

POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Date of Meeting: August 11, 2026
Link

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 (Virtual), Randall Rankin
- **Clerk-Treasurer:** Jodie Rankin
- **Attorney:** William Bender

In-person Attendees:

- List retained (7)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

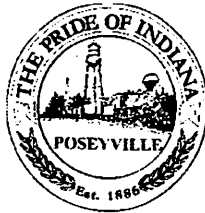
Minutes from the July 9, 2026 were presented and emailed to Council members in advance for their review.

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.



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 July 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

Theresa Bratcher – Heart of Poseyville Touch the Truck Event

Mrs. Bratcher provided the Council with the Touch the Truck Event for August 29, 2026 at North Posey High School in conjunction with FFA. Mrs. Bratcher provided a summary of the trucks participating to date. Was curious if the Town has a truck, they wanted to bring for the event. Mr. Rutledge thanked Mrs. Bratcher for the information and would reach out to town Utility Superintendent to see if we had something not already represented to bring in addition to our fire and police service vehicles.



Mrs. Bratcher also reminded everyone that the final Farmer's Market will be on August 18, 2026. It is the back-to-school event where we cram the cruiser night for school supplies. All supplies will go to the main office and the teachers at North Elementary can come and obtain supplies. The Council thanked Theresa for all her work with the Farmer's Market and events she works so tirelessly to have for everyone in Poseyville.

Angela Bender – Heart of Poseyville Crosswalk Request

Mrs. Rankin provided a summary of the request prior to Mrs. Bender speaking. Mrs. Bender spoke to the Council about contacting INDOT to have a crosswalk marked on Main Street between Main and Locust and Main and Cale. Mrs. Bender did contact INDOT. INDOT informed her that a town appointed representative would need to contact them to have that project reviewed. The Council agreed that it would be a great idea and thanked Mrs. Bender for her request. Mrs. Rankin indicated to the Council that she will make the call to INDOT to see how we can expedite the request. No further action was required.

Mrs. Kight – Various Town Concerns

Mrs. Kight requested to address the Council regarding several issues.

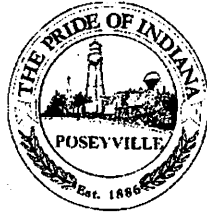
1. Property on South Sharp Street – Weed Compliance

Mrs. Kight stated that she was under the impression that Mr. Carter had discussed the property on South Sharp Street with Mr. Collins. She indicated that the property remains noncompliant regarding the growth of weeds and asked for an update on the status.

Mr. Rutledge stated that the Council would follow up with Marshal Carter regarding the matter. Marshal Carter was unable to attend the meeting due to being at training.

2. Traffic on South Street and South Sharp Street

Mrs. Kight referenced concerns raised by Mr. Baughn at the previous month's meeting regarding the flow of truck traffic on South Street and South Sharp Street.



Mr. Rutledge reported that his previous contact with Google had not resulted in any changes. He stated that he is continuing to look for a solution to have the appropriate truck routes reflected on Google Maps and other GPS navigation systems.

Mr. Rankin noted that the Interstate 64 westbound entrance ramp is now open and expressed hope that this would reduce or eliminate truck traffic being routed through these streets.

Mr. Rutledge stated that he would also contact WSI to determine what routing services they use and would continue working on the issue.

3. Traffic Enforcement and Stop Signs

Mrs. Kight expressed concerns that motorists are not properly stopping at stop signs throughout Town. She stated that her neighbor had observed Indiana State Police officers in Town recently conducting traffic stops and questioned why the Town Marshal had not been conducting similar enforcement or asked about the current status of traffic enforcement.

Mr. Rutledge explained that the Indiana State Police have jurisdiction within the Town in addition to the Town Marshal.

4. South Church Street Property and Town Police Patrols

Mrs. Kight thanked Posey County for beginning to clean up the property at the end of South Church Street and for taking steps to protect the citizens of Poseyville. She also expressed concerns regarding the safety of residents due to what she described as a lack of Town police patrols. She asked whether the Town Marshal had assisted the County with the recent events at the South Church Street property.

Mr. Rutledge first thanked the Posey County Sheriff's Department for its assistance to the Town. He informed Mrs. Kight that the Town Council would be holding an Executive Session with Marshal Carter in the near future to discuss the same concerns and issues regarding Town police coverage and enforcement.



NEW BUSINESS

2026 Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project – Notice of Award

CHA representative, Derick Wiggins, Project Engineer attended via Teams. Mr. Wiggins provided a summary of the following financing for the project along with Mr. Rutledge. Mr. Rutledge reminded everyone that the WWTP upgrades were in conjunction with the North Posey High School sewer system is failing and under a current IDEM order. The project is a partnership with MSD of North Posey County and the Posey County Regional Sewer District.

