

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 26, 2026
Administration Building – 500 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores, IN

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
(This meeting was a hybrid meeting and broadcasted live via Google Meets and was recorded.)

Roll Call - Council Members: Councilors Matrona Malik, Donna Norkus, David Phelps, and Candice Peterson-Smith were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Marshal Ed Clapp and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sally Bagnall. Council Geof Benson attended electronically. Attorney Connor Nolan was absent.

Title VI Survey Availability

President Phelps announced the availability of the Title VI public involvement survey. This survey is available online via the Town's website.

Unfinished Business:

Grants updates:

Councilor Norkus gave updates regarding the revival of the BRIC grant. Conversations were had with the Smith Group regarding the different possibilities of the various grants.

New Business

Grant application to the Indiana Office of Energy Development for EV Vehicles:

President Phelps presented information regarding this grant opportunity and reported the chances were good that the Town would be awarded the grant. There was a lengthy discussion regarding from where to pay the 20% match, how many vehicles to purchase, and the cost of grant writing assistance. Councilor Benson motioned to give President Phelps authority to apply for the Drive Clean Indiana Grant, the authority to write the financial commitment letter, and the authority to enter into an agreement with Drive Clean Indiana to write the grant. Councilor Malik seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Malik = yea. Norkus = yea. Phelps = yea. Peterson-Smith = yea. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of new Town Marshal

President Phelps announced the intention to hire a new Town Marshal; Vernon Garard. Councilor Norkus motioned to hire Vernon Garard as the Town Marshal. Councilor Malik seconded. President Phelps offered a friendly amendment that the new Marshal would start April 13, 2026. Councilor Norkus accepted the amendment. Councilor Malik seconded. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Malik = yea. Norkus = yea. Phelps = yea. Peterson-Smith = yea. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Council Comment

The Town Council thanked Marshal Clapp for his years of service to the Town. Councilor Malik thanked the tree removal volunteers.

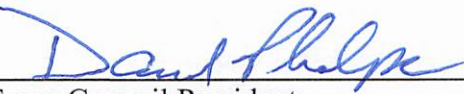
Adjourn:

Councilor Benson motioned to adjourn.

Councilor Malik seconded.

There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Malik = yea. Norkus = yea. Phelps = yea. Peterson-Smith = yea. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 04:43 p.m.



Town Council President:

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer

Ellen Hundt