



POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Justin Rutledge at 5:30 PM.

PRESENT

- **Council President:** Justin Rutledge
- **Council Members:** Michael Baehl, Randall Rankin
- **Clerk-Treasurer:** Jodie Rankin
- **Attorney:** William Bender

Virtual Attendees: 1

In-person Attendees:

- List retained (5)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the following meetings were presented for review:

- **Regular Meeting:** December 10, 2024

Randy Rankin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

CLAIMS DOCKET

The Claims Docket was emailed to the council members before the meeting for review. The clerk-treasurer noted a current bill from UVSYSO for the UV system was received for \$49,000.00. Upon investigation, the Town Council approved a quote for \$46,500.00 in February 2024. Mrs. Rankin has requested a revised invoice for the original quote. Payment will be required before the next meeting.



A motion to approve the Claim Docket was made by Mike Baehl, seconded by Randy Rankin.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

PAYROLL ALLOWANCE DOCKET

The Payroll Allowance Docket was emailed to the council members before the meeting for review.

A motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket as presented was made by Randy Rankin, seconded by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank reconciliations for December 2024 were presented to the council for review at the meeting.

A motion to approve the Bank Reconciliation was made by Randy Rankin, seconded by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Rutledge requested that we change the order of business because two representatives for the Posey County Rezoning request were present and need to leave for another engagement. The rezoning request is on the 228 S Cale Street, Poseyville, Indiana property. It was discussed that the Area Plan Commission had already had a hearing and, having heard no objections forwarded the rezoning application and ordinance to the Town of Poseyville. Upon review of documentation, Randy Rankin motioned to pass the Re-zoning Ordinance 2025-01-14-01 for the property. Seconded by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)



Councilman Randy Rankin moved to retain Justin Rutledge as President of the Town Council for 2025, which Mike Baehl seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

The Clerk-Treasurer presented a letter of intent to retire from Diana Powell, effective March 31, 2025. Mrs. Rankin acknowledged that Diana's departure will leave a significant void for the team and the Town of Poseyville. She highlighted Diana's 22 years of dedicated service, noting her unwavering work ethic, extensive knowledge, and steadfast commitment to the community. Diana has been an integral part of daily operations and a stable cornerstone for the town.

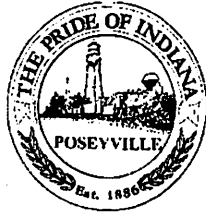
Mrs. Rankin, along with the council, expressed their deepest gratitude to Diana for her service and wished her many blessings in her retirement. The council joined in thanking Diana for her years of dedication and service to the town.

Mrs. Rankin requested that the Town Hall move forward with transition and job postings. Mrs. Rankin requested the Town Council promote Billye Robling to Utility Manager at a pay rate of \$19.75 per hour beginning April 1, 2025. Justin Rutledge made a motion to promote Billye Robling, and Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Mrs. Rankin requested permission to change the job title to Administrative Assistant / Utility Clerk position. She also requested that post the job with a salary range of \$16.40-\$18.75. Mrs. Rankin and Ms. Robling are working with Diana to create a job description and verification of work flow to post with the opening. There was much discussion about the salary range. There is an option to pay more per hour if health benefits are not needed. A motion was made by Mike Baehl to accept the title change and salary range, seconded by Randy Rankin.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)



Mrs. Rankin asked for volunteers for the interview committee. The Town Council unanimously decided to have interviews under an executive session meeting. Publications will be posted per state statute for the executive session.

Clerk-Treasurer provided the Elected Official Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for anyone needing to complete the form. Also noting the forms are available in the event a conflict arises in the future. No action required.

Clerk-Treasurer provided all elected officials with an Elected Officials Nepotism and Contracting with a Unit Statement along with Internal Control Statements. All councilmen provided executed forms to be compliant with state requirements. No further action required.

President Justin Rutledge presented the council with a recommendation for the appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The council expressed their gratitude to Ron Fallowfield for his many years of dedicated service as the town's representative on the Board.

President Rutledge recommended Justin Schmitt as the new town representative to complete Ron's term, which ends on December 31, 2028, or until such time that Mr. Schmitt is no longer able to fulfill the term.

Mike Baehl made a motion to appoint Justin Schmitt as the town's representative on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Randy Rankin and approved by the council.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

Mr. Rutledge expressed gratitude to Mid-Western Engineers for all their work on the Water Treatment Facility upgrades. As a result of the combined work, Mid-Western and the Town of Poseyville are being recognized by the ACEC Indiana Engineering Excellence Award. The Town will be presented with a plaque on April 24, 2025, in Indianapolis. No further action required.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marshal Carter submitted a run report to the council before the meeting. No action is required.

