

MINUTES OF NASHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
HELD AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Kayce Nelson, Village Clerk

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Nashville Village Council Regular session was called to order by President Kenyon on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: Ben Page, Sherry Hummel, Lori Courtney, Bonnie White, Henry Felder, Johnny Hartwell & Mike Kenyon

Absent: None.

Meeting was not recorded

**Agenda**

White moved to add *E. 5 year parks plan open for public review*. Motion made by White and supported by Felder to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes – Page, White, Hartwell, Felder Hummel, Courtney and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion passed.

**Minutes**

Motion by Courtney, seconded by Felder to approve the minutes as presented from June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Ayes – Page, Felder, Courtney, Hummel, Hartwell, White and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

**Communications** – Kenyon read email statement from Ashley Janvrin.

**Bills**

The attached list of bills for July totaling \$59,235.63 were presented. A Motion by White, seconded by Felder to approve the July 2025 bills as listed to be paid and have orders drawn on the treasurer for the same. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Courtney, Hartwell, White, Felder, Page, Hummel and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

The attached list of bills for August totaling \$285,603.80 were presented. A Motion by Courtney, seconded by White to approve the August 2025 bills as listed to be paid and have orders drawn on the treasurer for the same. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – White, Page, Felder, Courtney, Hartwell, Hummel and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

**Department Reports – June & July 2025**

DPW written reports were provided by Pierce.

Chief Underhile provided his reports and stated they are preparing for the weekend's events. The upstairs renovation is making way, currently waiting on drywall.

**Barry County Commissioners report –**

Callton reported that BECHD is in a crisis with potential cutting of \$850,000 from their \$7.2 million budget. Discussion is still happening on final cuts.

**Barry County Drain Commissioners report –**

Dull reported the cleanup of the Thornapple River Intercounty Drain is completed and provided a Maintenance Report.

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**Village Audit 2024-25**

Ross Sprague from Rehmann presented the clean opinion audit for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

**Audience Questions and Comments**

Scott Fouse asked if there was a MDOT Bridge project happening. Also wondered why the river in front of his house was not included in the cleanup project.

**Public Hearing** – None

**Barry County Chamber & Economic Development MOU**

Nichole Lyke presented a placemaker market report, which is included in the MOU. Jennifer reiterated what they are asking and looking for in the partnership. Kenyon read aloud the original request from the BCCEDA. After discussion with Council. A motion by Courtney was made to accept the Barry County Chamber and Economic Development Alliance Memorandum of Understanding at investment level #3 - \$10,000 Annually. Supported by Hartwell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Courtney, Hartwell, Felder, and Kenyon. Nays – White, Hummel and Page. Absent – None. Motions carried.

**Village Audit 2024-25**

Motion by Hartwell, seconded by Felder to accept the Village Audit by Rehmann for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Ayes –Felder, White, Page, Hartwell, Courtney, Hummel and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent –None. Motion passed.

**Nashville Historical Society Resolution**

A resolution was presented to officially acknowledge NHS as a nonprofit organization in the Village of Nashville. Motion was made by White and supported by Felder to approve the local governing body resolution for charitable gaming licenses with the State of Michigan. Ayes – Courtney, Hartwell, Page, Felder, White, Hummel and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent –None. Motion Carried.

**Employee Policies 301 & 316 amendments**

White moved to include all employees. Motion by White and supported by Felder to accept employee policy 316 as amended, including all employees. Ayes – Page, White, Courtney, Felder, Hartwell, Hummel and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Motion by Courtney and supported by Felder to accept employee policy 301 as amended, including all employees. Ayes – White, Courtney, Hartwell, Felder, Hummel, Page and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

**Henry Felder Resignation**

Felder's last meeting. Kenyon read Felder's resignation letter. Motion by Hartwell and supported by White to accept Felder's letter of resignation. Open seat will be advertised starting this weekend. Special meeting at 6pm on September 11<sup>th</sup> to look at the applicants. Ayes – Page, White, Courtney, Hartwell, Felder, Hummel and Kenyon. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion Carried.

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**5-year Parks Plan is open for Public Review**

White stated the 5-year parks plan is available for public review with the public hearing in October.

**Committee Reports**

Kenyon stated Police committee met to discuss with MV Schools about potential SRO.

**Roundtable**

Kenyon – 250<sup>th</sup> celebration meeting will be 9/9/25 at 2 or 3 together, 7:00pm. Henry and Cathy, you will be missed.

Page – Route 66 has funds to help “beautify”, looking for potential uses.

Hummel – I really want to see this town grow, I don’t always see that group being positive, I have been a business owner for 29 years. Congrats Henry and Cathy.

Courtney – Henry you have been here just as long as I have. I have known Cathy my whole life. I wish you the best of luck. Congratulations to you both. This weekend is the Antique show and Brewfest and bake sale.

Hartwell – Henry and Cathy both, good luck on your next adventure. That’s quite the move!

White – Hank, its been a privilege to know you and Cathy! I also want to see this Village grow but would like to have a better idea on information. Library will be closed this Saturday!

Felder – It’s been a long time; people come and go. We have fought hard to get where we are. I’m going to miss you guys. Thanks again for everything!

Motion by Felder seconded by Hartwell to adjourn at 8:51pm. All ayes. Motion carried

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Mike Kenyon, President

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Kayce Nelson, Village Clerk