

**TOWN OF WOLCOTTVILLE**

**103 W. MYERS STREET**

**WOLCOTTVILLE, IN 46795**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** December 2 ,2025

**Location:** Town Hall

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

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

**Call Council Meeting to Order:**

-Council President Dean Domer called the Council Meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

-The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Approval of Claims:**

-Jeff Sorg motioned to approve the claims presented by Clerk-Treasurer, Heidi Huff. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

-Jeff Sorg motioned to approve the minutes from November 4, 2025, Council Meeting. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Bill Taylor with Community Concerns:**

-Bill Taylor had requested to speak about the concerns he has in his neighborhood, but he did not show up to the Council Meeting.

**Marshal Nathan Sprunger with Police Department Reports:**

-Kurt Bachman has reviewed a Liability Waiver and Indemnity Agreement for Use of Firearms Range and Training Facilities 2026 that allows the Wolcottville Police Department to use Rome City's shooting range for training purposes. Jeff Sorg motioned to approve the Rome City Liability Waiver and Indemnity Agreement for the year 2026. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Jerry Combs with Street Department Reports:**

-Dustin Hamilton replaced the starter on the Town's salt truck.

**Ralphie Mosley with Wastewater Reports:**

-Ralphie Mosley reported that the Sewer Departments White 2016 Ford F350 needs new tires. He presented 3 quotes from Tire Star, Belle Tire and Best One Tire. He stated with the time and gas it would take to go to Auburn. It would be better to have Tire Star in Wolcottville do the work. He requested approval for four tires at \$772.00 and Tire Star to do the work. Steven Cords motioned to approve the purchasing of new tires for the 2016 Ford F350 from Tire Star. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- A fire hydrant on Race Street and Third Street was hit by a car and will need to be replaced. Water is leaking up out of the ground from the damage. Ralphie Mosley reported that Keith Everest of Everest Excavating LLC will be in town on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, to begin assisting the town employees on replacing the hydrant.

-The pump at lift station one has gone out again. Indiana Pump Works has worked on this pump three other times to repair it. It will cost \$4,500.00 to repair this pump again. Ralphie Mosley requested the Town Council to consider buying a new pump costing around \$8,000.00. Ralphie Mosley stated this is a better choice since the repaired pump keeps failing. Steven Cords motioned to approve the purchase of a new pump for lift station one. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Services by Stouder and Water Operator Dustin Hamilton with Water Reports:**

-No Reports.

**Tiffany Sprunger with Utilities and Permits:**

-Tiffany Sprunger presented permits. NIPSCO will be installing a 200' underground electrical line to provide services to 401 West Race Street, Wolcottville, IN 46795. The permit was submitted by Devin Ackerman. Michael and Susan Miller will be adding a garage addition to their home at 7715 S. 140 E. Wolcottville, IN 46795. Steven Cords motioned to approve the permits as presented. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Heidi Huff Clerk-Treasurer with Communications and Town Reports:**

-Dustin Hamilton the Town's water apprentice has shown interest in enrolling for classes to become a Certified Water Operator. Enrollment for the classes starts in January and June of 2026. Jeff Sorg motioned to approve Dustin Hamilton to enroll in classes. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Steven Cords motioned to approve the Council signing a reimbursement agreement for the classes outside of a meeting. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-The Magnolia Place Trailer Park at 324 Lovette Street, Wolcottville, IN 46795 will need a new meter. This meter is one of the larger meters that feeds the whole trailer park with town water. When the town installed the new Zenner meters and programs they did not replace the old Master Link meter. The Town just installed a wire that gives a reading to the new program. The battery in the old meter has gone out and cannot be replaced. A new Zenner meter will need to be purchased and installed. Zenner quoted a new meter at \$6,000.00. USA Bluebook quoted a new meter for \$2909.00, and Utility Pipe Supplies quoted \$2887.59 for a new meter. Jeff Sorg motioned to approve Heidi Huff to order a meter from Utility Pipe Supplies for \$2909.00. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Heidi Huff would like permission to work with Brenda Conley on reestablishing the Cumulative Capital Development Tax that the Town has not been collecting. Steven Cords motioned to give Heidi Huff permission to work with Brenda Conley to reestablish the CCD Tax for the Town of Wolcottville. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Ralphie Mosley withdrew his bid for the Sewer Department truck. The next highest bidder was Jason Renkenberger at \$1,802.00.

-Robbie Miller is looking for a good candidate to fill the position that is open to the Board of Zoning Appeals. This person will represent Town of Topeka and Town of Wolcottville. Both Towns will need to agree on who is appointed. Heidi Huff stated she will be reaching out to Stewart Bender from the Town of Topeka.

-The Department of Local Government and Finance has reduced the Town's In 2026 budget due to the Town's financial issues. In 2025 the budget for the Town was allowed zero dollars for Park Funds, in 2026 Parks will get \$23,000.00. The Town was unable to provide the required information to receive a normal budget from the state. The 2020 through 2023 audit has been put on hold. Funds balances are still not correct for the Town of Wolcottville.

- Heidi Huff reported that she and the Utility Clerk learned how to file the liens against customers with past due accounts. They have been successful at learning how to run reports and file the liens against the customers. Kathy Hopper from Lagrange County

Auditors office emailed Heidi Huff showing funds of \$27,103.79 from filed liens that were collected.

-The Board Meeting dates were presented to the Council for the year 2026. Jeff Sorg motioned to approve the 2026 schedule for the Town Council Board Meetings. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Steven Cords motioned to approve the Special Meeting that will be held on December 29, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to go over the 2025 End of Year Claims. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Town employee Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at the Rome City American Legion.

**Kurt Bachman Town Attorney with Town Business:**

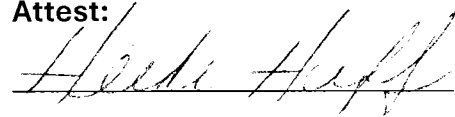
-Kurt Bachman discussed water and wastewater rates with the Town Council. The Council will need to decide on whether they want to proceed with the recommendations made by the Town's financial advisors to increase the utility rates. Kurt Bachman is asking the Council to Vote on authorizing the office of Beers Mallers and Heidi Huff to put together a rate ordinance that reflects the recommendations that Financial Services Group worked on. Steven Cords motioned to proceed with water and wastewater utility rate adjustments procedure recommended by FSG. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Other Business:**

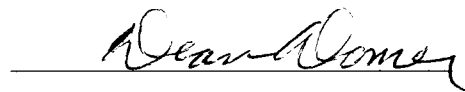
-No other business.

**Meeting adjourned by Council President Dean Domer at 6:30 p.m.**

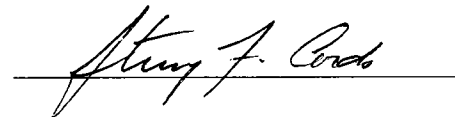
**Attest:**



**Clerk-Treasurer, Heidi Huff**



**Council President, Dean Domer**



**Vice President, Steven Cords**



**Council Member, Jeff Sorg**