



POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: November 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Justin Rutledge at 5:30 PM.

PRESENT

- **Council President:** Justin Rutledge
- **Council Members:** Michael Baehl, Randall Rankin
- **Clerk-Treasurer:** Jodie Rankin
- **Attorney:** William Bender

Virtual Attendees:

In-person Attendees:

- List retained (2)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the following meetings were presented for review:

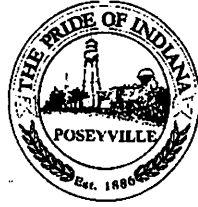
- **Regular Meeting:** October 8, 2024
- **Budget Adoption Meeting:** October 22, 2024
- **Special Meeting:** November 7, 2024

Michael Baehl made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

CLAIMS DOCKET

The Claims Docket was emailed to the council members before the meeting for review. Clerk-Treasurer noted an additional \$300.00 check due to loan processing for the fire department concrete project. Noted was a vendor change on a check due to a processing error.



A motion to approve the Claim Docket was made by Randy Rankin, seconded by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

PAYROLL ALLOWANCE DOCKET

The Payroll Allowance Docket was emailed to the council members before the meeting for review.

A motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket as presented was made by Mike Baehl, seconded by Randy Rankin.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank reconciliations for October 2024 were presented to the Council for review at the meeting.

A motion to approve the Bank Reconciliation was made by Randy Rankin, seconded by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Theresa Bratcher from Heart of Poseyville Events presented the proposed layout for the Christmas in Poseyville Event on November 30, 2024. There was extensive discussion about the requirements for electricity and tree security. The layout will be made part of the minutes by incorporation. The Council thanked Mrs. Bratcher and the Heart of Poseyville Events committee for all their work putting this event together. Mrs. Bratcher asked the Council to share all Facebook posts to bring awareness to the event and all the event details. The Town will post event information on the web site and Facebook page. No action is required.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marshal Carter submitted a runs report to the council prior to the meeting. No action required.

Marshal Carter provided an update on the speed trailer. It is almost ready to go and will be placed on Lockwood Street which is an area of complaints on speeding traffic. No action is required.



The Town Council and Marshal Carter expressed their heartfelt gratitude to an anonymous donor for their annual \$10,000 contribution. This generous donation supports community outreach efforts throughout the year, including:

- Funding the annual toy drive for North Elementary children and families.
- Supporting the Halloween event, which was a highlight of the season.
- Providing additional training opportunities for police officers.

The Council and Marshal Carter emphasized their deep appreciation for this donation, which has a significant impact on the community. No action was required on this item.

Marshal Carter reported that the Halloween event was a tremendous success, raising \$900 for the Heart of Poseyville. The event drew 174 participants of all ages, showcasing the strong community spirit in Poseyville. He noted that living in a small town offers unique opportunities to host events like "Hide from the Cop" and many other engaging activities.

UTILITY DEPARTMENTS

Derick Wiggins from Midwestern Engineers sent in several SRF payment requests. Justin Rutledge asked the council members to approve them separately.

Randy Rankin made a motion to process the SRF payment request to G & L Tank Sandblasting and Coatings, LLC for the water tower in the amount of \$ 229,008.00, seconded by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Mike Baehl made a motion to process the SRF payment request to G & L Tank Sandblasting and Coatings, LLC for the water tower in the amount of \$ 206,996.00, seconded by Randy Rankin.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Mike Baehl made a motion to process the SRF payment request to Midwestern Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$43,387.00, seconded by Randy Rankin.



Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Randy Rankin made a motion to process the SRF payment request Town of Poseyville in the amount of \$5,060.00, seconded by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Randy Rankin made a motion to process the SRF payment request Town of Poseyville in the amount of \$7,700.00, seconded by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Clerk-Treasurer, Jodie Rankin, presented a payment request from Fire Department Chief Mike Crawford. Jodie explained the two columns in the request:

1. The first column represented the budgeted clothing allowance for 2024.
2. The second column outlined an additional request from Chief Crawford.

