

April 9, 2025

Attendees: Rita Van Voorst, Avery Ferguson, Addie Miller, Dean and Tina Smith, Dana Rutter, Larry and Alice Randolph, Corey Oberlin, Vernon Miller, Patty Myers, Mike Dull, Scott and Stacy Borkholder

Dean called the meeting to order.

Dean made motion to approve the minutes from March 26, 2025. Larry seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the minutes were unanimously approved.

Water: Averys said he had new system for chlorination put in and Stouder services are coming out to fix iron content since it had been running high. Water and Wastewater Frontier Geo Spacial gave us a quote to do water and sewer mains and potentially storm drain for Corey to help us have more accurate maps. The maps we have currently are inadequate and we are having trouble with using the maps to work on issues. I have not got to talk to MacKenzie about finances, but the hydrants will get done this month sometime and plans for a future UV system. Sometime I would like to do this so the maps are correct as most are a couple decades old. Dean says how long will the estimate be good for? Averys said he is not sure he does not think time limit is on there. Talking close to 20k project Id like to run past MacKenzie to see budget wise where we are at. With the drainage issues we have been working on, but mainly Corey, it would help because we have no clue where they lead to. This would be done in phases and work with current GIS system. Dean says let us postpone for a month or so and see. Larry said sounds good to him if funds are available and Dean agrees. Dean asked about Simar's bill, he remembers from the last meeting about the sewer portion being deducted, did this take place? Addie says yes, MacKenzie did update his bill.

Wastewater: Avery said we will start with last meeting business about the clarifier backing up, which is fixed now with the help of the Street Dept and Stouder Services coming to snake it. It will be back in business, but since it was backing up it caused other stuff to mess up. Avery says IDEM might say something at the end of the month. I had to order a bunch of gas to treat the system that will be a big charge but I needed the gas. UV price is 281k. There are a couple systems they are looking at. Commonwealth had something come up so they could not be here to explain, but because of President Trumps tariff issues and these materials coming from Canda prices could vary between now and a year away. Dean asked if Commonwealth will be here

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next week and Avery says Robin will be here. Gale and Jermey were here earlier this week to go over issues like the drainage issues in town, valves on the splitter box, and the UV plant plans. Corey did a drive around this morning by Timber Valley and found a broken man hole cover over by the Lecounts house, it was deep like 12 feet. Trash truck probably drove over it and was too heavy. We covered it up and I talked to a vender today to fix it properly. I will fix it so it has a proper ring on top so nothing like this happens again, but wanted to let you know now beforehand.

Community Development: Addie reminded the council members of MacKenzie's reminders that are noted on the meeting agenda; MacKenzie is having a meeting on April 17th, the Vibrant Communities meeting on April 22nd, and the Preconstruction meeting with Niblock on May 2nd. Dean and Larry both said sounds good and Larry said there was nothing else he could think of.

Maintenance: Corey says he had a renter of an Aloha apartment show up to the maintenance building and complained of the landscaping crew that does the areas around all Aloha apartments blowing trash on the roads and are not picking up after themselves. Corey said he knows they did this, and that they did the same thing last year. He said they do get paid to do the job but leave half their mess for us, the street dept to pick up and he does not think they should have to pick up after them. The renter is going to call the owners of the apartments, Bontrager's to let them know. Corey said the gate people are coming Monday to install the gate opener, the electrical part of the job. He said that same guy is going to come give a quote for different wiring needed. Corey said he is supposed to hear back next week sometime. I have called places for handicap door openers and no one does them I am still waiting on L & M Electric. Dump truck finally went in hopefully it will not be too long to get fixed. Bo Dicks' Tim Michaels wants to know if we can put a tile in connecting two drives but Jermy said the best option would be to put in a ditch instead of new tiles. Tim would put in the driveway one if we did the other one, he says. Jermey said to pull the 8-inch tile out. Corey says Tim Michaels also said he wants to put bumpers in for his trucks to see when they back in. Dean asked if we would have to cut the asphalt? Corey said no, I would not mess with that or his old drive since that one isn't used. Council agreed to do so. Corey explains that Jermey said he will get a quote to run a camera behind Brians to see the problem there. Larry said yeah, last big rain the south end of his property seems to be where the water is coming from. Corey said the drain was keeping up until the heavy rain came. He said he thinks near the tax business there is a drain crushed or something which adds to the drainage problem. At the gas station it drains to the car wash instead of going towards 13 but all that water goes towards one drain. After we get it scoped out, we will know better of what is needed.

Marshal: Ray said the top quote is for the five cameras and the other paper is the copy of the grant Lexipool wrote. He reminded the council that it will take 3-6 months to hear anything back for the grant. Ray let them know that their conference went good and that Robert had to come back for family emergency Saturday but he can make up those trainings elsewhere. Dean asked we are going to wait and see grant wise what happens? Ray says yeah.

