

June 11, 2025

Attendees: Larry and Alice Randolph, Dana Rutter, Addie Miller, Corey Oberlin, Mike Dull, Avery Ferguson, Rita Van Voorst, Ray Rodriguez, Carl Wheeler, and Floyd Beachy.

Larry pointed out a mistake on the meeting minutes from the last meeting. Addie said she will let Makenzie know of the mistakes on the meeting minutes from May 28 meeting.

Larry made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 28, 2025. Dana seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved.

Water: Avery explained that he is getting water meters replaced as time allows. He said he is still waiting on the fire hydrants to get finished. Their truck broke down, but they will be coming back to finish.

The guys from Frontier Geospatial will be coming back next week, weather dependent, but they have the GPS part done.

Larry asked Avery about the status on the manhole near the LeCount's and Avery said it is not done yet. Other stuff came up unexpectantly like a leaking service line. I got it taken care of with the help of Corey and Stouder. He said he has also had personal appointments to take care of.

Dana asked about the chlorine alarm. Avery said he found out it was not the chlorine alarm. It was actually the surge protector for the battery backup. Larry asked about Alex Scelzo's meter and Avery said it is on list to do and he has to make arrangements to get into the house to do it. Larry asked if it can be rigged in any way to not show the 13,000 gallons and Avery said he does not think so because sediment can build up in it and affect how it works like not spinning like it should.

Wastewater: While Stouder was here to fix the service line repair they checked on the work needed to repair the pipe at the wastewater lift station. Schedule 80 PVC could be used and would save money but not sure yet we will get quote out from there.

Community Development: Addie notified the council that MacKenzie wanted them to know about the notice to proceed for the 2025-01 crossroads grant.

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Maintenance Department: Corey said the vac trailer would be 125k but that the cost could be split between him and Avery because they would both use it. He said he is supposed to get a call back to rent one, which is 3k a week. Dana says with renting, the weather plays a part of it being risky we could be out 3k if we were to rent on a week that ends up bad weather wise. Avery says he has a very small vac trailer but it is not nice for what they have to do with it. Corey and Avery agreed they will keep looking into it. Larry asked about outsourcing it and Corey said he isn't sure how much that would cost. Dana asked if the leaf vac works at all and Correy said this is different, this is for the drains, not for leaves. Dana asked about the speed bump being taken out.

Marshal: Ray said on Cook and Elm the stop sign should be taken out and replaced with yield because people run it anyways because it is not really needed but by town ordinance it has to be there for now. He said the exit/entrance of Wabash and Walnut he would like to see a stop sign there but Walnut closed gates so it is private property. Larry and Avery said there used to be a stop sign there and it was taken out accidentally by a truck. Avery brought up an ordinance having it in there that the stop sign is present but if not, it can be added with the change of Cook and Elm. Ray said he and Avery were discussing the Wastewater Dr. having a stop sign because it goes to a county road and it is hard to see on that corner but the Town technically does not own the road itself but instead just the right-of-way. Larry asked about adding that to the ordinance too and Avery says yes add that one too. Avery said the wastewater drive belongs to whoever bought that section but we own the right of way and the Town should avoid accidents. Avery said he thinks you must have a public notice and hearing before being adopted as an ordinance.

Dana explained in his ward there are complaints still of excessive speeding and asked Ray about leaving an unoccupied cop car on Lincoln and Ray said yes, they could do that. Dana said he gets that it is early in the morning so to do that instead of coming in even earlier. He said the people going to the RV plants are just in a hurry in the morning and speed around. Larry brought to Ray's attention about a couple different vehicles in town and black marks on roadways from 2 vehicles that are speeding and burning their tires. Ray said he thinks he found 1 of the trucks and that he will try to watch out and catch them.

Park: Addie said she acknowledges that Vernon is not at the meeting and asks if anyone else has anything for park business? Avery said that he knows they are working on the pickle ball pavilion.

Floyd said that he noticed there was a tent this past weekend that was brought and set up at the park and he asked about if they did a locate to see where lines are before setting it up. He said it was a Miller building supply pick-up that brought the tent. He said he worried about

them hitting a wire in the ground. He was concerned about the breaker. He asked Avery if he has a locator and Avery said yes, but it is not very great and isn't up to that level. Basic levels start at 3k Larry said that might be a good investment. Addie said that Vernon had just previously asked her and MacKenzie about the tent being set up and if they were notified of this. She said they did get asked about the tent up front, but did not think about asking exactly where the group wanted it so her and Addie will do that for all future reservations. Avery said the one he has works for curb stops and mains but not electric lines. Floyd said west of the walk path but south, very specific areas they can put up in. Floyd said he thinks Forest River gets super close to the lines. Floyd thinks it should be added in our park agreement where they can be put up but Avery said that is private and won't happen. Floyd says he should be there if we hire it out once and we can mark it, picotee, make maps and keep it on file. Avery says to add if damage is done put that in form that they cover it not the park. Floyd says most companies you can hire to do this and ask what they can do. He says running locators is an art and takes time getting used to. Middlebury Electric is supposed to come out and fix the power, maybe we can have them test that area at that same time while they are here.

Old Business: Avery said he has not had a chance to get back the lawyers about the Oak St. property. He said the light in Timber Valley has finally been installed and Dana says good it only took 6 months. Corey said it works.

New Business: Addie said we have the grasshopper mower business, Dana asked about a minimum and Addie said she is not sure if there was one. Larry said Kurt Kritzman submitted an offer of 1,500, said he got a bargain. Larry said Kurt asked if he could let him know how it goes after the meeting. Dana says he approves it.

Corey asked the council if they know about the poisonous hemlock weed and that he sent letters to Dollar General, Arrow Industries and C & P Oil. He said Mackenzie sent it to them to mow it. Rita said there is some by the lumber yard.

Carl Wheeler said with the speed limits in town he wants to know why they are 30 MPH in a residential community. He said he thinks because many years ago vehicles were mainly V8 and needed to be ran higher to run better. Most vehicles are not like that anymore and I live on a side street and it is a speedway. It is uncalled for. He said it is not safe to ride around on his scooter or even on a golf cart. He said he rests his case. He says the Mckibbins' house is worst on Washington street. He had to push their trash can back so he could get around it on the sidewalk. Larry said maybe the speed should be investigated dropping to 25. Floyd said over the overpass the cars coming off it go as hard as they can and it is awful. Larry and Dana said they will look in to it more and try to get it resolved. Carl Wheeler asked about the deaf child sign by Winkler's house why it isn't taken down? Larry said the kid is still a kid, he isn't an adult. Carl asked about Winkler having special privilege because of Larimer being 25 mph Larry said they

will look into it. Dana said maybe a drive to push to get the word out. Avery said he doesn't know the law but maybe increasing the penalty for speeding. Dana asked about the tickets. Ray says if it is an ordinance, it is paid here but if it is written as an infraction then that is county. Dana asked do we need to get ahold of the Town lawyer to ask about upping the fee for tickets. Larry asked how much the ticket is for ordinance violations and Ray said \$100. Dana told Addie to put it in the minutes to revise the ordinance to do with speeding.

Floyd said the itinerary for Farmers' Day is good and the flyers are about to go out. He said he has been working with the insurance contact MacKenzie gave to them. He sent the copy of the program to not get declined like they did initially and asked why but they are still working on it and should be good to go soon.

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

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

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