

## POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: September 9, 2025

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#### CALL TO ORDER

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

#### PRESENT

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

#### In-person Attendees:

- List retained (2)

#### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the August 14, 2025, meeting were presented, having been emailed to Council members in advance for their review.

Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Justin Rutledge seconded the motion.

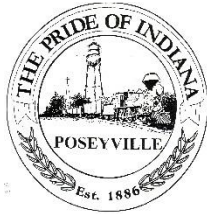
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes)

#### CLAIMS DOCKET

The Claims Docket was emailed to Council members prior to the meeting for their review along with a final copy presented at the meeting.

Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the Claims as presented. Justin Rutledge seconded the motion.

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



### **PAYROLL ALLOWANCE DOCKET**

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

Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket as presented. Justin Rutledge seconded the motion.

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

### **BANK RECONCILIATION**

The Bank Reconciliations for August 2025 were provided to the Council via email prior to the meeting and presented in their entirety during the meeting.

A motion to approve the August 2025 Bank Reconciliations was made by Justin Rutledge and seconded by Mike Baehl.

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

### **UTILITY ADJUSTMENT DOCKET**

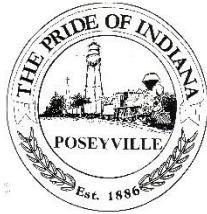
The Utility Adjustment Docket was emailed to the council members before the meeting for review. Clerk-Treasurer Rankin informed the Council that this is something new, prepared by Billye Robling, and will appear each month going forward when applicable.

Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the Utility Adjustment Docket as presented. Justin Rutledge seconded the motion.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Theresa Bratcher, representing Heart of Poseyville, informed the Council that the Hide From The Cop Halloween Event has been moved to November 1, 2025, due to Halloween being the night of a football game. She also requested that Church Street, adjacent to the Community Center, be blocked off for the event and that the picnic tables be moved to the Community Center for the event. The Council agreed that the street could be closed. Jeremy Farrar was present and agreed that



the town workers would move picnic tables from the park on Friday before the event. No further action was required.

### **2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Justin Rutledge opened the 2026 Budget Public Hearing at 5:39 p.m. Mr. Rutledge presented the Notice to Taxpayers, advertising the budget. The posted Notice to Taxpayers will be incorporated into the minutes. President Rutledge asked for any public comments or concerns. Hearing none, Mr. Rutledge closed the 2026 Budget Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Water Service Regulations Ordinance No. 2025-09-09-01 – Second Reading and Adoption Effective October 1, 2025**

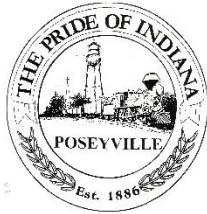
President Rutledge presented Ordinance No. 2025-09-09-01, Water Service Regulations, for its second reading. The ordinance consolidates and updates several older ordinances, some dating back to 1939, which required revision due to outdated pipe regulations. Mr. Baehl reminded customers it is not a water rate increase. The only rate changes apply to reconnections after a disconnect due to non-payment and reconnection charges after a “voluntary/seasonal” disconnect.

Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2025-09-09-01 as presented. Justin Rutledge seconded the motion.

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

#### **Ordinance Amending Usage, Rates, and Charges of the Town of Poseyville, Indiana’s Gas Utility No. 2025-10-15-01 Effective Date November 1, 2025 – First Reading**

President Rutledge presented Ordinance 2025-10-15-01 regarding Gas Utility changes resulting from a recent operational cost study conducted by U.S.D.I. He explained that, while the ordinance reflects a slight increase, the Town’s gas rates remain significantly lower than those of surrounding providers. The Ordinance



establishes a monthly gas rate based on actual costs, ensuring full transparency for customers.

President Rutledge then entertained a motion for the first reading of Ordinance 2025-10-15-01. Mike Baehl made a motion to accept the first reading, seconded by Justin Rutledge.

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

### **Resolution to Discontinue Fluoridation Treatment 2025-09-09-02**

As discussed in last month's meeting, the Council decided to move forward with discontinuing the treatment of the Town's drinking water with fluoride. President Rutledge presented Resolution 2025-09-09-02 for consideration. The Resolution specifies that fluoride treatment will be discontinued effective October 10, 2025, following public notification via the Town's website and Facebook page. Mike Baehl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-09-09-02, seconded by Justin Rutledge.

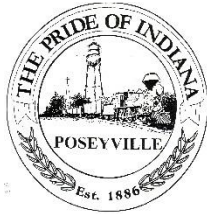
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes)

### **Lieberman Quote to Update TH Computer**

Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin presented the Council with a quote for the expected costs of updating computers due to the Windows 11 upgrade requirements. She explained that the Town will be updating certain computers and reallocating others as needed. Mrs. Rankin also requested that the Council consider purchasing a stand-alone computer for the Fire Department. The Council agreed that providing the Fire Department with a dedicated computer would be beneficial for training and classes. Mrs. Rankin will contact Liebermas to update the quote to include one additional computer and proceed with the upgrades.

