VILLAGE OF BROWNSTOWN
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 20, 2026

The Brownstown Village Board met on October 20, 2026 at the Brownstown Village Hall.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance before the Board meeting.

Robin Lovett, Village Clerk, called roll and those present were: Village Trustees Tony Thomason, Samantha Wall, William Lytle, Nikki Sidwell, and Billie Enlow. A quorum was found to be present. Village President Virginia Wilber and Village Trustee Jake Kelly were absent. Village Employees in attendance, Cody Goldsborough, Brad Sidwell, and Todd Sovey.

Due to the absence of Village President, Virginia Wilber, **Motion made by William Lytle, seconded by Tony Thomason, to name Village Trustee Nikki Sidwell Village Pro-Tem for the meeting. Voting aye – William Lytle, Tony Thomason, Samantha Wall, and Billie Enlow. Voting nay-Nikki Sidwell. Motion carried.** Village Trustee Jake Kelly was absent.

Motion was made by Billie Enlow, seconded by William Lytle to accept and approve the Consent Agenda Items as follows: a-October 20, 2026 Agenda; b- September 15, 2026 Minutes; c-Bills – October 20, 2026; and, d-Treasurer's Report for month ending September 30, 2026 – to be placed on file for 2026/2027 Audit. Voting aye – Billie Enlow, Nikki Sidwell, Tony Thomason, William Lytle, and Samantha Wall. **Voting nay** – none. **Motion carried.** Village Trustee Jake Kelly was absent.

Police Report – Police Report for September, 2026 was distributed. A new format was used showing more information. Trustees liked the report.

St. Elmo Mayor Kim Baron was in attendance to discuss the proposed Police Intergovernmental Agreement. Mayor Baron indicated that she and Village President Wilber had a conversation concerning the agreement and a potential monetary increase to that Agreement. The Vehicle Lease would be renewed with no fee attached for use of the vehicle. After discussion, Mayor Baron is in favor of renewing the agreement with the monthly fee remaining at $4,500.00 and removing the fee for the Lease Agreement. Village Trustees will reconsider the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement and Vehicle Lease Agreement at the November 17, 2026 meeting.

The monthly **Code Officer report** was presented, a copy of which is attached to the official copy of these minutes. Individuals must be given the

opportunity to pay code violation tickets at the Village since the Code Officer does not use the County Digi Ticket System. If resident does not pay locally in the time frame given, then the ticket will be turned over to the court and the fine will be paid to the courts.

The Village truck that Todd uses is having battery issues and will, more than likely, need to have a new battery.

Jake Kelly arrived at 7:29 p.m.

Attorney Report – nothing to report

Village Engineer – EPA permit should be in hand by end of year for possible work on Sewer Treatment plant. William Lytle has talked to USDA to help find funds for that project.

Public Works – Brad Sidwell wanted to address calling in help for water repairs and the negative comments that appeared on Facebook. In the 6 years he has been employed, he has only called for help 2 times. This particular leak was not discovered until 3:00 p.m.; JULIE has a two-hour wait time. Village Trustee Billie Enlow stopped Brad and said the Village hired you to do a job and the Board trusts the decisions you make to keep the Village running.

Trash at sewer plant – small dumpster has been put in place.

Public Works Superintendent Brad Sidwell discussed with the board the creation of an Ordinance to Fine Semi-Trucks/Companies using Chestnut Street and Agnes Street to make deliveries. There are signs posted on those Streets prohibiting large truck traffic. Chief of Police Jeremy Scruggs says the Police Department would only be able to enforce the Ordinance if weight limits are not applied, as there is no access to scales. **Motion made by Billie Enlow, seconded by Tony Thomason, to move forward with amending the Ordinance to fine semi-truck traffic on prohibited streets, using number of tires as the guideline. Voting aye** – Billie Enlow, Tony Thomason, Nikki Sidwell, William Lytle, Samantha Wall, and Jake Kelly. **Voting nay** – none. **Motion Carried.**

Motion made by Billie Enlow, seconded by William Lytle, to place a ¼ page ad in the Brownstown High School Yearbook for 2026/2027 at a cost of $100.00. Voting aye – Billie Enlow, William Lytle, Jake Kelly, Samantha Wall, Nikki Sidwell, and Tony Thomason. **Voting nay** – none. **Motion carried.**

Motion made by William Lytle, seconded by Tony Thomason, to donate $200.00 to the Brownstown 2026 Caring & Sharing program. Voting aye – William Lytle, Tony Thomason, Billie Enlow, Jake Kelly, Samantha Wall, and Nikki Sidwell. **Voting nay** – none. **Motion carried.**

Due to Postal Service delivery timelines, office staff would like to propose making certain payments for bills through an online process. **Motion made by Billie Enlow, seconded by Jake Kelly, to ADOPT ORDINANCE 2026-10-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ELECTRONIC PAYMENT POLICY. Voting aye** – Billie Enlow, Jake Kelly, Samantha Wall, Tony Thomason, William Lytle, and Nikki Sidwell. **Voting nay** – none. **Motion carried.**

At the September 15, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting, Trustees voted to move forward with the creation of an Ordinance charging residents a fee for damage to the water meter antenna. **Motion made by William Lytle, seconded by Billie Enlow, to ADOPT ORDINANCE 2026-10-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 38-3-4 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BROWNSTOWN DAMAGE TO WATER METER ANTENNA. Voting aye** – William Lytle, Billie Enlow, Jake Kelly, Nikki Sidwell, Samantha Wall, and Tony Thomason. **Voting nay** – none. **Motion carried.**

A checking account was required to be opened to deposit funds for the Water Line Project Loan from USDA. That project is complete and there remains funds in that checking account. USDA was contacted and approved the closing of that account. **Motion made by Billie Enlow, seconded by Jake Kelly, to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-10-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS remaining in the USDA Water Line Construction Checking Account. Voting aye** – Billie Enlow, Jake Kelly, Tony Thomason, Nikki Sidwell, William Lytle, and Samantha Wall. **Voting nay** – none. **Motion carried.**

On September 18, 2026, Jessica Harre submitted complaints against two Village Employees, Cody Goldsborough and Todd Sovey. These complaints have been acknowledged by the Village Board of Trustees.

The annual Village Christmas Party has been confirmed for Friday, December 11, 2026 at Ponderosa in Vandalia beginning at 6:00 p.m. Billie Enlow and Nikki Sidwell are in charge of planning.

Motion was made by William Lytle, seconded by Tony Thomason, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously carried and Village President Pro-tem Nikki Sidwell announced the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED: November 17, 2026