

# TOWN OF DAYTON, INDIANA

## Town Council Meeting

SETTLED 1827

CORPORATED 1970

Minutes of

February 17, 2026

7:00pm

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### TOWN COUNCIL:

Marc Buhrmester, Town Board President  
Rocky Richards, Utility Board President  
Steve Schuhle, Town Board Vice President  
Carla Snodgrass, Utility Board Vice President  
Mike Harris, Council Member, Streets & Roads

### TEMPORARY ~~DEPUTY~~ CLERK-TREASURER

Susie Sheffer

Marc Buhrmester called the meeting to order. Present were Carla Snodgrass, Marc Buhrmester, Rocky Richards, Mike Harris and Steve Schuhle. Also present were Patrick Jones, Town Attorney, Susie Sheffer (Temporary) Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Robert Taylor, Town Marshal and Kurt Delzer, Town Manger.

Marc introduced Susie Sheffer as the Temporary Deputy Clerk-Treasurer during Cindy Florey's absence. A Resolution Appointing an Individual as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to Temporarily Assume the Responsibilities of Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Day, State of Indiana No. 2026-4 was signed prior to meeting. Marc made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-4. Rocky seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Carla – Yes, Marc – Yes, Rocky – Yes, Steve – Yes, Mike – Yes. Motion carriers 5-0

### Guest Presentations:

**Brian Turner, General Manager with Stoops Freightliner 6584 Hine Drive, Dayton, IN 47941**– He spoke about wanting to improve their sign to a taller one and was wanting to know that the Town of Dayton would be in favor of the new sign before he proceeded in the process of getting approval with the BZA. Brian said that the new sign would help them grow their business as well as bring in more business to the Town of Dayton. Patrick, the

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town's attorney, said that Stoops would need to submit a request for a variance from the BZA Board . He said that the BZA would hold a hearing, and that they have the authority to approval or disapprove. Steve inquired about the direction of the lights on the sign and if they would be directed at the traffic coming off I-65 on the off ramp. Marc said he had no exception to the proposed sign. Mike said he was fine with the proposed sign. Carla said she had no opinion either way. Rocky was fine with the sign. Marc made a motion asking if anyone was opposed to having the Clerk-Treasurer compose a letter to the BZA Board stating that the Town Council is in favor of the proposed sign. Marc said that Stoops would have to let the Town Council know when they would be ready for the Council to send the letter to the BZA. Mike seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Carla-Yes, Marc-Yes, Rocky-Yes, Steve-Yes, Mike-Yes. Motion carriers 5-0

**Tim Clark INTAC Management Group, LLC**, Lafayette, IN 47903 – Tim spoke about the progress of becoming ADA compliant. Tim will provide a list of everything that needs to be done for this certification. He said that he has submitted the ADA Report to INDOT on the Town's behalf. There is a test that will have to be taken which is comprised of 30 questions and 27 of those questions need to be answered correctly. It will take 18 months to 2 years of classes for Carla as the ADA Coordinator to get her certification. He said he will be with Carla when she takes this test. He also informed the council that a meeting must be called with the town Residents. The requirements document must be posted on the town website each year in a pdf format informing the public that we are ADA compliant. Carla mentioned that she would like one master word document that can be edited in one location so that she can update as changes occur. Tim also informed the council that the sidewalk inventory still must be finished.

Tim will attend the next Town Council meeting in March to go provide the list of ADA requirements.

**Attorney** - Patrick updated the council regarding the transfer of the County's right of way on Dayton Road with Dayton's right of way on E 375 S. He said that the County is currently drafting legal descriptions for the Town of Dayton's Council to review and approve.

**Billboard Lease** - Marc began the discussion stating that the current Lease with JR Promotions LLC for the town property that JR Promotions Billboard stands is expiring this year. It was discussed as to whether the town wants to seek out other companies to see if they would be interested in leasing this property to install their sign, or do we negotiate a new contract with JR Promotions. Patrick said that if we do put this out for bids, we will

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have to follow the proper procedures and get 2 appraisals and put it out for bids. The other option would be to just request proposals. Steve stated that at this time, we don't know the appraised value of this strip of land, and we would need to get the property appraised before moving forward.

Carla said that she would contact 2 or 3 commercial appraisers and ask them what they would charge to appraise the property. With that, Marc stated the council will decide at our next council meeting if we will have the appraisal done based on Carla's findings.

**Resolution 2026-3:** A Resolution to Withdraw the Elected Office of Clerk-Treasurer from Participation in the Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF)

Both Marc and Patrick stated that when they tried speaking with PERF direct regarding the Resolution but PERF would not discuss the matter with them. Some council members felt that we were paying into this fund but getting nothing back in return. Carla voiced her concerns regarding "My Choice" and the "partial withdrawal of the town from PERF" portion of the resolution. Marc made the motion to pass Resolution #2026-3. Mike seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carla-Abstained, Marc-Yes, Rocky-Abstained, Steve-Yes, Mike-Yes. Motion carries 3-2

**Allowance Docket:** Marc made motion to accept the Allowance Docket. Steve seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carla-Yes, Marc-Yes, Rocky-Yes, Steve-Yes, Mike-Yes, Motion carried 5-0.

