

**TOWN OF WAYNETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2025**

BOB COX**Call to Order**

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Prayer

Bob said the prayer.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll Call

Bob Cox, Randy Phillips, Doug Harris, Aaron Bengé and Barry Lewis were present. David Peebles, Town Attorney, was also present.

BOB COX - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. May 14, 2025 - Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims Paid Prior to Town Council Meeting
- C. Claims to be Paid
- D. Aquatic Center Report - May 2025
- E. Payroll Reports for May 2025
- F. Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports - April Closed & May Not Closed
- G. Clerk-Treasurer Utility Report for May 2025
- H. Utility Superintendent Report for May 2025
- I. Town Marshal Reports for May 2025

Barry made a motion to pass the Consent Agenda as presented. Aaron seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS**Phil Pirtle - Thank You John**

Phil said the Fire Department was called to assist Fountain County with a grain bin fire last Friday and no other Communities could assist with water. Phil called John and he stayed over, even though he had plans that evening, to assist with fire truck tankers and semis filling up with Waynetown water.

Phil Pirtle - Fire Department Fundraiser at Park

Phil said for the Mountain Oyster Fundraiser the Fire Department is going to have at the Park on 8-23-25 he is asking for an exemption on the Park Rules for alcohol so they can serve beer. Randy made a motion allowing beer to be served at the Park on 8-23-2025. Barry seconded. Sandy asked who was going to serve it. Phil said they are going to have 2 types of beer and no hard liquor. Sandy said our Events are listed with our Insurance Company and she is not sure what this will do with our Insurance and Bob said probably nothing. Phil said it should not be any different than what it is for the Oktoberfest. Bob asked if we need to make a phone call and list this with our Insurance Company and Sandy asked who was running it and Phil said the Fireman and Bob asked who the Bartender was and Phil said Cindy Nevitt and she has a license. Doug asked if you had to have an Event License and Phil said he thinks they did away with that. Bob mentioned the Law has changed and Waynetown could make an Ordinance that would certify an area (DORA - Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) where alcohol is allowed. Doug asked Sandy if she thought we needed to check with Insurance and she said she did not care. Bob said they could still approve it pending on checking with Insurance.

Barry amended his motion to include pending Insurance approval. Barry amended his 2nd to include pending Insurance approval. Motion passed 3-1-1. Doug voted against it and Aaron abstained.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Kyle gave everyone a sheet of paper that had 22 Ordinance Violations, 21 for vehicles and 1 for a goat. It listed the Physical Address, Items, Owners and the Mailing Address. Kyle said the Ordinance Violation Letters will be mailed tomorrow and they will have 10 days to get rid of their vehicles/goat and then he will start the next step, which is a \$100 fine.

Town Clean Up Day

Kyle asked John how the Town Clean Up Day went and John said they were basically full at 10 AM. John said he sets the big furniture off to the side and then smashes it and puts it in the dumpsters but this year he did not have any room left to do that. Wingate was also having their Town Clean Up Day and did not need 1 of their dumpsters so John asked T&S Trash to bring it to Waynetown. Waynetown will pay for an extra dumpster. Sandy asked if it was a lot of different people bringing stuff or was it 1 or 2 people bringing a lot of stuff. John said 1 person brought around $\frac{3}{4}$ of a dumpster full. John suggested next year saying no bricks and Bob said next year let's look at how many dumpsters we get and we may need to get more of them from the get go. Bob said it has never been closed that early and John said he stayed until close to noon but the original dumpsters were full by 10 AM.

Kyle mentioned if we ever have a big Town clean up at the Park again to have a spot for metals and said we could have saved around 3 dumpsters because people would have scrapped the stuff but it ended up in the dumpsters. John said that is what he does at the Sewer Plant. Bob said he needs to make a post that the County Wide Solid Waste District Day is coming up soon.

AQUATIC CENTER & PARK

Haley - Go Float Party at Pool on 7-18-2025 from 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Bob said Haley is not present, but she has a list of items from her to talk about.

