

TOWN OF CLERMONT
9049 Crawfordsville Road
Clermont, IN 46234

July 10, 2025

Monthly Town Council Meeting

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance at 7:20 P.M.

The following council members, who constituted at least 50% of the members of the council, were present; in person, Councilor Lemaire, Councilor Topf, Councilor Beam, and remotely using Microsoft Teams, Councilor Sauro.

Absent Council Member(s): Councilor Lambard

Others present: Attorney, Bob Lutz; Clerk, Grace Brenzek; Clerk-Treasurer, Larry Beiter; Police Chief Steve Dulworth

II. Special Guests: None

Special Guest Comment Period: NA

III. Public Comment

Public in Attendance: Alisa Fancher

Public Comment Period: NA

IV. Town Attorney's Report - Attorney Lutz

- A. Real Estate Matters – 9046 Crawfordsville Road – This topic will be discussed during the upcoming Executive Session on July 14th. This is not a public meeting. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. Fire District Merger – Fire Contract – No progress has made with Wayne Township on a revised contract. Councilor Topf and Clerk-Treasurer Beiter will meet with the Pike Township Fire Chief and Trustee. Councilor Topf is working on meeting with a representative from Brownsburg. No motions were made or acted on.
- C. Recodification – Attorney Lutz introduced the amended Clermont Municipal Code for Councilor Review and comment. Councilors were encouraged to review and comment. The on-line version will be replaced with this latest draft. No motions were made or acted on.

V. Police Department Report – Councilor Lemaire

- A. Police Vehicle – Sealed Bid Auction – Sealed bids were requested for sale of the 2012 Dodge Police Vehicle. Attorney Lutz read out the following 4 bids that were received. John Moler \$5102. 50, Frank Lemaire \$4,700, John Dierdorf \$6,500, Ringwood Motors Inc., Ringwood Illinois \$1,280. The highest bid is from John Dierdorf.

Councilor Lemaire motioned to accept the \$6,500 bid from John Dierdorf. Councilor Beam seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, Councilor Sauro votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Ordinances – Violations – The Ordinance software is live and in-use. The first two notices of violation have been sent out and the residents have responded by taking appropriate action. No motions were made or acted on.
- C. Miscellaneous – Chief Dulworth has scheduled a meeting at Roby School with Ben Markly on July 17th to discuss possible solutions to the traffic congestion during student drop-off and pick-up. He is proposing changes in the car rider traffic pattern. Councilor Lemaire expressed concern about CSX truck traffic in that area. Councilor Sauro requested some clarification and provided background on her experience with the current traffic flow and the school's previous rationale.
June was a calm month with respect to incidents in Town.
The Chief is continuing planning for the National Night Out event.
No motions were made or acted on.

VI. Clerk-Treasurer's Report - Larry Beiter

- A. Financial Report - Clerk-Treasurer Beiter presented for review the previous month and year-to-date financial reports, including a full record of all receipts and disbursements. Bank Account reconciliation was completed successfully. No other issues were noted with the Financial Review.

Councilor Beam made a motion to accept the June financial report. Councilor Lemaire seconded the motion.

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

- B. Meeting Minutes - Prior to this meeting, Council members reviewed the draft minutes for the June 17th Regular Council Meeting. No comments were noted.

Councilor Lemaire made a motion to accept the June 17th Regular Council Meeting minutes. Councilor Beam seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, Councilor Sauro votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

Prior to this meeting, Council members reviewed the draft minutes for the June 30th Regular Council Meeting. One comment from Councilor Topf was incorporated prior to the meeting. No major comments were noted.

Councilor Beam made a motion to accept the June 30th Regular Council Meeting minutes. Councilor Lemaire seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, Councilor Sauro votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

- C. Budget – The draft 2026 budget was prepared and sent out for councilor review. Councilors and the Chief are encouraged to meet with the Clerk-Treasurer to review and discussed any suggested changes before the Special Budget Introduction Meeting on August 14th. No motions were made or acted on.
- D. Miscellaneous – Discussions continue with AES concerning billing for holiday light meters. The Internal Controls Oversight Committee Meeting will be rescheduled for August 14th meeting at 6:00, prior to the Regular August Council meeting. No motions were made or acted on.

