

TOWN OF CLERMONT
9049 Crawfordsville Road
Clermont, IN 46234

June 17, 2025

Monthly Town Council Meeting

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent Council Member(s): Councilor Beam and Councilor Sauro – Councilors were unable to attend remotely due to technical difficulties

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

II. Special Guests: None

Special Guest Comment Period: NA

III. Public Comment

Public in Attendance: Alisa Fancher, Samantha Snyder, Brad Brunat, Chris Boyle, Holli Boyle, Victoria Parker , Enrique Hernandez, Larry Hardman, Jim Albeck

Public Comment Period:

Samantha (Sam) Snyder of the **Clermont Lion's club** provided a status update on the Rodeo and related fundraising efforts. The original fundraising target was \$30,000. She noted the generosity of White Oak Construction in support of the project, both from a financial and labor standpoint. The Lions currently have received over \$16,000 in donations. Sam would like to know if the Town is ready to commit to a sponsorship. Councilor Topf committed to finalize later in the meeting. The Council and Sam discussed several specific aspects of the project status. Visit the Clermont Lions Facebook page or see the Town's monthly newsletter for more information. Tickets will go on sale August 1st.

Resident Brad Brunat spoke about his concern that the Welcome to Clermont sign at 30th Street and Tansel Road blocks the view for drivers when heading west to Raceway. Drivers run the stop sign frequently, early in the morning and throughout the day and have almost caused several accidents. The Councilors will bring this issue up for further discussion and vote later in the meeting. He spoke further about the intersection at 30th Street and at Raceway Road, where there have been many near accidents and numerous accidents. He feels strongly that this intersection needs a traffic light. The Councilors explained the difficulties in initiating a change at this intersection since it is shared by two counties. The residents and Councilors discussed the details of this issue and there was agreement that a traffic light is needed here.

Veronica Parke, 14 years as owner of '**Her Dad's Barbershop**' in Clermont, spoke to the Council and attendees. She noted her concerns about seeing businesses leaving the Clermont downtown area. She has been excited about recent events in Clermont. She introduced **Enrique Hernandez**, her **landlord**, and gave some background on his family and history. They have been discussing what could be done to make Clermont better. They are proposing that a Town square be developed in Clermont. He owns several properties in downtown Clermont and is working to fix them up. They are not currently requesting financial support from the Town but are looking to apply for grant funding to support a Townsquare development project. They would like to align themselves with the Town and get Town support in this effort. Councilor Topf provided a little background on the Town's efforts from a similar standpoint. The efforts to revitalize the old PNC bank building was discussed. Enrique has recently purchased the former used car lot on the northwest corner of Tansel and Crawfordsville Road. They are planning on rehabilitating the site and are evaluating several options.

Jim Albeck of **9211 Crawfordsville Road** brought to the Councilors attention concerns about a tree along the road, adjacent to the parking area. He would like to know if something can be done about it as it makes it difficult to access the parking lot. Councilor Lambard committed to have it evaluated and potentially trimmed. He will forward the information to the Tree Allies for evaluation.

IV. Town Attorney's Report - Attorney Lutz

- A. Real Estate Matters – 9046 Crawfordsville Road – We recently received information and guidance from our Attorney for the Eminent Domain Case. We are currently discussing the differences in the appraisal amounts for the property. Councilor Topf provided some background on the reasoning behind the Town's pursuit of Eminent Domain. The Councilors and Attorney Lutz provided additional information about the current negotiations and court status. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. Fire District Merger – Fire Contract – Attorney Lutz met with the Wayne Township Attorney and Trustee but they are not willing to make any changes to the contract at this time. Bob explained about a provision that would allow town residents to be taxed directly by the Township for fire protection. Bob met with representatives from Baker-Tilly Municipal Advisors about this approach. It would need to happen by July 1, which is not possible at this late date. It is not clear that this is an acceptable path or an improvement to the current situation. As a result of the recent House Bill, in 2028 the Town will lose the Local Income Tax that we currently receive from the City of Indianapolis. Attorney Lutz provided some background on other towns approaches to fire protection. Councilor Topf provided some additional background on the issue and confirmed that she had not has a response from Brownsburg fire. The Clerk-Treasurer will reach out to the Pike Fire Chief. Several residents noted recent incidents from their individual experience and asked questions about fire protection. The residents, the Councilors and Attorney Lutz discussed further the recent and historical attempts to improve aspects of the Town. No motions were made or acted on.

