

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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AUGUST 12, 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.

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

- A. July 08, 2026 - Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims Paid Prior to Town Council Meeting
- C. Claims to be Paid
- D. Payroll Reports - July 2026
- E. Park & Rec Report - July 2026
- F. Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports - May & June Closed - July Not Closed
- G. Clerk-Treasurer Utility Report - July 2026
- H. Utility Superintendent Report - July 2026
- I. Town Marshal Reports - July 2026

Barry said the balance in the Electric Fund is around \$250,000 and mentioned it doubled since January 1st. Bob said the big increase in the electric rates last year is working. Bob also said our water balance is pretty healthy too. John said he does have some electric work that needs to be done

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

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Meihls said the Town was doing a fantastic job and to keep it up.

AQUATIC CENTER

Bob mentioned the Season is over and said John got the pool drained.

Barry asked if the Splash Pad was going to close right before the Fish Fry. John said he would lock it up for the Fish Fry but if the weather is still good he will open it back up after the Fish Fry.

Sandy said the Park & Rec Report is under the Consent Agenda. Sandy said this is not the final report because it is just through July. Sandy said right now we are at a positive \$2,215.11. Bob said this surprises him and Sandy agreed with Bob and said it is because of pool parties. Bob said we really did pay a lot of overtime out this year and we hope to get that corrected for next year.

At the last meeting Bob talked about suggestions that Brian Walker made, and Bob hope's we can recruit more lifeguards next year. Bob said to get a lifeguard certification through North Montgomery School you have to take a class right after Christmas. Bob said Brian offers a lifeguard class that is three (3) Saturdays in a row (in April) and then you are done.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**Craig Harboldt - 108 N. Market - Update on Moving Truck & Trash**

Kyle said he does not have an update on Harboldt.

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

Kyle said McClements cleaned the property up a little bit. Kyle had talked to Nick Kashon, Crawfordsville Veterans Officer, and they had offered John some help and John accepted some of it. Nick said that John was very reluctant to accept help because he thinks other people need it more than he does.

Blue Gives Back (BGB) purchased a shed and a \$3,000 pad two (2) years ago for John and Kyle and Aaron will be putting that up soon.

Randy said John's property is an Ordinance Violation, and while it is being addressed, nothing is being done to fix it and this is an ongoing issue. Kyle said when he brings up Ordinance Violations the Town Council just waives it.

Reggie Hutchison - 215 Vincent Street

Kyle said they fine Reggie and then he gets it waived and gets extensions for a year. Kyle said Reggie's wife (Debbie) owned the property and she is deceased. Kyle said the property is just as bad now as it was before Debbie passed away.

Sandy said this might end up being a situation like Linker and said she is not sure the property is in Reggie's name. Discussion ensued and Sandy mentioned Peebles said we could do an Ordinance Violation on Linker and he called it constructive owners of the property. Sandy said we might have to do that for Reggie too.

COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS**Road by Christian Church - Busse Paved Area on 7-30-2026 for \$3,000**

Bob said the area by the Christian Church is paved and the cost ended up being \$3,000 which is half of what the Town Council had approved.

Gladiator Drive - Was to be Part of CCMG - Busse Fixed Asphalt Spot for \$790.24. Sidewalk Still Needs to be Fixed

Bob said Busse fixed the asphalt on Gladiator Drive for \$790.24 instead of waiting on the Community Crossing Matching Grant to pay for it. Bob said the sidewalk still needs to be fixed. David Meihls asked what happened to the sidewalk and Barry said it had to be tore out when a water main break was fixed. David said the sidewalks in the Gladiator Subdivision are the best sidewalks the Town has.

John said the Cemetery is going to split a load of concrete because there is a 3-yard minimum and he only needs half of a yard.

COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS**2027 AIM IDEAS SUMMIT - 9-9-26 / 10-01-26 in French Lick * Bob is Going**

Bob said he is going back again this year the AIM Ideas Summit in French Lick. Bob said because of all the bad storms the hotel reservations were supposed to start today but it was postponed until tomorrow. Sandy said this is because there are so many Communities still without power.

2027 Budget Meeting with DLGF Re-Scheduled to 8-25-2026 at 9 AM

Bob said this is important because the DLGF kind of gives Sandy the okay on the 2027 Budget. Sandy said they used to meet at the Library in Crawfordsville but now it is online. Sandy said she appreciates having this meeting because if you have made a stupid mistake on your budget the DLGF will catch it.

2027 Budget Pre-Adoption Public Hearing Notice will be in Gateway on or before 8-27-2026

Bob said the Town Notice of the 2027 Pre-Adoption Public Hearing will be loaded in Gateway by 8-27-26.

