

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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MARCH 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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON GENERAL FUND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Open Public Hearing

Bob opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 P.M.

Discussion - Additional \$30, 285 is the Insurance Amount from Totaled 23 Police Dodge Durango.

Bob said the \$30,285 Insurance money we received for the totaled 23 Durango is not part of the Town's current 2026 Budget so we must do an Additional Appropriation to make it part of the 2026 Budget so we can spend the money.

Purchase 2026 Police Dodge Durango at \$41,259.25. General Fund \$30,285.00 * LITPS Fund \$10,974.25.

Bob said the 2026 Durango cost \$41,259.25 and the General Fund will pay \$30 285.00 and the Local Income Tax Public Safety (LITPS) Fund will pay \$10,974.25.

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen comments.

Close Public Hearing

Bob closed the Public Hearing at 6:32 P.M.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA - COUNCIL VOTE

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. February 11, 2026 - Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims Paid Prior to Town Council Meeting
- C. Claims to be Paid
- D. Payroll Reports - February 2026
- E. Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports - December & January Closed & February Not Closed
- F. Clerk-Treasurer Utility Report - February 2026
- G. Utility Superintendent Report - February 2026
- H. Town Marshal Reports - February 2026

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

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

Sandy said she called Ray after he did not show up at the February Meeting and he apologized and said he would be at this meeting.

AQUATIC CENTER

Bob stated that last year was only the second time that the Pool brought in enough money to cover payroll and we can thank Haley for that.

Vote on Wages - Salary Ordinance to be Approved at April Meeting

Sandy gave everyone a copy of the 2024 and 2025 Salary Ordinance for the Aquatic Center Employees. Sandy said in 2024 we had 1 Manager and 1 Assistant Manager & in 2025 we had 1 Manager and 2 Senior Lifeguards. A lot of discussion ensued.

Barry made a motion to pay the Pool Manager, with a Lifeguard Certification \$14.50 per hour. Senior Lifeguard pay will be \$12.00 per hour. Returning Lifeguards will be \$10.50 per hour. New Lifeguards will be \$10.00 per hour. Slide Attendants will be \$8.50 per hour. Cashiers will be \$8.25 per hour. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Hire Aquatic Center Manager - Start Date April 1, 2026 or After

Barry made a motion to hire Haley as the Pool Manager and her start date will be 4-1-2026 and also gave Doug (Pool Liaison) and Haley approval to hire the rest of the Pool Staff. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Discuss Manager's Requests

No specific requests were made at this time.

Vote on Opening & Closing Dates * Splash Pad Hours - Community Room Hours & Fee * Pool & Splash Pad Hours & Fees * Daily Admission * Private Pool Party Hours & Fee

Sandy gave everyone a copy of the 2026 Aquatic Center Flyer.

Discussion ensued if we should wait and open on 5-29-2026 instead of 5-23-2026, it was decided we will open on 5-23-2026 but if the weather is cold the pool will not open. Barry said he does not think Crawfordsville Pool will be opening on time this year so we might want to keep this in mind too. Discussion ensued about staying open on Weekends after the pool closes but you cannot make enough in pool parties to cover the cost of a week worth of chemicals.

Barry suggested leaving everything the way it was last year. Bob asked if we make any money after 6 P.M. Haley said she stays open until 6:30 P.M. and if no one comes by then she closes the pool. Haley said they don't really make much money after 6:00 P.M. but people do stay until 8:00 P.M. Bob mentioned opening at 11 A.M. and closing at 7:00 P.M. Haley was not really for changing the hours.

Barry made a motion to approve the 2026 Aquatic Center Flyer as presented. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Lifeguard Break Area

Haley said the break area and the concession stand area is a shared space and when the Lifeguards go on break that is also when everyone comes to the concession stand and the Lifeguards feel like they need to help the customers instead of enjoying their break. Haley mentioned someone offered to give her a futon and she thought it could be put in the break area, so the guards have a place to sit down.

Doug asked if they could take their break in the Community Room. Haley said they could but the refrigerator and microwave is in the concession stand area. Sandy said she thought that sounded like a

good idea at first but then the room would have to be unlocked for the employees to go in and out and then the customers could end up going in and out as well.

Sound System with Microphone

Bob said he thinks a sound system with a microphone would be nice for public announcements and clearing the pool in an emergency. Bob said he thinks we can get a wireless system for around \$2,000.

Randy made a motion allowing Bob to spend up to \$1,500 on a sound system with microphone. Barry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approve Distributing Aquatic Center Employment Applications

The Town Council was okay with distributing the 2026 Aquatic Center Employment Applications.

Discuss Purchasing New Commercial Grade Chairs for Pool Deck

Sandy said she was given permission to order 6 pool deck chairs if they went on sale, which they did not. Sandy explained the only way you can get the chairs from the manufacturer is on a pallet, you cannot just get a box of chairs. Sandy said because they must be delivered by a big truck on a pallet the shipping makes the price go way up.

