



POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 12, 2026

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Mike Baehl at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Baehl asked that everyone keep Justin Rutledge, his wife, family and new baby Gracelyn in your thoughts and prayers.

PRESENT

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

In-person Attendees:

- List retained (8)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the April 14, 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: Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

CLAIMS DOCKET

Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin explained the new system is having an issue producing the Claim Docket as prescribed by SBOA. Therefore, she produced a check register for April



and May for approval by the Town Council. Jodie will provide a full claim docket in the June meeting to meet all SBOA requirements once rectified by the new system.

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

Roll Call Vote: 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 Allowance Docket as presented. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

BANK RECONCILIATION

The Bank Reconciliations for April 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: Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Waive Tap Fees – Farmington Ridge

A request to waive the tap fees for Farmington Ridge was sent to us. Each council member received a copy. Mike Baehl requested a motion to table the item until we are a full board. Mr. Baehl felt it was important issue that all members should be present to provide input.



Mike Baeh then made a motion to table the request to waive the tap fees for Farmington Ridge. Seconded by Randy Rankin.

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

**Approval to Advertise for Bids – Wastewater Treatment Plant Updates
In Conjunction with North Posey High School & Open Bids June 9, 2026**

Mr. Baehl introduced CHA Consulting, Inc. representative Derick Wiggins, who presented the request for approval to advertise for bids for the wastewater treatment plant updates in conjunction with the North Posey High School project. Bid opening is scheduled for the June 9, 2026, Town Council meeting.

Mr. Baehl noted that no major upgrades have been completed at the wastewater treatment plant in more than 20 years.

Mr. Wiggins explained that the base project includes replacement of all electrical components, replacement of the level diffusers, tank cleanout and rehabilitation, and screen rehabilitation. He further explained that alternate bids will be requested for flood storage and drying equipment, replacement of the main lift station electrical panel, and replacement of the return sludge control panel at the plant.

Mr. Wiggins clarified that approval to advertise for bids is not binding and that the Town Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

Jeremy Farrar explained to the Council that this project is being handled somewhat differently than typical projects, as the Town will receive bids first and then determine the potential funding package through the Indiana Finance Authority. He noted that the usual process is to secure funding before soliciting bids.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve advertising for bids for the wastewater treatment plant updates. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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



Introduction of Redevelopment Commission Rules and Timelines

Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin provided the Town Council and Town Attorney with a copy of the introduction materials regarding Redevelopment Commission rules and timelines prepared by Bose McKinney & Evans LLP. No action was required at this time, and the information was presented for future discussion purposes only.

OLD BUSINESS

Request Permission Use of Right-of-Way for Mailboxes – Farmington Ridge

Randy Rankin made a motion to table until a full board is present. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

Request Permission Use of Right-of-Way for Subdivision Sign – Farmington Ridge

Randy Rankin made a motion to table until a full board is present. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 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.

Mr. Baehl requested to say a prayer of healing for Charles Carter who is off for surgery.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Kolley indicates it was reported to him that there is a leak in the roof in the kitchen at the Fire Department. Mr. Baehl said he would call Motz Construction to take a look at it for us since he did some other work for us at the fire station. No further action was required.



UTILITIES AND STREET DEPARTMENTS

CHA Representative Jon Craig – ADA and Community Crossings Grant Information

Jon Craig of CHA Consulting, Inc. provided the Council with updates regarding transportation funding opportunities, ADA compliance requirements, and changes to the Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings Grant (CCG) program.

Mr. Craig explained that it has been several years since the Town last pursued a Community Crossings Grant and noted that the funding structure has changed from a 75/25 match to an 80/20 match, reducing the Town's required local contribution.

Mr. Craig further informed the Council that beginning next year, counties with a wheel tax will receive automatic monthly distributions of Community Crossings funding, similar to current MVH distributions. However, municipalities will still have the opportunity to apply for and receive Community Crossings Grant funding. He noted that the grant cycle is expected to move from two application periods per year to one annual application cycle, likely in the fall. Any awarded projects would likely occur during the summer of 2027, allowing the Town additional time to accumulate MVH funds.

Mr. Craig explained that these discussions are closely tied to ADA compliance requirements. He outlined the three major components of an ADA transition plan:

1. Inventory of Sidewalk Ramps and Pedestrian Facilities – This includes identifying all ramps and pedestrian facilities within the Town and determining whether they are ADA compliant. Compliance includes not only the existence of ramps, but also proper slope measurements, detectable warning surfaces, and other required design standards. Most communities utilize their GIS systems to maintain this inventory.
2. Evaluation of Public Facilities – All public buildings and facilities accessible to the public must be evaluated for ADA compliance. Mr. Craig explained that this does not require immediate corrections to all deficiencies, but it is important for the Town to identify shortcomings in order to minimize risk and address accessibility concerns, including restroom access and restrictions.
3. Self-Assessment and Reporting – The final component is preparation of a self-assessment report that provides the Clerk-Treasurer and Town officials with the



necessary documentation and framework for submitting annual compliance reports to INDOT.

Mr. Craig stated that CHA can provide templates and resources to assist Mr. Bender and Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin with developing ordinances and policies related to ADA compliance. He noted that the primary cost associated with the process is the inspection, inventory, and documentation of findings.

Mr. Craig presented the Town with a proposed professional services agreement for ADA-related services at a cost of \$29,000.00. Clerk-Treasurer Rankin asked whether an "à la carte" approach could be used to spread the costs over time. Mr. Craig responded that the Town could complete the streets and sidewalks portion first and address public buildings later; however, CHA's recommendation would be to complete the work as a bundled project.

Additional discussion was held regarding the new PASER certification requirements used to rate road conditions for Community Crossings Grant applications and LTAP reporting. Mr. Craig explained that an individual must now be certified to complete PASER ratings. He further noted that if the Town's roadway inventory exceeds 10 miles, an additional certification process may be required. The Town currently maintains approximately 8.915 miles of roads.

Mr. Craig also provided a general overview of available grant funding opportunities. No further action was taken.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Jodie Rankin thanked councilmen, Mike Baehl and Randy Rankin for fixing the decaying boards on the shelter at the park.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Mrs. Rankin informed the Council that Mrs. Motz will be out of town on June 21-29. She requested the Council take turns checking on the community center during her absence or hire someone. The Council stated they could cover that time. No further action was required.



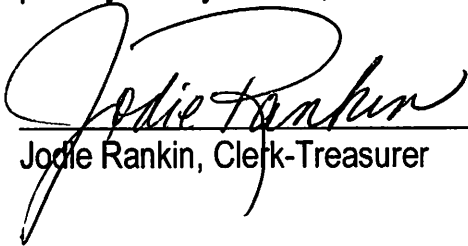
CEMETERY

Mr. Baehl indicated he got some compliments on the cemetery and how great it looks with the new mowing service. Mr. Schillinger is doing a great job.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council will be held on June 9, 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 6:10 p.m. by Randy Rankin, seconded by Mike Baehl, and approved by unanimous consent.



Jodie Rankin, Clerk-Treasurer

ATTEST:



Mike Baehl, Council Member