Dean called on the Burkholder's to speak about their ordinance violation ticket. Scott explained his 78-year-old father-in-law parked over the sidewalk by only 2 inches over. He acknowledged they have a lot of vehicles at their property but said they have a lot going on with different family members, not all long-term. Scott said in their opinion these last 6 months it seems to be more of an issue that it used to be and he doesn't understand why. Who owns the sidewalk he asked? Dean said he is actually not positive on this matter but that he will get ahold of the Towns' attorney to ask about easements and right-of-way for residential properties. Scott said if he ends up able to, that he proposes removing his sidewalk so the problem goes away. He explained daughter is pregnant and lives there and the father-in-law walks with a cane and nothing was said in the past. I feel like this is being nit-picked because in the past we have totally covered the sidewalk and nothing was said but now it is for barely being over. Dean said I'm gray on the sidewalks area, but do you others know anything? (looking at Dana and Larry) Dana said he does not and Larry said he knows for the state of Indiana you can't park over the sidewalk but that is all he knows. Scott said his intention would be to put grass or stone there. He knows a kid walks through for school we see that on the camera system. The car did not block the pathway and the kid went out and around because of water build up right there. Stacy said, my dad doesn't know how to park because he's either a little on the road or on the sidewalk. Dean said I will talk to attorney to see what the laws are. Stacy says one last thing, I got home one day on our golf cart and noticed Larry coming by and took a picture, is this going to be a problem too? Larry said no, there is no problem I was not taking a picture of you at all you just happened to be in it because I was taking a picture of the truck parked on the road. Larry said he was asked by Moe to drive by and take a look at the situation. Larry goes on to say, so no there is no problem there however when I was going by, because of how the truck was parked I had to go out and around to get by making me cross the center of the road and there happened to be a car flying towards me in the opposite direction. That could have been a problem had I got hit. Stacy said there is nothing she can do about the cars speeding around. Dana asked Ray if they could sit on the roads people are complaining about and Ray said we do. Dana said I know, it stinks getting up that early with the factory workers but we must start showing the people were going to take action and the workers need to see that so the word is spread at work so they can stop speeding or get tickets.

Park: Vernon said that the baseball and softball diamonds are ready to go outside of the rain. He said when he goes by, he sees the playground being used a lot by many kids and families and said the bathrooms are open. Dean asked Vernon if he will need help mowing this year, that he had someone call and ask if we needed help. Vernon said no, I do not believe so. I can get Mike to help me out. Mike said yes. Vernon said that it would just be a couple hours a week and that should cover everything. Vernon said Corey serviced the mowers so they are all ready to go. The filters hadn't seemed like they had been changed in four years Corey said.

Clerk Treasurer: Addie announced that MacKenzie has noted in the binder that the TIF report is good to go and all council said sounds good and signed. Larry said \$8,190.38 is being given from the RDC for the pickle ball pavilion and other equipment to help out plus what the Clinton Township Trustee putting in so it is all covered. Vernon said the hearing for the permit is in May so end of May or June they will start.

Old Business: Avery said he got a locate for the light again earlier this week from NIPSCO and he got another one today. He assumes we are still getting it put in but he hasn't heard from them yet as to exactly when. He said there are flags everywhere on that specific corner so he does not know exactly what they'll do and hopes it's done soon. Dean said thanks for heading that up and dealing with NIPSCO for this. Avery said Corey and I had a meeting with Jeremy and Gale yesterday and we talked about different projects and drainage issues for Timber Valley the two other houses on Lincoln. Jeremy said those are private properties and not Towns so I am not sure what the council wants to do with that going forward. Timber Valley was not put in correctly. There is a shallow ditch that leads between the neighbors' property and Maggie Mast's. The neighbors behind Maggie Mast has filled in a spot in their back yard with rocks which pushes the water to get over. We were told by Jeremy both sides of fence are private property. Dean said his big fear is helping one person is it going to cause issues for others. He wondered how far does this need to go on and Avery said more homeowners are also wondering about fixing the drainage issue. The issue that is a right of way and one property and has a fence and landscaping that would have to be tore up. Larry asked where the water is at Maggie's? Avery said the water is being pushed onto Maggie's back lot. With the issue of the the cul-de-sacs, Avery said in the town cul-de-sacs of Timber Valley could be wedged towards each other or dry wells put in there, but after talking with Corey serious money will have to be put into it for correct drainage. Larry said after a couple days it clears up. It was suggested by Jeremy that wedging the roads will slope different but the water will still have to go and sit

somewhere creating other problems. Larry said Robert texted him one day and said to come to Cindy Ct to see the water problem and he went to look. Avery said there will be serious money spent to correct all these water problems like a million or more and there are other areas and other roads that collect more water than in Timber Valley. Tina said the homeowners should be liable to foot the bill, and it isn't a town problem necessarily. She said their attitudes might change then instead of expecting the town to fix something the homeowners bought into. Travis Ct will be brought up at upcoming meeting. Avery said to really fix the problem a long-term survey is needed to see how to properly correct all of this. Avery asked about letting Tony Clawson and Maggie Mast know about all of this gathered information and the council agreed; yes let them know to get ahold of county for these problems since they are technically not the Towns responsibility.

New business: Dean asked what is there for new business? Larry said Judd is not here to go over it so Larry spoke for him about wanting a sign up around the guard rail to point to the Pizza Depot. Council agreed they don't see a problem with putting it up as long as it is not too excessively big. It was mentioned by Larry he figured something like a 12 x 24 would be good but if he would want bigger, than Judd will have to come to a meeting to explain further.

Dean made a motion to pay bills. Larry seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to pay bills.

Dean made a motion to adjourn. Larry seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to adjourn.