

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2025

Present: President Terry Richey, Members Chad Wilson, Jamy Greathouse, Mark Wilkerson, Clerk Treasurer Danieta Foster, and Atty Matt Lorenzo
Vice President Jason Hillenburg was unable to attend.

President Terry Richey opened the meeting with the Pledge.

Jamy Greathouse made a motion to approve the agenda. Chad Wilson 2nd. Motion carries 4-0.

Chad Wilson made a motion to approve the June 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes, and the June 23, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Motion carries 4-0.

Jamy Greathouse made a motion to approve the claims. Chad Wilson 2nd. Motion carries 4-0.

Mark Wilkerson made a motion to approve the Allowance Docket. Chad Wilson 2nd. Motion carries 4-0.

Notification System Upgrade

Two notification systems were evaluated: Reach Alert and Civics Plus.

- Reach Alert**: Costs \$1,836 per year, with a discounted rate of \$936 for the first year.

- Civics Plus**: Costs \$3,346 for the first year.

- Both systems offer similar features and operate on the same basic principle; the primary difference between them is cost.

- Residents must re-register online for the new system, as it operates differently from the current one.

- Office staff will be available to assist residents with registration if they encounter any difficulties.

- Notifications can be delivered via text message, email, or automated phone call, offering flexibility for recipients.

Jamy Greathouse made a motion to approve

Halloween Event

- Brent Clouse was present to discuss hosting the "Haunted Trails" event, and insurance coverage was a key discussion point.

- single-event coverage is recommended and is considered affordable.

- Mr. Clouse was informed he needed to discuss his plans with the Parks Board to get permission to use the parks. No further action taken.

Blanket Insurance

- Insurance renewal is in progress, with the renewal date set for August 2nd.

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- Last year's premium was \$57,235.
- The total insured value has increased by over \$500,000, now exceeding \$13 million.
- An annual inflation guard of 4% is applied to property values to keep pace with material inflation.
 - The rate is up about 7%.
- Proposed deductible changes include:
 - Property deductible: an increase from \$2,500 to \$10,000. It was noted that no property claims have been filed in the past 12 years.
 - Auto collision deductible: a proposal to increase from \$1,000 to \$5,000. An option to set it at \$2,500 is available for an additional cost of approximately \$700 per year.
 - Clerk Treasurer Danieta Foster and Dept Heads will review policy for accuracy of insured items.

Jamy Greathouse made a motion to amend the Auto Deductible to \$2500 at an extra cost of \$700 for the year, and to approve Shepherd Moore's proposed insurance quote as amended. Chad Wilson 2nd. Motion carries 4-0.

Alley Vacation Request

- A request was made to vacate the alley at 205 North Kovener Street, specifically the section between properties 205 and 207.
 - This area is currently unused,
 - The proposal is to vacate only this specific section, not the entire alley, leaving the rest of the alleyway intact.

Jamy Greathouse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-1, closing the portion of the East/West ally between 205 and 207 N Kovener Street, on 1st reading. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Motion carries 4-0.

Jamy Greathouse made a motion to suspend the rules to allow a 2nd reading. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Motion carries 4-0.

Jamy Greathouse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-1 on 2nd reading. Chad Wilson 2nd. Motion carries 4-0.

GOCO/Dan Wright Updates

- Jamy Greathouse made a motion to approve Pay App 1/ part C for McGuire Iron for \$61,370.78, for the water project/water tower. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Motion carries 4-0.
- Regarding CCMG project updates:
 - The next project call is scheduled for the fall, with the actual work to occur in the spring.
 - The match requirement has been reduced from 25% to 20%.
 - Discussion from the state indicates a potential shift to one project call per year instead of two.
 - Bridge work is identified as the primary cost driver for the project.
 - Stormwater funds can be utilized for the project.
 - A vote on the Professional Service Agreement for CCMG was tabled to the August meeting so costs can be looked at.

Water and Sewer Study

- There is an immediate and urgent need for an updated water and sewer study, as the last one was completed in 2016 or 2017.
- The study cannot wait for the next project phase and must proceed now.
- It is considered more cost-effective to conduct water and sewer studies together.
- Baker Tilly will be contacted to initiate this essential study. No further action at this time.

Vehicle Grant and Procurement

- The process for applying for a USDA grant for a new vehicle purchase needs to begin.
- The grant is expected to cover 55% of the vehicle cost, with the town responsible for the remaining 45%.
- Vehicles now cost approximately \$72,000 each and are increasingly difficult to find.
- The grant application requires obtaining three quotes from different dealerships for the same vehicle type. No further action at this time.

Salary Ordinance and Employee Compensation

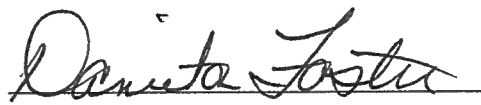
- Information regarding the salary ordinance, including a detailed breakdown, was provided for review.
- A recommendation was made to budget for a 4% raise, comprising 2% for inflation and an additional 2%.
- The final decision on raises will be made after health insurance premium numbers become available, which is expected in August.
- Last year's raise was 6%, intended as a catch-up due to 13% inflation not covered in the prior year. No action will be taken until the August meeting.

Tornado Siren

- Discussion of the old tornado siren was tabled until Vice President Jason Hillenburg is present.

Jamy Greathouse made a motion to adjourn. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Motion carries 4-0.


Terry Richey/President


Danieta Foster/Clerk Treasurer

Executive Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2025

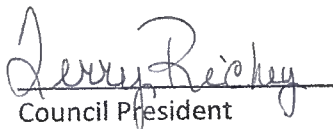
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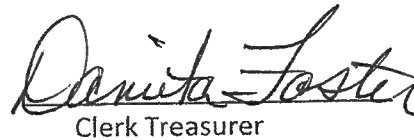
Council discussed the possibility of purchasing the property at 108 N Armstrong Street, formally the United Methodist Church.

Discussion continued on uses and financing the purchase, and needed upgrades.

No action taken


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Special Meeting Minutes July 17, 2025

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The Council discussed the possible purchase of 108 N Armstrong Street, formally the United Methodist Church.

Chad Wilson made a motion to sign the Buyer Agency Agreement. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Motion carries 5-0.

Jamy Greathouse made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-3, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Crothersville, IN Regarding Interest in Purchasing Real Estate, contingent on lot information, appraisals, and securing funding. Chad Wilson 2nd. Motion carries 5-0.

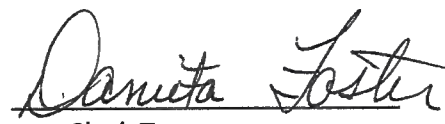
Jamy Greathouse made a motion to assign Clerk Treasurer Danieta Foster as Purchasing Agent for the Town. Chad Wilson 2nd. Motion carries 5-0.

Danieta Foster will call the Indiana Bond Bank for information, and secure 2 appraisals after receiving more information on the lots from the realtors.

Jamy Greathouse made a motion to adjourn. Mark Wilkerson 2nd. Motion carries 5-0.


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