Bob asked Haley and she said she wanted lounge chairs not regular chairs. Discussion ensued about where on the pool deck we would put them. Sandy said a 2 pack of lounge chairs are \$859.90 or \$429.95 each & a 2 pack of the regular chairs are \$415.90 or \$207.95 each. Sandy said when you start adding on freight the chairs that were \$415.90 went up to \$879.34. Sandy explained since you have to pay for shipping the more you purchase the shipping is not that much more. Sandy said it is not worth it to purchase 2 chairs but if you order 6 or 8 then the shipping is worth it.

Haley said for that kind of money people can bring in their lawn chairs and others thought the cost was too high as well. Sandy told the Council that there are several of the regular chairs that are broken and John said at least 6 of them are cracked and they cannot be fixed. Randy asked what the life expectancy was for a \$200 chair and Sandy said we purchased them in 2014 when the pool opened and it is 2026. Sandy said if you want to go to Walmart and get a chair then you are going to be going to Walmart and getting a chair every season OR you can buy a good one and it will last for 10 years. Sandy said the quote for 6 chairs is \$1,977.25 and if you get 12 chairs it is \$3,372.35.

Haley said the last thing she would ever want and the pool could afford is to lose any of the regular chairs (Haley did not realize at least 6 of the chairs were broke) and mentioned people are coming from far way and there is so little seating. Haley said they had some plastic chairs but they all broke and people were getting their fingers pinched in them. Sandy said the plastic chairs must have been donated because the Town has never purchased any cheap plastic chairs. John said he was not sure how many more of the lounge chairs you could really fit up there. Sandy said when the pool is empty and you walk into the pool you have all the same color chairs and loungers it looks nice; it does not look like a tacky pool. Bob mentioned maybe purchasing some more of the park benches that are at the pool and John said they are very expensive too.

Bob tabled this discussion and we will see how this season goes.

Concession Stand

Bob asked Haley if she wanted to run the concession stand again this year and he heard she had a couple of adults that would be helping to run it. Haley said yes.

Sandy mentioned the ServSafe Certification and asked Haley if she had it. Haley said she is getting it so at least 2 of the people that will be running it or working there will have it.

Sandy said you only need 1 Certification and Haley said the person who has the ServSafe Certification has to be there. Barry said at least 1 person in the concession stand at all times must have the ServSafe Certification and said that is not just for the concession stand that is the standard. Sandy suggested Haley call the Health Department and she said she had already done that and Haley agreed with what Barry had said. Haley said there are stipulations if you are or are not preparing hot food.

Barry made a motion to lease the concession stand to Haley for \$1.00 and approved Bob to sign the Contract. Randy seconded. Doug asked Haley if she was going to sub-lease the concession stand out like she did last year and Haley said no. Motion passed 4-0.

2025 Pool Plaque

Haley asked if the Town received the plaque for being voted #1 place for family fun last year and Sandy said yes. Bob said he made sure the Journal gave it to us last year (we did not get our 2024 plaque). Haley said we have won almost every year, and Bob said he wishes we had all the plaques, but we do not. Haley said she would love to display all of them.

Pool Repairs

Bob asked Haley if she knew all the repairs that have been done at the pool. John said the entire pool has been sandblasted and painted. The concession stand floor drain has been fixed. The pool filter has been re-built.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Nothing to report in the Winter. Kyle will start writing Ordinance Violations on 4-1-2026.

COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS

David Meihls Right of Way Approval Given on 8-13-2025 - This Must be Done by Ordinance
John said he will get on this.

Waynetown's Annual Financial Report (AFR) Due 3-1-26 * Submitted in Gateway on 2-27-2026
Bob said Sandy submitted the Town's AFR on time in Gateway. Sandy also said it is on their iPad.

Community Crossing Grant - Update on Bids

John said he needed to call Ken because he has not heard a word from him.

Bob said the County got some money in the first round, but not all they applied for and now they think they are going to get more. John asked Bob if they automatically got the money or did they have to re-submit an application. Bob said he did not know.

John said after the last Town Council meeting he called Ken because the Council wanted to go ahead and get bids in case we would get awarded.

Bob said \$75 Million more is to be award. Bob said he can't imagine they would give Waynetown 1 Million out of the \$75 Million. John said he thinks most of the small Towns are probably done and do not need to apply for money.

Barry said the City of Crawfordsville did not get any money in the first round but they did the second round. Again, John questioned how they got the money, did they re-apply and Barry said he does not know. Bob told John Ken might know the answer.

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

Bob said our Attorney did not get anything written and he does not know why he did not. Bob said he would call Pebbles.