VII. Facilities and Maintenance – Councilor Sauro

- A. Miscellaneous – Clerk Brenzek will send contact information for the proposed new handyperson to the Council. There is a resident interested in reserving the Miller Park Shelter. We do not currently have a process for that. The Council discussed briefly some specific parks related points. The Councilors discussed their preferences for installation. No motions were made or acted on.

VIII. Streets Report – Tim Lambard

- A. Nothing to report. No motions were made or acted on.

IX. Communications / Technology – Councilor Beam

- A. Tree Board Report – A team from the Tree Allies set-up a booth at the Lions Club Car Show and Fish Fry in June. It went well and the lessons learned will be incorporated into the next event. The Board meeting on the 9th was well attended. The Allies spent time planning for the Parade and Festival in September. Chris Flannigan from the City of Indianapolis Urban Forestry Team attended and helped fuel some very informative conversations. His group can assist the Town with tree issues on Tansel Road and Crawfordsville Road including consulting, trimming, emergency response, etc. He may also be available as a private consultant to assist the Town with assessing issues on other, local Town streets. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. Miscellaneous – Phase 2 of the Town Signage project called for replacement of street signs. Councilor Beam has been inventorying the current street signs and associated hardware in preparation for specifying/purchasing new signs and hardware. There are 151 street signs currently and some additional streets that require signs. The original Signworks proposal quoted \$251 per sign including installation with all new hardware and signs. Councilor Beam will evaluate different approaches and their associate costs and bring that information back to the Council for review.
Printing of the Town Newsletter is complete. Councilor Beam and Katie Beam are finishing assembly with additional inserts and expect to have them mailed out next week. The electronic newsletter will be sent out soon so send to Councilor Beam any information or news you would like incorporated.
No motions were made or acted on.

X. New Business

- A. Town Signage – Easement Purchase Authorization Resolution - Attorney Lutz is finalizing the correct legal description for the property where the 'Welcome to Clermont' sign will be relocated. He presented Resolution 20250710-R1, authorizing the Town to purchase the rights to install the sign in the location and to allow Councilor Lemaire to act as the agent for this purchase.

Councilor Lemaire made a motion to allow the Council to adopt the Resolution on the first reading. Councilor Beam seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, Councilor Sauro votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilor Lemaire made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Councilor Topf Beam seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, Councilor Sauro votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Open Town Action Requests- Clerk Brenzek provided background on a resident communication concerning a sinkhole that has appeared adjacent to the street in from of 9057 Ben Hur Avenue. Grace will contact 811 to have the underground utilities marked in that location and Citizens Water to determine if it is Water or Sanitary Sewer related.
- C. Water Allies – Opposition to House Bill 3898 - Speaking as a resident, Clerk-Treasurer Beiter presented a community opposition letter drafted by the Indiana Conservation Voters asking our US representatives to vote against House Bill 3898. He provided some background on the concerns associated with portions of this bill that undermines important parts of the Clean Water Act, which has been used nationwide to improve our water quality since 1972. He noted that Indiana's is currently ranked near the bottom of the nation for water quality and that this bill facilitates further polluting without oversight and controls.

Councilor Topf motioned that we sign on to this community opposition letter drafted by the Indiana Conservation Voters asking our US representatives to vote against House Bill 3898. Councilor Lemaire seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, Councilor Sauro votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.


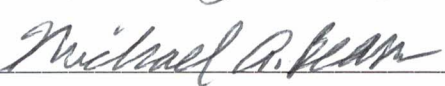
Clerk-Treasurer Beiter will sign on to this petition on behalf of the Town.



XI. Adjournment


Councilor Lemaire Lambard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 P.M., Councilor Topf 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 scheduled for Monday July 14th at 6:00. A Special Budget Introduction Meeting is scheduled for August 7th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. The next Regular Council meeting will be held on August 14th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Approve: Town Council



Attest: Clerk-Treasurer