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

Bob said the Pre-Adoption Public Hearing is on September 9th and on October 14th we will adopt the Budget.

Bob said Sandy will get the Town Council Members the 2027 Budget Information in advance of the 9-9-2026 Town Council Meeting.

Resolution 003-2026 - A Resolution Adopting an ADA Transition Plan for the Town of Waynetown

Bob said the Town's ADA Transition Plan and the Town's Title VI Implementation Plan had to be updated. Bob said you must submit the Plans to INDOT to be eligible to receive a Community Crossing Matching Grant. Sandy said she checked with INDOT this year to make sure they had reviewed last year's Plans. INDOT reviewed the Town's Plans this year and then Bob, Sandy and John had to have training online with an INDOT Employee.

David said this year INDOT changed the qualifications for both the ADA and the Title VI Plans. David said the Town needs to Adopt the ADA Plan tonight and then the Town needs to schedule a Community Meeting and ask Citizens how we are doing with the accessibility in the Town and are there any new known areas of non-compliance. David said this meeting has been scheduled for 9-9-2026 and 30-day notice has already been given, even though only ten-day notice is required. Barry asked if we had to have the public hearing before we adopt the ADA Plan and David said no, and any information we receive we will try to see if we can do it.

Barry asked if the ADA Plan has to be updated every year and David said no. The ADA Plan has to be updated every three years by 10-1 and the Title VI Plan is every year by 10-1 and the Title VI goals and accomplishments are due every year by 11-1.

David said the Title VI Plan has new requirements for training Recipients and Subcontractors, and the training is now on INDOT's Website. Sandy asked David when we bid out the Street work if Milestone is going to get the contract then Milestone would have to have proof they took the training and David said yes. David said they also have to have their own Plans and if an award is made to them and they do not then there is a grievance process that can be submitted.

Bob explained that the Plans had to be redone in a short timeline so the Town could apply for the CCMG. Bob said David dropped everything and made this a priority and thanked David for doing this for the Town. Bob said we also need to thank David for the amount of money he saves Wanetown by doing the Plans pro bono.

David said in the ADA Plan we need to start documenting things a little bit better and he and John need to take on the task of prioritizing the Town's sidewalks. David said the Town needs to do something every year even if we do not get a Grant. Bob said the Plan says the Town will spend at least \$15,000 on sidewalks or other ADA improvements every year. David gave an example the pool does not have the required ADA parking signs and mentioned changing doorknobs to ADA compliant ones.

Doug asked David if the Town had to pay for sidewalks. David said he sent INDOT a letter when he found out they were going to be doing the ADA ramps in Waynetown and not fixing the sidewalks. INDOT's response back to David, signed by INDOT's Attorney, was that the sidewalks are not INDOT's responsibility they are the Towns. This information is different from what we all thought.

Randy asked who is responsible for the Banks drive in/out entrance/exit. David said the Town. David said anything within the right of way the Town owns and is responsible for.

David said INDOT is doing the curb ramps now because you have to when you resurface a street. David said a lot of those curb ramps will have to be redone when the Town puts in sidewalks.

David suggested not allowing trees to be planted in the right of way. John said there is probably about \$20,000 of tree work that needs to be done before sidewalks could be put on Viine Street.

Sandy said just because INODT's Attorney said the Town is responsible for sidewalks are we sure because our Attorney could say something and it may not be what is right. Barry said it is interruption of the Code. Barry said it has been an ongoing battle on who actually owns the sidewalks.

David said INDOT did some work in Lafayette and gave it back to the City and the City had to pay to fix what INDOT did wrong.

Sandy said the ADA Transition Plan has no place for signatures, only the Resolution has to be signed by Town Council Members.

Sandy said the Title VI Implementation Plan has 2 different places to be signed. On Page 5 - Plan Statement all Town Council Members will sign. On Page 20 - Appendix A - Assurances only Bob will sign. The Resolution has to be signed by Town Council Members.

Barry made a motion to pass Resolution 003-2026 - A Resolution Adopting An ADA Transition Plan for the Town of Waynetown. Doug seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 004-2026 - A Resolution Adopting An Title IV Implementation Plant for the Town of Waynetown and Signing the Plan

This topic was discussed above.

Barry made a motion to pass Resolution 004-2026 - A Resolution Adopting An Title IV Implementation Plant for the Town of Waynetown and Signing the Plan. Randy seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Barry and the other Town Council Members thanked David again for updating both of the Plans for the Town and he said he was glad to do it. Bob said if we can become more ADA compliant especially in our sidewalks it is going to make the Town more attractive to people and said this is an investment into the Town that should have been done years ago. Bob again said he does not think anyone knows how many thousands of dollars David saves us and thanked David again.

