

Batavia Village Council
Agenda for Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026

Call to Order

Pledge – Mr. Staton

Roll Call of Members Present

Mrs. Zagar Mr. Gardner Mr. Dorsey Mr. Smith Mr. Staton

Village Officials Attending Meeting

Mayor Runck, Fiscal Officer Russell, Solicitor Moore, Chief Williams, Zoning Administrator
Stewart, Public Works Superintendent Smith,

Others Attending Meeting

Executive Session

Personnel ORC 121-22(G)1

Fiscal Officer: Justin Russell

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes of January 12, 2026 Village of Batavia Council Meeting

By: Mr. Gardner Seconded by: Mr. Smith

Financial Reports

2026 January Bank Reconciliations are still in progress; I am 50% complete at closing out 2025.

Many thanks to Williamsburg's Lori Pegg, Bill Gilpin, Joel Gilpin, and Michael Murray each are playing a significant role at year end and assisting with multiple questions.

Attendance – Chuck Gallagher, Bill Condo; Emily Renshaw, Jim Owens, Ed Heming, Victor Billingsly, Wayne Smith, Lana Fritsch, Brian Wandstrat, Jim Owens

Mr. Owens, Mr. Condo Ms. Renshaw spoke to council to why they decided they wanted to join council.

Regular Session

New Council Member Appointment

Motion to approve Jim Owens new council member: by Mr. Gardner seconded by: Mr. Smith

Vote: Mrs. Zagar Y Mr. Gardner Y Mr. Dorsey Y Mr. Smith Y Mr. Staton Y Passed 5-0

Public Comments:

Note: Persons wishing to make comments will be limited to 3 minutes each.

There will be a limit of 30 total minutes for public comments.

Public Speakers 3 Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Wandstrat, Mr. Albright

Mr. Gallagher – spoke about airport safety and 33K back taxes from 2023 1 Type 2 annexation 2-1 commissioner vote 200K storage facility FAA structure not hazard Building Jan 2 a power failure landed in filed; not on runway.

Brian Wandstrat – annexation FAA CRA agenda don't be like Mt. Orab lack of transparency Village/Township Gipson passed on emergency we don't care about your voice. Did Ken Geis send NDA CJFS? Sugar Ridge Voice of the people. John Waite and Jason Gipson about 25K and their campaign.

Bill Albright – Why Mr. Staton? Thought you were cleaning house he should have ran in the election. Tom Smith said cleaning house doesn't mean getting rid of everyone. 2 teachers on this board now 140 homes housing CJFS business as usual petitions Village but lawyer; How many homes is enough? Bean & Brew see that is up for sale are they behind on payment, I just get a court order and find out if they are behind. All these blank stares.

Mr. Moore cannot have more than a quorum for the second meeting that will be a townhall; Mr. Gardner and Mr. Staton every other Month a Town Hall.

Mr. Moore continued parameters all council meetings not all have to attend Town Hall

Chief Williams – Megan Easterday – moved thank you for service interviewing replacements selecting 1 or 2 per council approval Finance to purchase 2 vehicles cost 43,675 x 2 and 42k to fit car with items Mr. Gardner motion recommend out of general fund second Mr. Dorsey
Vote: Mrs. Zagar Y Mr. Gardner Y Mr. Dorsey Y Mr. Smith Y Mr. Staton Y Mr. Owens Abstain
Passed 5-0

Ms. Easterday Motion Mr. Gardner approve resignation Mr. G all in favor Y

Mr. Moore – CRT hearing date scheduled 19 cars on property; administrator detail

Motion made Mr. Gardner to go to executive session second Mr. Smith; 7:57 PM
Mrs. Zagar Y Mr. Gardner Y Mr. Dorsey Y Mr. Smith Y Mr. Staton Y Mr. Owens Y

Back to regular session 8:20 PM Motion Mr. Smith Second Mr. Staton
Mrs. Zagar Y Mr. Gardner Y Mr. Dorsey Y Mr. Smith Y Mr. Staton Y Mr. Owens Y

Police Department: Chief Williams

Report on January police activity:

259 calls for service

5 Arrests 16 Public Records

44 traffic stops	10 citations issued	30 written warnings
11 offense reports	12 incident reports	8 crash reports
SRO January Calls for Service:	H.S. 36, M.S. 24,	E.S. 8

Village Solicitor: Christopher Moore

Personnel Issues

Nuisance and Zoning Issues

Development Issues

Request to go to Executive Session ORC 121.22(G)(3), meet with counsel regarding pending and imminent litigation School Funding

Other Issues, Considerations and Concerns to the Village

Village Administrator:

River Pointe Apartments:

No new information.

Harvest Meadow Apartments:

No new information

Streamside Rental Properties:

Hal Homes still awaiting bids for construction. Looking like a starting time frame of this summer. 300 multi-family units in a townhome format.

Casey's:

Casey's is planning to start the project April 20, 2026.

Sidewalk Grant:

I have reached out to Clermont County for a status on the grant.

