

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537
July 12, 2025 6:00 pm

Council Members

Roger Ecker, Pres.
Ryan Young, Vice
Cathy Welch

Council Members present: Roger Ecker, Ryan Young, Cathy Welch

Council Members absent –

Town Clerk- Treasurer – present

Town Attorney – present

Patrons: Lorraine Dove, Steve Stacy, Dan Sammartino, Chelsea Smith, Shannon McLeod, Roger Christner, Doug Horner

Call to order – 6:00p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Roger Ecker made a motion to accept the minutes from June 12, 2025 as written. Ryan Young seconded the motion. All in favor: Roger Ecker – aye, Ryan Young – aye, Cathy Welch – aye. Motion carried 3-0

New Business: Marshall County One, responsible for coordinating efforts, funding and facilitating throughout the county. It consists of 28 members that want to make Marshall County better. The priority focus areas are listening to challenges and learning what can be better as a county.

Old Business: Shannon, with Project Resources – Federal Funding has helped LaPaz in the past with grants. Will always be ready to help again. She was asked about the ARPA funding for the covid relief fund that we lost, however, technically we should be ok to use this money as it was voted and a contract signed prior to the 12/31/2024 deadline with the council, just not the contractor. The signatures from the Town Council should have locked in the award and we may be able to make an amendment for the money.

Park Bathrooms: Will be taken over by the town, we will be responsible for the updating, sanitation, and upkeep of these. There will need to be a signed contract that will basically state the town is renting the facility for \$40.80 each month.

Police: First camera in the park is set up. Power to the pavilion will be set up. Temporary Camera at this point watching the bathrooms is a license plate reader and if we want this camera, the price is \$600.00 and Bruce thinks this is good quality and will help identify from about 30 feet away, the make and color of a vehicle at least. To cover all of the park, would need 4 cameras. Ecker motioned to purchase one camera for now, Young seconded. Ecker – aye, Young – aye, Welch – aye

Dan is welcomed this evening as a reserve officer and will take oath at the end of the meeting.

MVH: Discussed where to hard wire at the park. Bathrooms, a water line is broken, working on rebuilding kit for water to stop leaking. Line popped up at Aberts, will need that buried.

Sewer dept: North tank has been rebuilt, very happy with how it is working, should be starting on South Tank next week.

Sewer was capped off at demo'd house on Vandalia, ok to discontinue service.

Patron: Lorraine Dove would like to express the concern she has about how the town's appearance is. Weeds look high on the bridge, cars without tags in yards, apartments on Walnut look trashy, lawns not consistently mowed. Officer has spoke with several of these residents and the promise to remove/clean is there but then doesn't happen.

Attorney Update: At a meeting attended by Tony, the State is starting to move away from property taxes and going towards a revenue income. Funding models are changing and revenue will be in the hands of the county. IN Dept of Rev has shown data for the county but not for the actual town. Baker-Tilly looks at revenue, don't think there is enough information for them to say anything for our 80% funding of CCMG.

Looking into Park Donation fund number, will be an ordinance for next meeting.

Financials: APV's 5350-5398 in the amount of \$217,343.18 dated June 13-July 12, 2025 approved. Motion by Ecker, Seconded by Young. Ecker – aye, Young – aye, Welch – aye.

Clerk Update:

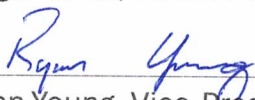
Adjournment: 6:43p.m.



Roger Ecker, Council President

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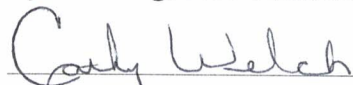
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Ryan Young, Vice-President

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Cathy Welch, Council Member

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Attested: Jennifer Gilmer, Clerk-Treasurer

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Next Meeting August 14, 2025