



Town Council of Merrillville
7820 Broadway Ave - Merrillville, IN 46410
Town Council Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
July 14, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: President Rick Bella called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by President Rick Bella.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE: A brief invocation was given, along with a moment of silence, by Pastor Dennis Walton of Faith Temple of Christ Church.

ROLL CALL of COUNCIL: – Present at the meeting were Councilors Shauna Haynes-Edwards, Leona Chandler-Felton, Margaret Uzelac, Shawn Pettit, Keesha Hardaway, and Rick Bella. Clerk-Treasurer Eric January was present to memorialize the proceedings. A quorum was attained.

Councilor Rhonda Neal was absent at roll call.

Attorney Ricardo A. Hall was present to provide legal advice.

Councilor Neal came into the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, AND REMONSTRATIONS:

- **Swearing in of Police Officers:**

The following Police Officers were introduced to the audience and council by Police Chief Nuses:

- Abiel Chaves
- Brandon Casique
- Christopher Frantz
- Daniel Seel

Police Chief Nuses expounded on each officer's experience and qualifications. Clerk-Treasurer Eric January administered the oath to each of the officers.

- **Red Cross Tornado Recovery Update:**

Ashey Smith, Community Disaster Program Manager for the American Red Cross, provided the following updates to the council and the audience.

- 222 cases have been opened in connection with the June 11, 2026, tornado. The Red Cross has been working to provide a variety of services to these families. This includes temporary housing, meal assistance, and mental health services. Red Cross caseworkers will continue to follow up with families to ensure they are aware of resources available to them, especially the 20 families in need of permanent housing. The Lincoln Center was chosen as the command center for the Red Cross because it was out of harm's way of trees and power lines.

In response to a question from President Bella regarding items needed for the victims of the tornado, Director Smith responded that none are needed at this time. The need is permanent housing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Several public comments were made regarding the ICE Detention Center Resolution. A statement from Jennifer Gross was read into the record by Councilor Pettit. The other comments were regarding tornado recovery, sidewalks, trees, and overgrown grass. The video of the Town Council Meeting held on July 14, 2026, can be viewed here:

<https://www.merrillville.in.gov/our-government/meeting-calendar-minutes-and-video>

MOTIONS ON THE TABLE: *NONE*

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Accounts Payable Register Voucher Approval for July 14, 2026.
- Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026.
- Approval of Personnel Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2026.
- Approval of Personnel Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2026

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to approve the Consent Agenda.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The Consent Agenda was approved.

SPECIAL ORDERS: *NONE*

BZA & LARGE GATHERING ACTIONS: *NONE*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET & FINANCE—NEAL— Vice President Neal reported that the committee has met with the department heads to go over the budget. The standing budget and finance committee will be held on Monday, July 20th to continue budget discussions.

STREET DEPARTMENT & PARK MAINTENANCE - UZELAC— Councilor Uzelac reported that the Street Department is still picking up branches and cleaning up. We are still waiting on the paving of Whitcomb Street.

Councilor Uzelac deferred to Councilor Pettit regarding the Stop Sign Project.

Councilor Pettit reported that through the Plan Commission, there is a project proposed at US 30 and Randolph, which is a convenience store and QRS store. We had a meeting with the Petitioners Brown regarding managing traffic on Randolph, which resulted in the idea of stop and warning signs at 83rd Avenue on Randolph to slow down traffic.

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to implement the Stop Sign Project at 83rd on Randolph.

Councilor Pettit also added that Town Manager Griffin, as Interim Street Department Director, will work with Kevin Markle to get the locates and signs installed.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The Stop Sign Project on 83rd on Randolph was approved for implementation.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS—PETTIT— Councilor Pettit reported that a committee was held on Tuesday, July 7, at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at Town Hall. Town Manager Griffin presented nine ordinances for the committee to review. A couple will have to go to the Plan Commission because they address Chapter 21 of the municipal code. The other ordinances are listed on the agenda for first reading.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- HARDAWAY- Councilor Hardaway reported that employment opportunities are posted on the Town's website at <https://www.merrillville.in.gov/our-government/job-opportunities/> and on the mymerrillville app (Apple and Google Play Stores). If anyone is interested and has the qualifications, please do not hesitate to apply.

Councilor Hardaway also added that a position is open in the Merrillville Fire Department. For more information, please go and review the Merrillville Fire Department's Facebook page regarding eligibility and application process.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS- UZELAC – Councilor Uzelac deferred to Director Matthew Lake of Stormwater Management regarding the status of Kaiser Ditch.

Director Lake of Stormwater Management reported that he has been working with Lake County Surveyors' contractor KDM. This team is a level seven doing a lot of debris work from the tornado.

Director Lake also stated that he is waiting for the Lake County Surveyor to start the Kaizer Ditch Project.

PUBLIC SAFETY—HARDAWAY—Councilor Hardway reported that a meeting will be held later in July to recap what has happened regarding the disaster and to shore up the Town of Merrillville emergency preparedness plan.

ELECTIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, & TOWN BEAUTIFICATION - NEAL- Vice President Neal had nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-PETTIT – Councilor Pettit reported that a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m.

UTILITY LIAISON –CHANDLER-FELTON – Councilor Chandler-Felton had nothing to report.

