

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MAYVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 18, 2026 (Official)

The Village Council of Mayville, Michigan held a **Regular** Meeting at the Village Hall on August 18th, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. by Kristen Valentine, Village President, with the following officers and Trustees present: Bill Barkowska, Margo Chambers, Kathy Freeland, and Beau Shaver.

Absent - None

Employees Present – Zoning Admin\Code Enforcement Nicholas Arquette, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Bellor, Fire Chief Terry Blackmer, and Clerk\Interim Manager Kayla Reed.

Guests – 7

Pledge of Allegiance -

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda-

1. Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2026 -

Motion by B. Shaver, 2nd by M. Chambers to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2026.

Yays - 5 Nays – 0

Motion Carried

2. Approval of Bills as Presented -

Motion by K. Freeland, 2nd by M. Chambers to Approve Bills as presented.

Roll call vote -K. Freeland- Y B. Barkowska- Y B. Shaver-Y M. Chambers - Y K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried

Action Items -

1. USDA Phase 2 Invoice Approval - Spicer - August -

Motion by M. Chambers, 2nd by K. Freeland to Approve Phase 2 Spicer August invoice in the amount of \$21,911.00 be submitted to USDA for payment.

Roll call vote - B. Barkowska- Y M. Chambers- Y K. Freeland- Y B. Shaver - Y K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried

2. Frankenmuth CD 302 Renewal -

Motion by B. Shaver, 2nd by K. Freeland to Renew Frankenmuth Credit Union CD #302 in the amount of \$5,457.13 maturing 9/2/26 for 11 months at the rate of approx 3.15% apy

Roll call vote - B. Shaver- Y K. Freeland- Y M. Chambers - Y B. Barkowska- Y K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried

3. Frankenmuth CD 303 Renewal -

Motion by K. Freeland, 2nd by M. Chambers to Renew Frankenmuth Credit Union CD #303 in the amount of \$32,743.26 maturing 9/2/26 for 11 months at the rate of approx 3.15% apy

Roll call vote -B. Barkowska- Y B. Shaver- Y M. Chambers - Y K. Freeland- Y K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried

4. Frankenmuth CD 304 Renewal -

Motion by M. Chambers, 2nd by K. Freeland to Renew Frankenmuth Credit Union CD #304 in the amount of \$38,734.42 maturing 9/2/26 for 11 months at the rate of approx 3.15% apy

Roll call vote - B. Barkowska- Y M. Chambers- Y K. Freeland- Y B. Shaver - Y K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried

5. Frankenmuth CD 306 Renewal -

Motion by M. Chambers, 2nd by B. Barkowska to Renew Frankenmuth Credit Union CD #306 in the amount of \$4,347.48 maturing 9/4/26 for 11 months at the rate of approx 3.15% apy

Roll call vote - B. Shaver- Y K. Freeland- Y M. Chambers - Y B. Barkowska- Y K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried

6. Frankenmuth CD 307 Renewal -

Motion by K. Freeland, 2nd by M. Chambers to Renew Frankenmuth Credit Union CD #307 in the amount of \$71,507.35 maturing 9/4/26 for 11 months at the rate of approx. 3.15% apy

Roll call vote - K. Freeland- Y B. Barkowska- Y M. Chambers - Y B. Shaver- Y K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried

7. Ohmer Park Tree Removal -

Motion by B. Shaver, 2nd by B. Barkowska to Approve estimate from Jake's Tree Service in the amount of \$700 to include stump grinding but leave wood.

Roll call vote - K. Freeland- Y B. Barkowska- Y M. Chambers - Y B. Shaver- Y K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried

8. Zoning Book Verbiage Correction -

Motion by B. Shaver, 2nd by M. Chambers to correct the language in Section 8.27 Private Road Standards #3 to read 'the easement shall be recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds' instead of Oakland County.

