

TOWN OF CLERMONT
9049 Crawfordsville Road
Clermont, IN 46234

April 16, 2026

The Regular Council meeting on April 9th did not have a Quorum due to planned and unplanned absences. Councilors Lambard and Lemaire agreed to reschedule to April 16th. The remaining councilors were notified and notice was posted of the reschedule.

Monthly Town Council Meeting

I. Call to Order at 7:03

The following council members, who constituted at least 50% of the members of the council, were present in person: Councilor Beam, Councilor Lambard, Councilor Lemaire and Councilor Sauro

Absent Council Member(s): Councilor Topf

Others present: Attorney, Bob Lutz; Clerk, Grace Brenzek; Clerk-Treasurer, Larry Beiter

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Special Guests: None

Special Guest Comment Period: NA

III. Public in Attendance: None

Public Attending Remotely: None

Public Comment Period: NA

IV. Town Attorney's Report - Attorney Lutz

- A. Fire Contract – Attorney Lutz has been evaluating the possibility of applying the Wayne Fire Levy directly to the tax payers instead of being paid through Clermont tax revenues. This would take Clermont out of the middle and eliminate the need for a fire contract. Wayne Township representatives have expressed interest in this approach. Bob has reviewed the financial impacts with Baker Tilly and this approach would reduce the amount of Clermont revenue directed to Fire Protection by approximately 50%. The tax levy shifted to the residents is expected to be minimal since most houses in Town are already at the tax cap limits. Paige Sansone from Baker Tilly feels that this would be beneficial to the Town from a financial standpoint. Bob provided a summary of the impacts for the Council's review as well as a draft of the proposed ordinance that would allow this tax levy change to take place. This change would need to be filed by July 1st to allow it to take effect in 2027. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. Real Estate Matters – Eminent Domain – The Council agreed tentatively to have an Executive session on May 7th to discuss this on-going litigation. The inspection was scheduled for April 7th and all of our representatives were on-site. No representative from the seller came to allow access to the building. Our counsel has not yet been successful in reaching the seller or their counsel. No motions were made or acted on.
- C. Clermont Recodification – Attorney Lutz would like comments and feedback on the draft updated draft of the Town Municipal Code, previously provided to the Council for review. No motions were made or acted on.

V. Police Department Report – Councilor Frank Lemaire

- A. Miscellaneous – Councilor Lemaire provided the Police Report for the previous month. He noted that the police shut down a block party at the strip mall across from Town Hall on Crawfordsville Road near Tansel Road. A group of car enthusiasts, the Indy Street Sweepers, were causing traffic disruptions on Crawfordsville and numerous traffic stops were made, tickets issued. Due to the amount of activity and safety concerns, the Police obtained approval from the property owner to shut down the party. Numerous citations have been issued for vehicles failing to stop for school buses. Chief Dulworth was sideswiped in his police vehicle on April 9th while driving to a training seminar. His vehicle

may be totaled. Steve is cleared for work but is dealing with some physical pain from the accident. The Councilors discussed at length the number of working police vehicles remaining and how the Chief would be able to manage with one less. There are currently 6 Police Vehicle, including the Chief's damaged vehicle. No motions were made or acted on.

VI. Clerk-Treasurer's Report - Larry Beiter

- B. Financial Report – The Clerk-Treasurer presented for review the previous month and year-to-date financial reports, including a full record of all receipts and disbursements. The Bank Account reconciliation was completed successfully for March. It was noted that our Police Vehicle Maintenance budget is running low on funds and will need an additional appropriation soon. Councilors were asked to review their budgets and currently project plans and identify if any potential shortfalls are likely. The Main Street Maintenance budget for banner and decoration installation needs to be confirmed as adequate for our current approach. The impact of upcoming repairs related to the recently damaged vehicle was discussed. The potential that the vehicle will be declared a total loss was considered. No other issues were noted with the Financial Review.

