



POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Date of Meeting: January 13, 2026
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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 (6)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the December 9, 2025 and December 22, 2025, meetings were presented and emailed to Council members in advance for their review.

Mike 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 Council members before the meeting for their review, along with a final copy presented at the meeting with a few additions.

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

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

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



UTILITY ADJUSTMENT DOCKET

There were not Utility Adjustments this month. No further action required.

BANK RECONCILIATION

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

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

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.

Theresa Bratcher of Poseyville Events requested permission to hold “Meet in The Street” event in Poseyville. There are three locations they are considering. North Church Street by the Community Center, South Church Street near the Town Hall or Fletchall Street in front of Community Center. Mrs. Bratcher indicates they would prefer something closer to Main Street. The Town Hall and the Neidig family indicated they would provide bathroom facilities if held on South Church Street. At this time, the tentative date is set for April 26, 2026. The meat will be provided and everyone can bring a side. The Town Council is in support of the event and thought it was a great idea. Mrs. Bratcher will keep the Town Council updated on future developments.

NEW BUSINESS

President Rutledge Opens Public Hearing – Petition for Annexation

Mr. Rutledge opens the public hearing on a Petition for Annexation into the Town of Poseyville for Farmington Ridge Subdivision at 5:42 p.m.

Mr. Effinger requested to comment during the public hearing. He had concerns about the dirt erosion around or near his property line that had not been addressed. Requesting the Town to advise on the issue before the potential annexation. President Rutledge informed Mr. Effinger that a dispute over lands adjacent to one another is a civil matter and not an issue for a Petition for Annexation. Much discussion was had between Mr. Effinger and Mr. Neidig. Hearing no other comments, President Rutledge closed the public hearing at 5:52 p.m.

Election of Town Council President

Councilmen, Randy Rankin made a motion to elect Justin Rutledge as the 2026 Town Council President. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.



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

Yearly Compliance Documents

President Rutledge advised Council members that Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements were available for completion should any member need to disclose a potential conflict.

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin distributed the required annual Nepotism and Contracting with a Unit acknowledgment statements to all elected officials for signature, along with the annual Internal Controls Policy training acknowledgments.

No further action was required.

Building Inspector – Town of Poseyville

A draft ordinance was presented to the Town Council for review and discussion. President Rutledge also shared an additional sample ordinance for consideration. The Council continues working diligently toward reinstating Posey County Building Inspector services within the Town of Poseyville. Mr. Baehl noted that the process has been lengthy due to determining the best method for implementation.

President Rutledge will follow up with County officials and expects to present information for potential official action at the February meeting. Council members expressed unanimous support for implementing inspection services for the benefit and safety of the community.

No further action was taken at this time.

Security Contracts

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin presented the Sonitrol security service contracts for review and approval. Sonitrol has been a reliable and stable security provider for the Town and has agreed to honor the Town's 2016 pricing rates. While most customers are experiencing an approximate 4.5% rate increase, renewing these contracts will lock in current pricing and help the Town avoid the increase. The pricing also includes parts and services as older equipment is replaced due to maintenance needs.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the Sonitrol contracts as presented with the 2016 pricing quotes. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

Town Hall Closing Request

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin requested that the Town Council consider closing Town Hall for one or two days to allow office staff uninterrupted training on the new software system scheduled to be implemented for customers at the end of February. The new system will provide enhanced features, including the option to receive bills by email and access



to a customer portal with detailed usage and billing information. Customers that own rental properties will have the ability to have properties listed under one account.

Mrs. Rankin advised that as more customers enroll in electronic billing, the Town may transition from billing cards to paper statements when necessary due to postage and administrative costs. A cost analysis will be conducted to determine the most cost-effective approach. Increased participation in email billing is expected to help mitigate rising postage and administrative expenses.

