

TOWN OF WOLCOTTVILLE

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 3, 2026

Location: Town Hall

Time: 4:00 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, Streets and Parks Superintendent, Jerry Combs, Water Operator, Dustin Hamilton, 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 Minutes from December 29, 2025, Special Meeting and January 6, 2026, Council Meeting:

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

Approval of Claims:

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

Marshal Nathan Sprunger with Police Department Reports:

-Marshal, Nathan Sprunger asked if he could attend the Indian Marshals Association Academy Conference held in Indianapolis. The Conference will be from April 9, 2026, through April 11, 2026. The hotel will cost \$333.00, the membership fee will be \$50.00, and the conference will cost \$75.00. Steven Cords motioned to approve Marshal Nathan Sprunger to attend the conference and the cost to attend. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Jerry Combs with Street Department Reports:

-Streets Department Superintendent, Jerry Combs brought to the Council's attention that the town will eventually need to replace the sand truck. The truck is around 25 years old. The blade is cracked in 8 places and broken in 2 different spots. He presented two quotes for new blades for the plow truck. The blades will last this season's winter, but next season the truck will need new blades.

Ralphie Mosley with Wastewater Reports:

-Heidi Huff reported to the Council that Ralphie Mosley has presented a quote from AirVac for \$663.00 that will replace a crucial component that allows the control panels at the sewer plant to operate. The quote is for 6 parts, so they will always have backup. Jeff Sorg motioned to approve the purchase of the pump diaphragms. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-There may be extra sludge hauling next month due to it not settling because of the cold weather.

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

-Dustin Hamilton reported to the Council Members that because of the colder weather there has been multiple meter issues. Most of these issues are meters that are on the outside of homes and not properly insulated. The meters are designed to blow out at the plates instead of causing damage to the inside of the meter itself. He requested to purchase extra plates instead of replacing the whole meter. Jeff Sorg motioned approving the purchase of the parts. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Tiffany Sprunger with Utilities and Permits:

-No Reports.

Heidi Huff Clerk-Treasurer with Communications and Town Reports:

-Heidi Huff asked the council, does she have to wait for approval before buying materials that are needed immediately. Attorney, Kurt Bachman informed the council that unless there is a policy stating nothing can be purchased unless it comes before a Council Meeting, it is not necessary to wait to purchase parts that are needed to maintain equipment. The Clerk-Treasurer informed the council she will always keep them informed when equipment is needed. The amount spent on equipment should be budgeted and will be shown in monthly claims that are presented in the Council Meetings.

-Since there will be employees attending training, this year, Heidi Huff requested to update the policy for the food per diem. Attorney Kurt Bachman suggested the Council agree on a

reasonable amount per day per diem verses how much per meal. Steven Cords motioned to approve town employees a per diem amount of \$100.00 per day for meals while attending training. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor motion carried.

-There is an invoice from State Board of Accounts that the Town of Wolcottville still owes for the 2019 audit. An agreement to make payments on the amount owed was presented to the Clerk-Treasurer. Heidi Huff recommended the payment plan of \$282.50 per month for a term of 36 months for a total amount of \$10,170.00. Jeff Sorg motioned approving the agreement to make the payments to State Board of Accounts for 36 months. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-State Board of Accounts contacted Heidi Huff, stating they will be returning to continue the 2020 through 2023 audit. A new auditor was assigned.

-Heidi Huff asked for approval to attend the International League of Municipal Clerk Treasurers Institute & Academy in Planfield, Indiana. This training will be held March 7, through the 12th. She would also like for herself and Utility Clerk Tiffany Sprunger to attend the ILMCT Annual Conference on July 12, through the 16th. Steven Cords motioned to approve of Heidi Huff and Tiffany Sprunger to attend the trainings for the year 2026. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-The claim for the hydrant accident on Race Street and Third Street has been sent to Selective Insurance. Heidi Huff is waiting to see if the town will get reimbursed for the repairs, equipment and hours spent by employees on the repairs the accident caused.

-A business in Lagrange County donated \$1,000.00 to help with utility bills for residents in town. Six residents were chosen to receive assistance on their utility bill with this generous donation.

Kurt Bachman Town Attorney with Town Business:

-Kurt Bachman presented ordinance 2026-02-03-A. This ordinance allows money to be borrowed from sewer into the general account. Steven Cords motioned to approve ordinance 2026-02-03-A. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Jeff Sorg motioned to waive second reading. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Jeff Sorg motioned to approve March 16, 2026, Public Hearing for the Ordinances that will be presented to Wolcottville Sewer and Water customers, held at the Wolcott Mills School gymnasium at 5:00 p.m. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Kurt Bachman presented ordinances 2026-03-16-A, 2026-03-16-B, 2026-03-16-C, and 2026-03-16-D. These ordinances are for the Council Members to consider after the public hearing scheduled. The ordinances will be available to the public at Town Hall after the

February 3, 2026, Council Meeting. Steven Cords motioned to introduce ordinances 2026-3-16-A, 2026-03-16-B, 2026-03-16-C, and 2026-03-16-D to make them available for the public. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

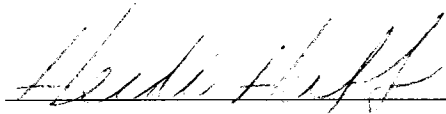
-Kurt Bachman suggested that some rules be set for the public hearing that is scheduled for March 16, 2026. The Council along with the town employees will discuss and coordinate rules for the hearing.

Other Business:

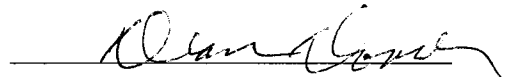
-No Other Business.

Meeting adjourned by Council President Dean Domer at 4:51 p.m.

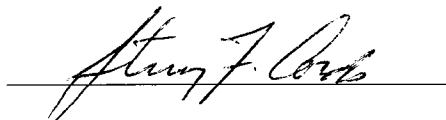
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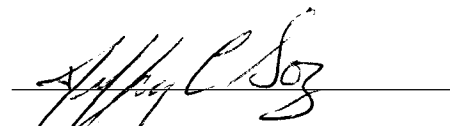
Clerk-Treasurer, Heidi Huff



Council President, Dean Domer



Vice President, Steven Cords



Council Member, Jeff Sorg