

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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JULY 8, 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

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA - COUNCIL VOTE**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. June 10, 2026 - Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims Paid Prior to Town Council Meeting
- C. Claims to be Paid
- D. Payroll Reports - June 2026
- E. Park & Rec Report - June 2026
- F. Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports - May & June Not Closed
- G. Clerk-Treasurer Utility Report - June 2026
- H. Utility Superintendent Report - June 2026
- I. Town Marshal Reports - June 2026

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

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Citizen comments.

AQUATIC CENTER**Glow in the Dark Party * Sponsored by Busse * 6-6-26 Re-Scheduled to Sunday 8-2-26 from 7:30 to 10:30**

The Glow Party being Sponsored by Busse was originally scheduled for 6-26-26, not 6-6-26, and due to rain, it has been re-scheduled to Sunday 8-2-26 from 7:30 to 10:30. Bob said Haley gave away tickets so there would not be any overcrowding this year and the tickets went very quick.

Struggle Due to Lifeguard Shortage

Bob said they have really struggled the last couple of weeks at the Aquatic Center. Bob is taking responsibility for this because he did not push to get more Lifeguards hired at the beginning of the season. Bob said three (3) Lifeguards cannot handle this and now we are down to two (2), not counting the Manager. Bob said the Lifeguards are getting sick from the heat and having to go home. Bob said we have had to limit the number of people that can come into the Pool because we are short-staffed and that must be corrected. Bob talked to Brian Walker who gives lessons in Fountain County and he told what other communities are doing, but he said Lifeguard shortages are Nationwide ever since COVID.

Bob said next year we are going to start process earlier and people can get Lifeguard Certified in three (3) Saturdays in March and the cost is \$250.00. If they take the class at North Montgomery during the school year the class takes a whole semester to complete. Bob said Brian wanted to know how

much we were paying the Lifeguards and he said we are in the ballpark of what others are paying.

Again, Bob said it has been a real struggle this year and there have been some complaints on Facebook about us closing early. Bob said he has been in contact with Haley and mentioned she needs to communicate with him when she wants to close early.

Sandy said next year you really need to look at staying open until 8 PM three (3) days in a row because the sales are not there. Sandy said all the data is on Square. Sandy said she keeps a balancing spreadsheet and this year she added a column that shows the number of hours each staff member worked each day. Bob said we have been paying a lot of overtime because we have had to due to being short staffed. Bob said Haley has 3 people that want to get Lifeguard Certified but there are no classes being offered now.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Craig Harboldt - 108 N. Market - Update on Moving the Truck & Trash

Kyle said he talked to Craig yesterday and he has a plan to get it cleaned up but it will take 60 days. Kyle told him as long as he is making progress he will not be fined.

John McClements - 205 E. Walnut - Update on Property & Vehicles & Sticks & Water Jugs & Shed

Aaron talked to John and he got a mower going, Christian did a VIN Check and the vehicle runs and he has insurance. Aaron said he is making progress. Aaron still has to get ahold of Nick to walk through the property.

Gary & Ann Linker - 207 E. Walnut - Both Deceased * Update from Peebles on Ownership & Ordinance Violations

Sandy read Peebles response out loud. The Town cannot make them take ownership of the property but for Ordinance Violation enforcement I would term them Constructive Owners of the Property.

Was Fix Pads Holdings LLC * Wiper Construction - 206 Holman

John said they have been mowing it this year. Kyle said the owner that paid the taxes and got it at tax sale went defunct. Sandy said it changed hands again. Kyle said an out of State LLC will buy a house at tax sale and then it goes back up for tax sale again and a different LLC will buy it.

COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS

David Meihls Right of Way * Approval 8-13-2025 - Must be Done by Ordinance * Waiting on David to go Underground with Electric & when Done Paperwork & the Ordinance will be Prepared

John said he talked to Daid and he does not want to do the underground electric right now. Sandy said she is taking this off the agenda. John agreed to take it off the agenda until he comes back to us and says he is ready to go underground with the electric.

Road by Christian Church - Cost to Pave

John said to do this they are going to have to take pave the area all the way to the retaining wall to maintain flow and plus it needs to be safe to step down off the steps that are there. John said the cost for Busse to fix this will be no more than \$6,000.

Doug asked if Gladiator Drive could also be done at the same time the Church was done. Sandy asked if Gladiator Drive was not already a part of the Community Crossing Grant and John said it was, but we did not get the Grant and Sandy said we are going to be applying again real soon. John said he still needs to pour the sidewalks too. John mentioned pulling this off the Community Crossing Grant and getting it done now. Bob asked if we would have enough money to do both the Christian Church and Gladiator Drive and John said yes, we have the money and mentioned the Grant was going to pave the whole circle and not just patch the area that was cut to fix the water main and to repair the sidewalk.

Randy suggested fixing the Church now and using Grant money to fix Gladiator and Bob agreed and said the Church is not part of the Grant. Sandy said if we do get Grant money it will be Spring before anything would get worked on.

Randy made a motion to fix the area by the Christian Church. Aaron seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 002-2026 - Resolution to Transfer Funds Between Major & Minor Budget

Classifications

Sandy said we are moving money around to fix the appropriations that are overspent. Sandy said she likes to do the transfers in July that goes back to the end of June because of working on the next year's budget and in January that goes back to the end of December for year end.

Aaron made a motion to approve Resolution 02-2026 - Resolution to Transfer Funds Between Major and Minor Budget Classifications. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

2027 Budget - 9-9-2026 Pre-Adoption Public Hearing & 10-14-2026 Adopt Budget

Sandy said the Budget Forms in Gateway have changed this year and it is supposed to be much simpler. Sandy said the Pre-Adoption Public Hearing will be at the 9-9-2026 Town Council Meeting and the Town will adopt the 2027 Budget at the October 10, 2026, Town Council Meeting.

