

## Meeting Minutes for April 7th 2026

### Meeting Minutes Approval

Linda Adams *Linda Adams*

Tracy Brumfiel *Tracy Brumfiel*

Adam Hornsby \_\_\_\_\_

Rebecca Jones *Rebecca Jones*

Danielle Roberts \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: *Naa Amulley*

Date: May 12th, 2026

# Town of Laurel | Town Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 7, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Board Room, 121 E Pearl St, Laurel, IN

**Presiding Officer:** Tracy Brumfiel

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## I. Attendance

- **Council Members Present:** Tracy, Linda, Becky, and Adam
- **Council Members Absent:** None *Danielle*

## II. Approval of Minutes & Financials

- **March Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Becky, seconded by Linda. **Passed 4/0.**
  - **Billing Adjustments (March):** Motion made by Linda, seconded by Becky. **Passed 4/0.**
  - **Handwritten Claims:** Totaling \$11,668.30. Motion made by Becky, seconded by Adam. **Passed 4/0.**
  - **Computer Claims:** Totaling \$169,646.92. Motion made by Linda, seconded by Becky. **Passed 4/0.**
  - **Payfile:** Totaling \$6,482.00. Motion made by Becky, seconded by Linda. **Passed 4/0.**
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## III. Department Reports & Ongoing Business

### Water & Sewer (Commonwealth/Eric)

- **Project Update:** Commonwealth was not present. Phase 1 is complete; currently awaiting meter reimbursement.
- **Phase 2:** A public meeting was held regarding Phase 1 extension (Old 52 to Lakeview). Estimated cost: \$10.5 million. An SRF grant application was submitted on March 31, 2026, alongside a Federal grant application through Congresswoman Erin Houchin.
- **Operations:** UV system is operational. Personnel update: Matt Stienkamp has resigned.
- **Maintenance:** Work continues on unassigned meters and Zenner communication. The sewer plant successfully passed the IDEM inspection.
- **Coin-Op:** March revenue totaled \$950.75.

### Police Department (Brad S.)

- **Equipment:** Council approved the request for 100 new vehicle stickers.
- **IT/Internet:** Reported issues with Wi-Fi range and the need for a fax machine. A ticket for hard-wiring police internet has been submitted via LEAP.
- **Enforcement:** Discussion held on abandoned cars and potential liens on landowners. Brad will address the illegal parking near the fire hydrant.
- **Signage:** Request made for "No ATV" signs at town limits.

### Fire Department & Town Park (Debbie C.)

- **Fire Dept:** Upcoming Gun Raffle and Chicken Dinner on May 16th.
- **Events:** Planning a "Movie in the Park." The Veteran Memorial Dedication and 250th Celebration is set for June 20th.

- **Maintenance:** Chris H. suggested removing/replacing the jungle gym. Brad S. will provide cost estimates for replacing the basketball goal.

#### **Community Center**

- **Revenue:** Rentals totaled \$1,080.
- **Maintenance:** Roof is complete (final cost exceeded bid by \$2,170). The parking lot will be redone to address drainage issues.

#### **Health Clinic**

- **Launch:** Neighborhood Health Centers will open Friday, May 8th (initially 1 Friday per month).
  - **MOU:** The center is donating ~\$4,400 in equipment in lieu of rent. Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). **Motion by Linda, second by Becky. Passed 4/0.**
  - **WIC:** No response yet from Franklin County WIC regarding clinic use.
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### **IV. New Business & Ordinances**

#### **Ordinance 2026-04 (Building Setbacks)**

- **Discussion:** The ordinance allows Laurel to supersede Franklin County code regarding historic building setback patterns (20ft lot line).
- **Action:** \* Motion to suspend rules: Becky/Adam. **Passed 4/0.**
  - Motion to waive 2nd reading: Linda/Becky. **Passed 4/0.**
  - Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-04: Becky/Linda. **Passed 4/0.**

#### **Health & Safety (H&S)**

- **Violations:** Property violation notices will begin at a rate of 6 per month. Brad will hand-deliver notices; owners have 30 days to respond before a final notice.
- **Town Clean-up:** Scheduled for April 18–19 (8 AM until full). No liquids or tires permitted.

#### **Street & Road (S&R)**

- **Potholes:** Chris H. to contact Derbyshire regarding hot mix availability.
- **Drainage:** Gene French (Canal St) reported garage flooding. Chris, Tracy, and Josh will inspect the site.

#### **Clerk's Business**

- **Personnel:** Motion by Becky to hire Janet Alexander (Local Government Service) to assist Nora. Seconded by Linda. **Passed 4/0.**
  - **Utilities:** Eric to check 159 E Neff St (Crystal Knippenberg) for a leak.
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### **V. Other Business & Tabled Items**

- **Trikefest 2026:** Resolution for June 21–28 tabled until May meeting for adjustments.
  - **Property Issues:** Tracy to research condemnation steps for the T. Smith modular home.
  - **DNR/Flood Zone:** Tracy and Rob to coordinate a resurvey of the lower end of town to attempt removal from the flood zone.
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### **VI. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by Becky, seconded by Linda. **Passed 4/0.**