Roll call vote - M. Chambers - Y B. Barkowska- Y K. Freeland- Y B. Shaver- Y K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried

9. Zoning Permit Extension for Restaurant - Joe Israel has officially purchased the property and filed plans with Tuscola County Building Codes and needs the Villages Zoning Permit Extension in order to move forward with County Approval.

Motion by K. Freeland, 2nd by M. Chambers to Extend the Zoning Permit for 1 year as previously approved on 8/20/25. This extension will be good from 8/20/26-8/20/27.

Yays - 5 Nays – 0

Motion Carried

Department Reports -

D.P.W - Monthly report submitted by Ray Herington.

Fire Department Report – Monthly report submitted by Fire Chief Terry Blackmer & presented by Assistant Fire Chief Jason Bellor.

7/21/26 - 8/18/26 Incidents by Location -

Village of Mayville (5 incidents)

Fremont Township (6 incidents)

Dayton Township (0 incidents)

Rich Township (0 Incidents)

Mutual Aid (2 incidents)

Total - 13

2026 Incidents by Jurisdiction (Year-to-Date)

• Fremont Township – 43 (35.5%)

• Village of Mayville – 31 (25.6%)

• Dayton Township – 23 (19.0%)

• Mutual Aid – 15 (12.4%)

• Rich Township – 9 (7.4%)

Total - 121

Police Department Report –

Monthly report submitted by Police Chief Louis Cook, 33 calls of service reported.

Zoning Report – Monthly report presented by Zoning Admin\Code Enforcement Nicholas Arquette.

Planning Commission - Monthly Verbal report presented by Planning Chair Cecilia Kapcia.

Ambulance Report - Monthly report presented by Jason Bellor, 80 calls of service reported for July

Manager Report - Monthly report presented by Clerk/Interim Manager Kayla Reed.

President Updates -

Motion by K. Valentine, 2nd by B. Shaver for a 10 minute Recess at 7:36pm

President Valentine called meeting to order

Motion by K. Valentine, 2nd by M. Chambers to reopen meeting to public at 7:52pm

Acknowledgment of Special Guest and or Presentations - Village Attorney Adam Flory

Attorney recommendation that Per MCL 15.268 1)(h & MCL 15.243 1)(g. To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute; President Valentine requests for a closed session with a roll call vote.

Motion by B. Shaver, 2nd by K. Freeland to move into Closed Session Per MCL 15.268 1)(h & MCL 15.243 1)(g - To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute at 7:55pm.

Roll call vote -K. Freeland- Y B. Barkowska- No B. Shaver-Y M. Chambers - No K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried 3-2

President Valentine called meeting to order

Motion by B. Barkowska, 2nd by M. chambers to reopen meeting to public at 8:54pm

a. Resolution of Censure for Trustee Barkowska - ***See Attached***

Motion by B. Shaver, 2nd by K. Freeland to Approve and Adopt the Resolution of Censure for Trustee William Barkowska Resolution #26-8-18.

Roll call vote -K. Freeland- Y B. Barkowska- No B. Shaver-Y M. Chambers - Y K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried 4-1

VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE
TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION OF CENSURE OF VILLAGE TRUSTEE WILLIAM BARKOWSKA

RESOLUTION NO. 26-8-18

DATED: August 18, 2026

At a regular meeting of the Village of Mayville Village Council, Tuscola County, Michigan, held at the Village of Mayville Governmental Offices located at 6104 Fulton St., Mayville, MI 48744 on the 18th day of August 2026, at 7:00 p.m. the following Resolution was introduced and adopted:

PRESENT: B. Barkowska - m. Chambers - K. Freeland
B. Shaver - K. Valentine

ABSENT: none

RESOLUTION OF CENSURE OF VILLAGE TRUSTEE WILLIAM BARKOWSKA

WHEREAS, as a Village Trustee, William Barkowska is charged with a duty to exercise sound judgment and to comply with all applicable laws and is further charged with the duty to carry out the responsibilities of his office (and only those responsibilities) as provided under Michigan law and the regulations pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, Trustee Barkowska, in his capacity as a Trustee of the Village Council of the Village of Mayville, is charged with a duty and obligation to act in accordance with the best interests, conventions and practices of the Village of Mayville and in a manner that does not subject the Village of Mayville to an unreasonable risk of adverse litigation.