Poseyville WWTP Project is \$3,666,400.00

Funding of Poseyville WWTP

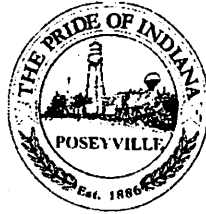
Local Funds – School Bond Proceeds	\$ 591,995.00
IFA PSA Design Costs	\$ 147,000.00
IFA SRF 0% Loan	\$1,200,000.00
SWIF Grant Funds	\$1,727,405.00

The project will not result in a rate increase under current sewer rates. President Rutledge provided a summary of how the project progressed and how fortunate the Town of Poseyville is for the project to proceed. Mr. Baehl explained 20 years of not spending any money at the WWTP has reached its limits and this is a much overdue project. Mr. Baehl thanked Derick Wiggins for all his work on this project so far.

CHA provided the Council with a Notice to Award for Deig Brothers Lumber and Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$2,814,000.00 contingent on the Bond Closing August 27, 2026.

Justin Rutledge made a motion to award Deig Brothers the contract for the WWTP contingent on the bond closing on August 27, 2026. Randy Rankin seconded the motion.

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



CHA Agreement for Professional Services in Conjunction with 2026 Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

Town Attorney, William Bender, had some concerns on the contract. Derick Wiggins will email Mr. Bender CHA counsel information to discuss the details. No further action was required at this time.

Agreement with Posey County Regional Sewer District (PCRSB) – North Posey High School Project

The agreement is to establish sewer rates for Posey County Regional Sewer District with the North Posey High School location based on estimated capacity and usage. PCRSB has executed the agreement.

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the PCRSB rate agreement. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

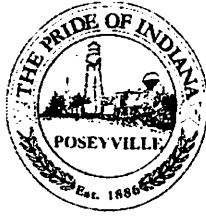
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Interlocal Agreement with Posey County Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Rutledge explained that the Interlocal Agreement provides for \$100,000.00, which represents the Town's READI match obligation for the Farmington Ridge infrastructure project. The Town was short of its required 20% local match based on the final READI award.

HVG requested the funds from the Redevelopment Commission on behalf of the Town. Mr. Rutledge explained that there is no repayment obligation for the Town of Poseyville if the Town does not establish a local Redevelopment Commission (RDC). However, if a future Town Council establishes a local RDC, the repayment provision of the Interlocal Agreement will become effective.

A motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented was made by Randy Rankin and seconded by Mike Baehl.



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

Interlocal Agreement with Posey County Board of County Commissioners – Building Inspections

President Rutledge presented the Interlocal Agreement that allows the building commissioner to complete building inspections in the Town of Poseyville. The Building Commission will collect all permit fees and there will be no charge to the Town of Poseyville for this service.

The complaint portion of this agreement will potentially come at a later date once details are worked out with the County Commissioners.

A motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented was made by Randy Rankin and seconded by Mike Baehl.

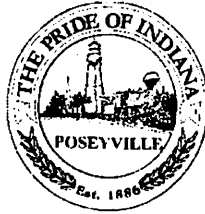
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Amendment to Natural Gas Management Agreement with Utility Gas Management

Mrs. Rankin provided the Council with the Amendment to the UGM agreement. UGM is the organization that hedges our gas purchases. There has been an increase in the monthly management fees under this amendment.

A motion to approve the Amended Agreement as presented was made by Randy Rankin and seconded by Mike Baehl.

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



Resolution No. 2026-08-11-01 Transfer of Funds Authorizing the Transfer of Funds From Sewer Utility Debt Service Funds to The Sewer Depreciation Fund

Mrs. Rankin presented the Council with a resolution to transfer old bond payment funds to depreciation to clear the accounts for the new WWTP project. The fund balances are monies held in Town accounts for the last payment. The fund had a balance after the final bond payment.

A motion to pass Resolution 2026-08-11-01 as presented was made by Randy Rankin and seconded by Mike Baehl.

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

Resolution No. 2026-08-11-02 Establishing Fund 6206 Bond Construction Fund.

Mrs. Rankin presented the Council with a resolution to create a new 2026 Bond Construction Fund as 6206 for tracking SRF payments during the construction phase.

A motion to pass Resolution 2026-08-11-02 as presented was made by Randy Rankin and seconded by Mike Baehl.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marshal Carter had submitted Run Reports for June and July to the Council prior to the meeting.



President Rutledge requested that the Council set an Executive Session to discuss various personnel job duties with Mr. Carter under state statute the Council is allowed to do an Executive Session. A date will be agreed upon and posted according to state statute.

No further action was required.

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

CCMG - Street List

Mrs. Rankin informed the Council that a street list had been submitted for review by CHA to see what can be done within the parameters of the CCMG grant application and available funds earmarked for the project. The CCMG grant window is late fall of 2026 with the potential project in summer of 2027.

No action was required at this time.

Potential Small Incremental Rate Increase Proposal

Clerk-Treasurer spoke to the Council about a proposed small incremental rate increase for water and gas services. The rising cost of maintenance and supplies continues to grow. Would it be best to have a small increment each year of \$.10 or 1% opposed to waiting ten years and having several dollars at a time. Mrs. Rankin provided the Council with scenarios on what that increase would look like.



Mr. Rutledge voiced that he understood the approach and wanted to hear from the customers within the Town. How do you feel about that. We welcome those that would be willing to share your thoughts at the next meeting where the ordinances might be introduced for the first time for consideration.