Herold Rd:

We are now awaiting the construction timelines from ODOT.

America 250:

We had our first meeting with the township and started a gameplan. Initial tasks have been assigned. We are looking at Friday July 3rd for the event. The next committee meeting is scheduled for 2/18/2026.

Taylor Rd. Annexation:

The Clermont County Commissioners have approved the Type 2 annexation for Beach's Tree Service and Runway Storage. The resolution to accept the annexation is on the agenda.

Village/Rubel Sign:

The parcel has been platted with the county and now Norton is awaiting the permits to begin construction.

Public Works:

The Public Works department did a great job, as always, on the snow removal.

Maddox Industrial Transformers:

I spoke to Maddox. They are planning to move into the new office space in old fire department building in March. Once the remodel and new parking lot are completed, they will start the remodel on the building on the corner of E Main and S. 3rd. The company is very "Main St" oriented and plan on possibly purchasing additional property on Main St for redevelopment.

Community Reinvestment Area:

I am now looking to schedule the required annual meeting. The CRA annual report needs to be submitted to the State by the end of March.

Armory AV System:

I replaced the microphone mixing system and it made an immediate improvement in sound volume. I found a Control 4 (room controls) company to take over support and to program a new room scene for the council meetings. This new meeting scene should eliminate most of the feedback that we have been experiencing. The streaming of the council meetings was reconfigured and is working. I am looking to possibly contract with someone to be at the meetings to handle the operation of the A/V during council meetings.

IT:

I have started the process to connect the public works facility into the armory network. We currently have on-site backups of our servers at the Armory. The off-site backup will be on a server that resides at the public works building. This network connection will allow for extension of services to the public works building including computer authentication, shared file system, cameras and access control.

Fire Board:

I have reached out to Batavia Twp. To schedule a meeting regarding fire service options.

Met to start discussion Fire Department

Zoning Commissioner: Chip Stewart

Zoning Permits:

Total – 19 total 2026

Streamside

To date: 9

Harvest Meadows

To date: 5

Zoning Violations:

There are currently 9 working violations in progress. 4 are in court process.

Zoning Cases:

Looking like Bunnel Hill Final Development Plan Public hearing for April Planning and Zoning Meeting.

Legislation

Ordinance 1560-26 Accepting Annexation Petition Filed by Stevan Beach, Agent for the Petitioners Brian Beach and Mark Kofalt WHEREAS, a Petition seeking the annexation of approximately 29.884 acres of land situate in Batavia Township to the Village of Batavia was filed with the Clermont County Board of County Commissioners on October 31, 2025, by Stevan Beach, the Agent for the Petitioners, Brian Beach and Mark Kofalt; and, WHEREAS, on December 10, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution Number 183-25 granting the said annexation; and, WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 709.04 requires that the legislative authority of the municipal corporation to which the annexation is proposed shall, by resolution or ordinance, accept or reject the Petition for Annexation;

1st Reading Tabled

Motion: by Mr. Gardner **ALL IN FAVOR 6-0**

Ordinance 1558-25 Adopt 2026 Full-Year Appropriations Amended Budget

1st Reading

Motion to: by _____, seconded by: _____

Vote: Mrs. Zagar _____ Mr. Gardner _____ Mr. Dorsey _____ Mr. Smith _____ Mr. Staton _____

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Mrs. Zagar _____ Mr. Gardner _____ Mr. Dorsey _____ Mr. Smith _____ Mr. Staton _____ M _____

Motion passed/failed by a vote of: _____

Station Motion 2nd Amendment language not emergency section 8 – note 2026 02 10 removed language as emergency

Mr. Staton Motion planning development and zoning Resolution 354-26 Second Mr. Gardner Proposed changes Mr. Owens Abstain Mrs. Zagar Y Mr. Gardner Y Mr. Dorsey Y Mr. Smith Y Mr. Staton Y Passed 5-0

Other Issues, Considerations and Concerns to the Village Mr. Gardner Motion Street Vehicle Mr. Smith Second **ALL IN FAVOR**

Mr. Smith America 250 positive meeting with the Township looking forward to working with them

Mr. Staton ORC Annual reporting CRA can be before council meetings 30 min before Kathy Turner Mr. Smith at large

Mayor: Charles Scott Runck – Dorsey/Station planning council member Chip make the change; Mayor thank you public works for streets cleared PD and letter from school read. Also, thank you for Ms. Easterday for her work in the village best wishes.

Committee Meetings / Reports

Tuesday, February 17 @ 7:00 pm

Next Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting – Gallagher,

Chuck to attend Thursday, February 19 @ 4:30 PM Finance Committee, if needed

Monday, February 23 @ 7:00 pm

2nd November Regular Council Meeting, if needed- **Canceled**

Fireboard March 16, 5 pm

Questions and Comments from Council

Adjournment Motion to Adjourn: by Mr. Gardner seconded by: Mr. Smith Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

ATTEST:



Scott Runck, -Mayor



F. Justin Russell, Fiscal Officer