REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Village of Put-in-Bay Council
Thursday, August 6th, 2026
9:00 AM Village Town Hall

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Mayor Berry called the meeting to order at 9:00 am
Roll: Cerny; present, Stephens; present, Schafer; present, Koehler; absent, Sulesky; present, Hahn; present

Agenda Additions:
Motion to approve additional items to the agenda:
Third readings on the following:
Ordinance 1532-26 and Ordinance 1531-26

Cerny moved to amend the agenda to include the third readings on the above ordinances. Second by Stephens.
Roll: Sulesky; yes, Schafer; yes, Cerny; yes, Hahn; yes, Stephens; yes.

ORDINANCES:

1548-26 **INTRO/EMERG**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 636.05 "MENACING" AND 606.14 "OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS" OF PART SIX OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Cerny introduced the ordinance. This will serve as the first reading.

1549-26 **INTRO/EMERG**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 404.02 "RESISTING AN ENFORCING OFFICIAL" OF PART FOUR, TITLE TWO OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cerny introduced the ordinance. This will serve as the first reading.

RESOLUTIONS:

2-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY TO APPLY FOR A STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (SIB) LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF $250,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Lengthy discussion took place on the explanation of the SIB Loan for the promenade project. Loan terms and conditions and length of loan took place. Bob from DGL explained the timeline of applying for the loan and when bids go out. Fiscal Officer Bob, Village Administrator and Ty Winchester from DeRivera Park met to come up with all possible ways to fund this project.

Stephens introduced the Resolution as an emergency.
Schafer moved to waive the three-reading rule for the Resolution. Second by Sulesky.
Roll: Stephens; yes, Cerny; no, Sulesky; yes, Hahn; no, Schafer; yes.

Stephens moved for the Resolution to go in effect immediately. Second by Sulesky.
Roll: Schafer; yes, Hahn; no, Sulesky; yes, Stephens; yes, Cerny; no.

This will serve as the first reading; vote not enough to pass as an emergency.

Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer stressed the importance of passing this as an emergency as it is the only option for funding that coincides with the timeline of the bid process.

Stephens moved to re-open the Resolution and place back on agenda. Sulesky second.
Roll: Cerny; yes, Hahn. Yes, Stephens; yes, Sulesky; yes, Schafer; yes.

Stephens moved to waive the three-reading rule. Second by Sulesky.
Roll: Schafer; yes, Cerny; yes, Sulesky; yes, Hahn; yes, Stephens; yes.

Stephens moved for the Resolution to go in effect immediately. Second by Sulesky.

Roll: Cerny; yes, Stephens; yes. Schafer; yes, Sulesky; yes, Hahn; yes.

Resolution 2-2026 passes.

ACTION OF COUNCIL NEEDED:

Cerny moved to approve the Minutes from July 9th, 2026 Regular Meeting. Second by Schafer.
Roll: Schafer; yes, Cerny; yes, Hahn; yes, Sulesky; yes, Stephens; yes.

Cerny moved to approve the June 2026 Financial Report (including supplemental appropriations, purchase orders, and Mayors Court, and payroll reports). Second by Sulesky.
Roll: Schafer; yes, Cerny; yes, Hahn; yes, Sulesky; yes, Stephens; yes.

Cerny moved to approve the Bills to be paid in August. Second by Stephens.
Roll: Hahn; yes, Cerny; yes, Stephens; yes, Sulesky; yes, Schafer; yes.

Cerny moved to table the Roetzel Invoices for November 2025 through March 2026 in the amount of $42,952.50 until fiscal officer and legal have more time to research. Second by Hahn.
Roll: Sulesky; yes, Hahn; yes, Stephens; yes, Cerny; yes, Schafer; yes.

Cerny moved to approve the Ottawa County Sheriffs Office invoice of $10,423.60 as approved by the Law Enforcement Foundation Board for services between 6-28 and 7-11-2026. Second by Stephens.
Roll: Cerny; yes, Stephens; yes Hahn; yes, Sulesky; yes, Schafer; yes.

Stephens moved to approve the Ottawa County Sheriffs Office invoice of $11,861.80 as approved by the Law Enforcement Foundation Board for services between 7-12 to 7-25-2026. Second by Schafer.
Roll: Cerny; yes, Schafer; yes, Stephens; yes, Sulesky; yes, Hahn; yes.

Stephens moved to approve the Bricker Graydon Wyatt invoice for $25,080.64 for services rendered through June 30th, 2026. Second by Sulesky.
Roll: Schafer; yes, Cerny; yes, Hahn; yes, Sulesky; yes, Stephens; yes.

Cerny moved to approve the Erie Island Petro. Invoice for police department fuel in the amount of $9,867.52. Second by Stephens.
Roll: Hahn, yes, Cerny; yes, Stephens; yes, Sulesky; yes, Schafer; yes.

Stephens moved to approve the National Testing Network invoice for $6,351.00 for Police Department Background Checks. Second by Sulesky.
Roll: Cerny; yes, Schafer; yes, Stephens; yes, Sulesky; yes, Hahn; yes.

Bob From DGL gave explanation of the invoice; total cost is $95,000.00, currently about $18,000.00 under budget. This will be paid from the Promenade fund with already received grant money.
Stephens moved to approve the DGL Invoice #4 for topo & engineering on the Promenade $ $42,394.50. Second by Sulesky.
Roll: Schafer; yes, Cerny; yes, Hahn; yes, Sulesky; yes, Stephens; yes.