PARKS AND DEAN & BARBARA WHITE COMMUNITY CENTER - PETTIT – Councilor Pettit reported that a workshop will be held on July 15, 2026, to discuss some items, and based on that discussion, a committee meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2026.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ABANDONED-BLIGHTED PROPERTIES - HAYNES-EDWARDS & CHANDLER-FELTON – Councilor Haynes-Edwards reported that she would defer to Chief Nunes's department report.

SPECIAL TOWN PROJECTS – HAYNES-EDWARDS – Councilor Haynes-Edwards reported that she would defer to Superintendent Jerry McCartney's department report.

SEMI-QUINCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - HAYNES-EDWARDS – The 250th celebration event had to be canceled due to storms. All the activities that were cancelled will be rescheduled for another day.

DEPARTMENT & COMMISSION REPORTS:

NORTHERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION-HARDAWAY – Councilor Hardaway reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – NEAL - Vice President Neal reported that the next meeting is Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

THE SHARED ETHICS ENTITY-HARDAWAY – Councilor Hardaway had nothing to report.

FIRE TERRITORY BOARD - NEAL & HARDAWAY – Councilor Hardaway and Vice President Neal had nothing to report.

Councilor Pettit added that the new fire station construction is coming along. The foundation and staircase are up.

CLERK-TREASURER OFFICE - JANUARY – Clerk-Treasurer Eric January reported that due to technical difficulties, he would not be giving a full report. Clerk-Treasurer Eric January did report on the following:

- Payroll – 46% of the payroll is associated with the Police Department
- June Payroll - \$918,759.62 – for various departments, but the largest part is first responders.

Clerk-Treasurer Eric January added that his department is discovering bugs in the accounting program, and next week he hopes to have the issues resolved for financial reporting.

SSCVA – DEANN PATENA - No Report

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ TOWN MANAGER:

Superintendent Jerry McCartney – Parks and Recreation

Superintendent Jerry McCartney reported the following updates regarding the D&BWCC:

- **Sunset Market** – Thursday, July 16th from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. There will be food truck vendors, merchant vendors, yard games, and live music at this community event. We will have two more Sunset Market events this summer. At the last one, we had over 400 community members in attendance.
- **North Parking Lot** – We are shutting down the north parking lot for the events at the center.
- **Parks Maintenance** – The department is still putting together the Parks Maintenance Crew. We have some new hires and one person out dealing with health issues, a Parks Maintenance Manager position that has not been posted or filled, and a few other issues. Our Facilities Manager has stepped up to help with Park Maintenance. The department asked for patience as we catch up on maintenance of the Parks.

Superintendent McCartney updated the council on other activities regarding the Parks and Recreation Department.

In response to a question from Councilor Hardaway regarding the Street Department helping with Park Maintenance until the staff is hired, Town Manager Giffin responded that he would work with Superintendent McCartney on Park Maintenance.

Director Matthew Lake – Stormwater Management

Director Matthew Lake reported on activities at Stormwater Management:

- **Jet Vac Truck** – The truck is out in full force because of the numerous calls regarding blockages of sewer and storm drains. We found a large blockage on the Westside of Hendrick Street that has been draining down all week. TIRA, a specialized group, is removing root intrusions and some of the pipes causing the backup.
- **Bon Aire Lake** – The levels are high, and we found a large blockage on the west side of Hendrick Street. The lake levels have been draining all week.
- **97th and Grand** – We discovered a Comcast line that was thought to be a nip line, but Comcast has to relocate the line.
- **Resolution for Fee Adjustment** – We had our first reading of a resolution for a fee adjustment. The public hearing will be at the next meeting.

Director Lake updated the council on several other projects.

Police Chief Nuses– Police Department

Chief Nuses reported the following statistics for June 2026:

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- **Calls for Service** – 2,589, which resulted in 4,508 officers' responses.
- **Traffic Stops** – 205, which resulted in 248 citations.
- **Adult Arrest** – 80
- **Juvenile Arrest** – 2

Chief Nuses added that some of the statistics are low because the officers are still busy with storm recovery and watching victims' property to prevent burglaries. The Traffic Enforcement Unit has been paying attention to some problems. Code Enforcement has been out daily throughout the Town following up with telephone calls, writing tickets, and inspecting abandoned property.

Director Shine – Planning and Building

Director Shine was absent.

Town Manager Griffin – Town Administration

Town Manager Griffin reported on the following:

- **Monthly Reports** – Town Manager Griffin reported that his report regarding the disaster and recovery has been given to the council members and Clerk-Treasurer Eric January
- **Pens** – Town Manager Griffin informed the council there are pens located on the dais from the American 250th Committees to recognize the Town of Merrillville's part in celebrating the 250th anniversary after July 4th.
- **FEME** – FEME will be onsite beginning Thursday, July 16th to conduct their review of tornado damages. Town Manager Griffin will be meeting with them to present our projections and some of the Town's costs for damages.