Haley wants to have a Go Float Party at the Pool on 7-18-2025 and she wants to close the pool at 5 PM instead of 6 PM. The Party will be from 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM and Busse Excavating is paying for it. Sandy asked if the Town was collecting an Admission Fee or if Haley was collecting an Admission Fee. Barry said Busse is paying for a 5 Hour Pool Party so there should not be any money collected. John said you might want to ask Jay if that is the way he understood it. Bob said he is not sure if Haley is wanting to treat this as a Fundraiser or not. Sandy said she thought Busse was going to provide food and was not planning on paying for a 5 Hour Pool Party.

John said last year Jay gave Haley money for all of the glowsticks and maybe some food. Sandy said last year the Town did not charge an admission, but Haley did, and Bob said she kept the money. Sandy said the money was supposed to go to WCI. Bob said Haley told him she spent the money on things for the pool. Bob said he thinks Haley needs to come to the meeting so we can get this all figured out.

Haley said that Busse mentioned grilling hamburgers and hotdogs. Bob asked Haley if she was going to charge an admission or if she wanted it to be free and she said she did not know because her and Jay had not discussed that yet. Bob told Haley if she collects money it has to go through our books and Haley said it did not last year and Bob said WCI never got any of the money and Haley said she thought because Jay sponsored it the money did not have to go to WCI and Haley said it was confusing last year and Bob agreed with Haley. Haley said she kept the money and they were going to use it towards air conditioning but the Town paid for that so she used the money collected in admission fees to purchase things for the pool like goggles, toys, life jackets and 2 speakers. Haley mentioned there was a Freedom Festival Party and that the money for that went to WCI but the Float Party money did not. Haley said she would not be collecting an admission fee this year.

Doug made a motion that the Town will not charge an admission fee for the Float Party on 7-18-2025 and the Pool will close at 5 PM that day. Randy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Aquatic Center Awards

Haley asked where all of the Aquatic Center Awards are John said there is 1 in each of the bathrooms inside. Sandy does not know where they all are. Bob said the Town never received the 2024 Award from the Journal Review.

Pool Bathroom Door is Sticking Again

John said the problem is the door frames are all rusting and they bubbling. Haley said the lock will lock but you can just push the door open. John said he fixed it prior to the pool opening and with the door swelling it is doing it again. Haley asked if there was any other type of door that could go there that would not be such a pain. John said it has to be a steel door and you do not want him to install it. Sandy asked what the difference is in that door and the door next door to it and Haley said she did not know. John said the door frame is not letting the door shut. John said it has a brand-new handle on the door.

Changing Table

Haley said there is only 1 changing table inside the pool lobby and she is requesting another one. John said there would be more room for one in the outside bathroom.

Doug made a motion allowing John to purchase a new changing table. Aaron seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairs

Haley said within 20 minutes of opening today all of the chairs were gone and a couple of people asked for a refund. Haley said this has happened before and asked if we could get more chairs. Haley wanted lounge chairs but there really is not enough room for any more lounge chairs. Haley said all but one of the Adirondacks chairs in the concession stand area are cracked in the legs or butt area and Sandy asked where they came from because the Town did not purchase them. Bob said he thinks someone donated them. Doug said if they are broken they need to be thrown away. Sandy said if we ordered pool chairs they would not be here before the pool closed for the season. Kyle said the chairs are on sale at Home Depot for around \$15. The Town Council was okay with John purchasing some chairs. Sandy asked John before he purchases new chairs to check out the broken ones and please do not buy the same kind. John said the problem with plastic chairs on the concrete is if you go to slide backwards they will grip and the legs will break right off the chairs. Haley said she would like to have 10 or 15 of them and Sandy said she hated to spend the money on cheap chairs instead of buying chairs that will last. Sandy asked Haley is the blue chairs at the pool are still in good condition and Haley said yes but they are getting worn. John was asked to see if he could find some chairs for the pool.

Pool Parties

Haley said that she has officially scheduled 54 pool parties this year.

