

Lynn Town Council

June 3, 2026

Minutes

Barbara called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

In attendance was Barbara Johnson (president), Arthur Kirtley (council member), Robert Hutchens (council member), Suzan Myers (attorney), Michael Straley III (clerk), Mike Straley Jr (water superintendent), Michael Haney (wastewater superintendent), and Travis Jones (deputy marshal)

This was followed by the pledge to the flag and the Lord's prayer.

Barbara called Andy Fahl with shoestring enterprises. Andy informed the town that he had received a letter stating the town was taking legal action due to unpaid bill. Andy believed he did not owe this but handed a check to the board for the amount owed that was the sum of \$200.15. He showed pictures to the board showing what the water looked like that he paid for. He stated he had used the water for years and then the quality fell off and the water was unusable. He stated that there used to be 3 big water consumers himself, the school, and the Co-op. Now only the school remains. Mike stated that Andy had a 4inch meter at the beginning and it was like flushing a hydrant on that side of town. Andy no longer wanted to pay for the 4-inch meter, so he switched it to two one-inch meters. Mike stated that those meters were not made to handle being wide open and, in all honesty, Andy probably owed more than what was being billed for. Mike told him he could not full throttle that the meters were not made to handle it, but Andy continued. Mike stated he had told Andy then that he was at the point of turning him into IDEM to have him stopped from getting water. Mike stated every time Andy would get water it was like a water main break or flushing a hydrant and it would pull all water and chlorine to that side of town. That is why his quality of water wasn't good. Mike stated this is the same issue with the new meter at the new water tower. It is not a full velocity meter and cannot pump water that fast and it is not counting all the water that has gone through. Andy said they would have to agree to disagree. Suzan stated the debt had been paid and no further legal action would be taken.

Arthur made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6 meeting. Robert second the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Robert made a motion to approve the BONY transfers. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Robert made a motion to approve the Water transfers. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Barbara called for Council information. Arthur said he would reach out to John Richardson in regard to veteran blocks being laid at the library.

Arthur made a motion to approve the hiring of Michael Haney as the water superintendent starting August 1st. The position was posted twice in the paper, and Michael was the only one to apply. Robert second the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Arthur made a motion to change Michaels hours from 49 a week to 40 hours a week with knowing there would be 6 hours of overtime on the weekends to check the plants. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

The board asked Michael Straley III to prepare a new salary ordinance reflecting this change to be approved at the July meeting.

Barbara called for attorney information. Suza stated she has received a letter from the bond company stating they received the Towns letter for litigation in regard to the water tower project. She stated we were not looking to cancel the contract but were seeking litigation.

Barbara called for Employee information. Michael Haney stated they had cleaned out 9,200 ft of the sewage lines and that it was a success, they didn't find any major issues that needed attention. He stated they still had more to go in the future.

Mike stated that they took out the pillars at the old tower, and the crew had said it was supposed to be tilled and seeded. Mike informed them that it was to be a gravel lot. The new tower had water standing in the base and Leary inspected it and wasn't sure where it was coming from. Mike shop vac out the water and they noticed the concrete floor had dropped about 6 inches and has cracked all the way across it. The landscape still needed fixed as well. Leary sent photos to Pittsburg tank with the items that needed addressed. Michael stated he emailed Pittsburg with a list of items that need fixed or replaced and he received an email back stating they were discussing and would have an action plan to us shortly.

Barbara called for clerk's information. Michael stated he had provided 2 quotes for the sign in front of the city building. The quote for Stewart signs came in at \$24,439.49 and they were based out of Sarasota FL. The other was Hydro Jet for \$17,319.90 and they were based out of Union City IN. Michael stated this didn't include electric but there were enough funds to go up to \$10,000 in electric but didn't think it would come close to that. Arthur made a motion to approve the purchase of the new sign from Hydro Jet. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

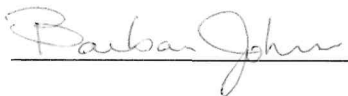
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Barbara called for New Business. There was none.

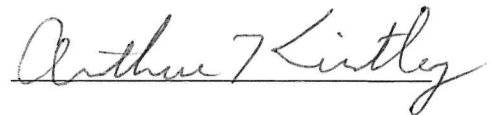
Barbara called for Citizen comments. Victoria Schuller stated she lived at 703 Westwood Drive and she was upset with the property at 705 Westwood being trashed. She said it's been this way for 2 years. There is a basketball goal on the property line being held by tires. She stated she is trying to sell her property and has had 3 people back out due to the neighbor's property. She stated the cops were that all the time. She stated they have several dogs in the house, and you can't even stand outside and talk due to the barking coming from inside the house. She stated she knew of other properties in town that also needed cleaned up. Gary Retz stated he has lived in the area since 1973. He stated that at clean up days he put trash out at the curb and the neighbors took every bit of it. He stated if Lynn didn't do something we would end up like Bloomingsport or Arba. Suzan explained that there were ordinances about keeping properties cleaned. If they were not cleaned up after being cited, then the town could clean it up charging the homeowner and even putting a lien on the property. She stated the first step is for the Marshall to cite them. They asked if the ordinance could be sent out in the water bills. Suzan said it was 7 pages long. Michael stated that anyone

needing the ordinance could come to the clerk's office or could find the ordinance on the town's website. Barbara stated she would notify Brad on the situation.

Arthur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.



Barbara Johnson, President



Arthur Kirtley, Council Member



Robert Hutchens, Council Member



Michael L Straley III, Clerk Treasurer