WHEREAS, the Village of Mayville Village Council duly adopted a Village Council Trustee Policy on or about February 21, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Village of Mayville Village Council Trustee Policy was passed to ensure, among other things, public confidence in the integrity of local government.

WHEREAS, the Village of Mayville Village Council Trustee Policy dictates that members of the Village Council should work to “inspire public confidence in Mayville government” and “demonstrate honesty and integrity in every action and statement.”

WHEREAS, William Barkowska is a member of the Village of Mayville Village Council.

WHEREAS, William Barkowska was a member of the Village of Mayville Village Council when the Village Council adopted the Village Council Trustee Policy and voted in favor of same.

WHEREAS, Trustee Barkowska, in his capacity as a Trustee and elected official of the Village Council of the Village of Mayville, is charged with a duty and obligation to comply with the requirements of Michigan's Open Meetings Act ("OMA"), Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.261 *et seq.*, and Michigan's Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, Trustee Barkowska, in his capacity as a Trustee and elected official of the Village Council of the Village of Mayville, is charged with a duty and obligation to not reveal the contents of a closed session under the provisions of the OMA except where directed to do so through judicial intervention.

WHEREAS, Trustee Barkowska, in his capacity as a Trustee and elected official of the Village Council of the Village of Mayville, is charged with a duty and obligation to work amenably and cooperatively with the Village of Mayville to provide access to public records in Trustee Barkowska's possession, custody or control to the extent that copies of the aforesaid public records have been requested in a valid, effectual FOIA Request from a requesting person under the provisions of the FOIA statute.

WHEREAS, during his term of office Trustee Barkowska has repeatedly and on multiple occasions improperly and improvidently and unlawfully under the terms of the OMA statute revealed the content of confidential communications and discussions and occurrences that occurred in valid closed sessions of the Village Council of the Village of Mayville under the terms of the OMA with such revelations occurring without any legal authority for same.

WHEREAS, during his term of office Trustee Barkowska has repeatedly, obstinately, and recalcitrantly failed to reasonably cooperate with the Village of Mayville in the Village's efforts to fulfill a lawfully-submitted request for public records properly and effectually filed by a valid FOIA Requester under the terms of the FOIA statute.

WHEREAS, during his term of office Trustee Barkowska has repeatedly, obstinately, and recalcitrantly failed to provide the Village of Mayville with access to public records that are in his sole possession, custody and/or control under circumstances wherein the aforesaid public

records have been the subject of a lawfully-submitted request for public records effectually filed by a valid FOIA Requester under the terms of the FOIA statute.

WHEREAS, during his term of office Trustee Barkowska has acted outside the scope of his authority as a Village Trustee in that Trustee Barkowska has sought to act as the Village's FOIA Coordinator, despite not having any lawful authority to do so, in conversing with a FOIA Requester and making a determination based solely on Trustee's Barkowska's sole and unchecked personal discretion as to which requested public records would be provided to a FOIA Requester (and which would not) without regard to the requirements of the FOIA statute and without regard to any applicable exemptions pursuant to *inter alia* MCL 15.243 or such other applicable authority.

WHEREAS, during his term of office Trustee Barkowska has, over the request and direction and objection of the Village of Mayville, refused to disseminate requested public records to a particular FOIA Requester who has lawfully sought to obtain a copy of such aforesaid public records through the drafting and submittal of a proper request for public records under the FOIA where no exemption under *inter alia* MCL 15.243 or such other applicable authority would warrant the refusal to provide such aforesaid public records to the FOIA Requester.

