

**TOWN OF CLERMONT**  
**9049 Crawfordsville Road**  
**Clermont, IN 46234**  
**317-291-0394**

2026 <sup>94</sup>  
May 19, 2025

**Special Town Council Meeting**

**I. Call to Order at 7:10 P.M.**

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, Councilor Sauro and Councilor Topf.

Absent Council Member(s): None

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

Public Present: None

This meeting was a working session to review of projects and concerns for the 2027 Budget. The Public was welcome to attend, there was no public comment period.

The Council discussed the following:

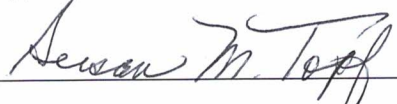
- Monthly Financial Report formats and how to interpret
- Budget schedule / Budgeting process in general – Councilors were encouraged to meet individually with Larry to review their budget line items and proposed project spending.
- Projects budgeted for 2026 that may need some funding to complete in 2027 – Town Signage, Mainstreet Right-of-Way Planting
- Town Hall Building expenses that will need funding in 2027.
- Fire Contract impact. We will budget for worst case impacts.
- Expected changes in headcount. No additional employees are planned.
- Succession planning for the Police Department and how to best support employee transitions. It is recommended that we retain Chief Dulworth on a part-time basis when we transition to a new Chief.
- Elected official salaries and the potential to increase. The Clerk-Treasurer is not interested in adjusting the Clerk-Treasurer salary at this time. Councilors are encouraged to share any proposals prior to the July budget draft.
- The costs of Janitorial services. The current cleaning person does not have insurance as a contractor. The Clerk-Treasurer has obtained some estimates for her to obtain liability and worker's comp insurance. He would like to consider an increase in monthly cleaning fees to help her absorb the cost of obtaining insurance. This would potentially increase the monthly cleaning cost from \$200 to between \$250 and \$300. The proposed new Town Hall building will potentially cost more to clean due to increased square footage.
- Specific budgeting considerations in the MVH, Public Safety and Local Road and Street Budgets. Councilor Lambard provided an overview of the plans and philosophy for road maintenance and repair. The need for a new surveillance system was discussed.
- The desire to secure external IT support services. This will increase the technology budget from \$10000 to \$25000.
- The Landscaping contract will expire this year. The approach for budgeting and potential for increase was discussed. Due to the contract value, estimated below \$20,000, a formal bid process is not required. Multiple quotes are recommended.
- The acquisition of 9046 Crawfordsville Road and its budget impacts were discussed.
- The Clerk-Treasurer will update the budget sheets based on this meeting and provide to the Council in June for further review. Councilors were encouraged to send any comments or changes or come to Town Hall during office hours to discuss.

II. Adjournment

*Councilor Lemaire motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 P.M. Councilor Beam 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.*

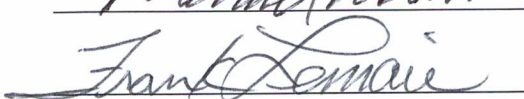
The Special Council meeting on August 6th at 7:00 will be a working review of the proposed 2027 budget.

Approve: Town Council

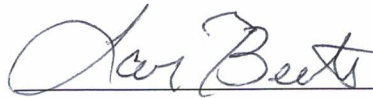
  
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Susan M. Topf

KIM SAURO ATTENDED REMOTELY.  
VERBALLY APPROVED

  
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Michael Abram

  
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Frank Lemaire

Attest: Clerk-Treasurer

  
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