

TOWN OF CLERMONT
9049 Crawfordsville Road
Clermont, IN 46234

September 11, 2025

Monthly Town Council Meeting

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 P.M.

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

Absent Council Member(s): None

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

II. Special Guests: None

Special Guest Comment Period: NA

III. Public Comment

Public in Attendance: Barbara Johnson, Red Calvert, Myrna Moler, Linda Carty, Linda Casmark, Sherry Bridges, Gordon Wiser

Public Attending Remotely: No remote attendees

Comment Period:

Myrna Moler, Clermont resident, raised the concern about noise, traffic and related nuisance complaints related to the Mosque that was discussed at length at the previous meeting, and asked if there was any new information. Councilor Topf provided an overview of the meeting she attended with Chief Dulworth and six leaders from the Mosque. She addressed the points raised during the meeting, most which were taken directly from resident complaints voiced during the previous Council meeting. The meeting went well and the Mosque leaders took responsibility for the actions of their members. All attendees were interested in resolving the issue and improving the relationship between the Town and the Mosque. They discussed having a calendar of big events to be sure there was appropriate police presence. There was a request to create a community outreach committee comprised of Mosque, Council and Town representatives.

Linda Casmark, Clermont Resident, brought up additional concerns about trash from the Mosque getting onto neighboring properties.

The Council discussed several final points related to this topic. Councilor Topf confirmed that this is an on-going concern and that conversations would continue.

IV. Public Hearing on Proposed 2026 Clermont Town Budget

- A. Clerk-Treasurer presented the 2026 budget for public discussion. The Council and residents discussed the current state of town and goals for additional work and volunteers. No concerns or issues were raised concerning the proposed 2026 Town Budget.

The public hearing was closed at 7:28.

V. Town Attorney's Report - Attorney Lutz

- A. Real Estate Matters – 9046 Crawfordsville Road – This topic was previously discussed during the Executive Session on July 14th. Attorney Lutz noted that the seller's attorney raised an option to reach a settlement through mediation outside of the court. The Council and Attorney Lutz discussed some detail of how that mediation would work. The Council / Councilor Topf agreed that this was an acceptable route to follow. Councilor Topf will follow-up with the Attorneys. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. Fire District Merger – Fire Contract – Attorney Lutz spoke with the Wayne Trustee and attorney and prior to the meeting provided an email summary of the communication. They are not willing to commit to a contract for any less than \$450K for 2026. The Council briefly discussed the current budget costs and expected future

budget impacts. Attorney Lutz noted that there is an option to transfer the fire protection tax levy to the residents directly but this might result in higher taxes for the residents. Councilor Beam requested that we schedule an executive meeting to discuss further. Councilor Topf suggested September 23rd. No motions were made or acted on.

- C. Recodification – The Councilors were encouraged to review and comment on the previously provided amended Clermont Municipal Code. Attorney Lutz provided an overview of some of the additional changes being made. The Councilors discussed several specific concerns. The Councilors and Attorney Lutz are interested in having Chief Dulworth's comments on the draft revised Code. Clerk-Treasurer Beiter provided a copy of the proposed new service contract with General Code. The Council will vote on the Service Contract approval the next meeting. We will vote next time. No motions were made or acted on.
- D. Town Signage – Easement Purchase – The documents were completed and signed for the Town Signage Easement purchase. The sign has been relocated. No motions were made or acted on.

VI. Police Department Report – Sue Topf

- A. Robey School Traffic – The follow-up meeting was cancelled. Chief Dulworth and Councilor Topf believe that the new process has improved the situation, it will be monitored as the school year progresses. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. Miscellaneous – Chief Dulworth noted prior to the meeting that the Labor Day weekend went well and August was quiet. No motions were made or acted on.

VII. 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 Lemaire made a motion to accept the August financial report. Councilor Sauro seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lambard, 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 August 14th Regular Council Meeting. Minor comments from Councilor Beam and Chief Dulworth were addressed previously.

Councilor Lambard made a motion to accept the August 14th Regular Council Meeting minutes. Councilor Lemaire seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lambard, 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 August 14th Oversight Committee Meeting.

Councilor Lemaire made a motion to accept the August 14th Oversight Committee Meeting. Councilor Lambard seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lambard, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, Councilor Sauro votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

- C. 2025 Budget Reduction Appropriation Resolution – The proposed 2026 budget requires us to reduce the funds appropriated for 2025 in several budget lines.

Councilor Beam made a motion to suspend normal rules and allow a vote on the 2025 Budget Reduction Appropriation Resolution. Councilor Lemaire seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lambard, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, Councilor Sauro votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilor Topf made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget Reduction Appropriation Resolution as presented. Councilor Sauro seconded the motion. Councilor Beam votes, Aye, Councilor Lambard, Aye, Councilor Lemaire votes, Aye, Councilor Sauro votes, Aye, and Councilor Topf votes, Aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

This Resolution was approved and assigned number 20250911-R01

- D. Miscellaneous – The Clerk-Treasurer’s Discussions with AES concerning billing for holiday light meters were unsuccessful. The Clerks will work with Attorney Lutz to craft a more formal letter requesting a more appropriate resolution prior to the Town taking legal action. No motions were made or acted on.