Councilor Beam made a motion to accept the March financial report. Councilor Lemaire seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lambard votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, and Councilor Sauro votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

- C. Meeting Minutes - Prior to this meeting, Council members reviewed the draft minutes for the March 12th Regular Council Meeting and March 17th Executive Session. Comments were addressed for the Regular Meeting Minutes.

Councilor Beam made a motion to accept the March 12th Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Councilor Lambard seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lambard votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, and Councilor Sauro votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilor Beam made a motion to accept the March 19th Executive Session Minutes. Councilor Lambard seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lambard votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, and Councilor Sauro votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

- A. Budget Development Calendar – The Councilors were provided a copy of the proposed calendar for development and approval of the 2027 Town Budget. Councilors were encouraged to meet individually with Grace and Larry to review their budget and plans for 2027. The interest for a preliminary budget discussion meeting in May was discussed. The Council agreed to have a Special Council Working Session on May 19th. This will be an open meeting and the public is welcome to attend, but they will not be able to participate in the discussions. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. Business Owner Conversations – The Council was requested to review and return any comments, suggestions on Grace's draft flyer. Councilor Beam volunteered to collaborate with Grace, Councilor Lambard volunteered to help with delivery and initial communications with local business owners. No motions were made or acted on.
- C. AES Follow-up – Attorney Lutz has sent a formal letter to AES, the IURC (Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission) concerning the contested electric meter fees. He will copy the Clerk's office. No motions were made or acted on.
- D. Posting of Financial Advisor Contracts – A link has been added to the website to facilitate public access to our contract with Baker Tilly. This link will also allow the public to access any of our Gateway posted contracts. No motions were made or acted on.
- E. Legislative Session Summary – The changes to LIT (Local Income Tax) Revenue have been postponed to 2028. The Max Growth Levy has been increased to 5.5% for 2027. No motions were made or acted on.
- D. Miscellaneous – Councilor Sauro asked about increased water usage during the winter months. Clerk-Treasurer Beiter explained that a sink was left dripping when the temperatures were below zero to prevent the pipes from freezing at the meter pit. The piping has since been insulated to prevent this issue and preclude the need for dripping faucets. It was noted that the toilets are running (fill valve leaking) at times. Councilors Sauro and Lambard discussed details of the toilet valves and how best to resolve. Councilor Lambard offered to replace the valve assemblies for both. No motions were made or acted on.

VII. Facilities and Maintenance – Councilor Kim Sauro

- A. Roadside Planting – Planning and design of the Right-of-way planting areas is in progress. Summer banners will be installed soon. No motions were made or acted on.
- E. Clermont Clean-up Day – Fenrick James from the Clermont – Mt. Pleasant Christian Church has offered to support our April 25th Town Clean-up day. The Council discussed briefly what activities are planned. Councilor Beam described the clean-up work planned by the Friends of Robey Park for that same day. They will be working at Robey Park and can use more help if available. The potential use of a dumpster for waste collection was discussed; Keep Indianapolis Beautiful provides dumpsters for free but they are probably booked for April. The Council discussed past Clean-up days. It was suggested that litter pick-up would be a first priority, planting of flower pots could also be a useful activity for volunteers. If we keep a working list of things to do / repairs needed in Town, we could use it for ideas during volunteer days. Volunteers are asked to meet at 9:00 at Miller Park. Councilor Beam will advertise in the electronic newsletter. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. Miscellaneous – No motions were made or acted on.