WHEREAS, during his term of office Trustee Barkowska has provided Privileged and Confidential information released only to Village Council Members to individuals not legally afforded the right of access to same, thereby endangering the legal standing of the Village.

WHEREAS, in or around November 2019, while Trustee Barkowska was a member of the Village of Mayville Village Council during a preceding term, the Village Council considered adopting a Resolution to publicly censure Trustee Barkowska as a result of multiple improper actions in which Trustee Barkowska then and there engaged, including but not limited to revealing to individuals who possessed no legal entitlement to receipt of such information the content of confidential communications and discussions and occurrences that occurred in valid closed sessions of the Village Council of the Village of Mayville under the terms of the OMA with such revelations occurring without any legal authority for same.

WHEREAS, the aforesaid interference and adverse actions of Trustee Barkowska has had and, upon information and belief, will have, a meaningful negative impact on the Village's ability to conduct business and on the ability of Village Officials to exercise and effectuate the duties of their respective offices.

WHEREAS, the aforesaid interference and adverse actions of Trustee Barkowska have wilfully subjected the Village of Mayville and its elected officials to an unreasonably high likelihood of adverse litigation under, among other authorities, the OMA and the FOIA.

WHEREAS, while this Village Council recognizes that the office of Trustee is an elected position and the Village Council respects the electoral process, this Council is also mindful that it has statutory and fiduciary duties to ensure that the Trustee's conduct is appropriate and lawful.

WHEREAS, the Village of Mayville Village Council has determined that the adoption of the instant Resolution will serve to effectuate the goal and desires described herein and will be in the best interests of the residents and property owners and proprietors of the Village of Mayville.

WHEREAS, during his term of office Trustee Barkowska has violated the letter and the spirit of multiple obligations, duties, and laws by which Trustee Barkowska is bound as a Trustee of the Village of Mayville Village Council and, by so doing, Trustee Barkowska has endangered the legal position of the Village of Mayville, has subjected the Village of Mayville to an unreasonably high likelihood of adverse litigation, and, based upon the foregoing, has acted in a manner that does not comport with the strict ethical duties and obligations and expectations incumbent upon the Office of Trustee of the Village of Mayville and the individual occupying the aforesaid Office.

WHEREAS, the Village of Mayville Village Council does not take a position on the guilt or innocence of William Barkowska as to any allegations of criminal or civil wrongdoing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Village Council of the Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, hereby censures Trustee William Barkowska for his official misconduct, consisting of the following facts:
 - a. During his term of office Trustee Barkowska has repeatedly and on multiple occasions improperly and improvidently and unlawfully revealed the content of confidential communications and discussions and occurrences that occurred in valid closed sessions of the Village Council of the Village of Mayville under the terms of the OMA with such revelations occurring without any legal authority for same.
 - b. During his term of office Trustee Barkowska has repeatedly, obstinately, and recalcitrantly failed to reasonably cooperate with the Village of Mayville in the Village's efforts to fulfill a lawfully-submitted request for public records properly

and effectually filed by a valid FOIA Requester under the terms of the FOIA statute.

- c. During his term of office Trustee Barkowska has repeatedly, obstinately, and recalcitrantly failed to provide the Village of Mayville with access to public records that are in his sole possession, custody and/or control under circumstances wherein the aforesaid public records have been the subject of a lawfully-submitted request for public records effectually filed by a valid FOIA Requester under the terms of the FOIA statute.
- d. During his term of office Trustee Barkowska has acted outside the scope of his authority as a Village Trustee in that Trustee Barkowska has sought to act as the Village's FOIA Coordinator, despite not having any lawful authority to do so, in conversing with a FOIA Requester in an apparent effort to determine the entitlement of the Requester to the public records that were requested and in Trustee Barkowska making a determination based solely on Trustee's Barkowska's sole and unchecked personal discretion as to which requested public records would be provided to a FOIA Requester (and which would not) without regard to the requirements of the FOIA statute and without regard to any applicable exemptions pursuant to *inter alia* MCL 15.243 or such other applicable authority.
- e. During his term of office Trustee Barkowska has, over the request and direction and objection of the Village of Mayville, refused to disseminate requested public records to a particular FOIA Requester who has lawfully sought to obtain a copy of such aforesaid public records through the drafting and submittal of a proper request for public records under the FOIA where no exemption under *inter alia* MCL 15.243 or such other applicable authority would warrant the refusal to provide such aforesaid public records to the FOIA Requester.
- f. During his term of office Trustee Barkowska has violated multiple duties and ethical obligations incumbent upon the Office of a Village Trustee of the Village of Mayville, and an Officeholder of such Office, based upon the actions set forth herein.