### **Cintas Uniform Changes**

Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin reported to the Council that the cost of Cintas uniform and rug service has continued to increase over the past year, with the Town paying approximately \$12,000 in 2024. She and Jeremy reviewed the current



needs and discussed opportunities to reduce expenses. Jeremy recommended moving to high-visibility uniforms to improve worker safety.

Mrs. Rankin met with Cintas to address both the rising costs and the uniform requirements. As a result, Cintas agreed to provide high-visibility navy shirts for Town workers and offered reduced charges through negotiated service changes. Mrs. Rankin informed the Council that she and Jeremy are developing a potential revised uniform plan for employees, which may be presented to the Council for consideration at a later date.

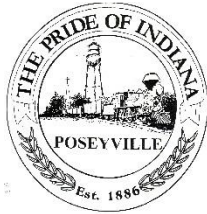
Mr. Rutledge suggested reaching out to Sinnett Services for future uniform quotes and to Kelli Goedde at the Posey County Health Department regarding supplies for the safety medicine cabinet. No further action was required at this time.

#### **Mike Cowley – Fixed Assets Consultant**

Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin requested the Council's consideration of a contract with Mike Crowley to assist in updating the Town's Fixed Assets. Mr. Crowley, a former SBOA auditor and now a consultant specializing in Fixed Assets, has offered to work with the Town to ensure compliance.

Mrs. Rankin explained that during the last audit, the Town received an audit exception for failure to comply with Fixed Asset reporting requirements. Although improvements have been made, the reporting remains incomplete. In addition, the Town has received several updates to fixed assets from recent IFA projects. Mr. Crowley believes that, through collaboration, a completed Fixed Asset plan can be finalized before year-end.

Mrs. Rankin also noted that she is considering using the worksheet provided by Mr. Crowley and discontinuing the renewal of the Fixed Asset program through Boyce, resulting in saving the town money moving forward. Mrs. Rankin will help as much as possible to obtain information for the fixed asset updates to save money for consultant work.



Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the contract with Mike Crowley, seconded by Justin Rutledge.

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

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Marshal Carter provided the Council with the monthly run report prior to the scheduled meeting.

No other business at this time.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Kolley emailed and stated he did not have any business for this meeting.

### **UTILITY DEPARTMENTS**

#### **Meters**

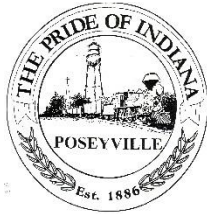
Mr. Farrar provided the Council with an update on the installation of the new radio-read water meters. He reported that Town employees are working to install the meters as time allows.

The new meters will generate detailed usage data logs, including hourly readings, which will help identify patterns and detect potential high usage in the event of a leak. The accompanying software will also provide alarms that can be received prior to the regular monthly readings, allowing the Town to notify customers of unusual usage before a large bill is issued.

Mr. Farrar noted that the meters currently in place are functioning properly; however, when customers experience problems, they are often replaced with a new radio-read meter.

#### **Gas Relocation**

Mrs. Rankin advised the Council that we have had a few instances of damage to the new radios and covers due to mowing by the customer. The Utility Department does bill the customer for damages when a replacement is required. The whole radio is approximately \$220.00, and the cover is \$25.00.



Mrs. Rankin inquired whether Nix Industrial had contacted Mr. Rutledge regarding the relocation of the gas line on Frontage Road in connection with their parking lot project. Mr. Farrar indicated that the estimated cost to relocate the line is approximately \$10,000. Mrs. Rankin indicates the funds would need to come from the Town's Depreciation Fund. She noted that it would be acceptable to have the \$10,000 deducted from the current sewer abatement with Nix Industries in lieu of payment. Mrs. Rankin requested that Mr. Rutledge not enter into another utility abatement.

Mr. Rutledge confirmed that Nix Industrial has reached out and stated he will contact them regarding the situation. No further action was required at this time.

#### **STREET DEPARTMENTS**

Mr. Farrar is awaiting a quote on the patchwork to be completed in town.

#### **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

None

#### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

We encourage organizations that use the Community Center to get their dates in early because the rentals are increasing.

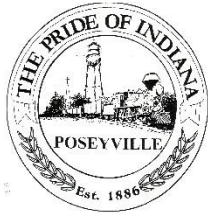
We recently had a complaint about the bathroom floors not being clean. However, we know that they are very clean but in bad shape. Mrs. Rankin asked the Council about obtaining quotes to replace the bathroom floors and get help to polish the floors in the hallway and main hall. The Council feels like it is time to move forward with quotes to replace the bathroom floors. No further action was required.

#### **CEMETERY**

None

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next scheduled Town Council meeting is on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in person and via live stream.



A motion was made to hold the next meeting and adjourn at 6:15 p.m. on a motion from Mike Baehl, seconded by Justin Rutledge, and approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jodie Rankin, Clerk-Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Justin Rutledge, Council President