



**VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE
Special Council Meeting - 8/18/2026**

August 18, 2026
4:30 PM

Minutes

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Mayor Aaron Patterson – HERE, Ms. Beaupry – HERE, Ms. Hefner – HERE, Mr. Richmond – HERE, Mr. Engard – HERE, Mr. Bosak – HERE, Mr. Sweat – ABSENT.

Mr. Richmond made a motion to excuse Mr. Sweat, seconded by Mr. Engard. All members present approved.

III. Standing Committee

1. Public Safety (Engard) -

1. Drug Enforcement Agreement

Mayor Patterson asked Chief Bingham if it was possible to have more than one NBPD officer receive training through the agreement; Chief Bingham stated that it would be difficult as it sometimes takes a year to build a case. He stated that three years would be a reasonable time frame for an officer to train with drug enforcement and build expertise.

Mayor Patterson was concerned that officers who receive this training would leave the village upon completion, and work for another municipality; Chief Bingham replied that contracts require officers to stay with the village for an allotted time frame.

Mr. Engard stated that the proposed agreement was a big investment – he asked why the K-9 unit couldn't be given a chance to work on drug related issues before signing this agreement; Mayor Patterson agreed, stating that

any agreements requiring funding would need to wait until 2027 due to limited police funding.

Chief Bingham stated that Wood County Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn had contacted him to get an update on the status of the proposed agreement; Mayor Patterson stated that the village had never committed to this.

Ms. Hefner stated that she had 2 concerns: (1) how the funds from drug seizures would be split between the parties [she recalled a 50/50 split] and (2) the amount of time that the task force would spend in the village. She stated that neither of these items were in the contract.

Mr. Engard asked why other municipalities were not requested to contribute toward this program. He stated that other communities should contribute if the task force were to operate in their limits.

Chief Bingham replied that North Baltimore was asked as it was the biggest problem in the county [regarding drugs]. Mayor Patterson disagreed with his statement and requested data be presented to prove it.

Mayor Patterson stated that he was not in support of the agreement due to a lack of accountability [regarding the task force operating outside of North Baltimore] and had several unanswered questions.

Ms. Hefner stated that she would like to have a meeting with the Sheriff to clarify contract details.

Mayor Patterson asked if the NBPD was capable to address drug issues in the village, if provided a K-9 unit and information from the Sheriff; Chief Bingham replied that the department could address issues, but it was helpful to have additional 'manpower'.

Mayor Patterson asked when the last drug enforcement bust had taken place in the village; Chief Bingham replied that the last action had taken place recently and involved the recovery of methamphetamines. He added that taking action was complicated due to limited staffing and not having the ability to do undercover operations - he stated that only the Sheriff's office can do this.

Ms. Hefner asked for confirmation that a cancellation of the agreement required a 30-day notice; Mayor Patterson and Administrator Bender confirmed.

Ms. Hefner asked council members if they would accept the contract in its current state, or if they would prefer changes to be made; there was a consensus that changes should be made.

Council agreed to hold a special meeting on August 24 at 4:30 PM to speak with Sheriff Wasylyshyn.

2. K-9 Contract

Mayor Patterson stated that he was in favor of the proposed contract but was concerned over the investment required by the village. He stated that the village would supply an additional vehicle for the K-9 unit as well as gas; he was concerned that this investment could be wasted if the K-9 officer resigned.

Mr. Bosak asked how much the village was paying directly for the K-9 dog; Mayor Patterson replied that there was no cost for the K-9, as it was provided by the K-9 officer.

Ms. Hefner asked what the age limit was for a K-9 to switch handlers; Chief Bingham worked with this dog at the Fayette Police Department and stated that it had already switched handlers once [now handled by NBPD Officer Kelly Foor]. Chief Bingham stated that it was unlikely that the dog would be able to transfer again now that she is more than 2 years of age.

Mayor Patterson stated that his concern was about keeping a K-9 officer on staff after investing in K-9 Officer training. He stated that a 1 or 2-year contract with an officer would help protect taxpayer funds.

Ms. Hefner expressed interest in a 2-year contract and asked if Officer Foor would be open to this proposal; Chief Bingham replied that he would need to ask Officer Foor.

Mayor Patterson asked when Officer Foor would complete training and how many hours per week she would work; Chief Bingham replied that she was nearly complete with training. He stated that he would need to confirm her hours but expected her to work a minimum of 2 nights per week.