Resurface Basketball Court * 2 Pickleball Courts - Proposal from Howard Companies & Ryan Nappnau

Bob said this says 2 Pickleball Courts but the Bid is 1 Court. John said you can do 2 but there is not out of bounds room. John said you have to have 60 X 30 even though the Court is only 44 x 20. Barry said the Nappnau bid is just for 1 Court. Bob said he saw the pictures that Nappnau took of Court that he did in Thorntown and it was amazing.

Bob said if we do not paint the Court for Pickleball it will still be a nice Basketball Court. Bob said if we go with the lines for Pickleball are we interested in providing portable nets. Barry said paint the Court and let people know they can bring their portable net and see how that goes. Bob asked what color do we want to make it and mentioned the \$6,000 quote is black and the \$7,000 is color and more coatings.

The Council discussed if Pickleball takes off maybe having one with its own Court and net. Doug mentioned the old playground area at school grounds and Bob said the ground is not level there and Barry said that is Township property, not Town property.

Doug asked if the money was going to be taken out of the Park Fund and after some discussion it was

determined that the cost will be paid for from the Pool & Park Donations Fund.

Barry made a motion to accept Ryan Nappnau's second bid for \$7,000 and the paint color will be red and 1/2 of the payment can be made upfront. Aaron seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

John said we need new basketball rims on both ends of the Court.

COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS

Krohn - Updated 2025 Electric Rate Study after 6-10-2025 Public Hearing

Bob said Krohn sent the Town an Updated Rate Study to show the Electricity that the Town uses and that brought the Line Loss down from 15% to around 7.5%.

Barry said he talked to 4 IMPA Members that are on the Executive Committee with him and their Line Loss is between 4.9 and 7.3%. Barry said the 4 Members are from much larger electric utilities and they have newer and better electric meters than we have so he thinks we are okay at a 7.3 Line Loss.

Sandy mentioned Barry sent out an e-mail and it mentioned the Street Lights in Waynetown are not metered. Barry said the next IMPA Executive Meeting is next Wednesday, and he said he is going to ask them if they charge themselves for electricity.

Bob said they were all concerned last night when they heard a Line Loss of 15% but now they feel better knowing it is really only around 7.5%.

Ordinance 2025-0001 - Electric Utility Rates and Charges - 2nd and Final Readings * Ordinance Will Be Published in Newspaper and Will be Effective on the August 1, 2025 Utility Bill

Bob said he thought the discussion at the Public Hearing last night was very good. Bob said no one there said we do not need to raise our Electric Rates.

It was determined that Option 1 was off the table and Option 2 would be a 14.9% increase and Option 3 would be a 23.1% increase and everyone last night heard these amounts. Bob said some people wanted Option 2 and if needed go to Option 3 at a later date.

Bob asked if we had to do another rate change would we have to do another rate study and Sandy and Barry both said no. Barry said he does not think \$40,000 a year is enough to get the Fund built back up. Barry said Option 3 is going to get us roughly around \$100,000 a year. Barry said with Option 2 at the end of the year we would barely be at \$100,000 and if we have a big storm go through we are going to be in trouble. Barry mentioned that doing preventative measures costs money but helps to ensure the electricity will not go out. Bob said everyone last night knew if our electricity was out it was because of Duke and not Waynetown.

Bob said do we want to raise the rates a little now and then more later and Barry said pull the band aid off and raise the rates to the higher level all at once and said he would rather tick people off once instead of two or three years in a row. Bob said when you tell people we have not raised our Electric Rates for 22 years they can't hardly believe it. Aaron said if we had around \$250,000 in the Fund we could go with Option 2 but we do not.

Barry said that we passed Ordinance 2025-001 on first reading at the higher Option 3 rates.

Barry made a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-001 - Electric Utility Rates and Charges on second reading. Randy seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Barry made a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-001 - Electric Utility Rates and Charges on third and final reading. Aaron seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Aaron said in 5 years we are going to be happy we went with Option 3 and Barry said with the way things are going up in price in 5 years we might have to raise the rates again and said we can't wait to raise

rates for another 22 years. Barry said if we had raised the rates 1% every year for 22 years we would be where we are at now, but it would not be a culture shock. Barry said we need to look at the rates every 2 to 3 years and bump it up just a little bit, but we have to get caught up first.

