

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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JANUARY 14, 2026**

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 Benge was not present.

2026 Town Council Election

Vote for Town Council President & Vote for Town Council Vice President

Barry made a motion for Bob to be President. Doug amended the motion and added Barry to be Vice President. Barry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Hearing on Electric * Water * Sewer Rates and Charges

Open Public Hearing on Electric & Water & Sewer Rates and Charges

Bob opened the Public Hearing

Discussion

Sandy said the 1st Reading of the Ordinances was done at the December 10, 2025, Town Council Meeting. Sandy said we are increasing some of the fees we charge and said the biggest one is the Deposits. The Electric Deposit is \$150 going up to \$250 AND the Water Deposit is \$100 going up to \$200. The Electric Deposit for garages will stay at \$7.50. The other big one is Reconnect Fees for Electric and Water are currently \$25 each going up to \$75 each. If you request your electric meter to be tested it was \$25 going up to \$50. The 2nd Dishonored/NSF Payment in one calendar year will result in no further payment of utility bills by customer's check will be accepted. The Sewer impact (tap in) fee will be \$1,500.

Citizen Comments

Bob asked if there were any Citizen comments. Brad Eads said the Sewer fee of \$1,500 is cheap and said a lot of Cities are charging ten (10) times that amount.

Close Public Hearing

Bob closed the Public Hearing.

BOB COX - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. December 10, 2025 - Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims Paid Prior to Town Council Meeting
- C. Claims to be Paid
- D. Payroll Reports - December 2025

- E. Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports - November Closed & December Not Closed
- F. Clerk-Treasurer Utility Report - December 2025
- G. Utility Superintendent Report - December 2025
- H. Town Marshal Reports - December 2025 & 2025 Yearly Reports

Barry made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Doug seconded. Bob mentioned Kyle's yearly Police Reports from 2016 – 2025. Motion passed 4-0.

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE - JACCI BOONE, TREASURER

Discuss 2026 Animal Welfare Contract for \$5,408 * Went Up \$258 * Was \$5,150 in 2024 & 2025 Same Price if Weekly Patrols are Taken Out of the Contract

Sandy said a motion was made at the December Meeting to pay \$5,150 and she contacted AWL's Attorney. The Attorney responded that they would accept the \$5,150 if the weekly patrols are taken out of the Contract.

Jacci said they raised their rates because now every animal that is brought in is being vaccinated immediately, which should help them down the road on medications. They are also buying rabies vaccines, but they have to have a vet come in and administer them. Jacci said their insurance went up from \$9,000 to \$33,000. Jacci said they are short staffed and would help if they did not have to do weekly patrols.

Jacci said they are not contracted to go out and pick up cats. However, if there is an injured animal, and someone in Waynetown does not have transportation or a way to get the animal to AWL, then AWL will come pick the animal up.

Randy asked why he could only bring in a cat during certain times. Jacci said they are going to be changing their hours to make it more convenient for what the public needs.

Doug said he talked to the President and someone else at AWL and they told Doug they would get a plan together for the 30+ sick cats that were released in Waynetown by their owner, and they never got back with him. Kyle said the arrangement Abby made with him was we could trap them and take them in or she would come and get them. Doug said that must be the plan.

Barry made a motion to pay AWL \$5,150 with no weekly patrols. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Barry amended his motion to add allowing Bob to sign the Contract when it comes in. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

DARREN FORMAN

WCI Donation for Christmas in the Park - Last Year \$3,000 for Displays

Darren said he received a report from Heather on the number of cell phones that went through the Park and it was a little over 5,000. Darren said the Committee is at the Park various times day and night and he was shocked to see how many people drive through during the day. Barry said there are nights from about 6 PM to 10 PM where it is pretty constant. Darren said the given the number of days lost to snow the donation box did pretty well. Phil said two (2) nights that Santa was there they did set records for donations.

Darren said he orders the displays around Valentines Day because he gets a significant discount and then he goes and picks them up in May. Bob asked Darren where new displays would go and Darren said they worked with John on the electrical infrastructure and John said the East side of the Drive by the Water Tower. Barry said so the opposite side of the 12 Days of Christmas and Darren said yes. Sandy said the 12 Days of Christmas is pretty darn cool. Darren said, when Santa is there, the kids in

the cars are screaming Santa, Santa and when they leave, they can be heard singing the 12 Days of Christmas.

Darren said they do not know exactly what they are going to purchase this year and they need to get all the numbers together and then they will see what the next piece is going to be. Darren said the Carolers and the Band were the new displays this past year.

Doug made a motion to pay WCI \$3,000 for displays for Christmas in the Park. Barry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brad Eads - Increase in Electric Rates

Brad said the increase in the electric rates is killing them. Brad said the Mustard Seed closed and that was not because of the electric utilities but their electric bill this summer exceeded the income from both the apartment upstairs and the Mustard Seed rent. Brad said they need more business or something has got to give. Brad said the Pizza King is not far from closing if Business does not pick up.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Nothing to report in the Winter.

COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS

David Meihls Right of Way Approval Given on 8-13-2025 - This Must be Done by Ordinance

Nothing new to report.