Chief Bingham acknowledged the costs associated with training but stated that all equipment purchased for the K-9 unit would be kept by the department and could be utilized by future officers.

Chief Bingham stated that the K-9 unit would discourage individuals in other communities from coming to North Baltimore to sell drugs. He stated that he had seen this positive impact in his time at the Fayette Police Department.

Mr. Bosak asked how much money had been invested in the program; It was confirmed that the K-9 cruiser had been obtained for free [\$1.00] and the K-9 dog would be provided at no cost. Chief Bingham clarified that markings to the car had to be added for \$200.00. A radar was added for \$60.00.

Chief Bingham stated that Ms. Foor was contracted for 1 year with the department [pending field training] but could propose a 2-year contract if requested by council.

Mayor Patterson asked Chief Bingham for his assessment on drug related issues within the village; Chief Bingham replied that there was an issue with drugs in North Baltimore – he stated that the sheriff's proposal to form a drug enforcement agreement with the village demonstrated this.

Ms. Hefner made a motion to approve the K-9 contract with an amendment from a 1-year contract to a 2-year contract, seconded by Mr. Bosak. All members present approved.

IV. Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-19: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18 REGARDING THE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (Emergency Reading: September 8)
2. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -24: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT UTILITIES AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO THE WOOD COUNTY AUDITOR (Emergency Reading: September 8)
3. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 25: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF GRASS MOWING AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO THE WOOD COUNTY AUDITOR (Emergency Reading: September 8)
4. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -26: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF CLEANING THE STREETS, ALLEYS, WAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE FOR 2026, AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE WOOD COUNTY AUDITOR (Emergency Reading: September 8)
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 27: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF LIGHTING OF THE STREETS, ALLEYS, WAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE FOR 2026, AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE WOOD COUNTY AUDITOR (Emergency Reading: September 8)
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 28: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF TRIMMING, MAINTAINING AND PLANTING OF TREES ALONG THE STREETS, ALLEYS, WAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE FOR 2026, AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF

SAME TO THE WOOD COUNTY AUDITOR (Emergency Reading: September 8)

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 29: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF CONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING, REPLACING, AND MAINTAINING SIDEWALKS IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE FOR 2026, AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE WOOD COUNTY AUDITOR (Emergency Reading: September 8)
8. RESOLUTION NO. 24– 2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE VILLAGE PARK AND RESERVOIR STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Emergency Reading: September 8)
9. RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE WOOD COUNTY LOCAL PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 2027 PROGRAM YEAR
10. RESOLUTION NO. 26 – 2026: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DOWNTOWN FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM, APPROVING PROGRAM GUIDELINES, AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.
11. RESOLUTION NO. 27– 2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE NORTH MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM WALNUT STREET TO CHERRY STREET (Emergency Reading: September 8)

Mayor Patterson asked what the obligation for the village would be if Resolution No. 27-2026 was adopted; Administrator Bender stated that the village would pay approximately \$120,000.00 for engineering costs on the project.

Administrator Bender stated that the project would be financed using OPWC funding – a 50/50 split between grant and loan funds.

V. Third Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 14: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 373.13 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGULATING THE OPERATION OF BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES

Ms. Hefner made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-14, seconded by Ms. Beaupry. All members present approved.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 16: AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN UNIMPROVED PORTION OF SOUTH BATES STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED SOUTH OF EAST WATER STREET

Ms. Beaupry made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-16, seconded by Mr. Engard. All members present approved.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 15– 2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KLEINFELDER, INC. FOR THE SR 18 MULTI-USE PATH AND POE ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT; APPROVING THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Table?)

Administrator Bender requested Resolution No. 15-2026 be tabled, as the professional services agreement was still being reviewed by contractors Jones & Henry and Kleinfelder, Inc.

Ms. Hefner made a motion to table Resolution No. 15-2026, seconded by Mr. Engard. All members present approved.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 18– 2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Hefner made a motion to table Resolution No. 18-2026, seconded by Mr. Bosak. All members present approved.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Engard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Richmond. All members present approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 PM.

Approved:

Mason Davis, Clerk of Council

Aaron Patterson, Mayor

Bob Bohmer, Attorney

Dee Hefner, Pres of Council

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