

POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Date of Meeting: June 9, 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:** William Bender

In-person Attendees:

- List retained (12)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the May 12, 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, PAYROLL DOCKET, BANK RECONCILIATION

President Rutledge asked the Council to consider passing all at one time in an effort to save time this evening due to the large agenda.



Randy Rankin made a motion to approve Claims Docket for April and May, May Payroll Docket and May Bank Reconciliation. Mike Baehl seconded.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council received a request and letter. However, they are not in attendance. Mr. Rutledge asked for any additional speakers or concerns. Hearing none the meeting move to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Wastewater Treatment Plant 2026 Upgrade Project Bid Opening

Derick Wiggins, CHA Engineer was present to open bids as submitted. The bids are as follows and made part of the minutes by incorporation.

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate A	Alternate B	Alternate C
Deig Brothers Construction	\$ 2,538,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 71,000.00
Graves Plumbing Company	\$ 3,131,313.00	\$ 127,127.00	\$ 117,711.00	\$ 87,878.00
Keiffer Brothers Construction	\$ 2,882,410.00	\$ 170,293.00	\$ 94,751.00	\$ 78,905.00
MAC Construction & Excavating	\$ 3,115,000.00	\$ 141,000.00	\$ 86,000.00	\$ 74,000.00

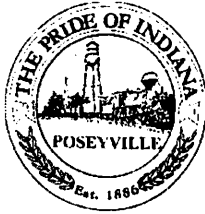
Mr. Wiggins suggested the Council take the bids under advisement. CHA Engineering will review all bids for proper documentation and submission. CHA will provide the Council with their findings.

Mike Baehl made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.

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

CHA Engineering Agreement for CCMG Application Assistance

Mrs. Rankin reminded the Council about Jon Craig's presentation from April. Since the meeting Mr. Craig recommended that we could work with town legal counsel to establish our internal ADA documentation and ordinance. Then budget in 2027 for the inventory and EZRA portion of the project. CHA is available to assist with the CCMG application process.



Mrs. Rankin advised the Council that the application process is very lengthy and it entails a lot of street ratings, etc. It would be beneficial to have CHA's assistance. President Rutledge asked for a motion to approve the CHA agreement for CCMG application assistance.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the CHA short agreement for CCMG application assistance. Mike Baehl seconded.

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

Grant Support Letter for Posey County Solid Waste District

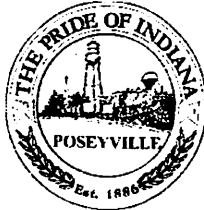
Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin provided the Town Council with a letter of support as requested by Ron Fallowfield for their grant to purchase a baler in the amount of \$100,000.00. President Rutledge acknowledged the support for the grant application. The whole Council agrees and supports the efforts of the Posey County Solid Waste District. No other action was required.

Request Permission for Light Pole Placement and Installation – Farmington Ridge

Representatives of Farmington Ridge and Hometown Ventures Group (HVG), Justin Collins and Jody Cumbee, appeared before the Council to request approval for the installation of two decorative street lights at the entrance to Farmington Ridge. One light pole will replace the temporary pole removed during construction, and the second will be an additional light pole. The proposed decorative poles will be similar in style to the existing light poles located on Main Street.

Mr. Collins explained that Hometown Ventures Group will purchase the decorative light poles from Duke Energy. Once installed, the electric service for both lights will be added to the Town's existing Duke Energy account, with the Town assuming responsibility for the monthly electric service charges.

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin advised the Council that, because the lights will be connected to the Town's Duke Energy account and become Town-owned assets, she may need to coordinate directly with Duke Energy to facilitate the installation process. She stated that she would work with Hometown Ventures Group to help move the project forward.



Following discussion, President Rutledge requested a motion.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the installation of two decorative street lights at the Farmington Ridge entrance, contingent upon Hometown Ventures Group purchasing the decorative light poles. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

President Rutledge opened discussion regarding the proposed Farmington Ridge entrance sign. He noted that the previously discussed location was on the south side of the Vine Street entrance.

Mr. Collins explained that Hometown Ventures Group has contracted with Husk Signs to design, permit, and install the entrance sign. He further advised that HVG is now requesting approval to locate the sign on the north side of the entrance.

