

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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AUGUST 13, 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

Barry Lewis, Doug Harris, Randy Phillips, and Bob Cox were present. Aaron Bengel was not present.

BOB COX - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. July 09, 2025 - Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B. August 7, 2025 - Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- C. August 7, 2025 - Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
- D. Claims Paid Prior to Town Council Meeting
- E. Claims to be Paid
- F. Park & Rec Report - August 2025
- G. Payroll Reports - July 2025
- H. Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports - June Closed & July Not Closed
- I. Clerk-Treasurer Utility Report for July 2025
- J. Utility Superintendent Report for July 2025
- K. Town Marshal Reports for July 2025

Barry made a motion to pass the Consent Agenda as presented. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS**David Meihls - Vacate Platted Alley**

David said he purchased the house (206 S Vine) which is behind his house (106 W Garfield) and asked the Town Council if they would vacate the platted alley between the houses. David said this is not an alley that is driven on by anyone. David said there is a utility pole that goes through the 12-foot platted alley and it serves his mother's house to the northeast of him (208 S Vine) and there is a security light on the electric pole that services 206 S Vine. David said he has already contacted Davis Electric about the cost to run the electric underground for all three houses. David understands he will have to pay for this. John said if the electricity goes underground there will be no need for the Town to be in the alley.

Randy made a motion to vacate the platted alley. Barry seconded. Doug said he hated to see us get rid of alleys because you never know when we are going to have to do something and mentioned maybe down the road needing to run a water line in that area. Doug asked if we were just going to give this property away and Bob said yes that is what you do when you vacate an alley. Barry said the property would be split between both owners. Barry asked David if this alley is just for one (1) block and David said it is between the Church alley and his front yard. Motion passed 3-1. Doug voted no.

DAVID MEIHLS - ADA

David said he is a Resident of Waynetown but he is also Waynetown's ADA Consultant. David said he is tracking his own formal complaint on behalf on the Town as Waynetown's ADA Consultant. David said we are within our grievance procedure timeline, stating that we are within the 60 days that the Town needs to come up with a resolution to his complaint, which is for the Town to put together some kind of a sidewalk program moving forward. David said the complaint was given to Sandy on 6-10-2025 and she had 30 days to respond but she responded the next day on 6-11-2025. David said then we had the 7-9-2025 Town Council Meeting where he explained his formal complaint to everyone. David said the Town Council asked him and John Warren to work together on solutions on ramps for the Laundromat, Ice Cream Shop and Pizza Kings back door, which they did on 7-18-2025.

David said on 7-25-2025 he filed a formal complaint with INDOT after going on their website and finding out they are letting on January 16, 2026, for Waynetown curb ramps only. David said he let INDOT know about the formal complaint he filed with Waynetown. David said his complaint to INDOT was reported to Sandy on 7-25-2025 as well. David said he has been a resident of Waynetown for 20 some years and he can't use the sidewalks, and the Town can't fix the sidewalks on US HWY 136. David asked INDOT why they were only doing the curb ramps and not the sidewalks. David said he is trying to push INDOT to do the sidewalks in Waynetown. David said he has received a response from INDOT and the person is going to be on vacation for two (2) weeks and will call him in September. David said the person that responded is the engineer that did the ramps in Town and David said he plan checked every one of them and every one of them were out of compliance because they are meeting existing sidewalks that are out of compliance. David said he will keep us informed about this.

Bob asked David about how much would BF&S charge for a sidewalk inventory plan. David did not know for sure but guessed less than \$10,000. David mentioned DeepWalk out of Illinois and they sell the software for your cell phone. David said you want to spend the least amount as possible because we know we need to replace what we have. David said let's start a Sidewalk Inventory Program, but not pay anyone to do it, we will wait until INDOT dings us that we do not have one and then we will have to pay to have one done. David said if it comes to that point they will come in and grade every sidewalk we have and tell us everywhere we do not have a sidewalk. David said then they will prioritize what we need to do first. David said the first thing is to fix the places where there are steps. David said when the sidewalks are done, they may be able to drop down on the height, but it may cost more for the excavation. David said there are some areas in Town that might need to be engineered but for the most part he can tell us what they have to be to pass ADA, which would save the Town a lot on engineering fees. David said what you need is concrete guys to come in and listen to us and let them know that we will check the forms before they pour and check again after they are done.

