REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Village of Put-in-Bay Council
Thursday, September 10th, 2026
9:00 AM Village Town Hall

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Mayor Berry called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

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

Agenda Additions:
Amend the agenda to add the approval of the Mayor to attend the OML Mayors conference in Columbus September 30th to October 2nd.
Motion to approve additional items to the agenda:
Stephens provided the first, Cerny second.
Roll: Hahn; yes, Schafer; yes, Koehler; yes, Cerny; yes, Sulesky; yes, Stephens; yes.

Cerny moved to Approve the Mayor to attend the OML Mayors conference in Columbus September 30th to October 2nd. Second by Stephens.
Roll: Hahn; yes, Schafer; yes, Koehler; yes, Cerny; yes, Sulesky; yes, Stephens; yes.

ORDINANCES:

ORD: 1552-26 **TABLED**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK LOAN PROGRAM TERM SHEET. DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE TERM SHEET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Sulesky moved to un-table the ordinance. Second by Koehler.
Roll: Cerny; yes, Stephens; yes, Schafer; yes, Koehler; yes, Sulesky; yes, Hahn; abstain.
Stephens moved to introduce the ordinance as an emergency.
Discussion was started on the necessity of the Village taking out another loan. Cerny stated he read the loan contract, and it does not read like a line of credit as stated it was by the Village Administrator. Village Administrator told council that the SIB loan was sought after to cover the Village portion of the project. Cerny stated that he is against the Village taking out any more loans. Concerns as to the total loan amount of $250k being released and the Village using it even though they do not need all of it to cover their share. Mayor and Village Administrator both stressed the fact that even though $250 is awarded the Village will not use the whole amount. Mayor stated either this moves forward or the project will be terminated.

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

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

No super majority vote to pass as an emergency; this will serve as a first reading.

Village Administrator and Mayor stated that this has to pass immediately; construction has already started. Mayor directed the Village Admin. to put an immediate stop on the project. Cerny and Hahn questioned why the Village cannot fund this project without taking a loan out. Mayor stated that the Fiscal Officer, Village Admin, project manager Bob Desmond and herself met and went over every possible way to fund the project without financial aid and there is none. The SIB loan is absolutely necessary to move forward with this project.

Bob Desmond phoned in and answered questions from council regarding the terms and conditions of the SIB loan. Explained that it is like a line of credit, and will only use the amount that is needed and it will not be the whole $250k. Once the project is complete; the loan is complete. Cerny requested a copy of the loan agreement and a how many pay requests there will be. Desmond stated they will be once a month and there will be three pay applications.

Village Admin. explained the extra concrete for the sidewalk that is included. Paperwork was circulated to council prior to meeting.

Sulesky moved to reopen the matter for a vote. Stephens second.
Roll: Koehler; yes, Schafer yes, Cerny; yes, Stephens; yes, Hahn; yes, Sulesky; yes.

Stephens moved to introduce the ordinance as an emergency.

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

Stephens moved for the ordinance to go in effect immediately. Second by Sulesky.
Roll: Cerny; yes, Hahn; yes, Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Sulesky; yes, Schafer; yes.

RES: 3-26 **THIRD**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NAMING OF THE VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY PROMENADE WALKWAY AS "PAT DAILEY MEMORIAL WALKWAY."

Cerny moved to table the ordinance. Second by Stephens.
Roll: Cerny; yes, Stephens; yes, Schafer; yes, Koehler; yes, Sulesky; yes, Hahn; yes.

RES: 4-26 **INTRO/EMERG**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Village Administrator received grant money for EPA mandated work that needs to be done at the Water Treatment Plant. Stated that this is just to be able to apply for the money, not to accept. Additional discussion took place on the Villages need to keep applying for loans and grants.

Koehler introduced the Resolution as an emergency.

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

Council questioned why this needs to be approved as an emergency; Village admin stated the EPA is Keeping the timeline and we need to stay in compliance.

Sulesky moved the Resolution to go in effect immediately. Second by Stephens.
Roll: Hahn; yes, Schafer; yes, Koehler; yes, Cerny; yes, Sulesky; yes, Stephens; yes.

ACTION OF COUNCIL NEEDED:

Cerny moved to approve the Bills to be paid in September, 2026. Second by Stephens.
Roll: Hahn; yes, Cerny; yes, Schafer; yes, Koehler; yes, Sulesky; yes, Stephens; yes.

