

## **VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE**

### **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 6, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Council met in special session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Village Council Chambers, 101 Bridge Street, Sugar Grove, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chad Lester.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Council Members Present at Call to Order:**

Gerald Selby, Karl Hartmann

##### **Council Members Absent:**

None

##### **Officials Present:**

Mayor Chad Lester, Fiscal Officer Sarah Haley

##### **Public in Attendance:**

Kendall Leland, Beverly Kruer, Jay Solenbarger

A quorum was not present at the time of roll call.

#### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Mayor Lester stated that the Special Meeting had been called for the limited purpose of administering oaths of office and filling vacancies on Village Council. No other business would be conducted.

#### **OATH OF OFFICE – TABITHA DEEDS**

Tabitha Deeds, having been duly elected to Village Council for the term beginning January 1, 2026, was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Chad Lester and assumed office immediately.

#### **ROLL CALL UPDATE**

Following the swearing-in of Tabitha Deeds, Council Members present were:  
Gerald Selby, Karl Hartmann, Tabitha Deeds

Mayor Lester advised that Council still lacked a quorum due to existing vacancies.

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT TO RESTORE QUORUM Resolution No. 005-2026**

Mayor Lester appointed Kendall Leland to fill a vacancy on Village Council for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2029.

Motion by Deeds, second by Selby, to adopt Resolution No. 005-2026 confirming the Mayor's appointment of Kendall Leland.

Roll Call Vote: Selby – Yes Hartmann – Yes Deeds – Yes

Motion passed.

**OATH OF OFFICE – KENDALL LELAND**

Kendall Leland was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Chad Lester and assumed office immediately.

**ROLL CALL UPDATE**

Following the swearing-in of Kendall Leland, a lawful quorum of Council was established.

Council Members present:

Gerald Selby, Karl Hartmann, Tabitha Deeds, Kendall Leland

**APPOINTMENT TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY Resolution No. 006-2026**

Motion by Leland, second by Selby, to adopt Resolution No. 006-2026 appointing Beverly Kruer to fill a vacancy on Village Council for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2029.

Roll Call Vote: Selby – Yes Hartmann – Yes Deeds – Yes Leland – Yes

Motion passed.

**OATH OF OFFICE – BEVERLY KRUER**

Beverly Kruer was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Chad Lester and assumed office immediately.

**APPOINTMENT TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY Resolution No. 007-2026**

Jonathan Carsey was unable to attend the meeting. No action was taken regarding Resolution No. 007-2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Leland, second by Selby, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09PM.

*ENCLOSURES / ATTACHMENTS*

1. Special Meeting Notice – January 6, 2026
2. Special Meeting Agenda – January 6, 2026
3. Resolution 005-2026 – Appointment of Kendall Leland
4. Resolution 006-2026 – Appointment of Beverly Kruer
5. Oaths of Office



Tabitha Deeds, Council President



Sarah Haley, Fiscal Officer

stand in, Kendall Leland

VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE, OHIO  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
VILLAGE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Village of Sugar Grove Council will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Village Council Chambers

101 Bridge Street

Sugar Grove, Ohio 43155

Purpose of Special Meeting:

To fill vacancies on Village Council by appointment and to administer the Oath of Office to appointed Council Members.

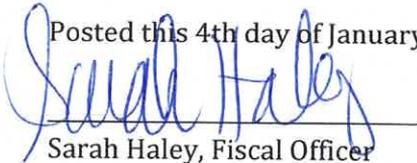
No other business will be conducted.

This notice is given in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (Open Meetings Act).

This Notice of Special Meeting will be posted at the following locations:

- Village Council Chambers – 101 Bridge Street
- Sugar Grove Post Office
- Jake's Sporting Goods
- Kistler's Barber Shop
- Village of Sugar Grove Website

Posted this 4th day of January, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.



Sarah Haley, Fiscal Officer

Village of Sugar Grove

VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE, OHIO  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
VILLAGE COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Village Council Chambers

101 Bridge Street

Sugar Grove, Ohio 43155

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Oath of Office – Tabitha Deeds

(Elected Council Member – No Resolution Required)

4. Mayor's Appointment to Restore Quorum

Resolution No. 005-2026

A Resolution Confirming the Appointment by the Mayor of Kendall Leland to Village Council

for the Unexpired Term Ending December 31, 2029

Motion

Second

Roll Call Vote

5. Oath of Office – Kendall Leland

6. Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy

Resolution No. 006-2026

A Resolution Appointing Beverly Kruer to Fill a Vacancy on Village Council  
for the Unexpired Term Ending December 31, 2029

Motion

Second

Roll Call Vote

7. Oath of Office – Beverly Kruer

8. Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy

Resolution No. 007-2026

A Resolution Appointing Jonathan Carsey to Fill a Vacancy on Village Council  
for the Unexpired Term Ending December 31, 2029

Motion

Second

Roll Call Vote

9. Oath of Office – Jonathan Carsey

10. Adjournment

**Resolution No. 005-2026**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF KENDALL LELAND TO VILLAGE COUNCIL FOR THE UNSERVED PORTION OF THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Village Council of the Village of Sugar Grove, Fairfield County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio law, when the legislative authority lacks a quorum due to vacancies, the Mayor is authorized to appoint a qualified individual to fill such vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined that it is in the best interests of the Village to appoint Kendall Leland to fill the vacancy on Village Council in order to restore a lawful quorum and permit the Council to conduct official business; and

WHEREAS, Kendall Leland is qualified, willing, and able to serve as a Member of Village Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Sugar Grove, Fairfield County, Ohio:

**SECTION 1. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.**

The appointment by the Mayor of Kendall Leland to serve as a Member of the Village Council of the Village of Sugar Grove for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2029 is hereby confirmed.