David said the Town needs to decide, when he is not in the room, what type of a response you going to respond with to his formal complaint in regard to the sidewalk program. David gave an example "David we are going to do this much per year until we are done".

Sandy asked David when we had to respond to his formal complaint, and he said 60 days from 7-9-2025. David said the response to his complaint can be by e-mail or a phone call.

Bob was concerned with the cost and the trees. Bob asked if the trees going to have to come down and the roots be taken out in the whole Town. Bob asked if you replant baby trees. David said he is not looking forward to hearing complaints about the tree that grandpa planted years ago, but when it comes down to it the Town Council has a responsibility to provide accessible routes within Town. David said he should be able to leave his house and get to Town Hall without having to wheel his chair in the middle of the street.

David mentioned the bridge and said the Town could request the County put in a pedestrian crosswalk. David mentioned the Title VI Plan the Town adopted and it states that you have to think about the lower income areas and we cannot just develop in the richer area of Town.

Bob said he thinks Kingman was the last Community that INDOT re-did all of their sidewalks. Waynetown was next on the list and the State cancelled that Program.

Bob asked David about the City of Brazil and thought David was involved with them. David said he uses the City of Brazil in training to teach people not to be like the City of Brazil. David explained that Brazil continuously resisted to do anything about their sidewalks and 15 people from Washington DC came in and spent a month in Brazil and then took them to Federal Court and they not only had to spend money on sidewalks but they were required to spend a million dollars of their annual budget on sidewalks for the next five (5) years until they were done. David said this happened about 8 years ago.

Bob said he will not say that we do not need sidewalks and he would love to see them, but how are we going to be able to pay for them.

Doug mentioned the semi's that tear up the sidewalk at US Highway 136 & State Road 25 trying to turn. David mentioned the low-income housing that we have in Town are the ones that use that path the most and there is no sidewalk for them to walk on.

Sandy asked David about what he said at the last Town Council meeting in regard to INDOT not allowing the Town to touch the sidewalks on US Highway 136, but then you said if INDOT comes in and does the sidewalks then the Town is really responsible for those sidewalks. Sandy said the Town has to monitor what INDOT does on the sidewalks because we are still going to be responsible for them. David said INDOT will turn the sidewalks over to the Town. David said he saw this happen in West Lafayette where INDOT came in and re-did an area of sidewalks and none of it complied with ADA.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Kyle said 22 Ordinance Violations had been sent out. Out of the 22 there are 7 that have not complied, 2 are in the process and 5 have done nothing. The 5 will be fined. Kyle said he added 3 more today. Kyle gave Sandy a complete list of the Ordinance Violations.

AQUATIC CENTER & PARK

Resurface Basketball Court * Pickleball Court - Ryan Nupnau * Sent Documents - No Response

Bob said the basketball court has been resurfaced and the pickleball court has been painted. Bob said the Town has not received any of the paperwork yet. Bob said he or Barry would contact Ryan.

Wedding at Pool on Sunday August 10, 2025

Bob said there was a wedding at the pool on Sunday 8-10-2025 and he just did not have the heart to charge our own kids (Sam & Emily) the rental fee of \$475 for a six-hour party. Bob said that was a nice wedding gift to them and he wanted to make it official here tonight after the fact. Randy made a motion not to charge Sam & Emily for the 6-hour pool party. Barry seconded. Bob asked if this was going to go down as a donation and Sandy said no, no one gets anything for free so it needs to be taxed. Bob asked why we do not charge the Police Department and Sandy said because it is a Community Event it is not a private personal party. Doug asked Sandy to figure out the cost and he would take care of it and Sandy said you do not do it like that and said this is a payroll issue. Randy asked if we could write it off as a loss and Phil Pirtle said they should get a 1099 Tax Form. Bob asked Sandy if she wanted him to call the State Board of Accounts and ask about this and Sandy said yes.

COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS

Amount Paid to Matt Foxworthy was \$275 for 5.5 Hours not \$250 to Install/Set Up Livestream Equipment

Bob said Matt's Invoice was \$275 and not \$250. Sandy said the motion at last month's Town Council Meeting was to pay \$250. Sandy said she has already paid Matt \$275, per the Invoice.

Randy, Sandy and John Working on Water & Electric Reconnect Fees * Currently \$25 Each * Time Frame Until Reconnect is Done * Other Utility Fees and Charges

Bob asked the Committee to put together a fee schedule in writing for the next Town Council meeting. Sandy explained once the fees are approved then we could advertise for a public hearing.

Peerless Pump Test Results - Still Waiting on Quote

John said he had talked to someone but he has not sent him the quote yet

Insurance Update on Fire Department Fundraiser on 8-23-25 at Park/Serving Beer - Have COI for Fire Department - Need COI for Cindy and Need Beer Permit

Bob asked Sandy if she was just updating everyone and she said yes. Phil asked Sandy how she got the COI for the Fire Department and Sandy said the Insurance Company sent it to her.

Phil said all these Organizations in Town doing stuff at the Park and the Fire Department is the only one that was asked to provide a COI. Sandy told Phil that she never asked Phil for a COI for the Fire Department she asked for a COI for the alcohol. Sandy said Phil is questioning why we are not asking for a COI from WCI (Wayne Township Community Improvement) and Bob said they are probably going to get insurance, and the Merchants are working on it now. Phil said he got the beer permit today and he would get it to us.

COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

Add Culvert Under Driveway on Short Street to Divert Water Flow in Heavy Rain Storms

Karen Nowlings driveway at 108 Short Street is built up so high and there is a ditch there but the water coming between the houses can't go down the ditch because of her driveway so the water is being forced over the road. John said all the water that comes off the alley behind the houses on the north side of Short Street goes down one of our right of ways and is supposed to make a turn and go down into the ditch, but it cannot. Discussion ensued about the Heath's culvert at 107 Short Street. Barry said stormwater could pay for the culverts.

Barry made a motion for John to put in a culvert in at Nowling's and at the Heath's and it will be paid for out of the stormwater fund. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Authorize Bob Cox to Sign Opioid Documents

Sandy said there are 2 different types of Opioid Money, one is restricted, and the other is non restricted. Sandy said the restricted goes to the County and the unrestricted goes to the Town. Sandy said Brian Fletcher was the authorized signer and now it needs to be Bob.

Barry made a motion authorizing Bob to sign the Opioid Documents. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

2026 Waynetown Budget * Public Hearing 9-10-25 & Budget Adoption 11-08-25

Sandy had sent the Town Council information on the 2026 Budget. Sandy said she did increase the Budget for 2026 so we would be able to do some sidewalks. Sandy said there has been no discussion on wages yet.

Bob asked about making changes to the 2026 Budget at the Public Hearing and Sandy said the Public Hearing is not to make changes to the Budget it is to listen to the Public. Sandy said when you adopt the Budget is when you would make changes. Sandy made it clear you cannot increase the budget you can only cut it at Budget Adoption.

Circuit Breaker

Sandy said Waynetown's Circuit Breaker for the 2026 Budget is \$9,500 and it was around \$2,000 this year. This is the money the State thinks we will not receive in Property Taxes due to all of the credits.

Net Assessed Valuation (NAV)

Barry asked if Waynetown had received the Net Assessed Valuation and Bob and Sandy both said no.

Bob said the reason the County has not submitted the NAV to the DLGF is because there is a problem with the City's calculations. Sandy had asked our DLGF Representative if he thought our NAV would go up and he said from what he can tell it does look like Montgomery County is going up but he does not know for sure about Waynetown. Sandy said out of 92 Counties there are only 13 that have had their NAV approved.

