

**TOWN OF WOLCOTTVILLE**

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** July 1, 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, Town Marshall, 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:**

-Jeff Sorg motioned to approve June 3, 2025, meeting minutes. Steven Cords 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.

**Samuel Lovelace with Network Proposal:**

-Samuel Lovelace presented to the Town Council three proposals for network overhauls at the Wastewater Department, Water Department, Police Department and the Town Hall. The equipment at these departments is outdated, not compliant, and needs to be replaced. The expected shelf life on the equipment presented will be good for 5 to 8 years. Samuel Lovelace suggested the Council approve the Wastewater Department and the Water Department to be replaced first since the equipment there needs the most attention. Steven Cords motioned to approve the upgrade to network capability for the Wastewater

Department, Water Department, Police Department and Town Hall starting with Wastewater first. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Ralphie Mosley with Wastewater Reports:**

-No reports from the Wastewater Department.

**Services by Stouder Harley Asher with Water Reports:**

-Heidi Huff spoke on behalf of Services by Stouder, Harley Asher. A water leak has been detected on State Road 9 at the intersection at Myers Street. Alliance and Harley Asher stated the leak is not in need of an emergency repair as of July 1, 2025. Jeff Sorg motioned to approve Ralphie Mosley to coordinate repairs for the leak and to find the crew to do the repairs. Steven Cords seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-The 2024 Consumer Confidence Report for water is posted on the Town's website.

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

-Marshal Nathan Sprunger asked for permission to submit a permit to the State Fire Marshal for the festival at Taylor Park on August 30, 2025. There was a fee for \$278.00 in 2024. Steven Cords motioned to approve Marshal Nathan Sprunger, the authority to submit the permit to the State Fire Marshal and pay the fees owed for the permit. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Lagrange County's Rule the Road Non-For-Profit Organization is putting on a teen driving experience at the Lagrange County Fair Grounds Saturday July 12, 2025. Officers from Wolcottville Police Department will be helping at the event. Flyers are posted at town hall with a barcode to scan to register teens to attend.

-The donated Dodge Durango is still at CopsGear getting equipment installed as of July 1, 2025. No date has been given to the department on when the car will be ready to operate on the road.

-Marshal Nathan Sprunger requested the Town's Attorney Kurt Bachman work on a resolution so that the Police Department can sell the 2015 Dodge Ram to the Wolcottville Wastewater Department. Steven Cords motioned to facilitate the transfer of vehicles from the Wolcottville Police Department to the Wastewater Department. He motioned to allow Kurt Bachman to develop a resolution for the transfer. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Tiffany Sprunger with Permits:**

-Heidi Huff spoke on behalf of Utility Clerk Tiffany Sprunger. Monthly permits for review by the Council members was presented. Danny Rivera at 310 S. Main Street, Wolcottville, IN 46795, will be installing a 6-foot wooden privacy fence. Ricardo Mariano will be remodeling the house at 102 E. County Line Road, Wolcottville, IN 46795. The home will be getting new windows, a new roof, and new siding. Michael Marter at 208 N. Main Street, Wolcottville, IN 46795, will be installing an enclosed carport for storage that is 24' wide and 35' long with a 10' X 8' garage door. Steven Cords motioned to approve the permits reviewed and approved by town employees. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Utility sewer adjustments made to 100 E County Line Road, Wolcottville, IN 46795 for \$38.29 for pool fill and 204 W. Race St., Wolcottville, IN 46795 for \$20.41 for a broken faucet. The adjustments will be from the sewer portion of the Town's monthly utility bill. Steven Cords motioned to approve adjustments made to the utility accounts. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Heidi Huff Communications and Town Reports:**

-Heidi Huff informed the Council Members about the houses bought that will be fixed up in town. There are several remodels happening at 102 E. County Line, 308 E County Line, 312 S. Main Street., 206 W. Race Street. Some of these houses have been empty for over 20 years. The commercial buildings at 123 N. Main Street and 125 N. Main Street have been purchased and will possibly have new businesses.

-The town received a donation of \$1,000.00 from the Lagrange County Community Foundation to help support the Wolcottville Mill Festival for the 2025 events. The Wolcottville Improvement Committee would like to use the money donated to pay for bounce houses and portable toilets. Steven Cords motioned to approve the Wolcottville Improvement Committee to use the money donated to pay for bounce houses and portable toilets. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-The Indiana League of Clerk Treasurers annual training will be held August 10, 2025, through August 14, 2025, at French Lick Indiana. Heidi Huff asked to attend the training with Utility Clerk Tiffany Sprunger and allow Brenda Conley to have the office open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Steven Cords motion to approve the training at French Lick Indiana for Heidi Huff and Tiffany Sprunger and to allow Brenda Conley to run the office. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

-Wes Hamilton passed his Wastewater Operator test. He is officially a Class 2 Sewer Operator. The town now has two certified operators running the wastewater plant for the Town of Wolcottville.

**Kurt Bachman with Town Business:**

-Kurt Bachman informed Council Members that the Town of Wolcottville is still trying to resolve issues with the IRS. This is from previous years of payroll taxes that are not paid and are outstanding. Kurt Bachman suggested hiring a CPA and a Tax Attorney to help with the issue of back taxes. Kurt Bachman has contacted a CPA out of Plainfield, Indiana named Dan Kinnamow. The Tax Law Firm office out of Indianapolis called Faegre, Drinker Briddle and Reath was suggested to be hired to help with the town's situation. Kurt Bachman is asking the Council President to sign the agreement to allow the office of Beers Mallers, Heidi Huff, Dan Kinnamow and Faegre, Drinker Briddle and Reath to work alongside each other to resolve the IRS Tax issues. Steven Cords motioned to allow Dean Domer to sign the forms to hire a CPA and Tax Law Firm and work on the Town of Wolcottville's financial issues with the IRS. Jeff Sorg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Other Business:**

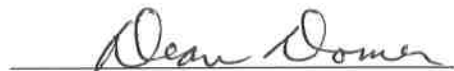
-Robert Miller spoke at the Town Council meeting concerning a broken culvert that is clogged at 406 E. Wabash Street, Wolcottville, IN 46795 46795, on the west side of his property. This causes flooding to happen, and water enters his home underneath when there is lots of rain. He asked the Council Members if the Stormwater Project had plans to fix the issue. He stated he thinks the water is coming from the farmer's field behind his property on the south side of railroad tracks. He claimed there is an 8" culvert coming from the farmland onto his property. Once the water fills up the ditch it has nowhere to go, and it takes over a month to drain, claimed Mr. Miller. He is requesting for the ditch to be dug out and the culvert to be replaced. Dean Domer tabled the matter until town employees can inspect the situation.

**Meeting adjourned by Council President Dean Domer at 6:23 p.m.**

**Attest:**



**Clerk-Treasurer, Heidi Huff**



**Council President, Dean Domer**



**Vice President, Steven Cords**



**Council Member, Jeff Sorg**