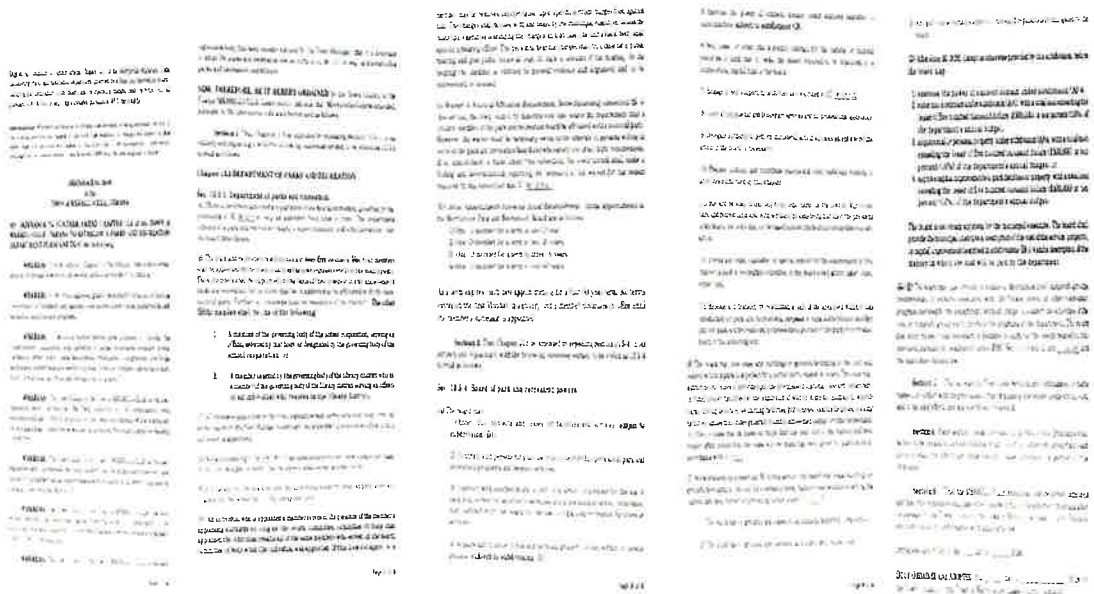
Town Manager Griffin explained the ordinance.

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to approve Ordinance 26-05 on the first reading.

Upon a roll call vote, there were seven affirmatives and no negatives. Councilors Neal, Haynes-Edwards, Chandler-Felton, Uzelac, Pettit, Hardaway, and Bella voted in the affirmative. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance 26-06 (Discussion & Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance to further Amend Chapter 13.5 Of The Town Of Merrillville, Indiana To Establish A Parks And Recreation Department Pursuant To IC 36-10-3 ET seq.



Town Manager Griffin explained the ordinance.

It was moved by Councilor Uzelac and seconded by Councilor Pettit to approve Ordinance 26-06 on the first reading.

Upon a roll call vote, there were seven affirmatives and no negatives. Councilors Neal, Haynes-Edwards, Chandler-Felton, Uzelac, Pettit, Hardaway, and Bella voted in the affirmative. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance 26-11 (Discussion & Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 2-18 of the Merrillville Municipal Code Relating to Promotion of Town Interest and Sec. 2-136 to update the Purchasing Agencies of the Town.

Digest: An ordinance to amend Sec. 2-18 of the Merrillville Municipal code to clarify the language regarding use of public funds for promotions and to update language in the public purchasing code. Digest forwarded pursuant to MPY Sec. 2-49(d)

Amendments: Whenever an existing municipal code provision is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type; additions or changes will appear in this style type; and deletions will appear in this style type. If the amendment is new where language had not existed before, it will be styled NEW with the new language in follow.

ORDINANCE No. 26-11
of the
TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SEC. 2-18 OF THE MERRILLVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PROMOTION OF TOWN INTERESTS AND SEC. 2-136 TO UPDATE THE PURCHASING AGENCIES OF THE TOWN.

WHEREAS IC 36-1-3-4(b) confers upon the Town of Merrillville of the powers granted to it by statute and all other powers necessary or desirable in the conduct of its affairs even though not granted by statute

WHEREAS The Town of Merrillville has previously adopted the Merrillville Municipal Code organizing its ordinances of a general application on subject matter including regulations for the use and display of signs

WHEREAS The Town Manager has advised that there are existing ordinances regarding promotion of town interests and identifying the purchasing agencies of the municipality require clarification as to what departments or funds can be expended for this function.

WHEREAS After due consideration the Town Council of said Town does believe that the recommendations of the Town Manager, as reviewed and recommended by the Council Staff Committee, will be advantageous to said Town and will ensure the public health, safety, welfare and morals of the citizens interest in the area affected; and

WHEREAS it would be used in the best interest of the Town of Merrillville to amend Sec. 2-18 and Sec. 2-136 of the Merrillville Municipal Code

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE A RESOLUTION OF THE Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1 That the Merrillville Municipal Code be amended by deleting Section 2-13 which shall be renumbered in its entirety and be replaced by a successor section to be revised Section 2-136, which shall read as follows:

Sec. 2-18. Use of public funds for the promotion of the best interests of the Municipality.

Sec. 2-136 Use of town purchasing funds

The town council is authorized to borrow and appropriate funds from the Corporation the general fund, the Redevelopment General Fund, and such other operating funds of the town as may be identified by the Town Council to pay the expenses of or to reimburse town officials in the case may be for expenses incurred in promoting the best interest of the town. Such expenses may include but are not necessarily be limited to rental of meeting place, meals, telephone, transportation, travel, expenses incurred in interviewing job applicants, expenses incurred in promoting industrial, commercial and residential development, expenses incurred in developing relations with other units of government, town leadership and any other expenses of a more or governmental nature deemed by the town council by its approval of a clearly identified appropriation to be in the interest of the town.