Local Income Tax (LIT) & Local Income Tax Public Safety (LITPS)

Sandy said several years ago when the County needed money for the 911 Dispatch Center the Town started receiving a lot of money for LITPS. Kyle's budget used to come out of the General Fund (LIT) and then we were required to set up a new Fund for LITPS and that Fund is where Kyle's budget has been coming from, not the Police wages, just the Police budget. Starting 1-1-2028 there is no more LITPS there will only be LIT, like it used to be but with a twist. By 7-1-2027 Waynetown must request a dollar amount of LIT from the County for the 2028 Budget.

County Council Meeting

Bob said he was at the County Council Meeting and State Representative Thompson was there and he told everyone he thinks there will be changes over the next 2 years and specifically mentioned LIT but all we can do is wait and see what happens. He also said he thinks in the long run things are going to be better for everyone.

Ambulance Service

Bob said Mayor Barton said the first thing they are going to have to cut is the City of Crawfordsville providing Ambulance Service to the County.

Employee Handbook Changes

Bob said the Council met about some changes to the Employee Handbook and Peebles sent Sandy a revision to the Employee Handbook. Sandy said a section is being taken out under Progressive Disciplinary Action and Employee Appeal will be removed completely. Sandy said nothing changed in the Drug & Alcohol Testing Program and she thought the wording at random was going to be removed and Barry said no Peebles was talking about random drug testing. Barry said there is a difference between random drug testing and having someone tested at random.

Phil mentioned that the Town Council should watch a video about reasonable suspension and Bob said he thinks the Company we sign up with will probably give us training.

Barry made a motion to approve the Employee Handbook changes. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Franciscan Working Well

Bob said Franciscan Working Well on Market Street tests a lot of the factories in Crawfordsville. Bob handed out a sheet from Franciscan Working Well that shows the tests they do and the costs. Bob said he liked that there are no sign-up fee and no annual fee. Bob said it is \$45 to test for 5-Panels or \$49 to test for 12-Panels. Bob mentioned the Chain of Custody 5-Panel and 10-Panel Send-Out Test for \$49 and also mentioned the Random Consortium Testing for \$45 or \$49. Alcohol testing is a breathalyzer test and it is also \$45. A lot of discussion ensued.

Doug made a motion that we pursue this. Barry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Trash Bid - 5 Year Bid from 2-1-2021 / 01-31-2026

Bob said we need to start thinking about bidding out the trash. Barry said he thinks the cost will go up this time. Barry suggested bidding it out and having bids due back at the December Town Council

meeting and that way we can still have time to re-bid if we need to. Sandy said she received a phone call from a different Republic Office asking for a bid packet when they are ready and Barry mentioned a new Company called Neal Trash.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**John Warren - Utility Superintendent****Community Crossings**

John said he does not know how much money we have and wanted to know what the Town Council priorities are. The match is 80/20 instead of 75/25. Bob said crack sealing and John said we definitely need to do some crack sealing. John asked if they wanted to do anything at the Park since they are now roads. Barry said he thought that is why we made them roads was to pave them. John said there is a section of Gladiator he could do and also mentioned finishing Loretta to US HWY 136, which would be nice for emergency vehicles. Sandy said if we do the roads in the Park do we have to put sidewalks in and John said he would get with David Meihls tomorrow and ask him.

John said the only place we can do sidewalks with Community Crossing money is he is milling off a street and re-surfacing it. John mentioned they did Union Square's sidewalks that way, which was the first year you were allowed to do sidewalks, before you could not. Sandy asked if you could do new sidewalks with Community Crossing and everyone thought the answer was no. Sandy said if we cannot use Community Crossing money for sidewalks in the Park then we cannot do the Park because we do not have enough money for sidewalks. John said all you have to do is to make the road 48 inches wider and paint a line on it. John said if we do this are they going to want us to put a walkway from the sidewalk to every dugout at the ball field. Busse said he thinks the speed limit has to be under 15 mph when sidewalks are incorporated within the street.

Doug asked about the parking lot at the pool and said that is not a street and John said the way the streets cross there it is probably going to encompass it. Bob said he would like to see the horseshoe done first.

