

# Town of Cadiz, Indiana

1430 N CR 525 W  
New Castle IN 47362  
Phone 765-533-6212

Town Board Meeting 7 January 2025

Attending: Leah Stevens, Joe Peavler, Mark Stults, Josh Fridley and Taylor Holsapple, Debra Shook. Kelsie Conwell arrived late.

Meeting was called to order at 6:40. This was 10 minutes late due to waiting for board to arrive.

Joe motions to approve December minutes as read. Debra seconded the motion.

Joe Peavler	Kelsie Conwell	Debra Shook	Leah Stevens
Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye

Minutes approved.

**Ordinance 2024-5:** an ordinance allowing the Town to enter into agreement with Wex Fuel to provide a gas card for the Town gas needs, was signed. We voted to approve this ordinance in December, however it was not passed around for signatures.

**Duke Energy:** Duke has been adjusting our bills due to the addition of 3 lights to the bill. The final adjustment should be in place and bills should be back to accurate rates and amounts from this point on.

Once Kelsie arrived the Town Board moved to discuss elected positions within the board.

Leah motions to make Joe Peavler as President for the 2025 year, and Kelsie seconded the motion.

Joe Peavler	Kelsie Conwell	Debra Shook	Leah Stevens
Abstained	Aye	Aye	Aye

Joe accepted the motion to become President of the Board.

Joe motioned for Kelsie Conwell to become Vice President for the 2025 year and Leah seconded the motion.

Joe Peavler	Kelsie Conwell	Debra Shook	Leah Stevens
Aye	Abstain	Aye	Aye

Kelsie accepted the motion to become Vice President of the Board.

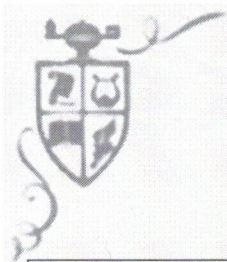
**September Minutes:** Discussion regarding the September minutes needing amended was discussed.

The September 10<sup>th</sup> minutes need to be amending to state "The Town Board is in agreement to proceed with getting a loan from the bank to pay for the purchase order in which is needed for the reimbursement grant to be finalized." Kelsie Motions to amend the September 10<sup>th</sup> Minutes and Joe Seconded the motion.

Joe Peavler	Kelsie Conwell	Debra Shook	Leah Stevens
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Motion passed to amend the September 10<sup>th</sup> minutes.

The September 24<sup>th</sup> minutes need to be amended to state "The Town Board agrees to finalize the loan agreement with Citizens State Bank. The resolution will follow once it is typed up." Kelsie Motions to amend the September 24<sup>th</sup> minutes and Joe seconded the motion.



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Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Motion approved to amend the September 2024 minutes.

Resolution 2025-1: Resolution for the Town to enter into a loan agreement between the Town and Citizens State Bank. Joe motions to approve Resolution to enter into loan agreement. Leah seconded the motion.

Joe Peavler	Kelsie Conwell	Debra Shook	Leah Stevens
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

All board approve motion.

**Fire Department Agreement-** Since Mark was not at the meeting in December to sign the agreement or discuss the agreement he wishes to discuss it tonight. He started the discussion to ask if the Town pays for Workers Comp for the Fire Department members. We advised that we do pay workers comp however we are not sure who all are covered on it and that it will require further research. Mark also wants to know when the Town plans to take over all the bills for the building. Joe wants to see bill on paper and to see how much they are so we can properly prepare the budget for such expenses. Joe also advised that the State has already set the Town's 2025 budget. There was much discussion regarding the building and bills. Leah wants to know if it is legal for both the Town and the Trustees office to carry Workers Comp insurance on the Fire Department members. Joe says that he remembers it as the Town pays for the building insurance and the Trustee's office pays for the Workers Comp. Somebody asked what bills the FD would like the Town to take over. Mark says electric, propane, trash and water softener.

**How to Proceed:** Mark says he is willing to work with the Town Board. Making sure that the community isn't affected. Mark doesn't want to sign the yearly contract until everything is sorted out. The board will speck with their lawyer and see if something could be figured out. The board asked if he would be willing to sign a 3 month contract so that the Town was under contract at least while it is being sorted out. Mark agreed to that. The Clerk wrote up a new contract with members of the board and Mark present. Kelsie motions to approve the new amended contract with the Fire Department. Joe seconded the motion.

Joe Peavler	Kelsie Conwell	Debra Shook	Leah Stevens
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Motion passed to approve the new 3 month contract with the fire department.

**Fire Report:** 15 calls since December meeting. 131 total call total for the 2024 year. They have added a couple more fire fighters to their roster. Have a grant for their big fire tanker to get the lights working and working on getting decals for the big engine truck.

**PD Report:** 61 stops 1 arrest. Taylor would like to know if it is okay to go ahead and purchase ammo for the year. The price is currently under the budgeted price for 2025. Kelsie motioned to pay for the ammo from Continued Education fund. Leah seconded the motion.





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Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Motion approved to purchase ammo.

Taylor will be going to EVO instructor school January 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. This will allow for better training for all of the officers and we will be able to offer training to other Towns. Bryce Viehweg is on his own now. Dylan has finished 40 hr pre basic and is working on getting trained for working the roads. Taylor also gave the year end stats for the police department. Officers worked a total of 2027.37 hours, Officers made over 839 traffic stops and 17 arrest. Along with 151 reports in the year 2024. Jared Bauman is on the Henry County department as a reserve, however he does not plan to leave Cadiz.

Joe motions to adjourn the meeting and Kelsie seconded the motion.

Joe Peavler	Kelsie Conwell	Debra Shook	Leah Stevens
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

*[Handwritten signatures of Joe Peavler, Kelsie Conwell, Debra Shook, and Leah Stevens]*

Attested by: *[Handwritten signature: Brittany Dupont]*