

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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THERE WAS NO SOUND DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES  
FEBRUARY 11, 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 Benghe was not present.

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

- A. January 14, 2026 - Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims Paid Prior to Town Council Meeting
- C. Claims to be Paid
- D. Payroll Reports - January 2026
- E. Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports - December Not Closed & January Not Closed
- F. Clerk-Treasurer Utility Report - January 2026
- G. Utility Superintendent Report - January 2026
- H. Town Marshal Reports - January 2026

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

**CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS****Ray Bridwell - Bridwell AG - Electric Rates**

Bob said Ray is not here yet and if he shows up we will work him in.

**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**

John said he has GIS on his computer now and he needs an updated map. Bob said okay and we will get this done.

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

Bob said he had a good talk with Phil yesterday and Phil would like to see the Town have a Contract with the Fire Department because he thinks it would protect the Town and Bob asked Phil why that might be. Phil said if someone questions it because there is no Contract for Towns Fire Protection on the monetary side. Bob said to Phil, you do not mean Waynetown you mean the Town's properties and Phil said yes. Sandy asked Phil what about the Township's property and Phil said the Township is covered and Sandy asked Phil how they are covered and Phil said because they own the Fire Department.

Phil said the Town they could own part of them and be covered. Sandy said she was asking because the Township does not pay property taxes either. Phil again said the Township owns the Fire Department and Sandy said no they do not own you, they contract with you, but they do not own you. Phil said if you talk to the Township they own them. Phil said he thinks the way Sandy does, but if you talk to them, they own the Fire Department and that goes back to Jack. Doug Harris said he had never heard of that. Bob said we are going to table this again and Phil is okay with that.

### **State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) - American Rescue Plant Act (ARPA) Funds**

Bob stated that Phil could not get a bid to get done what he had to get done to make the it a legal emergency shelter and they were sitting on the \$35,000 and it came up that they needed to buy some radios. Phil said their 800 radios were obsolete and they used \$22,000 to buy new portable radios. The mobile radios still work. Phil said they also purchased new extrication tools and equipment for wrecks.

### **Tanker Truck & Rescue Truck**

Bob said last year Kathy spent some of the Township's Fire Cum Fund money and purchased a used Tanker Truck. Bob said this year they will be getting a used Rescue Truck and the cost is \$75,000 and it only has 5,500 miles on it and the Township is paying for that as well. Bob said the Rescue Truck is big enough to hold all of the items needed instead of having them in different trucks. Phil said they will be getting rid of the old Tanker Truck and the Trailer that has been sitting behind the Fire Department.

### **Wayne Township Advisory Board is Changing**

Phil said Eric Runyon and Loren Stephens are going to be new Members on the Township Advisory Board in 2027. Bob said the Democrats have until sometime in April to appoint someone to be on the May Ballot.

### **Community Crossing Grant - Update on Bids**

John said he told Ken we wanted to go ahead and bid it, but he has not heard back from him.

Barry said the City of Crawfordsville received \$432,000 of left over Community Crossing money. Sandy asked Barry when that happened and he said today at the Board of Works Meeting. Barry said their matching funds is half. Sandy said they are still talking about having another round and Bob and Barry both said yes.

## **COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS**

### **Waynetown's Annual Financial Report (AFR) is Due 3-1-2026**

Sandy said the 2025 AFR is not done yet and they will receive the information as soon as it is done. Sandy said the Cash & Investments has to be advertised in the newspaper.

### **Police Durango was Hit on Interstate 74 on 11-29-2025 - Hylant Insurance Company, which is the Town's Insurance Company, will be Sending the Town a Check for the Actual Cash Value, which is \$31,285 - \$1,000 (Deductible) = \$30,285. The Check will be Deposited into the General Fund.**

Bob said he thinks everyone is on board with what is going on and said the old Durango and the new Durango are both in Greencastle waiting for the equipment to be transferred. York is okay with waiting for payment until we get done what we need to do. Sandy has spoken to the DLGF and the SBOA and there are 2 different ways we can do this. Kyle wants the money insurance money from the totaled Durango to go towards payment for the new Durango and not pay for the entire amount of the new Durango from his LITPS Fund.

Sandy wanted to clarify that a previous Town Council Meeting it was said the Town would have to pay \$1,000 and we would get that money back. Sandy said we do not have to pay \$1,000 they will short the Insurance check to the Town by \$1,000 and the Town will only get the \$1,000 if our Insurance Company gets everything they are going after, otherwise we will not get it back.

