

POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Date of Meeting: December 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, Randall Rankin
- **Clerk-Treasurer:** Jodie Rankin
- **Town Attorney:** William Bender

In-person Attendees:

- List retained (7)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the November 12, 2025, meeting were presented and emailed to Council members in advance for their review.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

CLAIMS DOCKET

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

Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the Claims as presented. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.

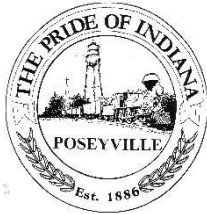
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

PAYROLL ALLOWANCE DOCKET

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

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket as presented. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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



UTILITY ADJUSTMENT DOCKET

The Utility Adjustments was emailed to Council members before the meeting for their review, along with a final copy presented at the meeting.

Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the Adjustment as presented. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.

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

BANK RECONCILIATION

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

A motion to approve the November 2025 Bank Reconciliations was made by Mike Baehl and seconded by Randy Rankin.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Request to speak was submitted by Amy and Dan Beavin – Play Sets by Play-Mor. Speakers were not present at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-12-09-01 Authorization to Transfer of Appropriations

The Clerk-Treasurer presented to the Council the year-end Transfer of Appropriations resolution for consideration. The Resolution allows the treasurer to transfer money between categories within one fund.

Mike Baehl made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-12-09-01. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.

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

TRECS Clearing House Letter of Agreement December 1, 2025-October 2, 2026

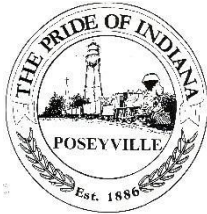
Utility Office Manager, Billye Robling submitted to the Council the TRECS Letter of Agreement. President Rutledge explained the request and how it works.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the TRECS Letter of Agreement as presented. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

Discuss Combining All Checking Accounts in 2026

Mrs. Rankin informed the Council that the office had recently started the on-boarding with the new accounting and billing software company BS & A. During the onboarding calls it was suggested that many customer are moving to one account to avoid all the



transfers between accounts that occurs. This would potentially avoid errors in the future. It is also more conducive to the work environment of the new software. Mrs. Rankin indicated it would potentially lower auditing costs. The Town had recently received a pre-audit check list of over five pages of items missing or needing clarification before they even begin the audit. She explained that most of it was due to the number of accounts in the past and all the issues associated with having so many accounts. Clerk Rankin did indicate it was State Board of Accounts. First Bank will honor all of our current service charge rates and current interest rate. Mrs. Rankin indicated working with First Bank has been very easy.

Randy Rankin made a motion to combine all the accounts in 2026. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Run Report was provided to the Council before the meeting. No action was required.

Marshal Carter explained that the Find the Fugitive event in November, hosting about 150 individuals, was a huge success. He also noted that no trash was left littering around that was a testament to how the participants are raised and believe in their community. The organizing group is already working on next year with an app for the event.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rescue Truck Estimate

Chief Kolley submitted an estimate from Gerry's Automotive for repairs to the Rescue truck. He noted that the 501(c)(3) organization will cover the cost of the light upgrades. No Council action was required, as the repairs had already been approved at a previous meeting.

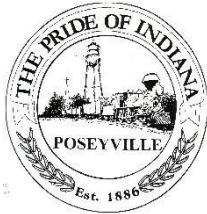
Mrs. Rankin did confirm that we did receive some funds from Fire Recovery and the money has been put into the Fire Department Cumulative Fund and has been invested. The fund is up to \$15,000.00. It will need to be appropriated in 2026 if you need to use any of it. Chief Kolley hopes to let the fund grow for future equipment needs.

Basic Life Support

During the recertification for BLS (Basic Life Support), we found that we had AED supplies expired and in need of replacements. Kolley presented estimates for the supplies. The Council unanimously wanted to replace all the supplies for all trucks.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the AED purchases at AED Market for \$1,093.00. Seconded by Mike Baehl

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



Air Compressor

Chief Kolley explained to the Council the Fire Department is purchasing a compressor and tanks to fill their own bottles. The building needs a 40 amp 240 disconnect. After much discussion the Council requested that he contact AK Bryant and schedule for them to install. It was also requested that AK Bryant look at the lights on the outside that are staying on all day.

Chief Kolley discussed an option for the overhead door that is being left open during cold winter months on the ambulance bay. Several options were discussed. Mike Baehl suggested the Kolley speak to AK Bryant about suggestions. It was also discussed that we might need to discuss a rental fee from the Posey County Ambulance service. Mr. Kolley informed the Council we are the only town right now not charging rent. President Rutledge was asked to reach out the ambulance director regarding an agreement. No further action was required.

UTILITY DEPARTMENTS

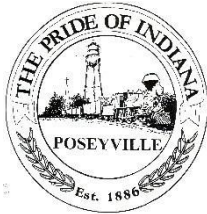
Farmington Ridge – Utility Inspection Updates

William Bender, member of Hometown Ventures Group, LLC (HVG), presented a draft Petition for Annexation to the Town Council for consideration. Mr. Bender reviewed the procedures for the Town and requested the Council consider a timeline for scheduling a Public Hearing.

HVG will sign and submit the Petition for Annexation to the Town Council. Following submission, the Town will publish notice of the intent to hold a Public Hearing on the Annexation, scheduled for January 13, 2026, in the Posey County News and on the Town of Poseyville website.