State Road 25

Bob said he keeps asking Peebles about this thing on State Road 25 and he does not know when Henthorn is coming back from Florida. Bob said once this is done he has other people waiting to talk to us and mentioned Thrive in Terre Haute and said another group is willing to possibly get us some State money to put in infrastructure.

Bob mentioned Nucor opening two (2) new facilities and there is going to be a lot of Employees that will need a place to live.

COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS**Ordinance 2026-001 - General Fund Additional Appropriation for \$30,285 * 2nd & 3rd Readings**

Barry made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-001 - General Fund Additional Appropriation for \$30,285 on second reading. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Barry made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-001 - General Fund Additional Appropriation for \$30,285 on third and final reading. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Bob asked Kyle about the new 2026 Durango, and he said it should be done this week.

Sandy said now that the Council has approved the Additional Appropriation Ordinance, she has to submit the paperwork to the DLGF to approve it.

Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) - Close Out Approval Letter Received 2-27-26

Bob said the Town received a letter saying we are in compliance and the award is closed. Sandy said right, but if they can still come in and do an Audit.

Discuss Road by Christian Church

Bob said this is the road in front of the Christian Church. Sandy said she gave John the information on the area in front of the Baptist Church.

Bob mentioned the area from the intersection to the parking area has been paved twice and it sticks up a little bit above the ditch. John said there is a retaining wall there and steps that come down and then there is an area that is not even wide enough to park in and that area has not been paved the last two times the road was paved. Bob said Bill Rubenstein fell last week and Don went to his knees, and he just had hip surgery. Bob said it is very dark in that area. Bob said he almost tripped over the lip when he went to help Bill get up

Bob asked John what he thought the Town could do to make this area safe. John said it would have to be paved and there would still be a slope there for the water to run off, but it could be blended in.

Bob asked if we had money to fix this and John said we have money in the Street Fund. Bob said but we were going to use that money if we got the Community Crossings Grant so why don't we wait and see if we get the Grant. Sandy said this area is not part of the Community Crossing Grant we applied for.

Kyle asked if we could use Storm Water money and Sandy said probably not because we are paving an area that is really not even the street and asked if it was in the right of way. Barry asked if the area in question is Town property or is this Church Property and Bob said he did not know. John said if you measured it, it is probably pretty close to the edge of the right of way. Barry asked if we are talking about the area people park their vehicles in and Bob said no it is the area from the corner to the parking area.

Sandy said the Baptist Church was doing some work and Charlie Melvin come to a Town Council Meeting and asked if the Town would pay to pave a section in front of the Church. Charlie was

supposed to come back with a bid but did not. Five months or so later someone came to a Town Council Meeting with a bid, and the Town paid the Contractor to pave that small section. John said this section will be a smaller section that the Baptist Church was.

John said he and Busse would go look at it and he would have something for the next Town Council Meeting.

America 250 Celebrations in Montgomery County

Bob said Sandy sent out a letter from the MoCo 250th Committee that talked about all the different things they have planned. Bob said WCI is hoping to do some special things in Waynetown to make our Celebration bigger than it has ever been. Bob said Kyle is going to turn the ball diamonds back into a high school baseball diamond and have an American Legion Baseball Game there, Crawfordsville American Legion will be playing Speedway American Legion. Kyle said as long as the Black Hawk Helicopter is not deployed to Iran it will be in Waynetown if we can provide Fire and EMS while they are here. Bob has contacted the Lewis and Clark Trust out of Kentucky, and they are looking to find us some re-enactors. Bob said we will have extra fireworks and at the end of the finale there will be an American Flag on the ground.

Bob said he would like the Town to purchase some feather banners like we have for the Oktoberfest for the stage area. Bob wanted to purchase Patriotic Bunting for some of our buildings. Kyle will have the Patriotic Bunting on the baseball fence. Bob mentioned he could purchase 2 banners for \$150 each.

Bob said the Town might have to donate some money to WCI because the Waynetown Merchants Association decided not to donate to the Freedom Festival this year, and normally they would give \$1,000. Bob said we have the money from Shea but that money is restricted for fireworks only. Bob said he was starting to work on a Band but found out that North Montgomery cannot be there this year.

Randy made a motion allowing Bob to spend no more than \$350 on Banners and Bunting. Barry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

John Warren - Utility Superintendent

Hiring a Utility Employee

John said we are going to have to hire someone either part-time or full time. John said he does not think they will be able to hire the person that will take over his job when he retires, because we will not be able to pay someone enough money. John said he can put it out there and see how many resumes he gets.

Bob mentioned advertising in the Journal Review or putting it on Indeed and Barry said you have to have an idea of what you want before you put it out there and mentioned the number of hours. Barry said since he has been here the 3rd person has never been hired to eventually replace the Superintendent. Barry said he thinks we are just looking for a General Laborer. Discussion ensued about needing a 3rd person, being on call and down to one person if the other one is on vacation.

