

# The Council of the City of Vandalia Special Meeting Minutes

**January 31, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor David Lewis, Councilman Corey M. Follick, Councilman Mike Blakesly, Councilwoman Candice Farst, and Councilwoman Constance Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Richard Herbst and Councilman Robert Ahlers

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Wendt, Amber Holloway, Missy Pruszynski, Daniel Pierron, Scott Fullam, Rodney Washburn, Bryson Jackson, Mary Stephens, Erika Vogel, Eric Beavers, Robert O'Leary, Thomas Luebbe, Ohio State Representative Phillip Plummer, Amber Avialotis-Weaver, Julia Gearheart, Greg Brush, Mike Theinand Mary Kilsheimer

The purpose of this meeting was to hold a joint meeting with the Butler Township Trustees and the Vandalia-Butler Board of Education to discuss topics of joint concern. The meeting was held at Butler Township Town Hall, 3780 Little York Road. Social distancing protocols were followed.

**Butler Township Board President Missy Pruszynski** called the joint meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She called for a moment of reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Board President Missy Pruszynski** called upon Vandalia Butler Board of Education Vice President Daniel Pierron to open their meeting. Board of Education Vice President Pierron called upon Board of Education Treasurer Eric Beavers who administered the oath of office to Boardmember Scott Fullam.

Roundtable discussion Began with **Butler Township Administrator Erika Vogel** who shared updates regarding a water contamination study and how the township and

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Montgomery County are working together to test and rectify the situation. **Ms. Vogel** reported on the status of the installation of a sidewalk project on Stonequarry Road, various economic and residential developments in the township, as well as their new branding efforts. She also noted the township received a \$600,000 grant for phase #1 of the Miller Lane Improvement Project.

**Board President Pruszynski** called upon City Manager Wendt to share updates in the City of Vandalia. **Mr. Wendt** began by thanking the local government officials for attending this evening's meeting. He shared several updates including that staff continues to work on improving commercial truck traffic through the city, staff is currently working on a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, council increased 2022 allocations to complete additional asphalt projects, the city recently applied for state funding for a stage at the Art Park Amphitheater, and the city received a \$100,000 grant to be used at Helke Park and also a \$717,000 grant to repave Webster Street.

**Board President Pruszynski** called upon Vandalia Butler City School District Superintendent Mr. Robert O'Leary to share school district updates. **Superintendent O'Leary** shared many items of interest including that they are having a successful school year, the Student Activity Center has hosted many athletic events providing additional revenue, and this year the district is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Board President Pruszynski** thanked everyone for attending and sharing valuable information about their organization. After a brief question and answer session between organizations, she adjourned the meeting.

The Special Joint Council Meeting was then adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Richard Herbst, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Missy Pruszynski, Deputy Clerk of Council

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