VIII. Streets Report – Councilor Tim Lambard

- A. CCMG Grants – The treatment of all pavement laid in 2025 is being scheduled for the week of April 20. Signs will be posted alerting neighbors not to park on roadway during scheduled treatment day. The Council discussed the treatment and potential impacts. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. ADA Transition Plan Status – Update of the current ADA Transition Plan is in progress. No motions were made or acted on.
- C. Miscellaneous
 - Dead Tree on Blackhawk Lane – Councilor Lambard summarized concerns with a dead tree on Black Hawk Lane. After many years of standing dead, the tree fell during a recent storm. Town volunteers cleaned the debris from the road but the remaining dead trunk and branches remain in a front yard. Neighbors have tried to contact the homeowner for resolution without success. Councilor Lambard feels that the resident should clean up the debris in the yard and pay the Town for the work required to clean the dead limbs from the street. The Council and Attorney Lutz discussed how best to hold residents responsible for keeping their property maintained and how to hold them accountable for costs associated with remediation when they do not take care of maintenance issues. They discussed the possibility that legal and administrative costs can exceed the costs of the original clean-up work. Attorney Lutz will check the Clermont Municipal Code to confirm that it covers this type of situation. There are Marion County ordinances that apply as well, a complaint through the Mayor's Action Hotline/Request Indy Portal could be submitted. It was agreed that the Town needs to respond and clean-up road debris to remove driving hazards if a resident fails to do so. Councilor Lambard wants to know how to hold the resident responsible for the clean-up and related costs. Attorney Lutz explained the normal process for ordinance enforcement. He will draft an initial letter/template that can be used to notify the resident. The Council discussed the ordinances that might be referenced for this issue.
 - Multi-use Path Through Clermont – Councilor Lambard met with Sam Schilling concerning conceptual plans for a Multi-use path to allow safe walking/biking from 21st street along Tansel to a point north of Clermont. Sam would like to support the installation of a crosswalk across Tansel near 30th Street using volunteers and funds received from the 'Safe Rides to School' program. Neighbors have complained about speeding on Tansel in this area. The Council discussed the possibility of a combined Speed Table / Crosswalk near 30th Street and Tansel Road. They also discussed in detail right-of-way access and locations and how to accommodate the required width of a multi-vehicle path. No motions were made or acted on.
 - Bricks from Mt. Pleasant Church – The Council and Clerk-Treasurer discussed a resident action notice concerning bricks from Mt. Pleasant Church in the small culvert at Church Street. Councilor Lambard will follow-up.
 - USI Engineering Support – Councilor Lambard voiced his concerns about the engineering support received for the recent CCMG projects. He has been disappointed with their performance and is considering going in a different direction for future support. Councilor Lemaire encouraged Tim to take action as necessary. No motions were made or acted on.

IX. Communications / Technology – Councilor Mike Beam

- A. Town Signage – The Sign fabricators have begun fabrication efforts and are waiting on delivery of mounting posts. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. Technology – Marion County has delayed a software roll-out that needs to be completed before we install our new virus software on the new Police laptops. The Police Office PC and the old police laptops have been updated. Councilor Beam is soliciting quotes for routine day-to-day computer support. We are considering including funds for this in the 2027 or 2028 budget.
- C. Miscellaneous – New portable sign-board components are being ordered to replace parts lost during a recent storm. No motions were made or acted on.
- D. Tree Board Report – The Tree Board met on April 13 and focused on plans for the April 26th Arbor Day Planting at the Clemont Cemetery. A Tree Seedling giveaway is planned for the event. No motions were made or acted on.
- D. Newsletter – The Council noted several topics to be included in the next Town e-newsletter, including: Park Hours of Operation, Request for Speed Table opinions/comments, Stop Volcano Mulching. No additional motions were made or acted on.

X. New Business

- A. Robey School Teacher Appreciation Gift Cards – The Council received a request from the Robey Parent Teacher Organization. They would appreciate a donation of gift cards for teachers similar to what we did last year. The Council discussed how this was handled in 2025. Sue delivered gift cards but the Clerk-Treasurer was unable to find a record of the purchase.

Councilor Sauro motioned that we spend up to \$100 to support the Robey School Teacher Appreciation Event.

Councilor Lambard seconded the motion.

The Council discussed further the specifics of the donation and how it would be presented. Attorney Lutz and Councilor Beam confirmed that this is a donation that should be funded from the Town Promotions budget.

Councilor Sauro motioned that we purchase four (4) \$25 gift cards to support the Robey School Teacher Appreciation Event. Councilor Lambard seconded the motion.

The Council discussed even more the specifics of the donation, how it would be presented and how the event is handled by the school to ensure that all teachers are appreciated fairly. We will confirm with the PTO how best to handle the donation.