Police Durango was Hit on Interstate 74 by a Driver of a Rental Car - Insurance Issues???

Doug said Miller's bid and Geico's bid is a little more than \$5,000 off. Doug said Geico is wanting to put used parts on the vehicle. Doug talked to Mike Utterback, Town's Insurance Agent, today and our only other option is to turn a claim in on our insurance and there will be a \$1,000 deductible and then see what happens and it could end up being a total loss. Bob said this would take Geico out of it and our Insurance Company will battle with them. Doug said since the accident was not our fault the Town is entitled to get the \$1,000 deductible back from Geico. Doug said Mike Miller told him today that no one has paid him any storage on the vehicle and the cost is \$65 a day and the vehicle has been there since 11-29-2025. Discussion ensued.

Barry made a motion to tell Mike Utterback we will pay the \$1,000 deductible to get the ball rolling. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Community Crossing Grant - Ken Smith - Bid Out Project in Case INDOT Makes More Awards

Bob said the Town did not get the Community Crossing Grant and neither did most Montgomery County Entities. Bob asked if Ken was talking about going ahead and bidding out the Project now in case INDOT makes more awards and Barry said yes. Sandy said Ken sent her an e-mail about this before INDOT said there was going to be another round. Sandy said do we want to bid out the Project now or wait until we know we got awarded a Community Crossing Grant. Bob said the County decided not to bid theirs out yet and Barry said the City bid theirs out today. A lot of discussion ensued.

Barry made a motion to go ahead and bid out the Project and have the bids due back by the April Town Council Meeting. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Contract (Monetary Donation) with Waynetown Community Fire & Rescue, Inc.

Bob said he found out that we do not have to do any type of a Contract, our Attorney said it would just be a Donation.

Sandy said when she originally brought this up it was not for a Contract for Fire Protection Services at all. Sandy said the Contract that we enter into with Summer Sports is for them to provide insurance and keep the field clean. Sandy said if the Town just gives someone money and we do not get anything in return then there is a form that the Fire Department has to fill out and file. Sandy told the Town Council if they just want to give the Fire Department \$3,000 then the Fire Department can file the form..

Bob said as individuals we all pay taxes to the Fire Department, because we all pay Township taxes. Bob said this came up because the Town Council heard there was a lack of funds for the Fire Department to operate on and Phil agreed with Bob. Bob asked who the Fire Department shares their books with and how do we know there is a lack of funds. Phil said Kevin Howey has the books. Phil said they can operate with what they have, bare minimal, and they can make cuts, but the thing they are getting into is the next cut is going to be to cut the first responders out because we do have an ambulance service (Crawfordsville) that comes to Town. Phil said just this year they have blown two (2) tires on trucks while they were out on a call. Phil said the Rescue Truck has been in twice this year for repairs and Phil said the next time is probably going to take it to the scrap yard and mentioned several of the parts they cannot get anymore. Brad Eads asked what year the Rescue Truck was, it is a 1996.

Bob said he does not mind helping the Fire Department for the things they do for the Community and said the Township does not pay anything into Kyle's efforts with Blue Gives Back. Bob said some people are still questioning the \$35,000 we gave the Fire Department and we are not seeing anything out of that and Phil said you are not required to. Phil said the Town's Attorney sat right here and said the Town could not say what the money had to be used for and Bob said he knows that, but the Town gave the Fire Department the money in good faith that we were going to have an Emergency Shelter. Bob said he does not know if that would have changed anything if you had another reason for the money.

Discussion ensued and Bob asked the Council Members for their thoughts on giving the Fire Department money or not.

Randy said when the front tire blew he was driving and luckily they were coming back from a run and mentioned how bad it could have been.

Doug has been on the Fire Board and he said this is probably an unfair statement but he tried to get a Rescue Truck and somebody hit the table with their first and said no for a Rescue Truck because this is a Fire Department and Crawfordsville will be here for Rescue. Doug mentioned the Rescue Truck goes on all of the runs, including fire runs. Doug said the Fire Department should have had a new Rescue Truck ten (10) years ago. Randy said the Rescue Truck the Fire Department currently has was donated by a man whose wife was killed on the Interstate.

Sandy asked Phil who owns the Fire Trucks. Phil said the Township. Sandy said not you and not the Fire Department and then Sandy asked Phil why the Fire Department has to repair the vehicles and why is Kathy's Budget (Township Trustee) not repairing the Fire Trucks. Phil said the Budget they have is not enough to maintain and keep up the trucks. Phil said he used to send the repair bills to Jack and then Jack came back and told him that their budget is to include the repairs. Sandy asked Phil if the Contract says the Township is going to provide you with a vehicle, but you have to pay to have it repaired and Phil said yes.

Jay Busse said Hillsboro gives their Fire Department \$14,000 and Wingate also gives at least \$5,500 and went on to say most Fire Department are struggling. Doug said their Cum Fire Fund had around \$450,000 in it and Waynetown's probably has less than \$100,000 in it. Sandy said you get your money from Property Taxes, and it is how you do the Budget, and that is all she is going to say.

