

**POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Date of Meeting: March 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
- **Attorney:** Brenda DeVries

In-person Attendees:

- List retained (9)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

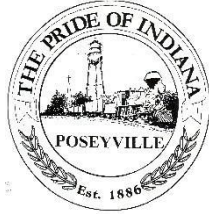
Minutes from the February 10, 2026 were presented and emailed to Council members in advance for their review.

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 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 February 2026 was provided to the Council via email before the meeting and presented in their entirety during the meeting.

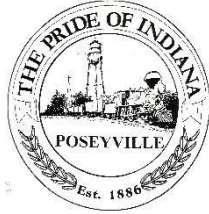
A motion to approve all Bank Reconciliations was made by Mike Baehl and seconded by Randy Rankin.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jared Baehl – North Posey Youth Club

Mr. Baehl advised the Council that the North Posey Youth Club is constructing a new t-ball



field on property located behind Crane Credit Union. The field will include a backstop and two benches. No lighting will be installed at this field or any of the other fields.

Mr. Rutledge provided various comments about the Town and Youth Club meeting to discuss future cost savings measures for the expenses at the Youth Park. It cost the Town approximately \$8,695.88 in insurance, electric and utilities last year. The income for the park based on tax distribution was \$6,619.88. Jared Baehl said they would be interested in a meeting to discuss some type of arrangement in the future.

Mr. Baehl also stated that club officials are encouraging parents to park in the grassy area adjacent to the t-ball field, as well as the gravel parking lot, in order to keep vehicles off Jerry Wilder Lane during peak times and reduce potential safety concerns.

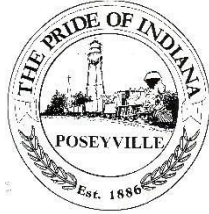
Mr. Baehl reported that the water has been turned on at the park. A few minor issues occurred but have since been resolved. He also noted that the Eisterhold family assisted with installing drainage to eliminate rainwater flooding issues. The project has been successful.

Jared Baehl – Heart of Poseyville

Mr. Baehl informed the Council that the Heart of Poseyville Pick-Up Day will be held on April 2, 2026. He asked if the Town would again provide dumpsters for the event. In past years, the cost has been split between the Police Department Donation Fund and the Town. Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin will schedule the dumpster for drop-off and pick-up.

Mr. Baehl also requested permission for volunteers to paint the park shelters located near the Police Station. Council President Justin Rutledge stated that improvements are needed at the park; however, the Town currently has an issue in that it does not own all of the land where the shelter is located. While he appreciates the proposed project, he suggested it may need to be placed further down the project list.

Mr. Rankin mentioned that he power washed the back of the Fire Station last year and noted that the building could benefit from painting if that project is considered.



Mr. Baehl asked if there were any additional projects that volunteers could assist with. He stated that the Heart of Poseyville group will be meeting soon to determine what projects are feasible based on available volunteers and time. Mr. Baehl will report back to the Town once those discussions take place.

The Town will provide paint and supplies for volunteers who wish to assist with projects such as painting curbs, fire hydrants, and other Town-owned property.

Mike Baehl – Relay for Life

Mr. Baehl advised the Council that the annual Town-Wide Yard Sale will be held on May 9, 2026. Residents who would like to be included on the yard sale map should contact Judy Baehl.

Theresa Bratcher – Heart of Poseyville

Mrs. Bratcher informed the Council that the first “Poseyville Potluck on Church and Main” will be held on April 26, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

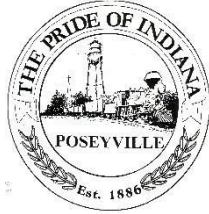
Jason Hoehn has agreed to allow parking on his lot located on Main Street. Restrooms will be available at Town Hall and in the Neidig Building.

The main dish will be prepared by The Wheel House. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share. A sign-up sheet will be circulated. Residents are encouraged to watch the newspaper, Facebook, and posted flyers for additional details and are invited to attend for food, music, and fellowship.