The Council discussed the proposed location and size of the sign. Mr. Farrar expressed concern that the sign could interfere with future utility maintenance and requested that any approval include a hold harmless agreement for damages, or a requirement that Hometown Ventures Group remove and reinstall the sign, at its expense, should utility work become necessary.

Council member Randy Rankin requested a site drawing showing the proposed location and dimensions of the sign before any action is taken. The Council agreed that additional information would be beneficial prior to considering the request.

President Rutledge tabled the request until the July meeting or until the requested drawings have been submitted for Council review.

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

Mr. Rutledge asked if there had been any updates regarding the mailbox request. Mr. Collins and Mr. Cumbee presented a letter from the Poseyville Postmaster indicating the



proposed mailbox location was acceptable to the United States Postal Service. A copy of the letter is made a part of these minutes by incorporation.

The Council discussed concerns regarding the proposed mailbox location over existing water utility infrastructure. Members expressed concern that if repairs to the water line became necessary, the Town could be required to relocate federally regulated mailboxes before completing emergency work. Additional discussion centered on whether alternate locations would better serve both the Town and residents while avoiding future conflicts.

The Council requested that Hometown Ventures Group evaluate alternative mailbox locations. Representatives of Hometown Ventures Group agreed to review other options and return with a revised proposal.

President Rutledge tabled the request until a future meeting.

Request Permission To Waive Tap Fees – Farmington Ridge

President Rutledge presented the request from Hometown Ventures Group to waive utility tap fees for homes constructed within the Farmington Ridge subdivision.

Mrs. Rankin provided the Council with the estimated financial impact of the request, noting that customers connecting to all three municipal utilities would typically pay approximately \$1,000.00 in tap fees. She also reminded the Council that two recent customers had paid the required tap fees for utility service.

Mr. Justin Collins, representing Hometown Ventures Group, suggested an alternative incentive program that would provide new homeowners with a rebate or credit for installing natural gas appliances, such as furnaces, water heaters, or ranges. The Council discussed the concept and agreed additional research would be necessary. No action was taken regarding the proposed rebate program.

The Council further discussed the potential benefits of waiving tap fees as an incentive for residential development, while balancing fairness to existing customers who have paid the required fees. Mrs. Rankin requested that any incentive approved by the Council be limited to the current Council's term rather than creating an obligation for future elected officials.



Following discussion, President Rutledge made a motion to waive tap fees for the first five (5) new homes constructed in Farmington Ridge, provided the utility connections are completed on or before December 31, 2027. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (no), Randy Rankin (yes)

PARKS DEPARTMENT

President Rutledge asked for an update regarding the proposed water service installation at the Poseyville Youth Park.

Mr. Farrar explained the proposed service location and noted that because the water service would be connected to property supported by tax dollars, a water meter would be required. President Rutledge expressed the Council's desire to meet with representatives of the Youth Club Board to discuss future cost-sharing opportunities associated with the park. It was confirmed that the Youth Club Board will pay all costs associated with installing the new water service and meter.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve installation of the new water service to the former concession stand at the Poseyville Youth Park. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

UTILITIES AND STREET DEPARTMENTS

Fire Suppression System – Nix Industries Frontage Rd

Mr. Farrar reported that Tony Shell had contacted the Town regarding concerns that excessive water pressure was being supplied to Nix Industries. After investigating the issue, it was determined that the concern involved the fire suppression system serving the facility's new paint and powder coating area rather than the Town's water system.

Mr. Farrar explained that both parties agreed to install a meter on the fire suppression system's discharge (pop-off) line. The Town will provide a one-half inch water meter, and Nix Industries will install a "tattle tale" meter to monitor any discharge. These modifications are expected to correct the issue and ensure the system operates as intended.
No Council action was required.



President Rutledge departed the meeting at this time, and Mike Baehl assumed responsibility for conducting the remainder of the meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Marshal Carter requested the use of the Community Center for a Babysitting CPR Certification Class by Rylie Farmer. The first class would be on July 9 with additional dates on the 16th and 30th. It is a 3-hour course 5:30 pm – 8:30 p.m. with a maximum of 12 attendees per class. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the request to use the Poseyville Community Center for the Babysitter CPR Class. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department did not have anything this month.