Americans with Disabilities Act Town-wide Community Meeting 9-9-2026 at 6:30 PM

This topic was discussed above. However, Bob mentioned it again. Bob said the 2027 Budget Pre-Adoption Meeting will be first and then we will the Americans with Disabilities Act Town-wide Community Meeting. One Bob opens this Meeting Bob will turn the Meeting over to David to run.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

John Warren - Utility Superintendent

Push Mower

John said he was going to purchase a battery-operated push mower to mow around the pool and inside the water plant. John was told to make sure he purchases a 2nd battery and was told to get what he wants.

Ken Smith - Community Crossing Matching Grant

John said he hopes to talk to Ken Smith tomorrow because the Community Crossing Matching Grant has to be changed from last year before it can be submitted. Sandy said to make sure Ken knows we are applying for \$1,000,000 CCMG dollars and our match of \$250,000 which totals \$1,250,000.

John said the last two blocks on the east side of Vine Street has never had sidewalks on them and when they do that it is going to eliminate parking for three (3) houses. John said if we cannot do downtown, it makes sense to go down Vine Street to the Park. Bob said it would be nice to see kids going to the pool and not having to walk in the middle of the street. David said maybe do from Vine Street to Orchard Street or go on down to the Mobile Home Park. Discussion ensued.

Doug mentioned the Dollar General and it is not in the Town of Waynetown.

**Kyle Proctor - Town Marshal
Upgrading Cameras at Park**

Bob said we are in the process of upgrading our cameras in the Park. Kyle said the estimate for the Park not the Pool is \$2,400. Kyle said if the WIFI is not working then the cameras will not work. John said the WIFI was fixed and Sandy said it was never broken. John said a wire was pulled loose inside the pool. Kyle said the estimate was for 8 cameras and 4 of them would light up if motion was detected. Kyle discussed where the cameras would be located.

Sandy asked Kyle about the Pool and he said he wanted to test these out and see how they work at the Park before buying more for the Pool. Kyle said he is looking at the Ring System.

Kyle said he is also thinking about a different system for Town Hall because Town Hall is climate controlled, where the Park & Pool are not.

Kyle said with Ring several people can watch the cameras from their phones and there will be a monthly fee. Kyle said it is all cloud based so you have to pay for the cloud. Sandy reminded Kyle, they cannot pull the money from a credit card or a bank account, Sandy has to push (process) the payment to them and this is per the SBOA.

Barry and Randy mentioned they use Blink.

Kyle will call Ring and figure out how the billing will work for the Town.

**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****Linker House - Corner of Vernon & Walnut**

Barry said he knows we have already talked about this property but asked if the bushes could be cut down or trimmed way back on the northwest corner of Walnut. Barry wants the trees to be cut all the way to the ground and a lien to be put on the property. Barry said he has almost got t-boned twice in the last month there. Barry wants the bushes taken care of before the Fish Fry.

Debbie Hunter - 403 West Washington Street

Bob said he got an anonymous letter in the mail about the visibility around the 400 block of West Washington Street. Sandy said the house was sold and she called the new owner and they were going to take care of it.

Aron Benge - Not Present

Doug Harris - No Comments

Randy Phillips

On Call Pay

Randy said we need to do something about paying on call pay.

Also, if John gets called in Randy wants him to be able to go from his house to the problem area and not have to go to Town Hall and clock in before he goes to the problem area. John said he will have proof on his phone that he was called in.

Sandy asked if they are not coming in to clock in before they go to work then someone needs to sign off on their timecards.

Randy asked why the Police Department does not have to clock in and John does. Sandy said that is a good question and someone probably needs to sign off on the Police time sheets as well. Sandy said Kyle is the only one that does not come to Town Hall before he starts working. Randy said there is a time clock right there and said the Police should be able to clock in and out like everyone else and said they are a Town Employee and they need to clock in and out like the other Town Employees.

Randy said it is up to the Town Council to make that decision and Sandy agreed and said she is the one doing payroll and she has to make sure she is covered when the SBOA comes in and does an Audit.

Randy said the Town Council can look at the Police timecards but because they are handwritten so there is no proof that they worked. Randy said every job he has ever had he had to clock in and clock out. Barry and Bob both had jobs where you do not clock in and out. Bob said you could clock in and not actually work. Barry said it also comes down to if you do not have enough confidence in your Employees then you need to get new Employees.

Sandy said her concern with them not clocking in and out is they always work overtime and it takes a while to go through their timecards anyway and if they all start handwriting time on it and what if they forget to write down something. Sandy does not want to mess up payroll and have to re-issue W-2's.

There was a lot of discussion about on call pay, when the on-call time would start and end, not being able to cover for the person who is getting paid to be on call.

