



**POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting: April 14, 2026**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Justin Rutledge at 5:31 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

**In-person Attendees:**

- List retained (4)

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

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

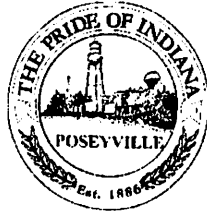
Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

Minutes from the March 31, 2026 were presented and emailed to Council members in advance for their review.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Justin Rutledge seconded the motion.

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

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)

## **BANK RECONCILIATION**

The Bank Reconciliations for March 2026 was provided to the Council via email before the meeting and presented in their entirety during the meeting.

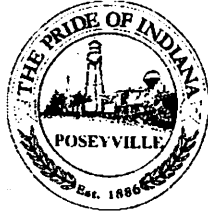
A motion to approve all Bank Reconciliations was made by Randy Rankin and seconded by Mike Baehl.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **Justin Collins – HVG Representative for Farmington Ridge Right-of-Way Mailbox Bank Request**

Mr. Collins expressed interest in placing bank of mailboxes within the Town right-of-way on Vine Street, outside the Farmington Ridge subdivision due to a new federal law on



placement of mailboxes within a sub-division. The Council asked several questions and engaged in discussion regarding the proposed layout and placement.

The Council requested that HVG clearly mark the exact location where the mailboxes could potentially be placed. Mr. Farrar, Utility Superintendent, advised that the installation must remain at least two (2) feet away from all existing utilities. He will coordinate having the utilities located and marked for Council review prior to further consideration.

The Council received the information presented and will conduct additional research. The matter will be revisited at the May meeting.

### **Justin Collins – HVG Representative for Farmington Ridge Right-of-Way Subdivision Sign Request**

Mr. Collins presented the Council with a packet illustrating a proposed permanent sub-division sign installation. The handouts will be incorporated into the minutes by reference.

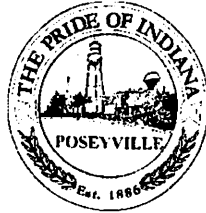
The Council requested that the proposed sign be clearly marked on-site so members can review the area and evaluate placement. Mr. Farrar, Utility Superintendent, advised that any installation must remain at least two (2) feet away from all existing utilities. He will coordinate the location and marking of utilities for Council review prior to further consideration.

The Council received the information presented and will conduct additional research. The matter will be revisited at the May meeting.

Mr. Baehl did question Mr. Collins about replacing the street light at the corner on Vine Street due to it being very dark in that area. Mr. Collins stated that HVG plans to install two street lights at the entrance similar to the ones on Main Street in the future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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



Ordinance No. 2026-03-10-02 Farmington Ridge Subdivision Super Voluntary Annexation was first introduced on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The Public Hearing was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. President Rutledge is presenting the ordinance for second and final reading.

Brenda DeVries will send a Notice of Adoption if the ordinance passes tonight to the paper to run on April 21, 2026. This will start the 30-day objection period, which is the last step before the annexation is considered final.

Mr. Rutledge asked for a motion. Randy Rankin made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-03-10-02 Farmington Ridge Subdivision Super Voluntary Annexation. Seconded by Mike Baehl.

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

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**Ordinance No. 2026-04-14-01 – An Ordinance Adopting The Rules, Regulations and Authority of the Posey County Building Commission Within The Incorporated Limits of The Town of Poseyville, Indiana.**

Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin presented Ordinance No. 2026-04-14-01 – An Ordinance Adopting the Rules, Regulations and Authority of the Posey County Building Commission Within the Incorporated Limits of The Town of Poseyville, Indiana to Mr. William Bender for review. Mr. Bender approved the ordinance.

Mr. Rutledge stated that once the Ordinance is passed, we will have to enter into an interlocal agreement. President Rutledge called for a first reading motion. Randy Rankin made a motion to pass first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-04-14-01 – An Ordinance Adopting the Rules, Regulations and Authority of the Posey County Building Commission Within the Incorporated Limits of The Town of Poseyville, Indiana. Seconded by Mike Baehl.

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

Hearing Ordinance No. 2026-04-14-01 – An Ordinance Adopting the Rules, Regulations and Authority of the Posey County Building Commission Within the Incorporated Limits of The Town of Poseyville, Indiana passed unanimously on the first reading. President Rutledge asked for a motion to suspend the second reading rules. Mike Baehl made a motion to suspend the second reading rules. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.

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



A motion was made to hear Ordinance No. 2026-04-14-01 – An Ordinance Adopting the Rules, Regulations and Authority of the Posey County Building Commission Within the Incorporated Limits of The Town of Poseyville, Indiana for second reading and passing. Randy Rankin made the motion, seconded by Mike Baehl  
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

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### **Staggering of Terms for Elected Official for the Town of Poseyville**

Clerk-Treasurer, Jodie Rankin provided the Council and Town Attorney a copy of a summary outline of HB 1055 and highlights about how it might work. Kay Kilgore, Posey County Clerk and Secretary of the Election Board, has responded and said that the County will help us through this process. The election board will review HB 1055 and provide more detail information moving forward. HB 1055 moves elections for towns to even years such as 2028 opposed to 2027. Mr. Bender did correct a note in the summary that the alternating years would be among the council members only while the Clerk-Treasurer could remain as a four-year term the first cycle.