HVG and the Town of Poseyville will enter into a formal agreement at a later date regarding the ownership transfer of assets in the Farmington Ridge Subdivision.

Mr. Farrar noted that the water main and hydrant installation is complete. They have been pressure tested and treated. The tests will be completed this week. The sewer main is completed and passed. The test results are still pending. The CHA inspector continues to conduct weekly inspections, and the Council has received all inspection reports to date. CHA has a concern regarding concrete pours during the current low-temperature conditions. CHA is basing the inspection on INDOT concrete project specs. A HVG representative indicated that JBI will provide a letter of guarantee for the concrete curbs and any work completed in lower temperatures. No further action was required by the Council at this time.



Discuss Water Ordinance Suggested Amendments

Mrs. Rankin explained that the Town had received calls regarding the voluntary disconnect and reconnect fee outlined in the most recent water ordinance. It appears that some landlords, in an effort to avoid paying the minimum usage charge of \$97.14, are voluntarily shutting off the water. When a new tenant moves in, they are then assessed a \$150.00 reconnect fee. This situation also affects customers who may leave town for several months during the winter.

Mrs. Rankin suggested that a “meter charge only” rate could be implemented for periods with no water usage, similar to the approach used by German Township.

Mr. Farrar noted that many local and adjacent utility providers have additional service fees on their bills, making direct comparisons difficult. He explained that the current rate structure is based on the most recent rate study and projected revenues and expenses. Any change to the structure would require a new rate study to evaluate long-term effects and financial implications.

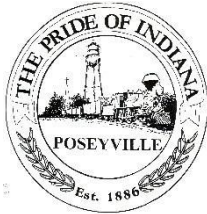
After discussion, the Council determined that while there are some inherent costs to providing water service, these do not constitute a change to the rate structure at this time. Mr. Farrar also reminded the Council that the Town is still repaying costs associated with the recent water filtration plant improvements. No further action was required.

Posey County Regional Sewer District (PCRSB) – INDOT Update

Mr. Farrar indicated that the project team is still targeting a start-up of the new facility toward the end of the month, meaning wastewater flow could begin by that time; however, a January start date is more likely. He noted that the project is currently in the final stages and winding down.

Based on the anticipated start-up, the Town may begin billing PCRSB as early as December, though January is more likely. Mr. Farrar stated that the flat fee may be prorated depending on the actual start date. Billing will consist of a flat monthly fee plus a charge per thousand gallons of usage.

Mr. Farrar has continued to keep the Utility Office informed to ensure billing readiness. Mrs. Rankin advised that the \$2,200 tap-in fee has not yet been paid; the original invoice was dated February 2025. Mr. Farrar explained that PCRSB had concerns about paying us before INDOT had paid their tap-in fee. At the last PCRSB meeting, it was confirmed they had been paid and would process payment to the Town of Poseyville. Mr. Farrar stated that services will not be activated until the tap-in fee is received. No further action was required by the Council at this time.



Posey County Regional Sewer District (PCRSB) – North Posey High School Update

Mr. Farrar reported that he was contacted by Pat Beeman of the Posey County Regional Sewer District (PCRSB) and was asked to consider an agreement similar in structure to the agreement currently in place for the INDOT project.

Under the proposed arrangement, PCRSB would bill the high school directly, and the Town would bill PCRSB a capacity charge plus monthly usage. Mr. Farrar and Mrs. Rankin have begun drafting the agreement, which will be forwarded to Mr. Bender for review prior to the next Town Council meeting in January. Mr. Farrar recommended setting the maximum usage at 25,000 gallons per month based on current usage levels.

Mr. Farrar also noted that the Midway Drive project did not receive sufficient participation to move forward at this time. As a result, the Town is awaiting a funding package from the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA). Discussion followed regarding the most recent IFA meeting. Mrs. Rankin will contact the IFA to verify the project's status and will also check with LWG regarding the status of the wastewater rate study.

No further action was required by the Council at this time.

STREET DEPARTMENT

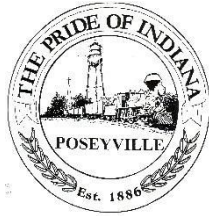
Barnhart Crane & Rigging Travel Street Request

Requested to use Pine Street to St. Francis Street to exit Poseyville on the North side for a very oversized load weighing 497,000 lbs. and 6 feet 11.5 inches in height. There was much discussion if we could deny the company access to our roads. Attorney Mr. Bender indicated that we could deny the request with a letter informing of the denial signed by the Council President. Mrs. Rankin will prepare the letter for Mr. Rutledge's signature on Wednesday. No further action was required.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CENTER

Mrs. Rankin discussed with the Council a conversation that we keep having about requesting the non-profit organizations that use the Community Center (CC) for free to pay a % or rental when hosting for profit events. The Council agreed that letters should be sent to non-profit organizations in 2026. No further action is required.

**CEMETERY**

Mrs. Rankin asked the Council if they wanted to advertise for mowing bids this year or contact the company for a contract extension. It was decided that we should advertise for bids. Mrs. Rankin will prepare a specification sheet so that bids are more uniform. We will have sealed bids due two hours before February 10, 2026 meeting. No further action is required.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled Town Council meeting is on January 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made to hold the next meeting and adjourn at 7:08 p.m. on a motion from Mike Baehl, seconded by Randy Rankin, and approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Rankin, Clerk-Treasurer

ATTEST:

Justin Rutledge, Council President