Sandy reminded everyone that the Community Crossings Grant opens on October 1, 2025 and closes on October 31, 2025. Sandy said with all of the changes to the Community Crossings Grant it is hard to say who will and who will not get awarded. Barry said it is going to be a lot more competitive than it has been.

Sandy said to be able to apply for Community Crossings next year you have to complete a Paser by December 1, 2025, of this year. Sandy said Ken Smith does this for Waynetown. Sandy said every Community is going to have to do this because you will not know if you are going to be awarded money this round by December 1st. Sandy said next year the round is in July so you will know if you are awarded by December 31, 2026.

Bob told John to go ahead with those two (2) major projects and see what Ken thinks.

Well Pumps

John asked if he get the bid on the well pumps can he go ahead and act on them. John said he has no idea how much they are going to cost. Bob told John yes, we have been waiting on them forever.

**Kyle Proctor - Town Marshal
Police Kids Night Out**

Barry asked Kyle how the Police Kids Night Out went and Kyle said it was steady and there was never a lot of people all at once.

**COMMENTS FROM CLERK-TREASURER (Elected to a 4-Year Term * 01/01/24 - 12/31/27)
Sandy Proctor - Clerk-Treasurer - No Comments**

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS (Electric to a 4-Year Term * 1/1/24 - 12/31/27)
Barry Lewis - No Comments**

Aron Bengé - Not Present

**Doug Harris
203 W Union Street**

Doug said 203 W Union Street needs to be looked at for an Ordinance Violation, it has a tree growing into the gutter and the grass is really tall.

Hiring a Night Police Officer

Doug asked what the deal was on trying to find us a night Police Officer. Kyle said you would just have to hire somebody to work nights. Bob said Doug and Kyle has been spending a lot of time at the Park at night. Doug said he does not know where we could find the money to hire somebody for night work. Sandy said she just said that Kyle has a very healthy budget, but the Police wages are paid for out of the General Fund. Kyle said he has someone (Caleb Berry) that is willing to work 12 to 15 hours a week for \$20 per hour. Caleb works for the County and is also currently working for New Market. Bob asked Kyle to send the Town Council Members information in writing about this. Barry said this will be around \$1,000 a month. A stolen car was mentioned and Kyle said that can happen whether you have someone working nights or not. Barry said we will not be able to have someone work every night all of the time. Barry said if we do hire someone to work nights they need to work random days and not the same schedule every week.

Sandy asked if it would be better and or cheaper if we got more cameras at the Park to catch them instead of just taking a chance a Police Officer will be at the Park when something happens.

Kyle said if we go with cameras they need to be wireless and they need to be able to be seen remotely. Sandy said we have internet at the Park and we are paying for it every month. Kyle said the cameras we have up at the Park now are fine, they are just outdated. Kyle said now everything hooks up to Wi-Fi and you can view it live. Bob said if we had this we would have been able to see who tore up the bathrooms.

**Randy Phillips
Ordinance on Motorized Vehicles**

Randy wanted to know if the Town has an Ordinance on Motorized Vehicles in writing and mentioned not riding ATVs on the Streets and Kyle said yes it is in the Ordinance Book. Kyle said basically the only thing you cannot have is a 4-wheeler, snowmobile or a dirt bike. Kyle said anything you straddle to ride is not street legal.

Electric Scooters & Minibikes

Randy said we talked about electric scooters and you have to straddle a minibike just like an ATV so we should already have an Ordinance and Kyle said the minibikes are different because they are not considered off road. Bob gave Randy a copy of what Peebles sent us today because Randy's computer was not working. Kyle said he wrote 3 or 4 warnings today.

Kyle said people are asking the difference between a bicycle and a minibike because people on bicycles don't obey the law either and Kyle said it is the speed the bicycle can go.

Facebook

Bob said Kyle had mentioned he might start doing the Facebook training on Ordinances again.

Bob Cox - No Comments

ADJOURN

Barry made a motion to adjourn. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The following page is a copy of the sign in sheet.

Bob Cox - Town Council President *Bob C 9-10-25*

Sandy Proctor - Clerk-Treasurer *Sandy Proctor 9-10-2025*

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5. Gregory
6. Sandy H. Phillips

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