NEW BUSINESS

Award of Mowing Bids – Poseyville Cemetery

President Justin Rutledge opened discussion regarding the bids received for the Poseyville Cemetery mowing contract. He noted that the difference between the two lowest bids was



only \$50.00. President Rutledge stated that A Cut Above Landscape Solutions has previously performed the mowing services and is a Posey County tax-paying member of the community. Based on those factors, he recommended awarding the mowing contract to A Cut Above Landscape Solutions.

Council member Mike Baehl requested that whichever contractor is awarded the bid take additional time to pick up flowers and decorations prior to mowing in order to prevent them from being shredded into pieces all over the lawn.

After discussion, President Rutledge made a motion to award the Poseyville Cemetery mowing contract to A Cut Above Landscape Solutions. The motion was seconded by Randy Rankin.

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

Posey County Area Plan Commission – Unified Development Ordinances (UDOs)

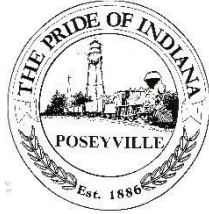
Joe Marvel and Jerry Cotner, representatives from the Posey County Area Plan Commission, along with consultant Debbie Luzier, were present to discuss the proposed Unified Development Ordinances (UDOs) and concerns that have been raised in several incorporated areas.

One topic of discussion was the definition of impervious surfaces, which could directly affect the ability of existing businesses to expand under the proposed ordinance language.

Jared Baehl, representing Nix Companies, was present to express concerns regarding how the new impervious surface definition could impact future business expansions.

Additional discussion included provisions regarding allowing recreational vehicles (RVs) to park in mobile home parks, as well as regulations related to electronic signage.

After discussion, the Council agreed to schedule a Public Hearing on March 31, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the proposed UDOs and any potential provisions. Mr. Marvel advised that the Area Plan Commission will provide the Town with recommended ordinance language that includes appropriate provisions and maintains uniformity throughout the county.



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

Letter of Engagement – Bond Council Bose, McKinney & Evans, LLP

President Rutledge provided the Council with the Letter of Engagement for bond council services from Bose, McKinney & Evans, LLP for renovations and upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant in conjunction with the North Posey High School sewer project.

A motion was made by Mike Baehl to hire Bose, McKinney & Evans, LLP to serve as bond counsel for the Town. The motion was seconded by Randy Rankin.

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

Sewage Works Revenue Bond Series 2026 – Proposed Timetable

Brenda DeVries, representing Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, was present to explain the proposed Sewage Works Revenue Bond Series 2026 and provided the Council with a timetable outlining the anticipated steps in the bond process. She explained that the schedule is contingent upon the bid process and overall project progression. No action was required by the Council at this time.

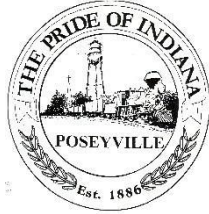
Ordinance No. 2026-03-10-01 – Poseyville Wastewater Bond 2026 (First Reading)

Brenda DeVries presented Ordinance No. 2026-03-10-01 to the Council for first reading. Mrs. DeVries reviewed the terms of the bond and the anticipated timeline for the project. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$2,000,000.

Jeremy Farrar, Utility Manager, indicated that the engineering report includes several alternate items that would allow the Town flexibility to adjust the project scope if construction bids are received higher than anticipated.

Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the first reading of **Ordinance No. 2026-03-10-01**. The motion was seconded by Randy Rankin.

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



Suspension of the Rules

Due to the timing requirements of the project, President Rutledge asked the Council to consider suspending the rules requiring a second reading of the ordinance at a subsequent meeting.

Randy Rankin made a motion to suspend the rules requiring a second reading. The motion was seconded by Mike Baehl.

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

Ordinance No. 2026-03-10-01 – Second Reading and Adoption

Following the unanimous vote to suspend the rules, President Rutledge presented Ordinance No. 2026-03-10-01 for second reading and final adoption.

Randy Rankin made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-03-10-01 on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mike Baehl.