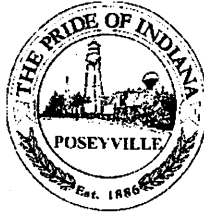
The Council will keep constituents informed as we find out more information. No further action was required.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

Marshal Carter reported that a 40-yard dumpster will be available at the Posey County Recycle Center during the Town-wide Yard Sale on May 9, 2026. Residents are encouraged to utilize the dumpster for yard clean-up and disposal of unwanted items.

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.



Officer Carter discussed with the Council the potential creation of an ordinance on E-bikes and E-scooters. Mr. Rutledge stated there are state laws for the recreational items. No further action was taken.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Department had nothing this month.

## **UTILITIES AND STREET DEPARTMENTS**

### **Utilities Update**

Mrs. Rankin informed the Council that, in order to apply for future Community Crossings Grants (CCG), the Town must complete an ADA Transition Plan and associated reporting. Mr. Farrar and the Clerk-Treasurer recently met with CHA representative Jon Craig, who indicated he would like to present to the Council at the May meeting regarding a proposal to develop the ADA Plan and provide ESRI mapping of the Town's ADA-related infrastructure.

The Clerk-Treasurer noted that the Town continues to move toward ADA compliance as streets and roads are improved, including the installation of ADA ramps; however, a formal, comprehensive plan is required. CHA has provided a preliminary estimate of approximately \$20,000 for these services.

Mr. Bender stated he may have a contact who could assist at a lower cost. Mr. Farrar noted that the CHA proposal includes additional components beyond the plan itself, including detailed ADA data collection and mapping as an overlay within the ESRI system. The Council agreed to gather additional information following the CHA presentation in May and to explore whether portions of the work could be separated. No further action was taken.

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Mr. Farrar informed the Council that the Town has received its five (5) year permit renewal for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from IDEM.

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Jeremy Farrar also reported that recent wellhead testing was completed with no issues identified.

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Mr. Farrar further advised that the high school project in coordination with the Posey County Regional Sewer District (PCSD) is ready to be advertised for bids. He noted there are still unknown factors related to potential funding packages through the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA), making it difficult to finalize a funding structure until bid results are received. All necessary construction permits have been secured.

Mr. Farrar will continue to keep the Council informed as the project progresses. Derick Wiggins with CHA has also requested to provide an update at the May meeting. No further action was taken.

### **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Jodie Rankin asked permission to repair boards on the shelters at the Town Park. They are falling apart and during the recent pick-up Poseyville day, they could not paint that section. Councilmen, Mike Baehl and Randy Rankin volunteered to replace and paint the boards for the park.

Mrs. Rankin asked if anyone knew if we had more rubber mulch anywhere. No one was aware of any extra. However, it might be possible to purchase some from the school corporation since it is a little amount needed. Mrs. Rankin will reach out to the Superintendent of Schools for an estimate. No further action was taken.

### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mrs. Rankin informed the Council that, in the past, if the Community Center (CC) was not rented the night prior to a scheduled event, renters were occasionally allowed early access for decorating. It has recently come to the Town's attention that a renter with a Sunday reservation requested Saturday access for decorating, which resulted in an unauthorized gathering.

Mrs. Rankin requested that the Council consider implementing a fee structure for early access. Mr. Bender suggested charging the renter for an additional rental day. In an effort to maintain consistency, Mr. Rutledge made a motion to retain the renter's security deposit if early access is granted for decorating purposes. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (no), Randy Rankin (yes).



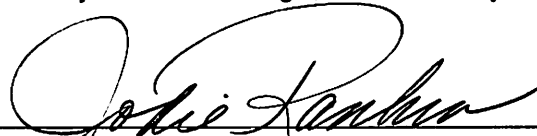
## **CEMETERY**

After receiving bids from two companies that later withdrew their interest, Mr. Chris Schillinger agreed to provide cemetery mowing services at a rate of \$800.00 per mowing. Mrs. Rankin presented the Council with a contract reflecting the agreed-upon terms. Mike Baehl made a motion to approve the mowing agreement with Mr. Schillinger at \$800.00 per mowing. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.  
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes).

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council will be held on May 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in person and via live stream on the Town's YouTube channel.

A motion was made to schedule the next meeting and adjourn the current meeting at 6:54 p.m. by Justin Rutledge, seconded by Mike Baehl, and approved by unanimous consent.

  
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Jodie Rankin, Clerk-Treasurer

## **ATTEST:**

  
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Justin Rutledge, Council President