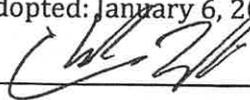
**SECTION 2. OATH OF OFFICE.**

Upon taking the oath of office as required by law, Kendall Leland shall immediately assume the duties and responsibilities of Village Council Member.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the Village of Sugar Grove, Ohio, to restore a lawful quorum of Council so that the business of the Village may proceed without further delay, and shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

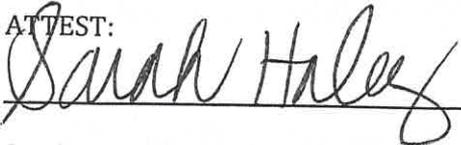
Adopted: January 6, 2026



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Chad Lester, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Sarah Haley, Fiscal Officer

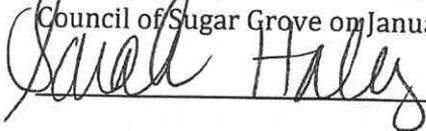
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Darren Meade, Solicitor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Village Council of Sugar Grove on January 6, 2026.



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Sarah Haley, Fiscal Officer

## **Resolution No. 006-2026**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BEVERLY KRUER TO FILL A VACANCY ON VILLAGE COUNCIL FOR THE UNSERVED PORTION OF THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Village Council of the Village of Sugar Grove, Fairfield County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, following the appointment and qualification of Kendall Leland, Village Council has achieved a lawful quorum; and

WHEREAS, Village Council desires to fill an additional vacancy on Village Council to ensure the orderly and continuous operation of Village government; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Krueer is qualified, willing, and able to serve as a Member of Village Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Sugar Grove, Fairfield County, Ohio:

### **SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT.**

Beverly Krueer is hereby appointed to fill a vacancy on Village Council for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2029.

### **SECTION 2. OATH OF OFFICE.**

Upon taking the oath of office as required by law, Beverly Krueer shall immediately assume the duties and responsibilities of Village Council Member.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.

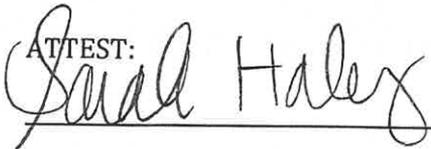
This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the Village, to ensure that Village Council may continue to conduct business without interruption, and shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted: January 6, 2026



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Chad Lester, Mayor

ATTEST:  


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Sarah Haley, Fiscal Officer

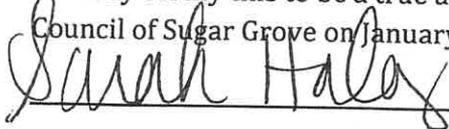
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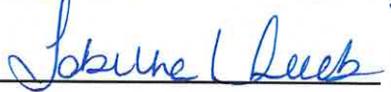
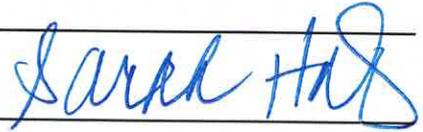
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Sarah Haley, Fiscal Officer

VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE  
COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Date of Meeting JANUARY 6, 2026

Type of Meeting SPECIAL

<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time In</u>	<u>Time Out</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Chad Lester	Mayor	6:00	6:09	
Tabitha Deeds	Council President	6:00	6:09	
Gerald Selby	Council Member	6:00	6:09	
	Council Member			
Karl Hartmann	Council Member	6:00	6:09	
	Council Member			
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Darren Meade	Solicitor			
Sarah Haley	Fiscal Officer	6:00	6:09	

**THE VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2026**

**SIGN IN SHEET FOR PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

IF YOU ARE A CITIZEN ATTENDING THE MEETING, PLEASE SIGN IN BELOW IN ORDER THAT WE MAY PROPERLY RECORD YOUR PRESENCE ON OFFICIAL MINUTES. IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE, PLEASE DO SO DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE AGENDAS IN ADVANCE TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW. WE APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT.  
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS</b>
Beverly Krueer	424 East St SG	bskrueer@yahoo.com
Hendall Leland	227 N Elm St CG	h1eland1997@gmail.com
Jay Solenbarger	301 N Main St	jsolenbarger@gmail.com

**Procedural Notice**

All persons in attendance are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with Ohio Basic Code 132.05.

A.No person, with purpose to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, shall not do either of the following:

1. Do any act which obstructs, or interferes with the due conduct of the meeting, procession, or gathering
2. Make any utterance, gesture, or display which outrages the sensibilities of the group

WHOEVER VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF DISTURBING A LAWFUL MEETING, A MISDEMEANOR OF THE FOURTH DEGREE (R.C. 2917.12)