The Town Council was okay with John putting the Utility position on social media.

Waste Water Certification Classes

Bob asked John if he was still taking the classes and John said yes and tomorrow is the last one. Bob asked John when he was going to take the test and he said as soon as possible. Bob said if John passes the test then we will not be using UMAC as the Town's Wastewater Operator anymore and we will need to give John a raise. John said we need to look at the Contract to see how it is worded and he does not think Troy will care. Barry said there is probably an out if agreed on by both parties.

Baseball Game

John said it is going to be a lot of work to get the diamonds ready for the baseball game and said the Town Council has already approved him to do the sand and said he is going to need limestone and equipment. John said the Town needs to purchase a big roller that we can pull behind the tractor.

John said there is going to be additional costs, and he does not know if the Town is going to pay or who is going to pay. Bob told John to go ahead and check into all of this.

North Montgomery Baseball

Bob asked John if the North Montgomery Baseball had contacted him yet and John said the season will be over by the Freedom Festival and Bob said he knows but we are going to be building a diamond. Bob said he contacted Bechtel but he is out of it because his kids are not playing and the new person is Noah Adams.

Snapper Mower

John said he is not sure the Snapper Mower will make it through the season. Bob said we have got our money's worth out of it. John said he is not saying we need another mower as expensive as the Kubota mower, but we are going to need something.

**Kyle Proctor - Town Marshal
2019 Dodge Charger**

Kyle said the 2019 Dodge Charger water pump went out but it is fixed and back now. We were without a Police Vehicle for two (2) days and the cost of fixing it was around \$1,200 plus a tow from T&S Towing, which will be around \$120.

COMMENTS FROM CLERK-TREASURER (Elected to a 4-Year Term * 01/01/24 - 12/31/27)**Sandy Proctor - Clerk-Treasurer****American Legal Publishing**

Sandy said American Legal Publishing does our Ordinance Book and it has not been updated in a long time. Sandy said it will cost around \$7,500 to get it updated, which is probably what it would have cost us if we had updated it every year. Sandy thought she had put the information on the iPad for the Town Council to see, but she did not. Sandy said she would send the Contract to the Town Council and she did not ask for this to be approved tonight. Sandy said the Ordinance Book would be online on our website.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS (Elected to a 4-Year Term * 1/1/24 - 12/31/27)**Barry Lewis - No Comments****Aron Benge - Not Present****Doug Harris - No Comments****Randy Phillips****Barking Dog**

Randy had three (3) letters from people complaining about barking dogs at the Gregg home. Judy Stockdale is scared to go outside because she is scared the dogs are going to jump over the fence. John said yesterday he saw one of the dogs halfway over the fence and Bob said it is going to happen. Randy said the dogs are fenced in and they bark. The lady that lives behind them (Dawn) says the dogs wake her up because her bedroom is in the back of her house. Dawn does not want to see them lose the dogs but they need to respect the neighbors. Scott Harris said he is afraid kids are going to get ate up if the two (2) German Shepherd dogs get out.

Barry said isn't this what our Contract with Animal Welfare is for and John said they are inside the fence and Barry said if they are considered vicious? Randy said their neighbor (Lewis) has to sneak out around her house to take their dogs out. Bob said he cannot walk out of his house without the dogs barking.

Kyle asked if the dogs live inside or outside. Randy said they live inside but they let them out and they are out about all day. Randy said there has to be a noise ordinance or a vicious dog ordinance or something. Sandy said it sounds like there are two (2) different issues going on.

Randy asked if something happened and since we have been told about the dogs are we going to be responsible and Kyle said no, not if they jump the fence. Kyle said the people are responsible for their own dogs. Kyle said if his dogs get out and bites someone, he is responsible, not the Town. Randy said we know they are vicious, so we need to do something about it. Kyle said do you know they are vicious or do you think they are vicious. Bob said one of the dogs bit Randy's arm, but he had layers of clothing on so he was not hurt. Sandy asked if they needed to extend their fence up and John mentioned it might be better if it was a privacy fence. Busse said they had a privacy fence when they lived in Wingate they would get up on the patio and jump over the fence.

Bob asked Kyle what we can do. Kyle said he would send them a letter that the Town has received multiple complaints about their barking dogs and said this would be their warning letter and then start fining them. Kyle said as far as the dogs being vicious, he would get ahold of AWL and see what they say because the dogs are fenced in.

Bob Cox - No Comments

ADJOURN

Bob 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	<i>Bob Cox</i>	<i>4-13-26</i>
Sandy Proctor - Clerk-Treasurer	<i>Sandy Proctor</i>	<i>4-13-26</i>

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Town Council & Clerk-Treasurer

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- 6. Sandy Proctor

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