



**VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE
Council Regular Meeting (4/14/26)**

April 14, 2026
5:30 PM

Minutes

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

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

Ms. Beaupry made a motion to excuse Ms. Hefner, Seconded by Mr. Richmond. All members present approved.

Ms. Beaupry made a motion to select Mr. Richmond as interim President of Council, seconded by Mr. Engard. All members present approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

1. Council Regular Meeting - March 10th, 2026

Ms. Beaupry made a motion to approve the minutes for the 3/10/2026 Council Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Engard. All members present approved.

IV. Aaron Montz, American StructurePoint - Railroad Quiet Zone Presentation

Aaron Montz of American StructurePoint stated that the firm had submitted a statement of qualifications to the Village for various engineering services. Administrator Bender requested that he speak about conducting an initial study for railroad quiet zone establishment.

Mr. Montz shared information on how to establish a railroad quiet zone, the required safety improvements, and the benefits they can have for communities.

He added that the initial step for a study is to create an inventory of existing rail conditions and to develop a ballpark cost estimate. No official estimates were available, but Mr. Montz speculated that the project would cost anywhere between \$1.5 Million to \$3 Million.

V. Public Participation (5-min limit)

Several event permits were approved during the public participation portion of the meeting:

Mr. Engard made a motion to approve the event permit for the North Baltimore Little League Opening Day Ceremony Parade, seconded by Mr. Richmond. All members present approved.

Ms. Beaupry made a motion to approve the event permit for the North Baltimore Historical Society's "Safety Day" event, seconded by Mr. Engard. All members present approved.

Mr. Richmond made a motion to approve the event permit for the North Baltimore Public Library's "Dino Wheels on Main" event, seconded by Mr. Bosak. All members present approved.

Ms. Beaupry made a motion to approve the event permit for the Village of North Baltimore's 150th – America 250 Festival, seconded by Mr. Richmond. All members present approved.

Ms. Susan Seiler spoke about the potential alley vacation [Ordinance No. 2026-08]. She shared that she would continue to mow and maintain the area and that her neighbor had agreed with the alley vacation.

VI. Letters and Communications

Nothing of note.

VII. Administrative Reports

1. Fiscal Officer: Report Submitted.

Mr. Clouse stated that a hearing regarding the JEDD expansion with Henry Township would be held on May 12th, 2026, at 4:45 PM.

2. EMS Chief:

Mayor Patterson reported on behalf of Chief Walter that eight fuel injectors needed to be replaced in EMS vehicles totaling \$7,642.24.

3. Fire Chief: Report Submitted.

4. Police Chief: Report Submitted.

Administrator Bender reported on behalf of Chief Bingham. He had inquired about extended vehicle warranties and found that they would cost approximately \$4,200 per vehicle.

Additional vehicle considerations were mentioned. Council discussed the proposed appropriation for police vehicle purchases [Ordinance No. 2026-10].

5. Utility Director:

Nothing of note.

6. DPW Superintendent:

Mr. Jesus Rocha submitted his resignation as a Public Works Department full-time laborer.

Mr. Sweat made a motion to advertise for the vacant Public Works Department laborer position, seconded by Mr. Engard. All members present approved.

7. Village Administrator: Report Submitted.

Administrator Bender provided updates on the East Broadway Street reconstruction project, The East Broadway Street sidewalk development, and potential Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the Main Street corridor.

Mr. Mason Davis, Village Economic Development Specialist, informed council that the Fire Department had been awarded \$14,000 for the purchase of two positive pressure (PPV) fans from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

Administrator Bender informed council that ODOT had the repaving of State Route 18 scheduled for 2033. Certain segments of the road might need to be repaired prior to this date.

ODOT proposed that the Village pay for materials, while they would complete necessary work before the full repaving. This was estimated to cost approximately \$30,000.00. Administrator Bender stated that approximately \$46,000.00 was currently budgeted for SR-18 in the Village fund.

Mr. Richmond made a motion to authorize Administrator Bender to negotiate this deal with ODOT for up to \$30,000.00, seconded by Mr. Bosak.

Administrator Bender stated that he would need to be reappointed to the JEDD board.

Ms. Beaupry made a motion to appoint Village Administrator Joshua Bender to the JEDD board, seconded by Mr. Engard. All members present approved.

8. Clerk: Nothing of Note.
9. Appointed Legal Counsel: Nothing of note.
10. Mayor:

VIII. Standing Committee

1. Economic and Community Development (Hefner) -
2. Public Safety (Engard) -
3. Personnel, Policy and Ordinance Review (Bosak) -
4. Public Works (Beaupry) -
5. Public Utilities (Sweat) -
6. Finance and Technology (Richmond) -

Executive Session: To confer with the Village Solicitor concerning pending or imminent court action under ORC 121.22(G)(3), and to discuss security arrangements and emergency response protocols under ORC 121.22(G)(6), with potential action to follow (Resolution No. 07-2026).

Mr. Engard made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Ms. Beaupry.

Executive session began at approximately 6:33 PM. Regular session was resumed at approximately 6:43 PM.

IX. New Legislation

1. RESOLUTION NO. 09 – 2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Sweat made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of Resolution No. 09-2026, seconded by Ms. Beaupry. All members present approved.

Mr. Richmond made a motion to adopt Resolution No, 09-2026 as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Bosak. All members present approved.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Richmond made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 2026-10, seconded by Mr. Engard. All members present approved.

Mr. Richmond made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-10 as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Engard. All members present approved.

X. Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

1. RESOLUTION NO. 08 – 2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT
2. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 09: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 901.13 AND ENACTING SECTION 901.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, OHIO ESTABLISHING SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

XI. Third Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

1. RESOLUTION NO. 05 – 2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION AND TRANSFER OF OBSOLETE VILLAGE PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE TO THE NORTH BALTIMORE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO ORC 721.15

Mr. Engard made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 05-2026, seconded by Mr. Richmond. All members present approved.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 07 – 2026: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM FOR THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, OHIO IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORC 9.64

Mr. Richmond made a motion to adopt Resolution No, 07-2026, seconded by Ms. Beaupry. All members present approved.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 05: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO OHIO POWER COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES WITHIN THE STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, OHIO

Mr. Richmond made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-05, seconded by Mr. Engard. All members present approved.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 07: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2026 NORTH BALTIMORE SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN; AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY AGREEMENTS

Mr. Richmond made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-07, seconded by Ms. Beaupry. All members present approved.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 08: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN UNIMPROVED ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED WEST OF 105 N THIRD STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, AND COMBINING THE VACATED AREA WITH PARCEL F23-310-350103005000 OWNED BY SUSAN L SEILER

Mr. Sweat made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-08, seconded by Mr. Richmond. All members present approved.

XII. Other New Business

Nothing of note.

XIII. Other Old Business

Nothing of note.

XIV. Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Mr. Richmond to pay the bills in the amount of \$326,962.51. Seconded by Mr. Engard. All approved

XV. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 PM.