

TOWN OF WOLCOTTVILLE

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 5, 2025

Location: Wolcottville Town Hall **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

103 W. Myers St.

Wolcottville, IN 46795

Members of the Town Present at the Council Meeting: President, Dean Domer, Vice President, Steven Cords, Council Member, Jeff Sorg, Clerk-Treasurer, Heidi Huff, Utility Clerk, Tiffany Sprunger, Wastewater Superintendent, Ralphie Mosley, Town Marshal, Nathan Sprunger, and Town Attorney, Kurt Bachman.

Call Council Meeting to Order:

-President Dean Domer called the Council Meeting to Order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

-Steven Cords motioned to approve July 1, 2025, meeting minutes. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Claims:

-Jeff Sorg motioned to approve the claims presented to the Council. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Marshal Nathan Sprunger with Police Department Reports:

-Marshal Nathan Sprunger presented a Life Saving Award to Deputy Ashton Stowell.

Dustin Hart Discussing Park Board:

-Maddie Hart spoke on behalf of Dustin Hart. There has been some interest in learning what it would take to start a Park Board for the Town of Wolcottville. She was informed by the Town Council that there have been several attempts to start a Park Board. There are guidelines and an ordinance to be followed. Maddie Hart decided to look over the ordinance for a park board and share the information with those who have come to her.

Streets Department Reports:

-No reports.

Ralphie Mosley with Wastewater Reports:

-No reports.

Services by Stouder Harley Asher with Water Reports:

-Ralphie Mosley reported that the repairs to State Road 9 have been scheduled. The road was dug up due to a water main break that needed repaired. It will cost \$750.00 for the materials and to rent a plate compactor to replace the road. Steven Cords motioned to approve the cost up to \$1000.00 for repairing State Road 9. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Ralphie Mosley gave the Council Members a report on the town's new employee for the Water Operator position. He has been doing a good job of learning how the water department operates. During emergency situations he is always there to help.

-The town is still trying to come up with a plan to replace the culvert on Wabash Street and Morrell Street.

Utility Clerk Tiffany with Adjustments and Permits:

-Utility Clerk Tiffany Sprunger presented permits that got inspected and approved for Lagrange County Building Department. Ziptite Enterprises LLC is rebuilding a deck that will extend 4' south of sewer line and 9' out from the house at 7155 S. 200 E., Wolcottville, IN 46795. Marion Schmucker will be building a new home at 2717 E. 1150 N., Wolcottville, IN 46795, where the utilities from the town are not available. Marion Schmucker also got approved for a Driveway Permit at the same address. Raber Patio is building an 18'X12' sunroom over existing concrete pad at 1685 E. 765 S., Wolcottville, IN 46795. Brad and Jessica Grim are remodeling the inside of the home at 1235 E. 700 S., Wolcottville, IN 46795 replacing drywall and moving walls. Steven Cords approved the inspected permits approved by town employees. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Adjustments requested for utility billing from 205 E. James St. for watering garden. A total of \$27.72 is requested to be adjusted off sewer charge. 107 N. Willow Bend filled a pool. A total of \$40.53 requested to be adjusted off sewer charge. 207 W. Race St. filled a pool. A total of \$35.18 is requested to be adjusted off sewer charge. 309 N. Main St. filled a pool. A total of \$36.60 is requested to be adjusted off sewer charge. 105 E. James St. left a hose run overnight. A total of \$152.07 is requested to be adjusted off sewer charge. 202 W. County Line Rd. power washed the house and a deck. A total of \$17.48 is requested to be

adjusted off sewer charge. Steven Cords motioned to approve adjustments requested to customers utility bills from the sewer charge. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Tiffany Sprunger spoke on behalf of the Wolcottville Improvement Committee asking to approve spending on the upcoming festival held on August 30, 2025, out of the Town Improvement Fund. Steven Cords motioned to approve the request to use the Town Improvement Funds for the festival. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Heidi Huff with Communications and Town Reports:

-Heidi Huff reported to the council that there are two CDs at Farmers State Bank that will mature. She asked the council what they wanted to do with them. Heidi Huff suggested to the council that the town should reinvest them for the future. Steven Cords motions to reinvest the two CDs for future use. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Brian Heath from CHR Solutions reached out to the town regarding Surf Internet. They did submit a permit for the project in town to provide their services to Wolcottville citizens. Heidi Huff forwarded this all to John Nelson with VS Engineering, the town's engineering consultant. The permit still needs to be reviewed. Steven Cords motioned to approve Surf Internets permit subject to VS Engineering recommendations and modifications. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor motion carried.

-The resident at 416 Park St., Wolcottville, IN 46795 submitted a permit to build a garage with the grace of having a half bathroom in the building. This property is hooked up to the town's wastewater system but is not hooked up to water. The town was notified that the residents had already converted the garage into an apartment with more than half bathroom in the building. His permit has been put on hold so that the homeowner can be notified of the procedures that must be followed according to the town's ordinances. If the residents do not comply with the town's notifications regarding the situation there will be a plan to take further actions in the future.

-Reminder that Heidi Huff and Tiffany Sprunger will be out of the office for conference August 14, 2025, through August 18, 2025, in French Lick Indiana. Brenda Conley will keep the office open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon August 14, 15, 16 and 17th. The office will be closed on August 18, 2025.

Kurt Bachman with Town Business:

-Kurt Bachman presented to the Council Members An Order To Change A Street Address Within the Town. The address pertaining to the real property located in the Town in Noble County, Indiana with Parcel ID #57-04-04-100-174.000-012 commonly known as 205 West

Dutch Street, will now be known as 2633 East 1150 North, Wolcottville, IN 46795. The address pertaining to the real property located in the Town in Noble County, Indiana with Parcel ID # 57-04-04-100-169.000-012 commonly known as West Dutch Street will now be known as 2717 East 1150 North, Wolcottville, IN 46795. Jeff Sorg motioned to approve both address changes. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-State Board of Accounts wants the town have an alcohol purchase policy statement stating that the Town of Wolcottville does not reimburse alcohol purchases. Kurt Bachman presented to the Council Members the new alcohol policy added to the policy manual. No other changes were made besides this statement required by the State Board of Accounts. Jeff Sorg motioned to approve ordinance # 2025-08-05-01 making the alcohol policy changes to manual. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor motion carried. Jeff Sorg motioned to waive second reading. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-The office of Beers Mallers has filed a claim for previous Clerk-Treasurer's Bond with the town's insurance for \$240,000.00. Still waiting for a response.

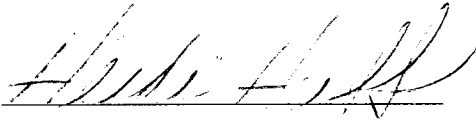
-Kurt Bachman recommends the town decide on whether they want to file a lawsuit against the previous Clerk-Treasurer for negligence. Steven Cords calls for an executive session to discuss more about the situation. Steven Cords motioned to authorize Kurt Bachman and Heidi Huff to schedule a date to set up an executive session to discuss a possible lawsuit against the previous Clerk-Treasurer. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Other Business:

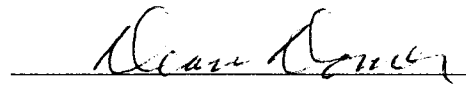
-No other business.

Meeting adjourned by Council President Dean Domer at 6:52 p.m.

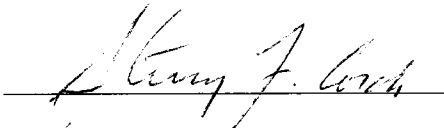
Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer, Heidi Huff



Council President, Dean Domer



Vice President, Steven Cords



Council Members, Jeff Sorg