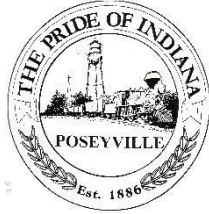
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Super-Voluntary Annexation – Ordinance No. 2026-03-10-02

Mrs. DeVries introduced Ordinance No. 2026-03-10-02, the Super-Voluntary Annexation Ordinance for first reading, and explained the statutory requirements for the Town of Poseyville. She also reviewed the proposed timeline for the annexation process, which has been shared with Joe Neidig, representative of Farmington Ridge.

Mrs. DeVries explained that, as required by state statute, the Town will have a fiscal plan prepared by accountant Robert Reynolds of LWG, Inc. The fiscal plan will be made available for public review and Council consideration following a public hearing on the proposed annexation.

President Justin Rutledge moved to schedule a Public Hearing on March 31, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to hear public comments and concerns regarding the proposed annexation of Farmington Ridge.



Mike Baehl made a motion to hold the Public Hearing, seconded by Randy Rankin.
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Resolution No. 2026-03-10-01 – Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Gas Supply Agreement with PEFA, Inc.

Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin presented Resolution No. 2026-03-10-01 to the Council. The resolution was provided by Ron Ragan, representative of Utility Gas Management, and authorizes the Town to execute an amendment to its Gas Supply Agreement with PEFA, Inc. in order to continue participation in the discount program for the next funding period beginning August 1, 2026.

Randy Rankin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-03-10-01. The motion was seconded by Mike Baehl.
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

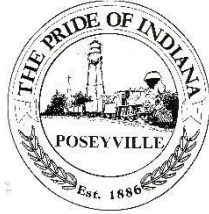
Electronic Sign Request - MSD of North Posey County

Todd Slagle, Superintendent of MSD of North Posey County, requested permission from the Council to install a new electronic sign at North Elementary School on Fletchall Street in the same location as the existing sign. Mr. Slagle advised that the proposed sign would follow these conditions:

- The sign would operate daily from 5:30 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.
- The display would automatically dim during evening hours to ensure it is not overly bright or disruptive.
- The structure and placement would remain consistent with the current sign and similar in size.

The current sign is located within the utility easement area. Jeremy Farrar, Utility Manager, reported that the existing sign is slightly within the easement but does not interfere with any utilities at its present location.

Council member Mike Baehl requested that the sign be turned off at 10:00 p.m. and that it be dimmed during evening hours due to the proximity of nearby residential homes.



Based on those conditions, Mike Baehl made a motion to allow the electronic sign to be installed in the same location within the easement where the current sign is located, with the sign to be turned off at 10:00 p.m. and dimmed during evening hours. The motion was seconded by Randy Rankin.

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

Annual Financial Report

The Clerk-Treasurer provided the Annual Financial Report to the Council for incorporation into the official minutes by reference. The report has been published in accordance with state statute. No further action was required by the Council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

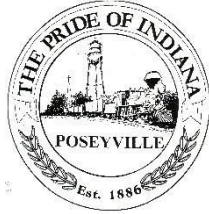
Marshal Carter reported that several side-by-side vehicles have recently been observed parked along Main Street. While the Town permits side-by-sides to operate on town streets, they are not permitted on state highways. Because Main Street is classified as a highway, parking side-by-sides in that area is not permitted.

Marshall Carter also encouraged the citizens to utilize the dumpsters on April 2nd to avoid any property violations in the future.

Marshal Carter also reminded citizens that it is time to renew golf cart registrations. The year displayed on the tag indicates the renewal year. Officer Carter will be available during the Town-Wide Yard Sale at the Community Center to conduct golf cart inspections from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Kolley submitted quotes for 2026 I AM Responding – Rapid SOS as follows:



Base pricing includes up to 375 calls annually. Overages are added to your renewal and billed at \$0.20 per call.

Term Length	Annual Base Rate
1 Year	\$849
3 Years	\$806.55 (Save 5%)
5 Years	\$764.10 (Save 10%)

After much discussion, a motion was made by Randy Rankin to renew for three (3) years to save the 5%, seconded by Mike Baehl.