Water Increase						
Current						
Consumption	3,000					
	Residential					
	<u>5/8-Inch Meter / 3/4-Inch meter</u>	<u>1 inch meter</u>	<u>1 1/2 inch meter</u>	<u>2-inch meter</u>	<u>3-inch meter</u>	<u>4-inch meter</u>
Minimum	\$ 41.53	\$ 56.67	\$ 86.95	\$ 314.03	\$ 707.64	\$ 1,252.63
After 2,000 Gallons	\$ 15.14	\$ 15.14	\$ 15.14	15.14	15.14	15.14
Tax	3.97	5.03	7.15	\$ 23.04	\$ 50.59	\$ 88.74
Total Bill	\$ 60.64	\$ 76.84	\$ 109.24	\$ 352.21	\$ 773.37	\$ 1,356.51

1% Increase						
Consumption	3,000					
	Residential					
	<u>5/8-Inch Meter / 3/4-Inch meter</u>	<u>1 inch meter</u>	<u>1 1/2 inch meter</u>	<u>2-inch meter</u>	<u>3-inch meter</u>	<u>4-inch meter</u>
Current Minimum						
Increase	\$ 41.53	\$ 56.67	\$ 86.95	\$ 314.03	\$ 707.64	\$ 1,252.63
	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.87	\$ 3.14	\$ 7.08	\$ 12.53
New Minimum						
After 2,000 Gallons	\$ 41.95	\$ 57.24	\$ 87.82	\$ 317.17	\$ 714.72	\$ 1,265.16
Tax	\$ 15.29	\$ 15.29	\$ 15.29	15.29	15.29	15.29
Total Bill	3.98	5.04	7.16	\$ 23.05	\$ 50.61	\$ 88.75
	\$ 61.21	\$ 77.56	\$ 110.27	\$ 355.51	\$ 780.61	\$ 1,369.20

\$.10 Increase						
Consumption	3,000					
	Residential					
	<u>5/8-Inch Meter / 3/4-Inch meter</u>	<u>1 inch meter</u>	<u>1 1/2 inch meter</u>	<u>2-inch meter</u>	<u>3-inch meter</u>	<u>4-inch meter</u>
Current Minimum						
Increase	\$ 41.53	\$ 56.67	\$ 86.95	\$ 314.03	\$ 707.64	\$ 1,252.63
	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10
New Minimum						
After 2,000 Gallons	\$ 41.63	\$ 56.77	\$ 87.05	\$ 314.13	\$ 707.74	\$ 1,252.73
Tax	\$ 15.24	\$ 15.24	\$ 15.24	15.24	15.24	15.24
Total Bill	3.97	5.03	7.15	\$ 23.05	\$ 50.60	\$ 88.75
	\$ 60.74	\$ 76.94	\$ 109.34	\$ 352.32	\$ 773.48	\$ 1,356.62

No further action was required.



Storm Drain Issue

Mrs. Rankin advised the Council on behalf of Mr. Farrar that the Town has a potential storm drain issue behind the Fire Station near Fletchall and Endicott Streets. A company was brought in to use a robotic camera to inspect and video the storm drain.

Mr. Farrar will obtain estimates for any necessary repairs and report back to the Council. Mrs. Rankin explained that the issue has existed for more than 20 years and stated that she believes it is best to address the problem now rather than continue to “kick the can down the road.”

PARKS DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CENTER

CEMETERY

Mrs. Rankin reminded the Council that it is time to proceed with a contract extension with the current mower or go out for bids.

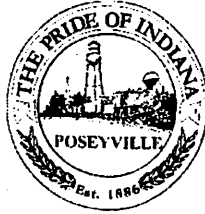
The Council members expressed gratitude for Chris Schillinger willing to help the Town out for mowing services this year. He is doing a great job and would love to consider a contract extension.

Town Attorney, William Bender asked that we take action in the September meeting and might have an alternative to consider.

No further action was required.

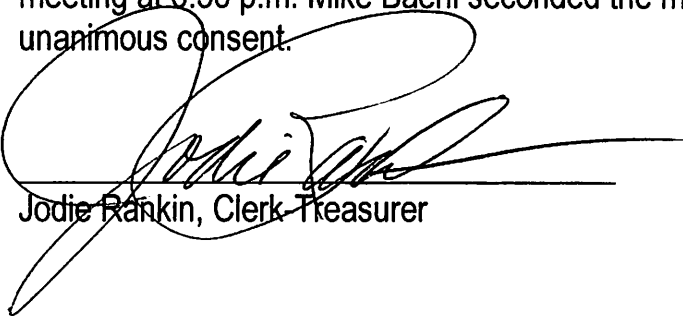
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council will be held on September 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in person and via livestream on the Town's YouTube channel.



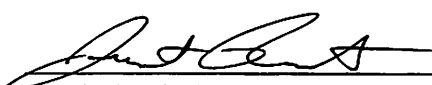
September 9, 2026 will be the 2027 Budget Hearing.

A motion was made by Randy Rankin to schedule the next meeting and adjourn the current meeting at 6:36 p.m. Mike Baehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.



Jodie Rankin, Clerk-Treasurer

ATTEST:



Justin Rutledge, President