2. The Village of Mayville Village Council expresses its disappointment in the unacceptable conduct of Trustee William Barkowska.

3. The Village President is authorized to issue a formal public letter of censure to Trustee William Barkowska due to the foregoing.

4. The Mayville Village Council disavows all statements and actions by Trustee William Barkowska as described herein and holds the Village of Mayville blameless, thereby denying William Barkowska to legal defense at Taxpayer Expense under a circumstance wherein adverse litigation referenced above is precipitated by any of the actions identified above.

5. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for review, inspection and copying at the Village's Governmental Offices following the submission and approval of an appropriate request made under Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231 *et seq.*, which comports with the requirements thereof and all other applicable Michigan law and local regulations and ordinances.

6. All resolutions or parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions hereof are rescinded to the extent of such conflict.

This RESOLUTION was offered by Council member B. Shaver, supported by Council member K. Freeland at a meeting on August 18, 2026. The members of the Village Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Members K. Freeland - B. Shaver -
m. Chambers - K. Valentine

NAYS: Members B. Barkowska

ABSTAIN: Members none

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Village of Mayville Village Council held on August 18, 2026.

Kristen Valentine
Kristen Valentine
President of the Village of Mayville

Kayla Reed
Kayla Reed
Clerk of the Village of Mayville

CERTIFICATION

I, Kayla Reed, Clerk of the Village of Mayville, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Village of Mayville Village Council held on August 18, 2026; that the meeting was conducted and public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Michigan's Open Meetings Act; that a quorum of the Council was present and voted in favor of the resolution; and that the minutes of the meeting will be or have been made available as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Kayla Reed
Kayla Reed, Clerk
Village of Mayville
Tuscola County, Michigan

b. Resignation Request -

Motion by B. Shaver, if Trustee Barkowska feels he has done anything illegal he should resign.
No 2nd - Motion Died

Motion Died

Public Comments -

Linda Baldwin - Are you doing this Censure to prevent Trustee Barkowska from running for president?
Response - No, it doesn't prevent him from running for president, it is to protect the Village.

Sue Marlow - 1. Needs Asphalt for driveway. Response - Millings are available at the DPW.

2. As for the public use of the DPW dumpster, since when is it not allowed & that should be posted somewhere. Response - Standard protocol to ask for permission first.

3. When will the Village office be open to taxpayers?

Response - Currently, the office is open Tue -Thurs 9-3 by appointment or phone, using the Police entrance will get you service if someone is in the office any day. Front Lobby is open Wednesdays 12-2.

Starting 9/3/26 The Front Lobby will be open Wednesdays 9-3 for payments.

Kerry Horton - Where forms were set to pour driveway during the road project has settled and needs to be filled. Response - Will discuss with Spicer.

Adjournment – Motion by M. Chambers, 2nd by K. Freeland to adjourn at 9:20pm.

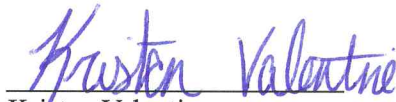
Yays - 5 Nays – 0

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned.



Kayla Reed
Village Clerk



Kristen Valentine
Village President

Roll call vote - B. Shaver- Y K. Freeland- Y M. Chambers - Y B. Barkowska- Y K. Valentine- Y

Motion carried