**Claims Docket 2/17/2026; Motion for 3.0 additional hours for Mark Harlow** were tabled to be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

**Appropriation Report (January 2026); Bank Reconciliation (January 2026 & February 2026); Fund Report (January 2026); Revenue Report (January 2026):** These reports were tabled until next month's Council Meeting.

**Approval of Minutes – Utility Board Meeting (January 20, 2026), Town Council Meeting (January 20, 2026):** Marc made a motion to accept the minutes. Steve seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carla- Yes, Marc- Yes, Rocky- Yes, Steve- Yes, Mike- Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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**Clerk-Treasurer Report: ILMCT Conference in March:** Marc stated that Cindy the Clerk Treasurer will be attending the Annual ILMCT Conference in Plainfield, IN held in March. The Fee to attend was \$310.00 Marc made a motion to approve the fee. Steve seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carla- Yes, Marc- Yes, Rocky- Yes, Steve- Yes, Mike- Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Elementary School Thank You Letter:** With Cindy Florey not being present, this was held over until next month's Council Meeting.

**Area Plan Representative Report:** None

**Police Report:** Marshal Scott Taylor addressed the Council. He asked for approval for Officer Evan Tislow to attend a Criminal Investigation class through the Legal & Liability Risk Management Institute that is being held in Avon, IN. The fee is \$325.00. Marc made a motion to approve the \$325.00 fee for the class. Steve seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carla- Yes, Marc- Yes, Rocky- Yes, Steve- Yes, Mike- Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Contractor Agreement:** Alpha Business Technologies LLC Contractor Agreement to Provide IT Services and Data Backup. Mike made a motion to accept and sign the Contract. Marc second the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carla- Yes, Marc- Yes, Rocky- Abstained, Steve- Yes, Mike- Yes. Motion carried 4-1.

**Contractor Agreement:** Larry Tippin, CPA Contractor Agreement to Assist with Various Accounting Work. Marc made a motion to accept to accept and sign the Contract. Steve Seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carla- Yes, Marc- Yes, Rocky- Yes, Steve- Yes, Mike- Yes. Motion carried 5-0

**New Business:**

- **Storage Shed Business** - The Town of Dayton was contacted by a business that sells storage sheds and was wanting to display these sheds in Dayton. Council discussed and stated that the property is currently zoned General Business and tabled it for further discussion at the next Council meeting.
- **Architect for 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Town Hall-** Steve stated that this had been previously discussed. The thought at that time was to make apartments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, but it is not easily accessible without an elevator, which, if installed, would take up part of the parking lot. There was also the issue of cost. Steve stated that grants are given out 4 times a year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor also is not ADA compliant. Steve said he will call to see what it would cost and bring findings to next month's meeting.

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- **“Lot Available” sign for 722 Walnut St.** – Marc said that he felt that we need to let the public know that this property is available for development by installing a sign. The cost for this sign would be around \$500.00. Mike made a motion to approve the \$500 for the sign. Marc second the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carla- No, Marc- Yes, Rocky- No, Steve- Yes, Mike- Yes. Motion carried 3-2

**Old Business:**

- **Request to purchase round table** - Marc had gotten 3 quotes for a 72” round table, Amazon, Home Depot and Staples. Marc made a motion to purchase table for under \$300.00. Mike seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carla- No, Marc- Yes, Rocky- Yes, Steve- Yes, Mike- Yes. Motion carried 4-1
- **Condition of Dayton Road near Baker Farms.** Marc stated that the road is deteriorating and is in poor shape. He posed the question: Are we going to fix it if it gets worse? Mike suggested that we maintain the road up to E 375 S. with crack sealant for now and wait until the Baker Farms Phase II is completed due to the heavy equipment that will be traveling the road during this construction.

**Public Comment:** Ron Kohler of Kohler Bros. Landscaping 3120 Dayton Rd expressed his thoughts on what could be done with the vacant 722 Walnut lot across from Town Hall. He felt that it could be made into a park with landscaping, benches, walkways, lighting and maybe another gazabo. He has seen this in other towns. He said he even offered to buy the lot. Ron then addressed the council regarding not giving the audience the opportunity to speak on agenda items before they were voted on.

**Council Comment:**

- Marc shared his concern about the possible changes in the Indiana Tax laws regarding the town’s right to re-zone property within Dayton. This could mean less revenue for the Town.

**Meeting was adjourned.**

Attest: *Susan Sheffer*

Susan Sheffer - Temporary ~~Deputy~~ Clerk-Treasurer

Minutes prepared by Susan Sheffer, Temporary ~~Deputy~~ Clerk-Treasurer

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