



**POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: February 10, 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 (3)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the January 13, 2026 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.

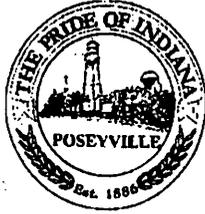
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

PAYROLL ALLOWANCE DOCKET

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

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 Adjustment Docket was emailed to council members for review before the meeting.

Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the Utility Adjustment Docket 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 January 2026 was provided to the Council via email before the meeting and presented in their entirety during the meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Rankin advised the Council that all accounts had been combined. There is only a few outstanding checks on the General Fund to clear.

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

None

NEW BUSINESS

Open Mowing Bids as Advertised

Project: Poseyville Cemetery Mowing Bids

Bid Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026

Bid Due Date and Time: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 by 2:00 p.m.

Bid Open Date and Location: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

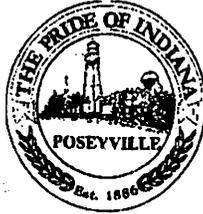
38 W Main Street, Poseyville, IN 47633

Opened by: Poseyville Town Council

Witness: Clerk-Treasurer & Open Meeting

President Rutledge opened the following bids as presented:

A Cut Above Landscape Solutions	\$ 600.00 / mow	W9 and COI Included
Kohl Kutz Law Service	\$ 1,350.00 / mow	W9 Included No COI
Seits Mowing & Pressure Washing LLC	\$ 550.00 / mow	W9 and COI Included



Mr. Rutledge requested that the Council table the bids until the March 10, 2026 meeting to ensure all required documentation is complete and in order.

A motion was made by Randy Rankin to table the bid award. The motion was seconded by Mike Baehl.

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

Building Inspector – Town of Poseyville

Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin reported receiving a call from Greg Newman regarding the ordinance. Mr. Newman recommended that the Council wait until the County's Unified Development Ordinances (UDOs) are approved. The Town of Poseyville is scheduled to hold the first reading of the UDOs on March 10, 2026. Once the UDOs are adopted, the Town of Poseyville can proceed with adopting the building inspector ordinance to avoid the need for revisions or potential conflicts.

No further action was taken at this time.

Letter of Engagement – Annexation Process & Utility Services

President Rutledge provided the Council with the Letter of Engagement for annexation services from Bose, McKinney & Evans, LLP. The firm was recommended by Clint Lamb with Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM). Following a consultation call between Bose McKinney, the President and the Clerk-Treasurer, it was determined that the Council should review the engagement letter and decide how to proceed.

A sample timeline was also provided to the Council, along with information that a fiscal plan is required by law in order to proceed with a super voluntary annexation. Mr. Bender also provided the Council with a sample annexation ordinance for review.

To avoid any potential conflicts of interest involving Mr. Bender and the Council, and after much discussion, a motion was made by Justin Rutledge to hire Bose, McKinney & Evans, LLP to serve as annexation counsel for the Town. The motion was seconded by Randy Rankin.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin advised the Council that they will receive Bond Ordinance information at the March 10, 2026 meeting to cover the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades in conjunction with the North Posey High School Wastewater Project from Bose, McKinney & Evans, LLC. No further action was required.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Marshal Carter thanked the Street Department for cleaning the streets. Mr. Carter mentioned it was great living in a small town due to the number of individuals out helping clean driveways and other areas.

Marshal Carter advised the Council the Police Car had some maintenance issues. Poseyville Auto Parts took good care of the issues and had him up and running in the same day.

Mr. Rankin inquired about the status of the speed sign again near the cemetery. Marshal Carter said he would have to check with the utility guys about a battery charger and getting it charged and back in operation.

No further action was required.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Kolley submitted an estimate for a service agreement on the new compressor system. The proposed agreement from Pro Air Midwest, LLC for service twice per year was \$1,050.00.

Randy Rankin made a motion to enter into a service agreement with Pro Air Midwest, LLC for \$1,050.00. Seconded by Mike Baehl.

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

Gerry Automotive 2024 Invoices

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin informed the Council she just received the invoices from 2024 on February 4, 2026. Gerry's indicated they had sent invoices and statements to the Poseyville Volunteer Fire Department email last year. Mrs. Rankin asked Gerry's to send invoices to both the fire department and the Clerk's office. Please note that this is 2024 budget items being paid in the 2026 budget year. Mr. Baehl mentioned that we had been asked about service on fire trucks a few meetings ago and now we have a bill for a service. Mr. Kolley indicated it was not a service hose test. However, E1 was serviced for issues in 2024. The Council approved the claims paid in the Claim Docket portion of the meeting.

No further action was required.

STREET DEPARTMENT & UTILITIES

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin provided an update to the Council on the gas department operating fund. Due to the unusually large gas cost invoice this month, funds from depreciation and cash reserves were temporarily transferred into the operating fund to cover current claims. Additionally, invested trust funds were released and moved back into First Bank to ensure adequate cash flow.



As gas utility payments are received, those monies will be transferred back to their respective funds to replenish reserves. This repayment process may take several months to complete.

This situation highlights the ongoing challenge the gas department faces with cash flow timing. Before the recent ordinance change, the three-month gas tracker provided a rate while supplier costs were invoiced in real time, which created temporary deficits during high-cost months.

Mrs. Rankin advised customers to please call today to set-up payment arrangements. DO NOT wait until the last day to pay to call.

Mrs. Rankin will watch the funding trend closely. Once we see how the new structure develops over time, we might need to consider a balance billing approach for customers in the future.

No further action was required.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin reminded the Council again 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.

Mr. Carter advised there is equipment in the storage garage that has not been assembled that was donated by Mr. Frank Smith.

No further action was taken at this time.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Rutledge mentioned the community center was open for shelter during the winter storm. Clerk-Treasurer Rankin thanked community members that brought in food in the event we had displaced citizens or travelers. Thankfully, no one needed shelter during the winter storm. The donated water and snacks from Posey County Emergency Management can be collected by the fire department.

CEMETERY

Mr. Jason Hoehn requested to speak to the Council about HVG easements and the plan for telecom services at Farmington Ridge. There was also a discussion about gas service and the location of those gas services. Mr. Rankin brought up the recent changes to easements after a lengthy APC meeting for approval of the original plan. After a lot of discussion, it was decided that the Town, USDI and Utility Manager, Jeremy Farrar needed to get together and discuss the location of services and



proposed easements. Mr. Hoehn will have Cash Wagner send the most recent set of plans to review any potential or proposed changes.

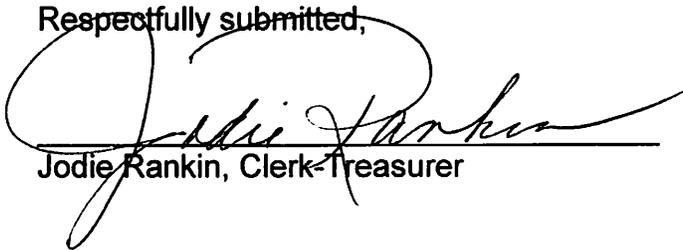
No further action was required.

NEXT MEETING:

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

A motion was made to hold the next meeting and adjourn at 6:48 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