Councilor Sauro motioned that we spend \$100, on the purchase of four (4) \$25 gift cards or by donating \$100 to the Robey School PTO to support the Robey School Teacher Appreciation Event. Councilor Lambard seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lambard votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, and Councilor Sauro votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Title VI Plan Update and Coordinator – The current Title VI plan was created in 2017 and requires update. This document is a requirement when filing for CCMG grants. We do not currently have a Title VI Coordinator. Lora Miller is identified on the current plan. She was the Street Commissioner when she was a Councilor. The current Job Descriptions do not list Title VI coordination as a specific responsibility. Councilor Beam suggested that the Council President and Clerk's office should work to revise this document with the support of Attorney Lutz, who helped develop the original plan. We should focus on completing the update and any other related document revision/creation before the next CCMG submission window opens this year. We do not currently have a plan for CCMG work in 2027. No motions were made or voted on.
- C. City-county Letter on LEAP development – The Council discussed a letter from the Marion County City-County Council addressing their concerns about the LEAP development project and its impact on our local resources. They would like to make Clermont's voice heard in this issue and agree with the City-Council's letter.

Councilor Beam motioned that the Town draft and send a letter echoing the points made in the City-Council's letter. Councilor Lambard seconded the motion.

The Council discussed the details of the letter and confirmed that it will be signed by the Council president. Attorney Lutz will draft the letter and send for comment.

Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lambard votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, and Councilor Sauro votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

- D. Open Town Action Requests – All open Action Requests are actively being pursued. The Clerk-Treasurer provided an update on the sink-hole at 3814 Knob Creek Overlook. He recounted the steps taken by the resident and the Town in reporting the issue. It was noted that conflicting information was received from the Department of Public Works, Citizens Energy and the Mayor's action hotline. Marion County DPW is currently scheduling this repair. Attorney Lutz confirmed that the City/County is responsible for this repair. The Council and Clerk-Treasurer confirmed that it is best to start with the Mayor's Action Hotline for Storm Water infrastructure issues. They should alert DPW for resolution. The Town should contact DPW directly and talk to engineering or another technical representative to ensure proper resolution. The Director of Public works may need to be contacted. If there are issues with DPW taking responsibility, future communications should copy our City-Councilor. No motions were made or acted on.
- E. Police Surveillance Camera – Councilor Lemaire noted that the Police Department is evaluating the use of a portable Surveillance Camera to help deter drivers from spinning their tires and damaging the road surface near the Cemetery. The Council and Attorney Lutz discussed how this camera would be used and identified various benefits and risks. The Council noted other areas where driving infractions have been tough to catch in the act. It is currently estimated to be an investment of approximately \$3,500. Attorney Lutz mentioned a Flock camera system that some municipalities are installing. This might be a useful, but more costly alternative to evaluation. Councilor Beam confirmed that this would be Town equipment for Town use only. Councilor Lemaire noted that a resident volunteer offered to assist with installation and set-up. More information and a better cost estimate were requested prior to bringing to a vote. No motions were made or acted on.
- F. Miscellaneous – There is a street light out near 30th Street and Tansel. The Councilors were encouraged to note the pole number for any non-functional traffic lights and send information to Councilor Lambard. No motions were made or acted on.

XI. Adjournment

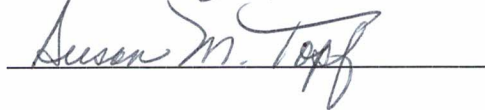
Councilor Lemaire moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 P.M. Councilor Sauro seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lambard votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes Aye, Councilor Sauro votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

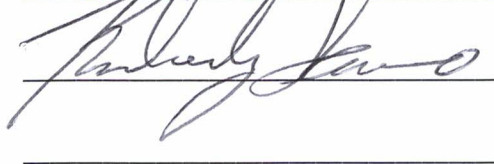
An Executive Session is tentatively scheduled for May 7th, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

The next Regular Council meeting will be held on May 14th, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

A Special Budget working Session is scheduled for May 19th, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Approve: Town Council

Attest: Clerk-Treasurer