Jodie informed the board that the additional funds could be reallocated from the training line item. However, she cautioned that this would leave no funds available for training in December 2024. She also advised that any future additions to the allowance should be addressed during the spring 2025 budgeting process for the 2026 budget year.

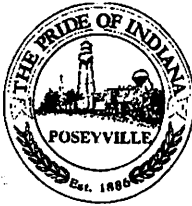
President Justin Rutledge suggested increasing the allowance for Kane Schmitt from \$100.00 to \$200.00 to comply with state statute, noting that while Kane is new, the statute does not allow for a time-based adjustment.

Justin Rutledge made a motion to issue the budgeted clothing allowance and approve the additional \$1,800 for the Volunteer Firefighters as a one-time allowance for 2024. Michael Baehl seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

STREET DEPARTMENTS

Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin informed the Council that the Right-of-Way Permit had been sent to Council Attorney William Bender for review. Mr. Bender suggested simplifying the form, and the Council agreed to proceed with a condensed version. Mr. Bender will work on drafting the revised form.



The Council also discussed approving the proposed fee schedule for the permit as follows:

- **\$500.00** per occurrence to cut or bore across a road/street (east to west or north to south).
- **\$1,000.00** per occurrence to cut or bore parallel to the road/street right-of-way, with a maximum distance of 1,500 feet.
- All penalties and fines will apply for violations.

The Council agreed to move forward with the fee schedule as presented.

Randy Rankin made a motion to accept the permit fees and violation fines as presented, seconded by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Officer Carter mentioned that new swing seats may need to be purchased for the park near the Police Station due to aging. None action required.

COMMUNITY CENTER

None

CEMETERY

Mr. Baehl requested that we contact the mower contractor to possibly mow one more time before winter. Mr. Rutledge will take care of the request.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin presented the 2025 Salary Ordinance to the Council for consideration. The ordinance includes a proposed pay increase for employees as detailed on the provided rate sheet.

President Justin Rutledge requested that the ordinance number be updated to **2024-11-13-01** and noted his appreciation for the correction aligning Water and Wastewater salaries.



To expedite the process and ensure implementation by January, President Rutledge proposed suspending the standard rule requiring a second reading of ordinances.

Mike Baehl made a motion to suspend the second reading rule for ordinances, seconded by Randy Rankin.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Mike Baehl made a motion to accept Ordinance **2024-11-13-01** as presented with changes as indicated, seconded by Justin Rutledge.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (abstain)

Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin presented the 2025 Health Insurance Renewal to the Council. The town was informed of a 25% increase on the current plan. After consulting with the broker, Mrs. Rankin provided employees with information to compare their current coverage against the potential new plan. Many employees have responded positively and are in agreement with the proposed changes. Council Member Mike Baehl mentioned that he had also spoken with the shop employees, who expressed similar support for the new plan. President Justin Rutledge thanked everyone for reaching out to employees and gathering input on the changes. The new plan will allow the town to remain within the health insurance budget for 2025.

Mike Baehl made a motion to renew the health insurance plan with Anthem under Plan ACA #8BJG for 2025, seconded by Randy Rankin.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Agreement between the Town of Poseyville and HVG is currently being reviewed by the development attorney, Mr. Schopmeyer.

NEXT MEETING:

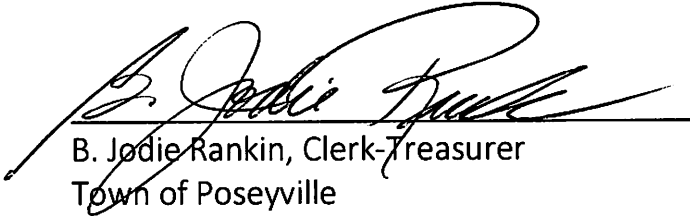
The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council will be on December 10, 2024 at 3:00 PM, in person and virtual meeting. Motion made by Randy Rankin, seconded by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)



THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Mike Baehl, seconded by Randy Rankin. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


B. Jodie Rankin, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Poseyville

ATTEST:


Justin Rutledge, Council President