VIII. Facilities and Maintenance – Councilor Sauro

- A. Miscellaneous – Chief Dulworth has provided contact to a group of volunteers from IU Health who may be supporting a community day and Councilor Sauro is currently developing a plan. Councilor Sauro provided an overview of current maintenance and beautification projects including some proposed plans for new banners and equipment maintenance.
- B. Councilor Sauro, Attorney Lutz and the Clerk-Treasurer discussed the requirements for completing a conflict-of-interest form. Councilor Sauro will complete a form for approval at next meeting to facilitate the Town’s ability to utilize Roger Pratt, her significant other, to support some miscellaneous small projects. While this might not technically represent a conflict per state statute, the Councilors would like to take the most conservative approach in communicating these types of concerns. No motions were made or acted on.

IX. Streets Report – Tim Lambard

- A. CCMG Grant – The 2024 CCMG Project is expected to be complete by September 30th. We are waiting on completion of curbing at Maple Street. Paving of Birch Street is complete. The improvements completed during this project will reduce our restricted percentage of Motor Vehicle Highway Funds to 40% which will allow us more flexibility in project funding. The latest estimates for the 2026 CCMG grant are higher than previously expected. The proposed 2026 budget includes an increase in the Town’s matching amount and related engineering charges. The Clerk will finalize a letter to INDOT for the 2026 CCMG application, due by October at the latest. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. INIP Grant – The Department of Public Works (DPW) has communicated that the project has significantly increased in cost. We are requesting estimates for these sidewalk repairs and additional curbing improvements in multiple location and will be evaluating how best to respond to DPW. A resident noted that there is a damaged sidewalk on Log Run Drive North that needs repair. No motions were made or acted on.
- C. Miscellaneous – The Councilors discussed plans for additional parking spaces at Miller Park. Three additional spots were requested. Miscellaneous street sign repairs are in progress. The old park benches are being refurbished. No motions were made or acted on.

X. Communications / Technology – Councilor Beam

- A. Tree Board Report – The Tree Allies meeting on the 10th focused on plans for the Town festival and parade. The Robey School PTO president invited the Tree Allies to have a booth at their fall festival on October 4th. The Tree Sale has begun and the web-site page is live for purchases. Several trees will be purchased and planted at several local businesses and Miller Park. We will need volunteers to help support the watering team for the flowers and new trees. We are still trying to work with KIB (Keep Indianapolis Beautiful) to support a tree planting project in Clermont. No motions were made or acted on.
- B. Signage – Councilor Beam has contacted INDOT for confirmation on changes to street signs and is moving ahead with the project. A quote is forth coming for street sign fabrication and installation. The councilors discussed other options for implementation. No motions were made or acted on.
- C. Communications – The monthly Town email will be sent out in the next week. Please forward any topics and information to Councilor Beam by this weekend. We are moving ahead with purchase of one, or possibly, two new signboards as previously budgeted. It is currently estimated that we will spend approximately \$1,100 of the \$2,000 originally budgeted. No motions were made or acted on.

XI. New Business

- A. Lions Club Rodeo – Councilor Topf noted that the Lions Club provided the Town with complimentary tickets to the upcoming Rodeo. The Council offered these to the Town employees and residents present at the Council meeting. The remaining tickets were offered to the Councilors.
- B. Meeting with Mosque representatives – This topic was discussed during the public comment period.
- C. Open Town Action Requests – An Action Request was received this week from a resident on Ben Hur who has concerns about nuisance issues and potential code issues created by a neighbor and a mess created by Citizens Energy during a recent street repair. Councilor Lambard and the Clerk will contact Citizens about remediation. Councilor Lemaire will work with the Chief to help improve the concerns with the neighbor.

The large hole in a yard on Ben-Hur is still awaiting resolution from Citizens. A resident at the meeting raised concerns about the dangerous conditions at the railroad crossings on Tansel and Raceway. CSX has been contacted on multiple occasions about these issues. Residents and Councilors were encouraged to continue to reach out to CSX about the issues. It was suggested that the Mayors Neighborhood advocate, Joseline Medina might be able to assist.



No motions were made or acted on.

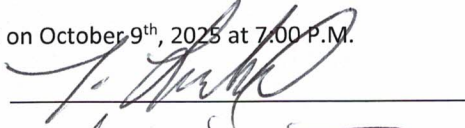
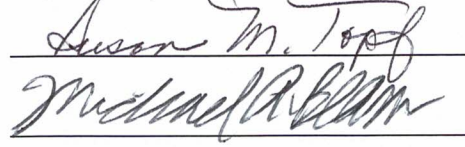
XII. Adjournment

Councilor Lemaire moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 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.

The next Regular Council meeting will be held on October 9th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Approve: Town Council

Attest: Clerk-Treasurer