V. Police Department Report – Councilor Lemaire

- A. Code enforcement – Councilor Lemaire presented example ordinance violation notices that that are being sent out as a first warning as part of our new ordinance enforcement program. A resident asked who they could contact about a neighbor running a business out of a residential home (many vehicles, dumpsters, etc.) The resident was referred to the Mayors Action Center, the Request Indy Website and the Department of Building and Neighborhood Services. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. Traffic Speed Sign reporting issue is being resolved. This will allow data from the speed camera to be downloaded and evaluated. No motions were made or acted on.
- C. Councilor Lemaire raised the concerns about Town Signage locations with respect to traffic safety, specifically on 30th street and Tansel Road. Councilor Lemaire asked for a motion that the sign be moved to a safer location. The Council discussed the desire to work as a team with Councilor Beam on this issue as he has been the project leader for this effort. Councilor Topf requested that we table this until next month. Councilor Lemaire can talk to the neighbor to the south where the Town originally wanted to install the sign. The Council will set up a Special Council Meeting to allow this issue to be discussed and decisions made prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Councilor Topf suggested that the Town have a Sign Review Committee assemble, including Councilors Lambard, Lemaire and Beam. The Special Meeting is targeted for Monday June 23rd at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Lemaire made a motion to set up a Sign Review Committee. Councilor Lambard seconded the motion. Councilor Lambard votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

- D. Councilor Lemaire noted that overall, the Town was quiet this past month. No further 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 Lambard made a motion to accept the May financial report. Councilor Lemaire seconded the motion. Councilor Lambard votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting Minutes - Prior to this meeting, Council members reviewed the draft minutes for the May 15th Regular Council Meeting. No comments were noted.

Councilor Lemaire made a motion to accept the May 15th Regular Council Meeting minutes. Councilor Lambard seconded the motion. Councilor Lambard votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Budget – The draft 2026 budget is being prepared and the Comprehensive Financial Plan is being updated with projections for the next 4 years. The draft budget will be sent out in June for councilor review. No motions were made or acted on.
- C. Miscellaneous - The Internal Controls Oversight Committee has been rescheduled meet on July 10th meeting at 6:00, prior to the Regular July Council meeting. No motions were made or acted on.

VII. Facilities and Maintenance – No updates

VIII. Communications / Technology – No updates

IX. Streets Report – Tim Lambard

- A. CCMG 2024-2 Grant – Repaving Project – Final construction work is being completed by the contractor. Councilor Lambard is working to resolve issues related to the Pine Street and Maple Street grading. He is unhappy with the results of the work completed by the Howard Companies. They have provided a proposal to add a curb to mitigate the issue which is more that was expected. We may elect to move ahead with a different contractor for final resolution of these issues as well as the Birch Street repaving. Councilor Lambard provided some additional background on the project history and his concerns. He is continuing to work with USI to resolve. No motions were made or acted on.

X. New Business

- A. Lions Club Donation – The background of this topic was addressed previously, during the public comment period above. The Councilors discussed further the planned donation and the history of previous contributions from the Town. Councilor Topf provided her historical perspective. The Clerk treasurer was asked if the budget could support a \$5,000 donation. The Clerk-Treasurer confirmed that some existing project funds could be reallocated to support this level of donation.

Councilor Lemaire made a motion to donate \$5,000 to the Clermont Lion's Club to support the Rodeo. Councilor Lambard seconded the motion. Councilor Lambard votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.


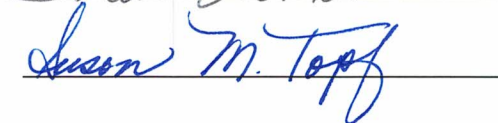
The Residents and Council discussed other potential uses of the Lions Park, including a farmer's market. No motions were made or acted on.




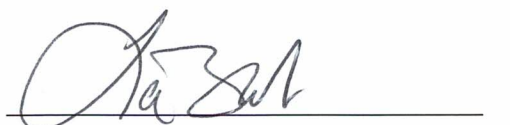
XI. Adjournment

Councilor Lambard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 P.M., Councilor Lemaire seconded the motion. Councilor Lambard votes, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

The next monthly council meeting will be held on July 10th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. It will be preceded by a meeting of the Oversight Committee at 6:00 P.M.

Approve: Town Council


KIM SAURO (REMOVAL) 



Attest: Clerk-Treasurer