**Approve York Quote to Purchase 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD for \$41,259.25 (State Bid Price). Original Price \$47,569.00.**

Barry made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD for \$41,259.25, which is the State Bid price. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Ordinance 2026-001 - General Fund Additional Appropriation for \$30,285 \* Public Hearing at 6:30 PM on 3-11-2026. The LITPS Fund will Pay the Remaining \$10,974.25 out of their Current 2026 Budget.**

Sandy said the Additional Appropriation will be \$30,285 and the Public Hearing will be at 6:30 PM on 3-11-2026. Sandy said you can go ahead and do the first reading of the Ordinance tonight. Sandy said the Additional Appropriation Notice no longer have to be published in the newspaper and that became effective 01-01-2026. However, there is a special place in Gateway you have to enter the information and that has to be done 14 days before the Public Hearing so the Notice is guaranteed to be visible 10 days prior to the Public Hearing.

Barry made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-001 - General Fund Additional Appropriation for \$30,285 and the LITPS Fund will Pay the Remaining \$10,974.25 out of their Current 2026 Budget on first reading. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Cancellation of Warrants - Old Outstanding Checks - 2 Years After Dec 31 in the Year the Check was Written. Three (3) on the List to be Cancelled.**

Sandy said one of the three checks was a check to AT&T for Internet and a check to Busse for Water Repairs and both of those checks were re-issued. The last one was an Electric Deposit Refund check that was never cashed. If Sandy can contact the person she will re-issue the check.

Doug made a motion that we cancel the three (3) outstanding checks as presented. Barry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Identity Theft Program Update 1. Effectiveness 2.Service Provider 3.Incidents 4.Recommendations**

Sandy said Ordinance 002-2009 - An Ordinance of the Town Council Establishing an Identity Theft Program was originally done in 2009 and every year we have to go back and check for effectiveness, service provider, incidents and recommendations. Sandy said she has no recommendations.

Bob made a motion to accept the Identity Theft Program Update. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**John Warren - Utility Superintendent**

**Pool Filter**

John said they installed the new pool filter.

**Pool Chairs**

Doug asked if we had ordered the pool chairs and Sandy said no.

**Kyle Proctor - Town Marshal - No Comments**

**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 - No Comments**

**Aron Bengé - Not Present**

**Doug Harris - No Comments**

**Randy Phillips**

**Barking Dog**

Randy wanted to let Kyle know there are barking dogs. Bob said they are in between his house and Randy's house and said now there are three (3) of them.

**Bob Cox**

**Volunteer Fire Departments - Pay Per Run**

Bob said Phil wanted him to be made aware that Volunteer Fire Departments are starting to pay per run now. Bob said any donation that the Town ends up giving the Fire Department that is probably what it will go towards. Bob said it is a way the Fire Departments are trying to attract new people. Bob asked Phil how many Volunteers they have and he said 12 and 8 are active. Phil said \$5 a run and mentioned that Coal Creek pays their \$10 a run and for meetings and for training. Phil said based on the number of runs they have had over the past few years they are looking at paying out \$10,000. Barry said Illinois is paying \$45 a run.

Phil said the amount the Insurance pays has not increased in 30 or so years. Phil says they bill and most Insurance Companies will only pay \$500 and Doug said he remembers that a lot of them would not pay at all. Bob asked Phil if they send a bill to people and Phil said they send a Courtesy Bill. Phil said they can turn that into their Insurance. Phil said if the bill is \$1,200 then the Insurance will pay \$500 and then the bill is considered paid. Phil said they have had enough of a tragedy so they do not ask for the rest of the money.

**Phil Pirtle - Agenda Upcoming Events - Updates**

Phil Pirtle said he had some updates for Upcoming Events on the Agenda:

The Fire Department Fundraiser on 3-1-2026 is from 11 AM to 2 PM

The Merchants Easter Egg Hunt is going to be on 3-29-2026 at 1:30 PM

The Merchants Fish Fry is going to be 9-10 / 9-12

The Fire Department Mountain Oyster Fry is 8-22-2026

The Fire Department will NOT be having the Downtown Street Festival in May anymore

Kyle said the Freedom Festival is 6-27-2026. Kyle said they are going to have a Legion Baseball Game at the Park that day and Crawfordsville will be playing Speedway. Bob said Kyle will have to do a lot of work on the ball diamond to bring it to regulation standards.

Kyle said he thinks the Octoberfest is 10-11-2026.

**ADJOURN**

Doug made a motion to adjourn. Randy seconded.

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

Bob Cox - Town Council President

Sandy Proctor - Clerk-Treasurer

*Bob Cox 3-11-26*  
*Sandy Proctor 3-11-2026*

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**Town Council & Clerk-Treasurer**

- 1. Bob Co
- 2. Andy H. Kelly
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- 4. Buyer
- 5. Dave Jones
- 6. Sandy Proctor

**Please Sign Your Name**

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