Section 2 That the Merrillville Municipal Code be amended by deleting Section 2-136 which shall be renumbered in its entirety and be replaced by a successor section to be revised Section 2-136, which shall read as follows:

Sec. 2-136 Purchasing agencies

The town council, as the board of the municipality, shall serve as purchasing agency for the municipality and its executive departments except for those executive departments which are expressly subject to the purchasing authority of a relevant governing board of jurisdiction. The departments subject to the jurisdiction of the town council include any department that is not otherwise subject to another board of jurisdiction and the following:

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- (1) Streets and engineering department
- (2) Metropolitan police department
- (3) Human resources department
- (4) Planning and building department
- (5) Parks and recreation department, subject to subsection (d) below
- (6) Office of the town manager
- (6A) Office of the town manager Town Administration
- (7) Office of the Clerk Treasurer
- (8) Office of Municipal court
- (9) Fire Protection Territory

(b) The storm water management board of directors shall serve as purchasing agency for the storm water management department and its special taxing district

(c) The redevelopment commission shall serve as purchasing agency for the redevelopment department, its special taxing district as well as the economic development department

(d) The park and recreation board shall serve as the purchasing agency for the parks and recreation department.

Section 3 That the Merrillville Municipal Code be amended by deleting Section 2-136 i (i), which shall be renumbered in its entirety and be replaced by a successor section to be styled Section 2-136 i (i), which shall read as follows:

Sec. 2-136.1 Establishment of rules and policies.

(i) No purchase described in this chapter can be made without an approved appropriation sufficient resources or budgetary authority and no expenditure of public funds can be for a personal or a political purpose

Section 4 That all existing Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed null and void and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed

Section 5 That if any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance.

Section 6 That any encroachments made from a lawful appropriation of the municipality that may have been expended by a

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governing body, from a fund other than the corporation general fund, prior to the passage and adoption of this ordinance, that would otherwise be lawful by this amendment, are hereby deemed ratified and approved all pursuant to IC 36-1-4-16.

Section 7. That this Ordinance shall take effect, and be in full force and effect, from and after its passage and adoption as evidenced by the signature of the Town Council President and attested thereto by the Clerk-Treasurer, all pursuant to IC 36-5-2-10 and IC 36-5-2-10.2.

Introduced on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

DULY ORDAINED and ADOPTED this _____ Day of _____, 2026, by the Town Council of the Town of MERRILLVILLE, Lake County, Indiana.

TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

It was moved by Councilor Uzelac and seconded by Councilor Pettit to approve Ordinance 26-11 on the first reading.

Town Manager Griffin explained the ordinance.

Ordinance 26-18 (Discussion & Roll Call Vote)

ORDINANCE NO. 3818
of the
TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND TO ESTABLISH THE SPIRIT, PLANNING AND
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION FUND, PURSUANT TO I.C. 36-1-3 AND
I.C. 36-1-2.3-1

Whereas it is the desire of Congress that the regulations both may adopt uniformity and innovations for the performance of functions of the said job.

WHEREAS IC 36-1-3 provides that the powers shall have under IC 36-1-3-4 "to be listed on various schedules further stating that these schedules do not list the powers that would exist under IC 36-1-3-4; therefore the enactment of a power trust need not show one copy that states that that power;

WHEREAS it is a Charter provision that no law or power granted to any State is valid unless other powers necessary or variable to the conduct of its affairs are also granted to that State

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Government of India to provide for the betterment and improvement of the living conditions and welfare of the people by providing them with adequate housing facilities;

WHEREAS, it is the further request and desire of the Board that all fees and charges associated with the regulatory functions associated with trading and clearing shall be made known in a specific and detailed policy to this function;

Witness Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6020(a)(1) my role prior to developing and adopting the design for such device will begin in the second year and would be followed by the time required by 26 U.S.C. § 6020(a)(1) making it no imperative to have the final authorized and in place for the effect in January 1, 2007.

Witness, The Town Manager has understood with the Town Clerk Treasurer as well as the Planning and Zoning Committee and has recommended the incorporation and establishment of the fund when in the subject of this document.

President's Task Force on International Security Assistance
 products of the new technology from the Department of the Army.
 Mission is to provide a special fund to support the development and
 production of new and improved weapons, equipment, and
 the Department.

The following table shows the results of the regression analysis for the dependent variable "Number of children" (Y) and the independent variable "Age" (X). The regression equation is $Y = 0.15X + 1.5$. The coefficient of determination is $R^2 = 0.85$.

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Journal Club: The New York Times Debate on Vaccines

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It thus may be observed that the results of the tests of the various combinations of the factors of the design are in general in good agreement with the results of the tests of the various combinations of the factors of the design.

Answer: The 2019 World Health Organization (WHO) report on the global burden of disease, which is the most comprehensive and authoritative source of information on the global burden of disease, lists the leading causes of death and disability worldwide. The leading causes of death are cardiovascular diseases, cancer, and infectious diseases. The leading causes of disability are mental and behavioral disorders, musculoskeletal disorders, and neurological disorders.

Source: "The 100 Most Powerful Women in America," *Time* magazine, December 1, 2008, 100-101.

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By the order of forming and disbanding, nomination and resignation, and its structure and established for receiving and expending, local budget of the city of Yekaterinburg of the Municipality, and to ensure the coordination with the legislation and administrative activities with it. Chapter 1, Chapter 5, Chapter 10 and Chapter 12 of the Municipal Code is subject to §§ 22, Section 1 and Section 2.

C) The Iowa Planning and Budgeting Administrator and Registrar should be identified with the fund number 2201 culture in the State Income & Excise taxes in the 2201.