Phil asked for this to be tabled and said he would like to have a one-on-one meeting with Bob because he has some other things he wants to discuss that he does not want to bring up right now.

Bob was fine with tabling this and Barry said we can table it, but he does not want to be blindsided at the next meeting and said whatever Bob and Phil talks about he wants to know about it before the next meeting. Bob said he would share the information and tabled this discussion.

iPad & Google Drive - RahmTech will Fix when Camera is Installed on John's Computer

Sandy said this happened today and everyone has their new iPads.

COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2025-006 - Electric Utility Fees - 2nd & Final Reading

Ordinance 2025-007 - Water Utility Fees - 2nd & Final Reading

Ordinance 2025-008 - Sewer Utility Fees - 2nd & Final Reading

Barry made a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-006 - Electric Utility Fees & Ordinance 2025-007 - Water Utility Fees & Ordinance 2025-008 - Sewer Utility Fees on second reading. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Barry made a motion to suspend the rules so the Ordinances can be passed on third and final reading tonight. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Barry made a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-006 - Electric Utility Fees & Ordinance 2025-007 - Water Utility Fees & Ordinance 2025-008 - Sewer Utility Fees on third and final reading. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 001-2026 - Transfer of Funds * General * LITPS * Pool & Park Donations Funds

Sandy said the transfer is needed to move appropriated funds around within the same fund.

Barry made a motion to approve Resolution 001-2026 - Transfer of Funds * General * LITPS * Pool & Park Donations Funds. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

AIM Legislative Dinner - The Westin Downtown Indy - February 18, 2026 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Bob said if anyone wants to go, they need to register by 2-18-2026 and it is free for AIM Members.

Approve John to Execute the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) Agreement with Water Compliance Tech, Sherri Winters is the Owner

Bob said this is something we have done before and John said yes and it will be on going until every single property in Town is verified.

Randy made a motion allowing John to execute the LSLI Agreement with Water Compliance Tech. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

John Sewer Certification Training - Training \$400 & Course Materials \$???

John asked the Town to pay for his training and materials so he can study to take the Waterwaster Operator Test. John said he thinks the books will be \$100 or \$200 depending on what is required.

Bob said the last time John took the training was around 8 years ago and John said he never took the test back then and a lot of things have changed since then. Bob said if John gets Certified then the Town no longer has to pay UMAC to sign off on the Wastewater paperwork. Sandy said John had to have a camera installed on his computer so he can take the training classes at his desk instead of driving two hours up north.

Doug made a motion for John to take the test and get the paperwork. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**John Warren - Utility Superintendent****Transmission Chevy Pick-Up Truck**

John said he had the transmission worked on on the pick-up truck.

Tree in Park

John said there is a tree in the Park that needs to be taken down by the Shea Shed, Dumpster and the Splash Pad. John said the tree is too big for them to cut down.

Randy made a motion allowing John to have the tree cut down. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Kyle Proctor - Town Marshal**Christian Brown - Resigned**

Kyle said the Council received a copy of Christian Brown resignation as a Reserve Deputy. Kyle mentioned his kids are in sports and he does not have enough time commit to this job. Sandy said Christian resigned on 1-12-2026 and Kyle said it was 1-1-2026. Bob said Christian has been a good asset to the Town and Kyle said he was here for 16 years.

Kyle Proctor - Starting his 25th Year

Bob said he told everyone at the Employee Appreciation Dinner that Kyle is starting his 25th year working for the Town and that is very commendable.

Annual Training

Kyle said his annual training conference is on February 18th / 20th in Indianapolis. Kyle said he will be the only one going this year because the others are doing the training through the Sheriff's Office or somewhere else.

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 (Elected to a 4-Year Term * 1/1/24 - 12/31/27)****Barry Lewis****Thank You**

Barry said he wanted to thank John and the guys and said he does not know of very many Town's that are still picking up limbs and leaves in the middle of January when we have already had 15 inches of snow. This is just another thing this Town needs to be thanking them for and they are always finding ways to do the little things that make our Town a place where you want to live. Randy said he seconds that.

Aron Bengel - Not Present**Doug Harris - No Comments****Randy Phillips - No Comments****Bob Cox****Thank You Doug**

Bob thanked Doug for working on the Insurance for the Police vehicle.

Employee Appreciation Dinner

Bob said they had a very successful Employee Appreciation Dinner and some of the Employees went out of their way to say thank you. Bob mentioned the retirees there, Dick Peterman who worked for the

Town for 39 years and Bev Norman who worked for the Town for almost 40 years. Bob said the Town has only had two (2) Clerk-Treasurers in the last 60 years and Bob said that is unheard of. Sandy said June Blackford was here for a while before Bev. Bob also mentioned Bill Stone had over 20 years with the Town.

ADJOURN

Barry made a motion to adjourn. Doug seconded.

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

Bob Cox - Town Council President *Bob Cox*

Sandy Proctor - Clerk-Treasurer *2-11-26*
Sandy Proctor
2-11-2026

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- 5. Harold H. Bull
- 6. Sandy Proctor

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