



POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: July 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

In-person Attendees:

- List retained (3)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the June 9, 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

Clerk-Treasurer, Jodie Rankin, provided the claim docket to the council prior to the meeting. She noted that all annexation bills have been paid for a total approximately \$22,000.00.



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

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

PAYROLL DOCKET

The Payroll Docket was 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)

BANK RECONCILIATION

The June Bank Reconciliation was presented to Council members in advance for their review and available at the meeting.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Baughn – South Street and Sharp Street Designated as No Through Truck Routes

Mr. Baughn informed the Council that GPS navigation is directing trucks onto South Street and Sharp Street rather than Main Street due to the interstate ramp closure. He requested that the Council consider designating these streets as "No Through Truck Traffic" routes. The Council discussed the matter and indicated that they would take the request under advisement.



The Council thanked Mr. Baughn for attending the meeting and bringing the matter to their attention.

Jerry Straw – Utility Tap-In Fees

Mr. Straw stated that he had been erroneously charged a higher utility tap-in fee. He indicated that the error had been corrected and that the difference had been deducted from the total installation cost of his gas service.

Mr. Straw questioned why the Town had allowed Farmington Ridge to receive free tap-in fees. Council Members Mr. Rutledge and Mr. Rankin explained the differences between the situations and clarified that the agreement with Farmington Ridge did not include the cost of materials or installation.

Mrs. Rankin advised the Council that Hometown Ventures Group had informed the Town that it would pay the materials and installation costs for the first five homes for water, sewer, and gas services.

The Council thanked Mr. Straw for bringing the questions forward and helping clarify the situation.

NEW BUSINESS

Interlocal Agreement with the City of Grayville for Temporary Personnel Assistance in the Operation and Maintenance of the Town's Natural Gas Utility

Mrs. Rankin explained to the Council that not all Town employees are certified to respond to natural gas emergencies. Recently, due to an employee illness, there was concern that the Town might need additional certified personnel available in the event of a gas emergency.

Mr. Farrar contacted the City of Grayville regarding the possibility of having Mr. Irvin, a former Town employee, provide temporary assistance to the Town if needed. The City of Grayville's attorney drafted the proposed Interlocal Agreement, which was subsequently reviewed and approved by the Town's attorney, Mr. Bender.



Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Grayville as presented. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Request for Permission for Light Pole Placement and Installation – Farmington Ridge

Mrs. Rankin advised the Council that Duke Energy no longer allows for the outright purchase of decorative light poles. Duke Energy now offers a 10-year installment program. The estimated life expectancy of the decorative light poles is 20 years.

The proposed costs provided by Duke Energy are as follows:

- Equipment, energy, and maintenance: \$58.28 per month for 10 years
- Underground conduit and wire charge: \$17.46 per month for 10 years
- Total 10-Year Cost: \$9,088.80

Randy Rankin made a motion to table the discussion pending further discussion with Hometown Ventures Group (HVG). Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

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

The Council discussed the proposed location of the bank of mailboxes and the possibility of Hometown Ventures Group requesting a waiver from the United States Postal Service.

Mrs. Rankin advised the Council that she had not received any additional information regarding a proposed change in location.

After further discussion, the Council expressed continued concerns regarding the proposed placement within the Town's right-of-way.



Mike Baehl made a motion to deny the proposed location of the bank of mailboxes within the Town's right-of-way. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.

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

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

The Council continued discussion regarding the proposed subdivision sign location. The Council stated that, after considering the matter over the past several months, they remained uncomfortable with the proposed location due to its proximity to existing utilities and concerns regarding the weight of the sign and the ability to move it in the event of an emergency.

Randy Rankin made a motion to deny the proposed location of the subdivision sign. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

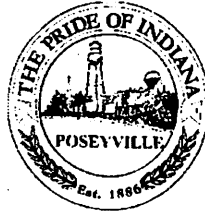
Marshal Carter was overseeing the Babysitting Certification Class being held that evening and was unable to attend the meeting.

No police runs report was submitted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Kolley submitted a request to purchase replacement boots for Volunteer Firefighter Derick Collins and to have J & K inspect the radio in 7R2.

Mr. Rutledge informed Chief Kolley that he has a \$1,000 discretionary spending limit for items requiring Council approval.



The requested items fell within that limit; therefore, no Council action was required.

UTILITIES AND STREET DEPARTMENTS

Waterworks Bond Funds

Mrs. Rankin informed the Council that approximately \$268,201 remains available from the 2023 Waterworks Bond Fund through IFA.

An amendment to Bond Exhibit A will be required to allow the remaining funds to be used to purchase the remaining water meters and radios needed to complete the project for all Town customers.

Mrs. Rankin and Mr. Farrar would also like to obtain a quote for an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system that would allow meter readings to be transmitted directly to Town Hall. The system would also provide immediate leak alerts, which could allow the Town to respond more quickly and notify customers of potential issues.

Although the AMI software is anticipated to be expensive, the cost would fall within the remaining bond balance. Payments are already being made on the full bond amount; therefore, no additional debt payments would be required to utilize the remaining zero-percent-interest bond funds.

The amendment must be approved before any purchases can be made. Mrs. Rankin and Mr. Farrar requested permission to proceed with filing the amendment request for the proposed project.

The Council expressed support for utilizing the remaining bond funds for this project. No official action was required at this time. Any formal quotes, contracts, and final project details will be presented to the Council for consideration if the project proceeds.

Waste Water Bond Project

Mrs. Rankin advised the Council that the Town is awaiting additional information from IFA regarding the wastewater bond funding. She anticipates receiving an update within the next few weeks.



Mrs. Rankin advised the Council that a special meeting may be necessary to award the project bids in order to meet IFA requirements and the bond closing schedule. She will keep the Council informed as the project progresses.

CCMG - Street List

Mrs. Rankin requested that Council Members drive throughout the Town and identify and rank the streets they believe should be prioritized for replacement.

The Town needs to provide a prioritized street list to CHA so that the grant preparation process can begin.

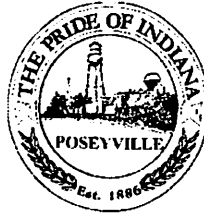
The Town currently has approximately \$184,000 available for its 20% local match, which would support an estimated \$920,000 project in 2027 if the Town receives the grant.

No further action was required.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CENTER

CEMETERY

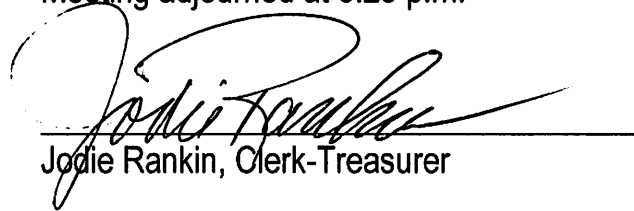


NEXT MEETING

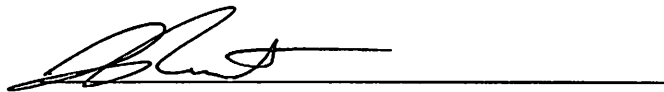
The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council will be held on August 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in person and via livestream on the Town's YouTube channel.

A motion was made by Mike Baehl to schedule the next meeting and adjourn the current meeting at 6:23 p.m. Randy Rankin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.


Jodie Rankin, Clerk-Treasurer

ATTEST:


Justin Rutledge, President