See 4-10 item 10. The word "along" is misspelled and during transcription and registration and cause a following

The new's item and target associated with the semantic topic area and are tied to targets associated with the equation and entertainment aspect of the learning activity.

What is needed for a business to be successful in the long run?

A. Leadership quality

- 3) Commercial buildings
- 4) Industrial buildings
- 5) any other building of building code of
- 6) any building or building described in clauses 1,
- 7) through 5.

2. The exchange rates for the equivalent of the green and regular US dollar development accounts, respectively, are calculated as the quotient of the respective US dollar savings for a period of 10 years. The calculation is made for the preceding 10 years of the 1980s. Such test and changes for the dollar need to be made to achieve the appropriate US dollar savings for the 1990s and the 2000s.

2. Taxes earned from the investment of money on deposit in the bank at the bank provided with investment are deducted under 2010 5349122

1) Gifts, donations and other voluntary contributions from any person, corporation, association or government are given to the fund created with a social purpose and objects of the fund.

1. Worker defined term wife or husband (unmarried) living with and dependent for support as may be determined by the Board and subject to the usual Federal law.

1. Any transfer from the Controller (Governor) to the State Court, and from the State Court to the Governor, shall be made to the State Court.

Sec. 111.4, *Administrative Services* (Planning and Funding Administration) and the purpose of this subject is to make decisions on projects and other work of the Municipality and resources of the Municipality may be used to support the cost associated with the construction process. It will be a departmental subject along with the following departments: It will be coordinated with the Construction Department and related to the work done with the City of Planning and Funding Administration and related to the

1. The Planning and Budget Committee
2. The Finance and Accounts Committee
3. The Property and Planning Committee

Sec. 4-12. Containing all the books running and giving
 information of the regular fund is printed and errors in effect
 with that as the one and only one. Under the heading is
 printed by the National General Assembly and the National Council
 of the Council.

1. At money on deposit to the credit of the account earning and being administered and required to be paid out at any time when the corporation becomes liable for the same and of the proceeds.

7. During the hearing General Sessions asked the witness if he
considered himself the victim of the fraud and if he expected
any relief in depositing the assets of the bank with the FDIC.
The responsive testimony of the witness is at Serials 2 and 3 after the
page 10 of the transcript.

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Sec. 4-33 Purposes & Expenditures. Expenditures from the Special Planning and Building Administration and Regulation Fund shall only be for the following purposes:

1. To pay and reimburse expenses related to regulation and administrative activities set forth in Chapter 6, Chapter 15, Chapter 19 and Chapter 21 of the Meriville Municipal Code, all pursuant to IC 36-7-2.3 et seq.
2. To purchase equipment, supplies and items to support the lawful activities identified herein, and such other expenses as may be lawfully expended and reasonably related to the purposes of this ordinance.
3. To pay fees or licenses, professional fees or refunds provided such expenditures are consistent with the purposes of this ordinance.
4. To pay fees and expenses for training and travel associated with the regulation and enforcement of building and planning laws and related professional development that is consistent with the purposes of this ordinance.

Sec. 4-34 Appropriations. Expenditures from the Special Planning and Building Administration and Regulation Fund are subject to the following:

1. Shall be made only upon appropriation by the fiscal body for the purpose for which the fund is specifically established, in the manner provided by statute for making other appropriations;
2. Expenses shall be disbursed only on approved accounts payable vouchers allowed by the legislative body, all pursuant to IC 5-11-10 and IC 36-5-4 subject to Section 6-35 of this ordinance;
3. All unobligated, unencumbered and unused appropriation balances authorized for this fund reverts or reverts to the Special Planning and Building Administration and Regulation Fund, all pursuant to IC 36-1-3-6.

Sec. 4-35 Payments in Advance of Council Allowance. That pursuant to IC 36-5-4-12(b)(1)(2) any payments or expenditures authorized by this ordinance are hereby further authorized and defined as payments that may be made in advance of allowance by the Town Council, provided that all other provisions of IC 36-5-4-4 are observed in the processing of the claim;

Sec. 4-36. The Town Council hereby approves the Special Planning and Building Administration and Regulation Fund for the purpose of the following: (1) To pay and reimburse expenses related to regulation and administrative activities set forth in Chapter 6, Chapter 15, Chapter 19 and Chapter 21 of the Meriville Municipal Code, all pursuant to IC 36-7-2.3 et seq.

Sec. 4-37. The Town Council hereby approves the Special Planning and Building Administration and Regulation Fund for the purpose of the following: (1) To pay and reimburse expenses related to regulation and administrative activities set forth in Chapter 6, Chapter 15, Chapter 19 and Chapter 21 of the Meriville Municipal Code, all pursuant to IC 36-7-2.3 et seq.

Section 4. The ordinance shall become and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption, but no ordinance passed by the Town Council shall be subject to the provisions of the ordinance prescribed by IC 36-7-2-3.

Ordinance Number and Date: _____ Date: _____
Council of the Town of Meriville, Lake County, Indiana

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
MERIVILLE, INDIANA

It was moved by Councilor Haynes-Edwards and seconded by Councilor Pettit to approve Ordinance 26-18 on the first reading.

Town Manager Griffin explained the ordinance.

In response to a question from President Bella regarding transferring out of the fund to other funds, Town Manager Griffin responded that it is prohibited under state statute, and we have guidance from the state examiner's office giving us a directive.