Bob said Sandy will send the Council the Budget Forms in advance of the Public Hearing. Sandy said she will send the Council the Budget Forms once she meets with her DLGF Representative

East Side of Park - Gravel the Grass Driving Area that is Used to Exit Park from Festivals

John said he can spend money to fix it and re-seed with grass (due to a large amount of rain that came down around 9 PM), or they can just go ahead and make it a gravel road. Sandy asked John if he was just going to put gravel down and he said the sod would have to come up before the gravel was put down and Busse said the cost would be around \$6,000. Discussion ensued. John suggested putting up gates that can open and close because during ball season you do not want that road open. Sandy asked John if eventually are we going to try to get a Community Crossing Grant and make it a real road and John said he does not know if we would want to pave that due to the limited use you will have on it.

Aaron made a motion to approve the exit area to be graveled and gates put up. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

John Warren - Utility Superintendent

Surplus Mower

John asked the Town Council if they wanted to surplus the Snapper mower and if so, how much do you want for it. John said it is on its second motor, the seat is in bad shape, and it is very loud.

Randy made a motion to surplus the Snapper mower and sale it for no less than \$300. Aaron seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Surplus & Scrap the Old Leaf Vac & the Old Salt Box

Doug said we need to get rid of the Old Leaf Vac and Salt Box that is at the Sewer Plant.. Discussion ensued.

Randy made a motion to surplus and scrap the Old Leaf Vac and the Old Salt Box. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

WIFI at Park

John said we need to call Chris at RahmTech and find out why the WIFI is not working at the Park Shelter House. Kyle said they had to use the Cemetery's WIFI Puck at the Freedom Festival. Sandy said Chris Rahm will be here on July 16th to work on her computer and she will call Chris and make sure he has enough time to look at the WIFI connection at the Park.

Kyle Proctor - Town Marshal**New Body Camera's**

Kyle said when they signed up for the Body Camera's they would replace them after 3 years and said they received the new ones and they have to ship the old ones back.

Cameras at Park

Kyle is working on this.

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

Sandy said this will be her last term, if not before. Bob said maybe we need to start making plans. Sandy said when Bev said she was retiring she does not know how far in advance plans were made and said Steve told her about it. Bob asked Sandy if she trained under Bev and she said yes after she ran and was elected. Sandy said the Town Council hired her as an Employee from December 15th to December 31st and then Bev was hired as an Employee on January 1st. Sandy said Bev worked a couple of months training her and she is still available today to call and ask her questions. Bob said we all need to start thinking about this. Randy said this is an elected position and Sandy said yes. Doug asked if you have to live in Waynetown and Sandy said yes you have to live in Waynetown. However, if no one runs or is appointed then the Town can hire a CPA and if there is no CPA willing to take the job then they can hire any qualified person.

Bob mentioned Amy Cating is the Clark Township Trustee and she also helps another Town. Sandy said Janet and Suzy go to Wingate but they are only there 2 days a month and that cannot happen here. Bob mentioned the Town Council helping in Wingate and Sandy said someone has to be taking the money for the Utility Bills. Bob said Barry is retiring from the City of Crawfordsville in December and he can take Sandy's job.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS (Elected to a 4-Year Term * 1/1/24 - 12/31/27)**Barry Lewis - Not Present****Aron Benge - End of Term**

Aaron said this will be his last term.

Doug Harris - No Comments**Randy Phillips - No Comments****Bob Cox****Freedom Festival - Thank You's**

Bob said he thinks a lot of people need to be thanked for the Freedom Festival. Bob said it was the biggest turnout so far. Aaron mentioned the parade and Bob said Kari Whitney did a great job and he needs to thank Bri Proctor for finding her. Bob said right before the rain hit the Park looked every bit as crowded as the Fish Fry. Kyle said they bought extra food this year and they sold out and there were only a few cokes and some water left.

Bob said they did a good job on the fireworks and was shocked when he found out that they (Forman Blasters) gave the centerpiece to Waynetown to keep. Bob said the centerpiece was a big flag and it was plugged in after the finale and people stayed until they turned it off. Bob said the big flag can be used as a decoration at Christmas in the Park.

Bob said the pool did not do hardly any business that day because it looked like it was going to rain all day (which it did pour a lot of rain about an hour before the fireworks were scheduled to go off).

Bob said John had worked really hard on the ball diamonds and John said the ball field was beautiful until we got rain the morning of the Freedom Festival. Bob said he thinks the American Legion Baseball Game brought a lot of people to the Park.

Bob said it was a great Freedom Festival!

ADJOURN

Doug made a motion to adjourn. Aaron seconded.

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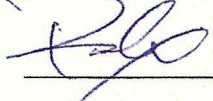
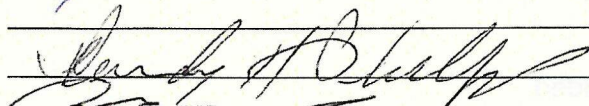
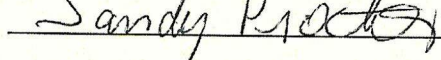
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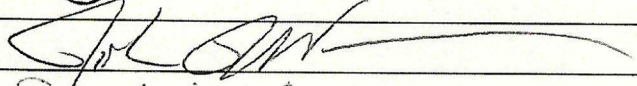
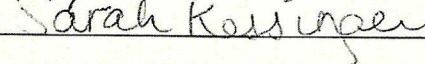
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