

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING****January 14, 2026**

The January meeting opened with the pledge to the flag at 7:02 p.m. in the Stilesville Town Hall with all Town Board members present, it was noted there were technical difficulties with the livestream, audio was functioning, but the video feed was not. The Fire Chief, the Town Attorney, and the Town Marshal were in attendance, the Wastewater Treatment Operator was excused for the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the previous month's minutes as written (3-0).

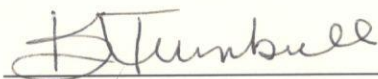
**NEW BUSINESS**

The Fire Chief presented the Fire Dept Report and that they had brought on one new member, and the drive-thru slider fund raiser was tentatively scheduled for Saturday 4/25/26. The Town Marshal gave the monthly police report, then announced that Officer Musson was on paternity leave. The Town Attorney updated the board on the County clean-up project on US 40 and provided the board with before and after photos of the property. Ernie Newby nominated Barbara Webster for the 2026 Town Board President position; Barbara accepted the nomination. Barbara Webster nominated Ernie Newby for the 2026 Town Board Vice President position; Ernie accepted the nomination. A motion was made by Jerry Chandler to accept the nominations and seconded by Barbara Webster and Ernie Newby, passed (3-0). The proposal letter from Abby Vandeventer for the position of 2026 Town Attorney was examined by the Town Board with a motion made by Jerry Chandler to accept the proposal, seconded by Ernie Newby, motion passed (3-0). A citizen request was made by Lisa Atchison for a variance to the chicken ordinance prohibiting roosters, Barbara Webster and Ernie Newby explained why such a variance could not be passed. A citizen request from Jacob Hammond was heard about a drainage issue he was experiencing. The town Attorney inquired about the report from Dale Kruse, an engineer, Jacob stated he did not get a report from an engineer. The Town Board asked Kevin Turnbull to contact Mark Sullivan from Midwest Engineering for a consultation on the issue to see what could be done to resolve the issue. A motion was made to authorize the consultation and passed (3-0).

**OLD BUSINESS****Miscellaneous Business****CLAIMS**

A motion to pay the claims for the month was made and seconded and passed (3-0).

**Vouchers dated from 1/1-1/31/2026 in the Voucher Register were reviewed & approved by the Town Board Members for \$16,705.15. A motion to adjourn carried (3-0).**



Kevin Turnbull, Clerk/Treasurer