Clerk-Treasurer Eric January added that this subject matter was discussed at the AIM Conference among the Clerk-Treasurers.

Upon a roll call vote, there were seven affirmatives and no negatives. Councilors Neal, Haynes-Edwards, Chandler-Felton, Uzelac, Pettit, Hardaway, and Bella voted in the affirmative. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Second Reading: (Discussion, Public Comments Only If Required & Roll Call Vote): **NONE**

Resolutions (Discussion and Voice Vote):

Resolution 26-33 (Discussion & Voice Vote)

A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Interfund Loan Or Transfer Pursuant To IC 36-1-8-4 Of The Indiana Code To Support Cash Flow.

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| TOWN of MERRILLVILLE
RESOLUTION NO 26-33 | Resolution No. 26-33Page 2 |
| A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY INTERFUND LOAN or TRANSFER PURSUANT to IC 36-1-8-4 OF THE INDIANA CODE TO SUPPORT CASH FLOW | |
| Whereas, The Town Council has previously authorized a temporary loan, to the Record Perpetuation Fund, which was due for repayment on or before June 30, 2026, | Now, Therefore Be it Resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana as follows: |
| Whereas, The Town Council recognizes IC 36-1-8-4 and the repayment requirements outlined therein, but also recognizes the current need for the continued temporary loans, | Section 1. That the amount of \$76,084.30 be borrowed for the Court Records Perpetuation Fund (2230) with the amount of \$76,084.30 to be loaned by the Corporation General Fund (1101); and |
| Whereas, The Clerk-Treasurer's Office, in consultation with the Town Manager, has advised the Town Council that the cash balance in the Record Perpetuation Fund is not sufficient to meet its regular expenses prior to the receipt of the semi-annual distribution of tax increment revenues so it has become necessary to temporarily borrow money to enhance the fund for cash flow purposes, | Section 2. That said loan in the amount of \$76,084.30 be repaid to the Corporation General Fund(1101) of the Town of Merrillville upon receipt of sufficient tax increment or other monies in the Records Perpetuation Fund with such loan to be repaid no later than December 31, 2026, subject to IC 36-1-8-4(6). |
| Whereas, The Clerk-Treasurer has advised that there is sufficient money on deposit to the credit of the Corporation General Fund that can be temporarily transferred; | |
| Whereas, IC 36-1-8-4 provides that the fiscal body of a political subdivision, may, by ordinance or resolution, permit the transfer of a prescribed amount, for a specific period, to a fund for cash flow purposes; and | Duly Passed and Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, this 14th day of July, 2026 |
| Whereas, Council recognizes that this matter should have been addressed back in June and desires this Resolution to be effective retroactively to June 30, 2026, after the original temporary loan had been repaid | TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA |

Town Manager Griffin explained the resolution.

It was moved by Councilor Uzelac and seconded by Councilor Haynes-Edward to approve Resolution 26-33.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution 26-34 (Discussion & Voice Vote:
A Resolution Of The Town Council Of The Town of Merrillville, Indiana, Rescinding Resolution 26-02, Addressing Interference With Real Estate Transactions As It Relates To Ice Operations Within Town Boundaries, And Clarifying To Merrillville Property Owners That The Town Will Not Oppose Any Attempt By Ice To Acquire Property Within Merrillville.

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Resolution 26-34
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TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION 26-02, ADDRESSING INTERFERENCE WITH REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS AS IT RELATES TO ICE OPERATIONS WITHIN TOWN BOUNDARIES, AND CLARIFYING TO MERRILLVILLE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT THE TOWN WILL NOT OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT BY ICE TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY WITHIN MERRILLVILLE.

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2026, the Town Council received a letter of concern from Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita (hereinafter referred to as the "AG") about the Town of Merrillville not following Indiana Code §5-2-18.2-1, and

WHEREAS, the AG believes that the Town of Merrillville has taken and continues to take actions to limit and restrict federal authorities' ability to enforce federal immigration laws in violation of Indiana Code §5-2-18.2-1, and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2026, the Merrillville Town Council enacted Resolution 26-02 expressing Merrillville's opposition to any attempt by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (hereinafter referred to as "ICE") to establish a processing or detention facility for illegal aliens within Merrillville, and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code §5-2-18.2-1 provides that a local governmental entity like Merrillville "may not in any way limit or restrict the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law," and

WHEREAS, since federal law permits ICE to acquire property to use for the detention of illegal aliens, Indiana law forbids any action by a local governmental entity that would limit or restrict its ability to do so, and

WHEREAS, since the AG has asked the Town of Merrillville to take steps at the soonest possible date to bring the Town into compliance with state law, the town will take the following steps:

1. Rescind Resolution No. 26-02 by the passage of Resolution 26-34
2. Discontinue any efforts to discourage or thwart real estate transactions between federal authorities and Merrillville property owners.
3. Issue a public statement (by way of the passage of this Resolution) that makes clear to Merrillville property owners that the Town will not oppose any attempt by ICE to acquire property within Merrillville and will not retaliate against any entity or individual that engages in or facilitates a real estate transaction with ICE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That the Town Council hereby lodges the request made by the AG and agrees to comply with the three (3) corrective steps highlighted in the AG's letter referenced correspondence dated June 24, 2026.

SECTION TWO: That all existing Resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are hereby declared null and void, and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.

SECTION THREE: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption by the Town Council.

Doth Resolved and Adopted this 14th day of July 2026, by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana.

