

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

October 13, 2025

7:00 PM

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Council Members: President Jim Caldwell, Dale Thompson, Amanda Lyles and Sam Mitchell

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshal: Brad Thomas

Attendees: Council Members: President Jim Caldwell, Dale Thompson, Amanda Lyles and Sam Mitchell

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Krista Cromwell, Keith Cromwell, Doug Meissel, Scott Roby, and David Gregory

President Caldwell called to order the Council Meeting at 19:00.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Engineering Report: CT Read Resolution 2025-08; A Resolution of the Town of Advance Town Council the Title VI Implementation Plan and Coordinator for the Town of Advance.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2025-08 on its first reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08. Councilman Mitchell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion for President Caldwell to sign the commitment letter to INDOT for 20% matching funds in the amount of \$44,380.00 from the Town and for President Caldwell to sign all forms for the CCMG project moving forward. Councilman Mitchell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to ratify President Caldwell signing letter to INDOT for the Title VI Plan. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT read Budget Ordinance 2025-04.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve Budget Ordinance 2025-04 for budget year 2026. Councilman Mitchell seconded; Councilman Thompson approved and President Caldwell abstained. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from the September 8, 2025 meeting and Special Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2025. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for October 13, 2025 in the amount of \$305,418.49. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT stated the increase in claim amount was payment to ISC for work completed at Smith Farms for \$150,000.00.

The council signed off on reconciliation for September 2025.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

Fund and appropriation reports were presented with no comments.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of September 2025, in the amount of \$-669.75. Councilman Mitchell seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion carried.

TRECS portal is closed for year as of October 1, 2025.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion for Trick-or-Treating on Halloween night to run from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Councilman Mitchell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT presented a letter to the Council from Dean Davis commending Reserve Bewley for professional conduct during a traffic stop.

Park – Scott Roby:

The RC track was reworked and one race ran this year.

The burn pile is gone and the rules sign is back up. Day of Service with Festool occurred on September 30th. Jeepers Creepers will participate with Trunk-or-Treat and prizes were purchased for best jeep and costumes. Free hot dogs will be given. Mr. Roby requested the Council be judges for the jeep and costume contest. CT stated she would contribute to purchasing hot dogs.

President Caldwell stated the audit was completed but couldn't be discussed yet.

DAR Military Banner Program will be participating again with the Town and deadline is December 31st.

A chicken noodle cook off fundraising dinner is in the works to be held January or February.

Mr. Roby and Mr. Meissel stated they would purchase a banner on behalf of Bill Stombaugh.

The Country's 250th Celebration was discussed and President Caldwell stated the tourism board may have funds to contribute to the event. Discussions ensued.

UMAC - CT Johnson read report

For September 2025, both plants running well with no violations. Gallons pumped for September was 776,000 and billed was 729,100 leaving a loss of 46,900 or 6%. IDEM conducted an inspection of the water tower. Water loss >15% violation was removed as numbers were down last month. A screen needs to be replaced over the water tower overflow and a broken vent tube screen on chlorine line vent. Both screens have been repaired and notice was sent to IDEM. LSLI galvanized lines need to be identified on 5 homes and hydrant flushing will occur on October 28th. If line replacement is on the customer side, they will be responsible to replace.

Councilman Thompson said the water loss didn't make sense, and CT stated it did; as historically, water loss is in the summer months. She advised the Council Mr. Elless and Deputy Kellogg would be going to Keystone to inspect their meters.

Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell:

Work done in September 2025 was mowing and weed eating, locates were repeat locates and septic will be done in October. CT advised the park to let her office know when to put a work order in for winterizing park building.

IMPA/ISC – no report presented due to funeral of IMPA/ISC employee's family member. September's report will be presented in November with October's report.

IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:

Mr. Alvey, CEO of IMPA, is on a committee for the state to review why Indiana's electric rates are so high.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For the month of September 2025, the fire department had 4 EMS, 2 MVAs, 5 cancelled, 2 persons in distress, and 1 power lines down.

Police – Marshall Thomas, absent, no report presented.

Old Business:

Comcast Pole Attachments agreements are still being negotiating by attorneys.

Ordinance 2025-05; An Ordinance to Amend the Text of the Advance Zoning Ordinance Regarding Accessory Dwellings was tabled needing further explanation. Discussion ensued.

CT read Ordinance 2025-06; An Ordinance to Amend the Text of the Town of Advance Zoning Ordinance Regarding Minimum Home Size.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2025-06 on its first reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-06. Councilman Mitchell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT read Ordinance 2025-07; An Ordinance to Amend the Text of the Town of Advance Zoning Ordinance and Amending/Adopting a Boone County Fee Schedule.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2025-07 on its first reading. Councilman Mitchell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-07. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion for the ratification of President Caldwell to sign the Purdue Pharma Opioid Settlement. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Billing Disputes:**Request to Speak:**

Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:42.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Advance Town Council meeting(s). The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2025 at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance