	KERSHNER EXCAVATING	SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 1,200.00

Motion made by Nick Devore to pay bills, second by Boston Beitzel. All votes yea, 4-0, motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS – N/A

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS/OLD BUSINESS

ROB – LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Provides legal advice to the Village Council, the Mayor, and Village’s various committees. Additionally, discuss revisions to correct out-of-date ordinances, address requests for changes from the public and Village Administration, and create new ordinances to address new issues as needed:

▪ COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Marshall gave Council updates on the damages to the Village building, (Post office).
- Marshall advised Council to file an arbitrators exam for the pole damage done at the square. Natalie Walters moved to file exam, with a second from Nick Devore. Roll call taken, motion passed 4-0.

NICK – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Provides the mayor if any issues communicated from the Village Residents or issues that needs to be address by Council such as abandoned vehicles, tall grass, trash, nuisances, dilapidated structures, and junk on premises:

▪ **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- No Update

GREG – FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE: Provides recommendations and reviews the Village’s Revenue and Expenditure reports against the annual budget estimates and reports this information to the Council, seek grants, responsible for the compliance of the Village’s records policy, and issues Solicitation Permits:

▪ **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- Greg advised Council the PEP grant money was received.
- A third reading for Ordinance 2024-11, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF VAN BUREN, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TD ENGINEERING, LLC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE VILLAGE OF VAN BUREN, was heard. Ashley Little moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-11, with a second from Boston Beitzel. Roll call taken, motion passed 4-0.

ASHLEY and BOSTON - BEAUTIFICATIONS AND COMMUNITY EVENT COMMITTEE: Provides opportunities to build relationships between neighbors through engagements in beautification projects and entertainment/festival events that showcases the Village as well as making our Village the best it can be:

▪ **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- Ashley and Boston gave updates on the Jamboree, continued news to follow.

ERIC –PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Provides and maintains public relations for the Village Council through advocacy, transparency and improvement of communications, media, and policies:

▪ **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- Updates to Village website continue.

DON – INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Provides the mayor recommendations or concerns with any trees, streets including striping and signage, sidewalks, curbs deteriorations, water, sanitary, storm water collection systems including manhole/catch basins, street lights and weather siren are malfunctioning, and lane/street vacation:

▪ **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- No update.

NATALIE – ASSET COMMITTEE: Provides the mayor with improvements or reports of any damages to Hoadley Park, Village Square, Post Office, and Acquisitions:

▪ **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- Natalie discussed the rest room addition to Hoadley park. Continued planning with Kershner excavating.
- Pickle ball court is set to start next month.

ED – PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Provides recommendations to the Village Council on all issues related to the Village’s zoning code and subdivision regs including changes to the code and requests to rezone lots:

▪ **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- The architect committee still has an open seat.
- AT&T asked the Village for permission to run fiber optic cable through VB, Council disapproved.
- Meadow Ridge sub division is complete.

NEW BUSINESS

With no further items on the agenda, Boston Beitzel moved to adjourn, a second from Ashley Little. All votes yea, meeting adjourned.

Ed May, Mayor

Greg Ayers, Village Clerk