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

Chief Kolley requested permission to have the brush truck serviced at Poseyville Auto. The council provided authorization for the service.

STREET DEPARTMENT & UTILITIES

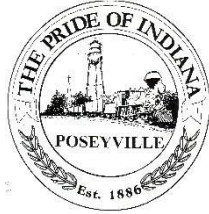
Right-of-Way Permit Application Revision & Right-of-Way Standards and Technical Specifications

Mrs. Rankin reminded the Council that the Town already had a Right-of-Way Permit Application in place. However, due to recent developments, the permit needed to be updated to include a section for subcontractor information.

The Standards and Technical Specifications (STS) were recently drafted. Mr. Farrar was instrumental in gathering the information necessary to develop the STS. Mr. Farrar provided

a brief summary of how the information was compiled and explained that the document will help guide permit applicants in understanding the Town's standards and requirements.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the revisions to the Right-of-Way Permit Application and to establish the Right-of-Way Standards and Technical Specifications. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.



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

Utilities Update

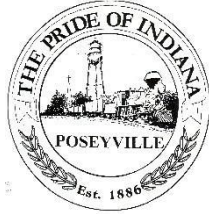
Mrs. Rankin informed the Council that there had been several questions regarding the monthly utility bills. In an effort to provide greater transparency, the Town recently began separating the various gas component charges on the bill, similar to how the ordinance was historically written. Customers were required to add the gas charge and the CO (Cost of Gas) charge together to determine the total gas service charge. However, this format has caused confusion for customers. Beginning in April, the Town will return to the previous billing format showing one total gas service charge.

Mrs. Rankin also reminded residents that as the weather becomes warmer, any unpaid utility bills from March will be subject to shutoff in April. Customers are encouraged not to wait until the due date to call about payment arrangements. Residents needing assistance should contact the office in advance to establish payment arrangements.

Building Inspector

Mr. Farrar addressed the Council regarding the anticipated need for a building inspector. The Town recently experienced a demolition where no permit or notification was required. In this instance, a utility locate request was submitted, which alerted the Town to the situation. Upon review, it was determined that the sewer line would need to be properly capped. Without notification of demolitions or similar work, the Town could be left with open sewer lines, which could allow rainwater to enter the sewer system and be unnecessarily processed at the wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. Farrar also noted additional concerns, including structures being built over gas lines, the potential need to relocate gas lines, and other issues related to building placement and utility services.



Mrs. Rankin then updated the Council on the Town's progress regarding reestablish the building inspector in the incorporation area. The Town is currently working toward adopting the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), which references the Area Plan Commission (APC) and the Building Commission. The APC and Building Commission work closely together in administering building and development regulations. Following adoption of the UDO, the Council would need to adopt an ordinance allowing the Building Commission's jurisdiction to extend into the incorporated limits of the Town of Poseyville.

Mrs. Rankin asked the Council for their input regarding how they wished to proceed. The Building Commission currently has ordinances covering weeds, trash, nuisances, and abandoned vehicles, which are also addressed in existing Town ordinances. The Council was asked to consider whether they preferred to adopt the Building Commission's ordinances in full and discontinue the Town's existing ordinances addressing those same issues.

After discussion, the Council requested that an ordinance be drafted to adopt the Building Commission's ordinances as written and discontinue the Town's existing ordinances of the same nature.

Mrs. Rankin advised the Council that she would work with the Town Attorney to have the ordinance drafted.

No further action was taken.

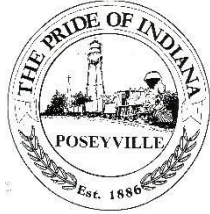
PARKS DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CENTER

CEMETERY

NEXT MEETING:

The next Town Council meeting is for a Public Hearing on March 31, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to hear comments or concerns for the Posey County Unified Development Ordinances and Super-Voluntary Annexation of Farmington Ridge.



The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council will be on April 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in person and live stream via YouTube Channel.

A motion was made to hold the next meeting and adjourn at 6:54 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