TOWN COUNCIL of the Town of
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

It was moved by Councilor Pettit to deny Resolution 26-34.

It was moved by Councilor Haynes-Edwards to remove Resolution 26-34

Councilor Pettit added that the property owner, Opus Development of 8709 and 8719, has two leases on the table for private businesses to occupy the building, so that property is no longer available.

In response to a question from Councilor Pettit regarding what kind of information was sent to the State Attorney General, President Bella responded that we sent him the press release.

In response to a question from President Bella regarding changing her motion to table Resolution 26-34, Councilor Haynes-Edwards changed her motion.

It was moved by Councilor Haynes-Edwards, and seconded by Councilor Hardaway, to table Resolution 26-34.

Councilor Neal added that she does not want the Town of Merrillville involved in a case where the state is fining us thousands of dollars for noncompliance.

In response to a question regarding the Town Council's power to stop ICE from coming into Merrillville, Indiana, Attorney Ricardo Hall responded that the council has no power to stop ICE if they legally choose to have a facility in the Town of Merrillville. We have political issues and legal issues. We are dealing with federal authority versus state authority in Indiana.

Upon a roll call vote, there were seven affirmatives and no negatives. Councilors Neal, Haynes-Edwards, Chandler-Felton, Uzelac, Pettit, Hardaway, and Bella voted in the affirmative. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The resolution was tabled.

Resolution 26-35 (Discussion & Voice Vote)

An Exigent Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Appropriation Balances from and among various Funds and Departments as Requested by the Proper Officer and Forwarded to the Town Council for its Action Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-6.

| TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA | | | |
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| RESOLUTION No. 26-35 | | | |
| An Exigent Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Appropriation Balances from and among various Funds and Departments as Requested by the Proper Officer and Forwarded to the Town Council for its Action Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-6. | | | |
| WHEREAS, It has been determined that certain exigent conditions have developed since adoption of the original budget and it is now necessary to transfer certain appropriations into different categories than were initially appropriated for the various functions of the Police Donation Fund and the Municipal Cumulative Capital Development Fund; | | | |
| NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, as follows: | | | |
| Section 1. That for the expenses of said municipality, the following appropriations are hereby transferred and set apart out of the funds hereinafter named for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same, such sums herein transferred unless otherwise stipulated by law; and | | | |
| Section 2. That it has been shown that certain existing unobligated appropriations of the Police Donation Fund and the Municipal Cumulative Capital Development Fund, which are not needed at this time for the purposes for which originally appropriated, and may be transferred to a newly authorized category of appropriation in order to satisfy an existing need and further that a new is as follows: | | | |
| 2250 010 394 | Wheel Tax/Contractual Services | Decrease
\$ 2,000.00 | Increase |
| 2250 010 243 006 | Wheel Tax/Other Supplies (DR) | | \$ 2,000.00 |
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| 2350 010 433 | Police Donation/Other Equipment | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| 2350 010 394 | Police Donation/Contractual Services | | \$ 5,000.00 |
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| 4402 010 363 | CCD/ Park Improvements | \$ 45,000.00 | |
| 4402 010 191 | CC D/ Health Insurance | 600,000.00 | |
| 4402 010 453 | CC D/ Other Equipment | 100,000.00 | |
| | Total Decrease: | \$ 745,000.00 | |
| 4402 010 394 006 | CC D/ Contractual Services (DR) | | \$ 745,000.00 |
| | Total Increase | | \$ 745,000.00 |

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Section 3. That the Clerk-Treasurer shall take steps needed to execute the changes set forth in this appropriation transfer resolution as this is a change to the budget

DULY RESOLVED and ADOPTED by the TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, this 14th day of JULY, 2026.

TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

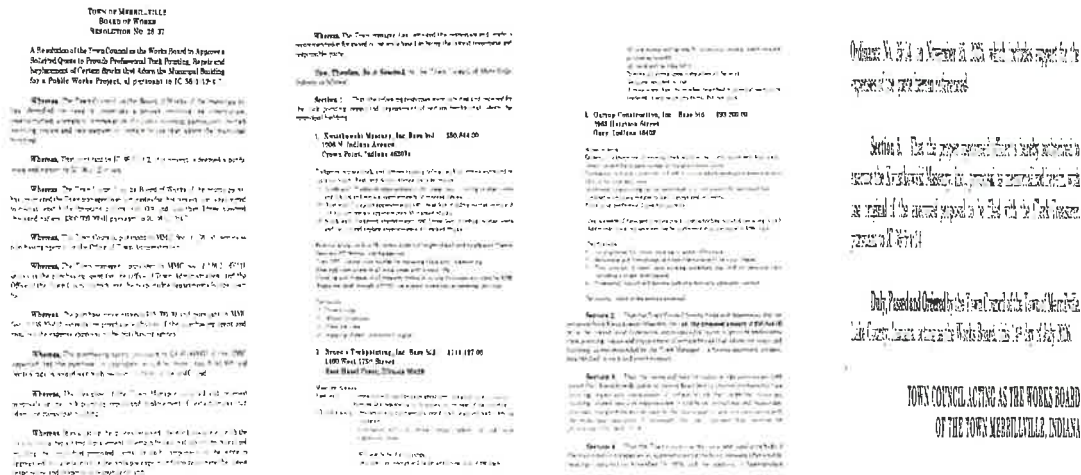
It was moved by Vice-President Neal and seconded by Councilor Haynes-Edwards to approve Resolution 26-35.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution 26-37 (Discussion & Voice Vote)

A Resolution of the Town Council as the Works Board to Approve a Solicited Quote to Provide Professional Tuck Pointing, Repair and Replacement of Certain Bricks that Adorn the Municipal Building for a Public Works Project, all pursuant to IC 36-1-12-47.