Amend Council Rules 2026 to reflect agenda deadline
Discussion took place on timeline of sending agenda and documents to council. 48 hours vs. 2 business Days. Village Admin also asked council to submit questions on the documents 1 day before the meeting to keep the efficiency of the meetings.

Stephens moved to amend the council rules to reflect all documents and agenda to be circulated to council by noon, two business days before the scheduled meeting. Second by Cerny.
Roll: Koehler; yes, Sulesky; yea, Hahn; yes, Schafer; yes; Stephens; yes, Cerny; yes.

Hahn moved to approve the PEP General Liability Insurance final installment in the amount of $22,113.20. Second by Cerny.
Roll: Schafer; yes, Cerny; yes, Sulesky; yes, Hahn; yes, Stephens; Koehler; yes.

Stephens moved to approve the /East Point sanitary sewer assessment fee of $3,298.47 to be expended from fund 5202 Capital Improvement. Second by Schafer.
Roll: Sulesky; abstain, Schafer; yes, Stephens; yes, Cerny; yes, Hahn; yes. Koehler; yes.

Stephens moved to approve the Ibis/East Point sanitary sewer assessment fee of $21,307.67 to be expended from fund 5202 Capital Improvement. Second by Schafer.
Roll: Hahn; yes, Cerny; yes, Schafer; yes, Koehler; yes, Sulesky; abstain, Stephens; yes.

Cerny moved to approve the All-American Tree quote in the amount of $10,200.00 for WTP tree work and $3,100.00 for Ground Storage Tree work. Total cost of $13,300.00. Second by Stephens.
Roll: Koehler; yes, Sulesky; yes, Hahn; yes, Schafer; yes, Stephens; yes, Cerny; yes.

Ford Credit – Municipal Finance Invoice $11,893.43 for PD Expedition
(9/2028 last payment).
Stephens moved to un-table. Second by Sulesky.
Roll: Cerny; yes, Schafer; yes, Koehler; yes, Hahn; yes, Stephens; yes Sulesky; yes.

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:
2 Special Meetings scheduled for 9-9-2026. Structure Point 1pm and General Liability Insurance 3pm.

Koehler asked for an Update on the impound lot. Chief stated the vehicles are removed and the lot will be Cleaned up.

Hahn stated that he noticed that around the properties there are a lot of unused materials, vehicles, things Stored in the garages. Directed the Village Administrator to obtain a dumpster. Hahn also requested a list of assets that each department has.

President of Council:
Would like to look into a different credit card platform that charges less. Look in to charging a credit card fee on the docks.

DEPARTMENTS:

Chief of Police:
Asked for a policy or procedure on getting rid of impounded vehicles.

Administrator:
Gave overview on Promenade timeline and funding. Assessments were hand delivered to residents on Ibis and East Point. Sulesky requested 2025 data for water loss to compare and review.

LEGAL COUNSEL:
Requests executive session 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.

MAYOR REPORT:
Circulated OML handout regarding eBike regulations; asked council to review.
Legal stated that the Village code for eBikes and scooters are 474.11 and 474.12.

Hahn questioned the ability to register eBikes and Scooters as golf carts are registered; legal will research village authority.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Carter Pugh; 72 Chapman Rd: Handout out pros and cons of the re-zoning of the Bayview Ave property. Asked council to review.

Bob Gatewood; AB Carts: Has pride, hope and gratitude for the Council, Mayor, and Chief.

Steve Cooks; Shore Villas: Concerns on residents blowing off fireworks in the Village. Who holds responsibility if there is a fire. Mayor and Chief stated the Village does have an ordinance prohibiting fireworks within Village limits. Directed residents to call police when it happens next.

Hahn moved for council to enter executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Second by Schafer.
Roll: Cerny; yes, Koehler; yes, Stephens; yes, Hahn; yes. Sulesky; yes, Schafer; yes.

Council entered executive session at 10:24 am.

Hahn moved to exit executive session. Second by Cerny.
Roll: Sulesky; yes, Hahn; yes, Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Schafer; yes, Cerny; yes.

Council exited executive session at 11:04 am.

Stephens moved to adjourn. Second by Hahn.
Roll: Voice Vote; all yes.
Meeting adjourned at 11:05 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