Village Administrator gave explanation; legal is reviewing the contract. It will be ready for the August 13th, 2026 meeting.
No action taken on DGL Proposal for Promenade Improvements Construction Administration & Inspection $70,577.75.

Village Administrator gave explanation; legal is reviewing the contract. It will be ready for the August 13th, 2026 meeting. No action taken on OHM Proposal for Promenade Funding Administration Services (reports/expenditures/disbursements) $3,600.00.

Village Administrator state that they are willing to come to the Village to discuss the report; Invoice for Townhall Assessment for American Structure Point $21,300.00
Will try to align with the 9/10/2026 meeting. When date is decided on, Fiscal Officer will post as a special meeting.

Cerny moved to approve the Barco Products invoice for benches/picnic table $4,789.00 part of S & I grant. Second by Hahn.
Roll: Roll: Schafer; yes, Cerny; yes, Hahn; yes, Sulesky; yes, Stephens; yes.

Cerny moved to approve the Credit for G26 $1,554.10 for sewer over payment. Second by Stephens.
Roll: Hahn; yes, Cerny; yes, Stephens; yes, Sulesky; yes, Schafer; yes.

Sulesky moved to approve the Franklin Sanitation invoice for $7,262.00 for VacCon work; routine maintenance and cleaning. Second by Cerny.
Roll: Sulesky; yes, Cerny; yes, Hahn; yes, Schafer; yes, Stephens; yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Stephens had several questions on a few bills; clarified with fiscal officer and village administrator.

Schafer provided council with a potential quote for health insurance. Will follow up continuously in the next month.
Questioned why DeRivera (B-Dock) consistently has more boats than Village docks. Village needs to amp up social media to attract more business.
Regarding 2027 council dates; would it be possible to change to the first and third Thursday. Trying to schedule his vacations early; asked fiscal officer to draft dates for next meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION:
198 Delaware appeal is taking place currently. Joe Fields is requesting signage. New drawing for a new variance on the Cincinnati property. Historical Society signage for the museum and resale shop.

President of Council:
Circulated pros and cons report for a policing contract with the Township. Will plan a meeting in the future.

DEPARTMENTS:
Chief of Police:
Discussed tragedy that took place at Me. Ed's Bar and Grill. Reported that there will always be congestion on Bayview and Catawba regardless of a traffic director on the corner. 250th celebration went very well; minimal issues.

Administrator:
See Report

LEGAL COUNSEL:
Requested executive session for pending and imminent litigation.

MAYOR REPORT:
Request to NTA for background checks for the police dept. Chief Dillon is working on background checks; they can potentially be done in house with the officers receiving the proper training to facilitate them.
Requested that the approval of Chief Dillons 6-month probation be approved at the next meeting.

Letters and a copy of the ordinance were sent to all transient rental companies.
Zoning inspector is working on parking compliance letter to be sent to all businesses.

Presented Bob Gatewood with a letter of recognition for hosting the police uniform benefit.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Mike Sweeney; 348 Toledo. Pat Daily walkway; would love to honor Pat Dailey by naming the Promenade walkway for him. No cost to the Village. Requested council approve.

Charlie Weiner; Brunswick Ohio. Agreed with Sweeney. Pat played a huge part in the music on PIB and deserves recognition.

Legal will draft language for a Resolution for the August 13th, 2026 meeting.

Dave Kniffen; Warden Ave. Spoke on the Mr. Ed's tragedy. Drafted up language regarding tougher security and safety measures at the bar and restaurants. Asked council to consider.

Carter Pugh; 72 Chapman. Requested status of the public hearing. Mayor stated the second reading is August 13th.

Miyo and Maria Hristovski; Village Carts; Requesting one week extension for legal to review the agreement before signing.
Council discussed and allowed the extension. Max Hristovski stated that they have always been compliant with the Village and requested the extension.

Cerny moved for council to enter executive session for the discussion of pending and imminent litigation. Second by Schafer.
Roll: Stephens; yes, Hahn; yes, Cerny; yes, Sulesky; yes, Schafer; yes.
Council entered executive session at 11:00 am.

There will be action on Ordinances 1531-26 and 1532-26 after executive session.

Cerny moved to exit executive session. Second by Hahn.
Roll: Stephens; yes, Hahn; yes, Schafer; yes, Sulesky; yes, Cerny; yes.
Council exit at 11:34 am.

Cerny moved the third and final reading of Ordinance 1531-26; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1044.19 “SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE” OF PART TEN, TITLE FOUR OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PUT IN BAY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Second by Stephens.
Roll: Schafer; yes, Sulesky; yes, Cerny; yes, Hahn; yes, Stephens; yes.

Stephens moved the third and final reading of Ordinance 1532-26; AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW SECTION 1044.21 :EXTENSION BY PRIVATE ENTITY TO INSIDE CUSTOMERS” OF PART TEN TITLE FOUR OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF OUT IN BAY AND DECLARING AN EMRGENCY. Second by Cerny.
Roll: Hahn; yes, Sulesky; yes, Stephens; yes, Cerny; yes, Schafer; yes.

Stephens moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Cerny.
Roll: Voice Vote; all yes.
Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

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Approve: Date:

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Attest: Date:

Council may enter Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official; and for the discussion of pending and imminent litigation; and for the sale of property.
Council may enter Executive Session for any items listed in R.C. 121.22