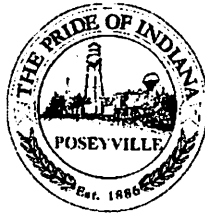
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North Posey High School Wastewater Project Update

Mr. Farrar informed the Council that the PCRSD bids were opened for the project. All bids have been certified and submitted to the IFA. Now PCRSD and the High School will wait for funding packages from the IFA.

Leaf Machine Repairs

Mr. Farrar explained that the Town is attempting to get ahead of anticipated fall projects involving the leaf machine by completing necessary maintenance before the leaf collection season begins. He presented a quote from Brown Equipment in the amount of \$2,538.93 for the required maintenance and requested approval to proceed.



Mrs. Rankin noted that the Town's annual leaf collection program is a valuable service provided to residents, but maintaining the equipment in proper working condition is necessary to continue offering that service. The service is free, but does cost the town money to maintain the equipment.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve Brown Equipment to perform the maintenance on the leaf machine at a cost of \$2,538.93. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

Tree Maintenance and Removal

The Transportation Department for the school system requested that we trim trees throughout town that is hitting the busses. Mr. Farrar explained that it also affects the Fire Department with hitting fire trucks too. There is a big issue that some of the trees are not in our right-of-way but are hanging into the street. Mr. Farrar has concerns about what we can do about this along with a long-term financial plan. Mr. Farrar mentioned he did research that some towns adopt tree policies for clear expectations of maintenance, etc.

Mrs. Rankin let the Council know that we did receive bids to do that throughout town. One bid was at an hourly rate of \$400.00 per hour and another bid for \$34,250.00. Mrs. Rankin explained that we do not currently have any of that in the budget.

A lot of discussion was had about the rules and regulation of the right-of-way and easements. Mr. Bender indicated he will research information to verify the rules and regulations. No further action was required at this time.

Tree Removal - S Church Street

During a recent storm, a tree has fallen blocking the side walk from passage. In the past, we have removed trees for this reason. We did receive three quotes for the tree removal. Wabash Valley Tree Service was the lowest quote of \$1500.00 to cut and remove the tree from the area. Mrs. Rankin indicates she will use Riverboat money to pay for the removal.



Randy Rankin made a motion to accept the Wabash Valley Tree Service quote for \$1,500.00. Seconded by Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote: Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

250th Anniversary Street Banners

Mrs. Rankin advised the Council that she thought it would be great to have 11 banners on Main Street for the 250th Sentential celebration. However, the quote was \$702.96. Mrs. Rankin told the Council she could not see spending appropriations for that amount for a one-time use.

Mr. Cumbee and Mr. Collins from Hometown Ventures Group volunteered to donate the money to purchase the banners for Main Street.

All elected officials for the Town of Poseyville appreciates the donation from Hometown Ventures Group for new Main Street banners.

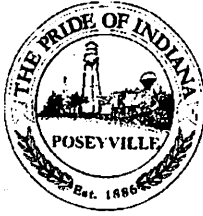
No further action was required.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Mrs. Rankin informed the Council that we currently have a toilet fixture in the community center that randomly leaks. AK Bryant recommended replacing the current toilet fixture that is pressure fitted for a standard toilet fixture. Mr. Farrar provided the technical specifications.

Mike Baehl made a motion to have the toilet fixture at the community center replaced by AK Bryant. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

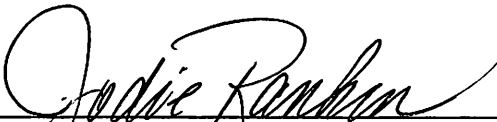
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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council will be held on July 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in person and via live stream on the Town's YouTube channel. This meeting date is a change due to a schedule change for two elected officials.

A motion was made to schedule the next meeting and adjourn the current meeting at 6:56 p.m. by Mike Baehl, seconded by Randy Rankin, and approved by unanimous consent.

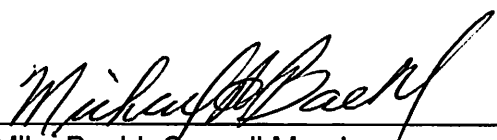


Jodie Rankin, Clerk-Treasurer

ATTEST:



Justin Rutledge, President



Mike Baehl, Council Member