Bob said Sandy will publish the Ordinance in the newspaper and the new rates will be effective on the 8-1-25 Utility Bill.

Waynetown and Tipmont Electric Agreement

Dave Peebles said that he and John talked before the meeting and Dave gave John a Draft Copy of the Plan for the Utility Swap. John said the Swap is Waynetown will be getting the West Side of 25 South to where Tipmont stops and Tipmont will get SR 25 South on the East Side pretty much from the Clay Pot going South on the East Side of the Road.

David told the Town Council as the Utility Board they needed to vote on the Agreement but it will be signed later.

Doug made a motion to approve the Waynetown / Tipmont Land Swap Coverage Area. Barry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Update on HWC Engineering Feasibility Study on West Side of SR 25 - Invoice for \$4,500

Bob said he and Doug had a really good meeting with HWC and Rex Henthorn was able to sit in on the meeting and now he is on board with the annexation. Bob mentioned that Dan Taylor said it depends on how the annexation is written and Rex may not ever have to pay County Taxes the Developers would.

Peebles asked if the County is going to do a TIF District and Bob said as of right now no and went on to say the County is not too involved in this anymore. However, Bob said a TIF District has always been mentioned in some of their meetings. Bob mentioned the great need for housing and mentioned Waynetown, Wingate, Linden and said people from Lafayette are going to be looking to move down here. David said the TIF District has to be started before anything is built so Bobby's cannot be part of a TIF District and Bob said we are years away from that.

Bob said once HWC has completed the Feasibility Study, the results will be shared with the Town Council in a public meeting. Bob said they think the Town should Develop this area in thirds. Bob mentioned Race Street needs to be updated to an 8-inch line. John said when the water treatment plant was built an 8-inch line was put in but it really needed to go from the water plant to the water tower and then you spur your 4- and 6-inch lines off of it. John said right now he has an 8-inch line right in the middle and that is being fed by a 6-inch line and the one on Race is only a 4-inch line.

Bob said the Town might be able to do this work out a contract with someone like Busse and that would save us a lot of money. If this is done in a big contract then you have to pay prevailing wages and John said if you get a Grant then you are going to have to pay prevailing wages and Bob agreed.

John said we are going to have to do it if we are going to supply Bobby with water and sewer before he puts in a well and septic. It may end up that Bobby is just on the Town's Electric and Bob said he knows we are up against a deadline with Bobby but these things just go so slow. Bob said now with SB 1 the funding is all different all over the State and there is going to be less Grant money.

Bob said they are predicting that only 25% of the Community Crossings Applicant's get funded. Doug said he thinks Waynetown needs housing and he thinks that will help.

John said the Town can gravity feed sewer all the way to Bobby's so we do not need another lift station.

Randy made a motion to pay the HWC Invoice for \$4,500. Doug seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Update on Live Steaming Town Council Meetings by 7-1-2025 – Equipment Ordered from Amazon Business * Laptop Here * Rest of Items Arriving 6-13-25 * Donation to Radio/TV Program at Western Boone

Bob said our July Town Council Meeting is on 7-9-2025 so we have a few extra days to do this.

Bob said Matt from WEBO is the one who told us what equipment to purchase. Bob said Matt has agreed to help the Town install it but does not want to be paid but asked the Town to consider making a donation to the Radio/TV Program but said we do not have to figure out the amount to donate tonight.

Peerless Pump Test Results - Still Waiting on Quote

Bob said John is still waiting on a quote from Peerless Pumps.

COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Water & Electric Reconnect Fees * Currently \$25 Each * Discuss Time Frame Until Reconnect is Done * Discuss Other Utility Fees and Charges

Bob said Randy wants to discuss the dollar amount the Town charges for Reconnect Fees. Bob asked John about reconnects and he said usually by the time he is done shutting everyone off he is going back and turning them right back on because they have come to Town Hall and paid their bill. John said they did not have the money at 9:45 but they have it at 10:15 so apparently \$25 is not hitting them hard enough. Randy said it takes a truck and manpower and we are losing money on this. John said he understands people that are struggling but when he shows up to shut them off and they rush up to pay then they could have paid before they were shut off. John said Busse said that Wingate and Kingman went to a \$75 Reconnect Fee and now it is rare that they have to go and do a shut off. Bob said these costs have to be changed by Ordinance and Sandy agreed with Bob. Sandy said we could have raised the Fees in the Ordinance we just passed if we had discussed this earlier and said she was glad we did not because the Electric and Water Reconnect Fees need to be the same amount and done at the same time. Sandy mentioned there is a Bank Check Fee and we are going to have to be careful when we raise the prices because people will start writing bad checks and pay \$25 versus getting shut off and paying a \$75 reconnect fee. David mentioned some places charge a higher fee for each occurrence in a certain timeframe and Sandy said you would have to track that and David said it might be easier to keep the prices the same but increase them to cover your cost.

Doug suggested raising the price and raising the price for each occurrence. Sandy said we already give a yearly courtesy call and she already does payment arrangements to the 3rd of the month and past the 3rd the person has to come to a Town Council Meeting and ask for permission for an extension.

John said because we give extensions, he is not just shutting off utilities 1 day a month. Doug suggested not turning utilities back on for 24 hours and Sandy said she does not think you can shut off utilities after noon if you are not open on the next day. John said it is rare that he shuts off electric and Sandy agreed and mentioned the Apartments on Wingate Road have the water meter inside the closet so they have to shut the electric off. Sandy said we need to look at raising all of the other fees as well. Bob assigned Randy, John and Sandy to look into the rate increases and bring a recommendation back to the Town Council in July and Sandy suggested August.

Doug asked what is the worst we have been hit with and Sandy around \$1,200 but it is usually not that much but depending on the situation it could be up to 3 months' worth of Utility Bills. John said you used to be able to go after the Landlord for that and Sandy said now you cannot.

Waynetown Merchants Fish Fry License Agreement & Carnival Contract * Authorize Bob to Sign

Bob said the Merchant's has a new Carnival and the Agreement is a little different from the previous ones. Sandy is working on getting a revised Contract from Sam Biddle. Bob asked for authorization to sign it once we have all of our questions answered.

Doug made a motion giving Bob permission to sign the Waynetown Merchants Fish Fry License Agreement & Carnival Contract once we have all of our questions answered. Doug seconded. Barry questioned #3 where it says there will be security to 2 days before and 2 days after the Event. Barry

also questioned #5 and wanted to make sure they knew the Merchants was serving food at the event. Sandy said she had some concerns and talked to Sam about them and Sam called the Carnival and found out their Insurance Coverage is 24-7 and the Carnival does not own the Concessions or Games and they have a Midway Insurance that covers that.

Motion passed 5-0.

FSSA Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) Dollar-for-Dollar Match for Opioid Funding
Bob said Sandy had sent the Town Council an e-mail about this.

Barry made a motion that the town will not participate in the FSSA Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) Dollar-for-Dollar Match for Opioid Funding. Aaron seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Jodi Woods, Retired Legal Counsel for IACT. Plaque for Council for 2014 Pool

Bob said Jodi was the best brain that he ever talked to about legal issues. Bob said Jodi has always been impressed with our Pool story. Sandy said Jodi is wanting to do a plaque for the Town Council for doing a good job on getting a new pool built. Sandy explained to Jodi there is already a plaque at the pool for the person who donated a lot of the money. Jodi mentioned instead of a plaque maybe making a cash donation. Bob said he left Jodi a voice mail but she did not call him back yet.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS & CLERK-TREASURER

John Warren - Utility Superintendent

Pool

John said next year the drain at the top of the zero entry needs to be reworked because it is starting to crumble and fall apart inside and it is pretty bad. John said Darrin Clore noticed this when he was fixing the pool earlier this year so he will have him come out and fix it.