Mrs. Rankin requested the office be closed on February 2 and 3, 2026, for staff training. As a reminder, the payment drop-box and online payment processing will still be available.,

Mike Baehl made a motion to close the office for training on February 2 and 3. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Marshal Carter presented a summary of the 9th Annual Toy Drive Program. The program assisted 118 children from North Elementary this year, with expenditures totaling just over \$2,000. The Council expressed appreciation to Mrs. Carter for wrapping the gifts and to Marshal Carter and his family for their continued time and effort in organizing the program. Officer Carter reminded the community that donations to the Toy Drive may be made at any time through Town Hall. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Poseyville with "Toy Drive" noted in the memo line. All funds are recorded and audited along with other Town funds.

Mr. Rankin inquired about the status of the speed sign located near the cemetery. Marshal Carter advised that shorter daylight hours can impact the battery life. Officer Carter will recharge the battery and work to restore the sign to service. He also noted that the current location remains effective due to vehicle speeds entering town. Council members agreed that an additional speed sign, similar to the one provided by the State near Dollar General, would be beneficial.

No further action was required.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Poseyville Fire Department recently purchased a new SCBA compressor system at a cost of \$22,350.00. Chief Kolley advised that \$6,022.00 of the cost was funded by



Robb Township, with the remaining balance of \$16,328.00 paid through the Poseyville Fire Department 501(c)(3) donation fund.

Chief Kolley also submitted an estimate for a service agreement on the new compressor system. The proposed agreement includes annual air quality inspections. Councilman Rankin inquired about the cost of increasing inspections to twice per year as an added safety precaution. The Council agreed that semi-annual testing would be beneficial for the safety of the volunteer firefighters. Chief Kolley will obtain a quote for semi-annual testing and present the information at the February meeting.

No further action was required.

Surplus Equipment

Chief Kolley discussed with the Council several pieces of equipment that are no longer needed by the Fire Department, including:

- (1) Sierra Precision Booster Pump, Model 9000-00 (approximately 20 hours)
- (6) Mako 4,500 PSI steel breathing air bottles
- (1) homemade stand
- 8) 7,000 PSI gauges

Chief Kolley advised that he has spoken with CountryMark regarding the surplus equipment. CountryMark has expressed interest and is willing to trade new fire hoses in exchange for the items.

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin informed the Council that the equipment must first be declared surplus at the February meeting for proper asset tracking. President Rutledge agreed and requested that a complete list be submitted at the February meeting to allow the Council to proceed with a potential agreement with CountryMark.

No further action was taken.

SOP Approval – Run Reports

Chief Kolley advised the Council that the Poseyville Robb Township Volunteer Fire Department maintains standard operating procedures; however, an incident reporting procedure has not yet been formally established. Chief Kolley submitted a proposed Run Incident Reporting Standard Operating Procedure for Council review and approval.

The Council discussed the proposed policy, including clarification of the chain of command responsible for ensuring personnel complete incident reports.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the Incident Reporting SOP as presented. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.



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

UTILITY DEPARTMENTS

Service Agreement Water Treatment Plant

Mr. Farrar submitted a HACH Service Agreement for renewal in the amount of \$3,254.00. Mrs. Rankin indicates there was a slight increase from 2025.

Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the HACH Service Agreement. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.

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

New System Implementation

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin advised the Council that, due to staff training and the temporary dual entry of information into both systems during the software conversion process to ensure accurate balancing, some overtime may be necessary for utility office staff during February and March. Any overtime incurred will be paid accordingly and reported on the Payroll Allowance Docket.

No further action was required.

STREET DEPARTMENT

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin reminded the Council that further discussion is needed regarding the Town Park. She noted that the park is in need of major upgrades and that some of the park shelters are not located on Town-owned property. The adjacent property owner has expressed concerns about the current arrangement.

Mrs. Rankin advised that the Council must determine how it wishes to proceed—whether to upgrade the existing park or consider relocation—before pursuing any grant opportunities.

No further action was taken at this time.

COMMUNITY CENTER

CEMETERY

Mowing bid specifications will be posted soon.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled Town Council meeting is on February 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.



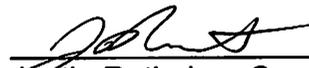
A motion was made to hold the next meeting and adjourn at 6:27 p.m. on a motion from Mike Baehl, seconded by Randy Rankin, and approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



Jodie Rankin, Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST:



Justin Rutledge, Council President