

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
RESOLUTION 2026-31**

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOHNNIE BURNS AS VILLAGE
MANAGER AND APPROVING A SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND
CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH
JOHNNIE BURNS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSULTATION**

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2026, Mr. Burns announced his intention to resign from his role as Village Manager; and,

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2026, Mr. Burns and Village Council discussed entering into a consulting agreement with Mr. Burns for public works consultation; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Solicitor has provided Mr. Burns with a draft separation agreement and a draft consulting agreement for his review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, if the parties are able to come to mutually agreeable terms for the separation agreement and the consulting agreement, Village Council hereby authorizes the Village Council President to enter into these documents on behalf of the Village,

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

Section 1: If the Village and Mr. Burns are able to come to mutually agreeable terms for the separation agreement and consulting agreement, then Council hereby accepts the resignation of Johnnie Burns from the role of Village Manager, approves a separation agreement, and approves a consulting agreement with Mr. Burns to provide public works consulting services to the Village.

Section 2: Council directs the Village Solicitor to continue to work with Mr. Burns or his legal counsel to reach mutually agreeable terms. Council authorizes Village Council President to assist the Solicitor in negotiating said terms.

Section 3: Council hereby authorizes the Village Council President to execute a separation agreement and a consulting agreement, in a form approved by the Village Solicitor.

Section 4. This Resolution is in effect immediately upon passage.

Signed: _____ Gavin
DeVore Leonard, President of Council

Passed:

Attest: _____
Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

Roll Call:

Gavin DeVore Leonard____ Angie Hsu____ Carmen Brown____
Senay Semere____ Stephanie Pearce____