

MINUTES OF NASHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
HELD APRIL 10, 2025

Kayce Nelson, Village Clerk

Nashville Village Council Regular session was called to order by President Kenyon on April 10th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Castleton Twp Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Sherry Hummel, Lori Courtney, Bonnie White, Henry Felder, Ben Page, Johnny Hartwell & Mike Kenyon
Absent: None

Meeting was recorded by Village Clerk

Agenda

Motion by Hartwell and supported by Felder to approve the agenda as written. Ayes –White, Hummel, Felder, Page, Hartwell, Courtney and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion passed.

Minutes

Motion by Felder, seconded by Hummel to approve the minutes as presented from March 13th, 2025. Ayes – Page, Felder, Hummel, Hartwell, Courtney, White and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion passed.

Communications – None.

Bills

The attached list of bills totaling \$112,885.60 were presented. A Motion by White, seconded by Felder to allow the April 2025 bills as listed to be paid and have orders drawn on the treasurer for the same. Roll Call Vote: Ayes –White, Page, Hartwell, Felder, Courtney, Hummel and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Department Reports - April

Pierce presented his written report for DPW, adding that MV Schools agreed to buy the 2015 Ford pickup in the amount of \$13,500.00. Underhile presented his written report adding that Officer Denton is done with FTO and everything is moving forward.

Barry County Commissioners report

New Barry County directories are available.

Audience Questions and Comments

Garry White provided a packet regarding the Jail Stakeholder Committee and Barry County Budgeting situations.

Public Hearing – Repealing of Ordinance # 7-11-2019

Kenyon moved to open the public hearing at 7:13 pm for public comment –

Scott Fouse resident of 512 N Main stated his desire to open a discreet marijuana dispensary on this property.

Craig Stolsonburg, Village of Middleville Manager, stated Middleville has two dispensaries that have had zero issues and is able to answer any questions about the process.

Chad Vansyckle, Baltimore Twp Supervisor, stated Baltimore Twp opted in and available to answer any questions.

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Mike Callton, Barry County Commissioner, recommended to council to consider putting this topic up for a vote to the community.

The following written comments and statements in opposition were submitted and read allowed by Kenyon from G.T.; A resident of Assyria Twp; Sarah Gurd a lifelong community resident; Joshua Sams a Nashville Resident; Stephanie Hester a Castleton Twp Resident and Trustee; Dennis and Kelly Shaver, Nashville Residents; Holly Berkimer Community Resident and co-owner of Two or Three Together; Lorraine Benedict a Community Resident; June and Larry Decker, Nashville Resident; Representative for the Businesses in downtown Nashville; Wesley & Lavonne Semler, Community Residents; Sara, Matthew and Mike Martin, Nashville Residents

A letter with a petition was submitted by Glenn Branham containing 18 signatures opposing a change to the ordinance which prohibits the operation of a marijuana store or dispensary within the Nashville Village limits.

The following audience members spoke in opposition Gale Chaffee, Maple St; Jolina Steury, Foxview employee and Maple Valley student; Dakota Martin, Nashville resident, Maple Valley student and Foxview employee; Cathy Felder, S State St; Jasper Miles, Reed St; Mary Ann Hummel, Washington St; Joe Benedict, Maple Grove Resident; James Yenger, Community resident co-owner Two or Three Together; Bill Rhodes, Castleton Twp resident and Trustee; Diane Miles, Reed St; Gary White, Brumm River Rd; Mike Beachnau, Brumm River Rd; Juan Romero, Maple Grove Twp resident; Patti Branham, Reed St; Dennis Mackenzie, Hastings Resident; Debbie Clark, Cloverdale Rd; Ronna Lewis, Barry County Resident; Alice Boucher, Nashville Resident; Andrew Benkovsky, Kellogg St; Karen Snyder, Nashville Resident; Bonnie McKenzie, Hastings Resident; Bonnie Hanford, Washington St; Tom Oleson, Casgrove St;

Scott Fouse spoke again thanking everyone for speaking. This was just an idea. With a strong opposition expressed, he would like to be given alternate ideas to be able to do something with his property.

Appointments

Motion by Courtney supported by Felder to reappoint Johnny Hartwell as Pro-Tem.

Motion by Courtney supported by Hummel to reappoint Kayce Nelson as Village Clerk.

Motion by Courtney supported by Felder to reappoint Chris Underhile as Police Chief

Motion by Courtney supported by Hummel to reappoint Duane Hasen to the Library Board.

Motion by Felder supported by Hummel to reappoint Ron Bracy to the Cemetery Board.

Ayes – Hummel, Felder, Courtney, Page, White, Hartwell and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None.

Motions carried.

Committees

Motion by Hartwell and supported by Felder to keep the committee appointments the same. Ayes – White, Page, Courtney, Felder, Hummel and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion passed.

Temporary Use Permit

After discussion, council tabled the temporary use permit draft to make a few changes.

123 Sherman St

R. Musser came back with an offer of \$40,000 for 123 Sherman St. After a brief discussion, White made a motion to let R. Musser know, Thanks but no thanks. Seconded by Hartwell. Ayes – Page, White, Courtney, Hartwell, Felder, Hummel and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

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Roundtable

Page – I’m glad a lot of people show up, I liked seeing that.

Hummel – Good turnout.

Courtney – Less painful than I thought. Scott, I still think about this, we are neighbors. Antique Show May 3rd that should be a great turnout. Good night.

Hartwell – Great turnout, I just love when this happens. I really got my mind swayed on this marijuana thing tonight, we saw what the public wants.

Felder – I’m glad the turnout we had, it was eye awakening. Thanks everybody for listening.

White – Under library board, it is not Bessie Smith anymore it is me. That’s all I have. It was a good meeting. Those young adults did a lot of research, and I am proud of the product of our schools.

Kenyon – Work has started on the 2026 celebration of America’s 250th birthday.

Motion by Courtney seconded by Hartwell to adjourn at 9:23pm. All ayes. Motion carried

Date

Mike Kenyon, President

Kayce Nelson, Village Clerk