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Town Manager Griffin explained the resolution.

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to approve Resolution 26-37.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution 26-38 (Discussion & Voice Vote)

A Resolution Authorizing A Transfer To The Park Non-Reverting Operating Fund.

**TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA
RESOLUTION NO. 26-38
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER TO THE
PARK NON-REVERTING OPERATING FUND**

WHEREAS, The Town of Merrillville, by proper legislative action has established a Park Non-Reverting Operating Fund, pursuant to IC 36-10 et seq.;

WHEREAS, The Town of Merrillville, by proper legislative action did establish a Merrillville Food and Beverage Tax and a Food and Beverage Tax Receipts Fund all pursuant to IC 6-9-54.5 et seq.;

WHEREAS, IC 6-9-54.5-9 provides that among the uses for the revenue received is for parks and recreation purposes;

WHEREAS, The Town Manager and Fiscal Advisor have advised that the Town Council favor the fiscal management outlined in this resolution, which recommendation the Town Council now desires to enact; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. That the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) be transferred from the cash balance on deposit to the Food and Beverage Tax Receipts Fund (4430) and be deposited in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to the credit of the Parks Non-Reverting Operating Fund (2211);

Section 2. That, pursuant to the foregoing, the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized and is hereby requested to transfer the amount identified herein;

Section 3. That the Clerk-Treasurer as the disbursing and fiscal officer of the Municipality, is hereby instructed, and authorized to take such steps as necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2026, by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana.

TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

Town Manager Griffin explained the resolution.

It was moved by Vice-President Neal and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to approve Resolution 26-38.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution 26-39 (Discussion & Voice Vote)

An Exigent Resolution Providing For The Transfer Of Appropriation Balances From And Among Major Budget Classifications In The Court (Department 8) In The General Fund As Requested By The Proper Officer And Forwarded To The Council For Its Action To I.C. 6-1.1-18-6

**RESOLUTION No. 26-39
TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA**

AN EXIGENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING for the TRANSFER of APPROPRIATION BALANCES from and AMONG MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATIONS in the COURT (DEPARTMENT 8) in the GENERAL FUND as REQUESTED BY THE PROPER OFFICER AND FORWARDED to the TOWN COUNCIL for its ACTION PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-1.1-18-6.

WHEREAS, It has been determined that certain exigent conditions have developed since adoption of the original budget and it is now necessary to transfer certain appropriations into different categories than were initially appropriated for the various functions of the Town Court (Department 8) in the GENERAL Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. That for the expenses of said municipality, the following appropriations are hereby transferred and set apart out of the funds hereinafter named for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same, such sums herein transferred unless otherwise stipulated by law;

Section 2. That it has been shown that certain existing unobligated appropriations of the Town Court (Department 8) of the GENERAL Fund, which are not needed at this time for the purposes for which originally appropriated, and may be transferred to a newly authorized category of appropriation in order to satisfy an existing need and further that a new a as follows:

| | | <u>Decrease</u> | <u>Increase</u> |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1101.008.118 | General/P-T Bailiff | \$ 10,441.00 | |
| 1101.008.394 | General/Contractual Services | | \$ 10,441.00 |
| Totals: | | \$ 10,441.00 | \$ 10,441.00 |

Section 3. That the Clerk-Treasurer shall take steps needed to execute the changes set forth in this appropriation transfer resolution as this is a change to the budget.

DULY RESOLVED and ADOPTED by the TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, this 14th day of July, 2026.

**TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA**

It was moved by Vice-President Neal and seconded by Councilor Chandler-Felton to approve Resolution 26-39.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The Resolution was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilor Pettit informed the council that he would like to extend the moratorium on Data Center until December 31, 2027.

In response to a question from President Bella regarding the proper way to extend the moratorium, Town Manager Griffin responded that parliamentary procedure can be relaxed if there are no objections from membership. The actual term of the current council ends on January 1, 2028, at 12:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Chandler-Felton to extend the moratorium on Data Centers being built in the Town of Merrillville until January 1, 2028, at 12:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote, there were seven affirmatives and no negatives. Councilors Neal, Haynes-Edwards, Chandler-Felton, Uzelac, Pettit, Hardaway, and Bella voted in the

affirmative. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The moratorium on data centers was extended until January 1, 2028, 12:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Pettit announced that a Council Affairs Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21 at 5:30 p.m.

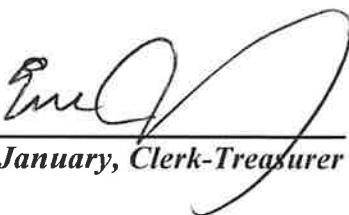
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Town Council President announced the following:

- Town Council Meeting July 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- RDC Meeting July 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- Town Council Workshop July 15th
- Town Council Affair July 21st at 5:30 p.m.
- Merrillville Job Fair July 30th at 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, the Town Council President, Rick Bella, announced the meeting had adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Eric O. January, Clerk-Treasurer


~~Rick Bella~~, Town Council President Pro Tem
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Respectfully Submitted By Angela Lewis

