

TOWN OF ADVANCE

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: ADVANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

September 8, 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, and Sam Mitchell

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Others in attendance: Jean Stombaugh, Krista Cromwell, Keith Cromwell, Kyle Schnoor, Doug Meissel, Scott Roby, Dom Moore, Jacob Dawes, Deputy Hitch, and Lonny Hosfield

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Order

Engineering Report: CT presented the closeout document for President Caldwell to sign.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2025, and Special Meeting Minutes from August 25, 2025. Councilman Mitchell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT advised that during her audit, it was found that no motion was documented for President Caldwell's appointment. She found in her written notes that this motion was actually made but not documented.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to ratify the previous motion made on December 9, 2024, for Council President to be Jim Caldwell. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve claims for September 8, 2025 in the amount of \$261,713.69. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The council signed off on reconciliation for August 2025.

Clerk-Treasurer – Shari Johnson:

Fund and appropriation reports were presented with no comments.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve CT adjustments for the month of August 2025, in the amount of \$45.82. Councilman Mitchell seconded. President Caldwell abstained from approving the fire department adjustment; motion carried.

No TRECS update.

Councilwoman Lyles made a motion to approve receipting in reconciliation out-of-balances that carried over since prior audit 03-2022, per audit recommendation of \$-.01 and \$25.00. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT advised Council that registration for the AIM Ideas Summit was the cost previously estimated for one person.

Park – Doug Meissel:

Mr. Meissel advised there would be an upcoming RC Race and camping would be on the blacktop.

The burn pile was taken care of and park rules sign will be placed.

Weedkiller was donated by Keystone Cooperative and Hopper was requested to assist on trail with weeds. Day of Service would be September 30, 2025 with Festool.

Jeepers Creepers/Trunk-or-Treat Event / planned for October 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Flyers have been made but need to be printed. Mr. Cromwell stated a prize should be given for the best decorated jeep.

A chicken noodle fundraiser is in the works. The DAR Banner program is being pursued for 2026.

President Caldwell discussed next year being the 250th Anniversary of our Country and the Town needed to hold a party.

UMAC - CT Johnson read report

For August 2025, both plants running well with no violations. The generator at WWTP is now running. LSLI identification done and needs to be put in the portal. WWTP looks good and a surplus list is being created. Peerless contacted for well work and will let know a start date.

Hopper Excavating – Keith Cromwell:

Work done in August 2025 was mowing and weed eating and repairing a leak.

IMPA/ISC – CT Johnson read report:

In August 2025 there were 3 service requests, no poles installed, and one outage reported.

IMPA Commissioner's President Caldwell:

President Caldwell stated solar parks were put on hold and that the tracking factor for quarter 4 went down.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 4th Quarter IMPA Tracking Factor. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire – Keith Cromwell:

For the month of August 2025, the fire department had 9 EMS, 5 MVAs, 8 cancelled, 2 fire, 1 persons in distress, and 3 false alarms.

Police – Marshall Thomas:

In August there were 16 runs and they were discussed. There are 6/7 G.E.D. students currently in program. Councilwoman Lyles questioned if people could participate, and M. Thomas advised yes.

Mileage was presented. New speed signs were discussed.

Code enforcement on 407 S. Main was discussed and scrapping had begun again. P. Caldwell stated he would contact attorney.

P. Caldwell stated code enforcement needed to be done by all members of the police department, and infractions needed to have a letter sent from the Clerk-Treasurer's office. If no improvement, then attorney letters needed to be sent.

Old Business:

Comcast Pole Attachments agreements are still being negotiating by attorneys.

Town is still in need of a BZA Appointment – but there are three interested candidates.

Discussion ensued regarding eminent domain of the ROW of driveway through the Booher property at water tower. P. Caldwell stated the town is to maintain it, and Mr. Booher could use it.

Councilman Mitchell made a motion to pursue with attorney the eminent domain of driveway. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

CT read Ordinance 2025-03; An Ordinance to Prohibit Use of Public Records for Commercial Purposes

Councilman Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2025-03 on its first reading. Councilwoman Lyles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-03. Councilman Mitchell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CT read Deputy note for adjustment of water and sewer at 305 E. Wall St.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve adjustments of \$313.25 for water and \$122.84 for sewer; location 305 E. Wall St. Advance, IN. Councilman Mitchell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Surplus at sewer plant was discussed.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to surplus "junk" at sewer plant. Councilwoman Lyles 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 19:34.

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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 Tuesday, October 14, 2025 (Budget Adoption), at (19:00) 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Caldwell Fire Department, 106 E. Wall St., Advance