Marshal Carter submitted an application to hire Tyler Baker as a part-time Deputy for the Town of Poseyville. Mr. Baker works for the Posey County Sherriff's Department and is in good standing. The council thanked Mr. Baker for his service in the Army and thought he would be a great addition. Randy Rankin motioned to hire Tyler Baker, Mike Baehl seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)

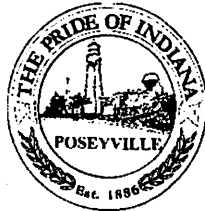
Marshal Carter inquired about revisiting our weed and trash ordinance tracking project before summer is upon us. Mrs. Rankin indicated that we would be working through the transition on positions to have someone in place to help with reporting and tracking. No further action required.

Marshal Carter also revisited the request to add flock cameras to the Town of Poseyville at a cost of \$3,000.00 per year, per camera. One camera would be located at Interstate 64, and the other would come into Poseyville from 65 South. After much discussion, the council requested Marshal Carter discuss with the county options on a joint effort to implement cameras and bring back his findings. No further action is required.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Kolley presented three quotes to the council on gas for the calibration unit at the fire station. Those quotes were received and forwarded prior to the meeting to the council. After review, Chief Kolley recommended we go with VSI for \$517.00. He will be able to pick-up what is needed to avoid the high shipping charges for other bids making it the most cost efficient. Randy Rankin made a motion to accept the VSI bid, seconded by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)



Chief Kolley informed the council that Carl Mason resigned after 20 years of volunteer service. Mr. Mason was presented with his 20-year pen. The council thanked Mr. Mason for all his years of service to the Poseyville Volunteer Fire Department. No action was required.

Chief Kolley will be working on recruiting for the Volunteer Fire Department. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please reach out to Chief Kolley or any of the department's volunteers. The Town Hall can provide contact information upon request.

The department will work to finish the Firefighter 1, 2, and Hazmat classes as needed. No action was required.

UTILITY DEPARTMENTS

President Rutledge opened a discussion to revisit the Utility Tampering Ordinance. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Rutledge shared his research with the Town Council and Mr. Bender via email.

Jeremy Farrar, Utility Superintendent, provided details about a recent meter pit tampering incident and the associated costs. He noted that the current ordinance does not sufficiently cover the incurred costs and fails to act as an effective deterrent for future violations.

Randy Rankin proposed increasing the penalty for a second violation to prevent repeat offenses. Mr. Farrar supported this suggestion, emphasizing the need for a higher penalty.

Mr. Bender advised the council that the original ordinance should be rescinded and replaced with a new Infrastructure Tampering Ordinance to better address these issues.

After thorough discussion and input from all members and Mr. Farrar, the council agreed on the following penalties:

- **First Offense:** \$500 plus parts and labor costs.
- **Second Offense:** \$2,000 plus parts and labor costs.



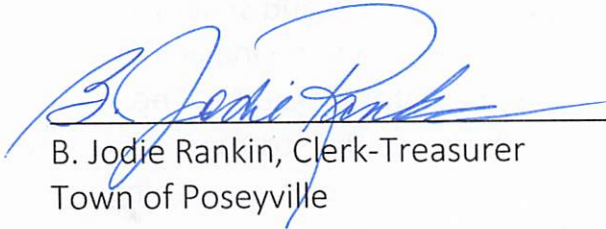
NEXT MEETING:

Clerk-Treasurer Rankin requested the council consider moving the June 10, 2025, meeting to June 17, 2025, due to her son's wedding in South Carolina. The council agreed to change the date.

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council will be on February 11, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Mike Baehl, seconded by Randy Rankin. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

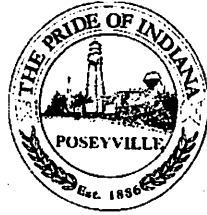


B. Jodie Rankin, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Poseyville

ATTEST:



Justin Rutledge, Council President



President Rutledge will revise the ordinance to include these changes and will submit it to Mr. Bender for review. The revised ordinance will be presented for consideration at the February meeting.

STREET DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Baehl thanked the street department for working so hard to keep up with the streets during the recent winter storm. The council was very thankful for all their hard work and asked Jeremy Farrar to pass on their gratitude to the department.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

None

COMMUNITY CENTER

President Rutledge reiterated that the town worked with the local EMA to provide the community center as a warming center. EMA provided water and snacks in the event we had anyone needing shelter. During the storm, we had one individual from the interstate on his way to Fort Campbell, who was later picked up. The council thanked Mr. Rutledge for volunteering his time during the storm to supervise the community center. The community center will remain a warming center during extreme weather conditions throughout the winter.

CEMETERY

Clerk-Treasurer asked the council to consider addressing the cemetery mowing before it is truly needed. President Rutledge informed the council that A Cut Above has agreed to continue the contract at the current bid price for the 2025 mowing season, upon much discussion about the need to re-bid based on the cost of the services. The town paid \$19,800 for mowing services in 2024. At this time, it is under the threshold for bidding unless otherwise directed by Town Attorney, Mr. Bender. Mike Baehl made a motion to extend the contract for mowing into 2025 under the current pay rate of \$600.00 per mow, seconded by Randy Rankin. Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Randy Rankin (yes)