John said the pool needs to be painted next year but we need to do it differently than what we have done in the past. John said all Darrin Clore does is pools so he will probably go with him. John said John Addler painted it once and Stewart from HardCore painted it the last time.

John said the Funbrella needs to be replaced. John said he patched it this year. Sandy said it is going to be expensive and John said he is not even sure if he can just get the cover or not. John said he had to have a seem fixed 2 years ago by a tent company in Indy and it has held up but and this year mice chewed holes in it.

John said the pool dolphin he just had fixed was dropped and it broke so the old dolphin is back in the pool and the newer one is going back to Spear to be fixed. He does not know what the cost will be but it was around \$750 to fix it earlier this year. John said he thinks they just need to replace the 2 side panels and said they were plastic.

Kyle Proctor - Town Marshal - No Comments

Sandy Proctor - Clerk-Treasurer - No Comments

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barry Lewis - No Comments

Aron Bengel - No Comments

Doug Harris - No Comments

Randy Phillips
Eads Property on Wingate Road

Randy said the Town's Sewer Plant Fence is on the Eads property on Wingate Road. Sandy said they sold the house on Wingate Road. John said they did not sell the back property that the fence is on. John said Brad's intent was to build a duplex on that property but he does not think the County will let him because part of the land is in a floodplain. John said he talked to Brad and he is interested in selling the property to the Town. John does not know a price and mentioned it is probably a little less than an acre. John said if we can buy it he does not know why we wouldn't.

Peebles said under \$25,000 no appraisal is needed. Barry said the Town would not be able to pay over the appraised amount.

Sandy said the Eads hired Frank Luse to survey the property and Frank called her and said the Town fence is on the Eads property. John said he does not think the markers are in the correct place because the property to the north of the driveway he has his pins there and they put new pins in and on the south side of the driveway. John said someone owns that driveway because it is an easement that went with that property but it is not the Town's easement but we use the driveway to get to the sewer plant. Phil said a few years ago all of the properties all shifted a little bit to the south and his did the same thing. John said if they shifted to the south then the Town was on their property even more.

Bob asked Peebles if we should get the property surveyed if we are happy with the asking price. Peebles said if the Town starts paying for appraisals and surveys then something that started out simply got not so simple. Sandy suggested asking to see a copy of the survey. John said if Eads are going to sell the property someone is going to want the fence moved. Bob said depending on the asking price we might just have to remove the fence.

Discussion ensued and Doug and John will talk to Brad to find out how much he wants for the property.

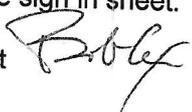
Bob Cox
Freedom Festival

Bob said the Freedom Festival is coming up and that is a pretty big deal. Bob said they are going to honor a marine recruit that won't be gone yet and have him on stage and his last name is Sawyer.

ADJOURN

Barry made a motion to adjourn. Doug seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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Bob Cox - Town Council President 

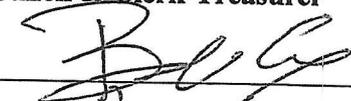
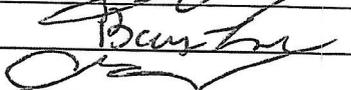
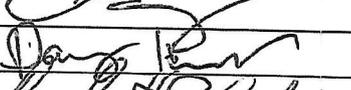
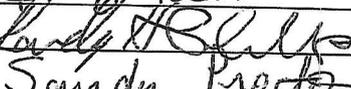
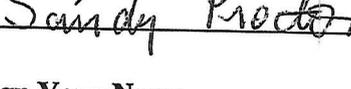
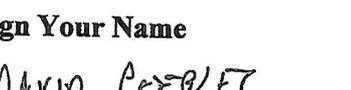
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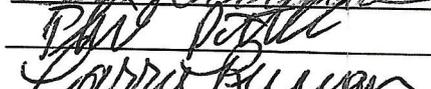
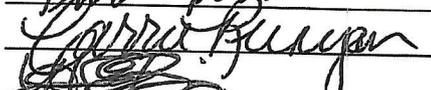
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