Sandy said once the Town Council let her know exactly what they want then she will hire an HR person to let her know exactly how all of this will work in payroll. Sandy said there could be several different scenarios to figure out regarding how to pay them correctly.

What other Towns and Companies was mentioned and Randy was going to go and talk to Ladoga because they are the closest in size and utilities to Waynetown.

Holiday Pay

John said another one of his complaints is Holidays. John said if he comes in on Christmas he is paid straight time. Sandy told John is getting paid straight time for working and holiday pay, so it is really double time. John said if Monday is a Holiday and he gets called in on Friday then it is just another straight time hour, it is not like he is getting double time for Friday.

Bob said this is a lot of the same discussion we have had several times. Randy said we need to quit discussing it and do it.

Bob asked Randy to be the Committee Chair on this and Randy was okay with this.

Utility Bill Due Date

Randy asked Sandy if the due date is always listed on the Utility Bill. Randy said someone came into Town Hall and paid in cash because they were out of checks and did not realize the payment was late and was charged a penalty. Sandy said yes, the Utility Bills state the payment is due on the 15th of the month. Sandy said penalties are added around 10 AM the next business day.

Bob Cox**Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce (MUST) Meeting**

(MUST was created to help county and city and town leaders negotiate and agree on how to share local income tax (LIT) money under major new state tax laws).

Bob said he has been involved in the MUST Meetings. Bob said previously he watched an AIM Webinar and today he attended a Meeting for Montgomery County Clerk-Treasurers and he learned so much more today than he did from the AIM Webinar and every Clerk-Treasurer there agreed with him. Sandy did not attend the MUST Meeting because it was on the day of the Town Council Meeting.

Bob said this year it is not a binding agreement but it is important to understand how the procedure is done because we will have to do it every year unless the Law changes, which is a possibility. Bob said all the Towns will meet with the City and County and we decide how the pot of money (Local Income Tax) is going to be split. Bob said the County will make a decision and the City is big enough they could decide on their own LIT Rate but they would lose around 3 million a year if they do that and the Mayor has already said the City is going to go with the Towns.

Bob mentioned a Fire District will get their money before a Volunteer Fire Department and said the State is going to start to encourage Townships to consolidate. Bob said the priority is going to be EMS. Bob said there are some Fire Chiefs saying we need a County Wide Fire Department on the tax rolls.

Bob said there are a lot of changes coming and we are going to have to fight for what we want in LIT. Bob said the County is holding their first MUST Meeting on August 26, 2026 and everyone is invited but the Clerk-Treasurers should be there.

Bob mentioned problems when the Clerk-Treasurers and Town Council Members change people and the Report is due yearly to the DLGF and they are trying to get the law changed to every 3-years.

Bob said LIT is currently broke out by Property Tax Relief, 1% to Certified Shares, which goes into the General Fund and Public Safety and Special Purpose. Bob said the current tax rate is 2.65%. Bob said if you live in Waynetown and work in Fountain County then Fountain County gets the LIT not Waynetown.

Bob said he is going to the MUST Meeting on 8-26-2026 as a reporter but Sandy will be there as the Clerk-Treasurer.

Sandy asked Bob the vote is supposed to be unanimously but if it is not who makes the decision, and Bob said the County does. Barry said the County Council does not even have to listen to the LIT Board and Bob said that is correct.

Bob said this is not binding but a Report does have to be sent to the DLGF by December 1st.

Bob said this is supposed to be effective in Year 2028 but in 2028 you are going to get what was paid in in Year 2027. Bob said in Year 2028 it will go towards Year 2029. Barry said in 2028 you could have a new Governor, and this could change. Bob said we need to know what is going on in case it does actually happen.

Bob said the State has this new formula that is going to bring down our property taxes and now we are trying to figure out how to replace that lost revenue.

Sandy said currently for LIT we receive \$3,933.00 a month that goes into the General Fund AND we receive \$3,777.33 a month for LITPS, which is Kyle's Budget. Sandy said it is her understanding that the LITPS Fund will go away and all the money will get receipted into the General Fund - LIT.

American Legion Post 72 Baseball

Bob congratulated Kyle on the American Legion Post 72 Baseball Season and said they were so close to winning the State and moving on. Kyle said he has 37 kids interested for next year and they only have 8 open spots. Bob also mentioned that Bri works her tail off at the games.

ADJOURN

Randy made a motion to adjourn. Doug seconded.

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

Bob Cox - Town Council President

Sandy Proctor - Clerk-Treasurer

Bob Cox 9-9-26

Sandra Proctor 9-9-2026

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Town Council & Clerk-Treasurer

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4. Dan H.
5. Kathy H. H.
6. Sandy Proctor

Please Sign Your Name

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