

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2025

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, with Council Members, Les McFarland, Jonah Best, Terry Clemens, Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger, and Attorney Alex Hoover present in person. The meeting was opened to the public and due to technical difficulties, the livestream via You Tube did not record.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Member Best made a motion to approve the minutes from July 15, 2025, regular scheduled council meeting, Member Clemens offered the second and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: The Quonset building was discussed. Clerk-Treasurer Berger stated that the Town finally received the insurance money for the damage that occurred on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Steve Walsh, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works presented a quotation from Steelridge to replace the current building with an estimate of \$103,950.00. The insurance settlement was \$55,255.00 the remainder of the funds will be coming from the Storm Water Utility account. Member Best motioned to approve, Member Clemens offered the second, and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

NEW BUSINESS: Bishop Mark Cottrill was present to express his appreciation to the Town for their donation to the 100<sup>th</sup> year Pentecostal Church celebration on August 2, 2025.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims from 76640-7754 in the amount of \$623,941.18. Council Member Clemens motioned to approve the claims, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented the SRO Agreement between the Town and Triton School Corporation for approval. The Town will provide financial support in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the 2025 – 2026 school year. Member Best motioned to approve the agreement, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented a preliminary 2026 budget to the Council. She advised the council that some changes would be made since she was notified that the Town's insurance rates would decrease by 3% in 2026. She stated that the Public Hearing on the 2026 budget will take place on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and adoption would be on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Berger asked for guidance since our contract with Borden/Stafford Waste Services would be ending on 12/31/2025. The Council members expressed satisfaction with the current provider and asked her to reach out to see if the contract could be extended. Member Clemens motioned to move forward with possibly extending the contract, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger made the council aware of an issue with the stairs that lead to the announcers booths on the baseball fields. She stated that the boards are rotted and that they pose a danger to the public. She was given permission to seek quotes for replacement.

Chief Martin submitted his Police Department's monthly report. Martin asked if a decision had been made to fill the Sargeant's position. The Council Members all expressed their satisfaction with both Officers Amsden and Berry that applied for the position. Member Best motioned to approve Officer Amsden to the Sargeant position, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Martin stated that the new car would be available the first week of December and that the Council would need to make a decision prior to that time on whether to trade in FX2 with 105,000.00 miles. He also advised that the floor tiles have been repaired in the offices.

Martin asked to add William Schaetzle to the Reserve Roster on the department. Member Best motioned to add Schaetzle, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Roger Terry submitted the activity reports for the street and utilities department. Terry requested that the Council accept a quote from Hooter's Tree Service to remove several dangerous trees within the corporate limits in the amount of \$6,900.00. Member Clemens motioned to approve, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Member Best advised Terry to make sure that padlocks were placed on the electrical panels at the park.

Chad Stepp, Bourbon Fire Chief, presented his report. Stepp reported that the department responded to 6 calls since last month's meeting. The Council congratulated the Fire Department on a wonderful Fireworks display.

Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director, presented her report. Schaetzle provided an overview of the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings that were held on Monday August 11, 2025. Schaetzle stated she received a letter from the attorney of the owner of 606 N. Washington Street and that she had forwarded it to Attorney Hoover. Attorney Hoover stated that the owner of the property had until August 20, 2025, to comply with the repairs requested.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Attorney Hoover stated that a court date of October 10, 2025, is scheduled with the owners of Parkview Place Apartments. Clerk-Treasurer Berger asked if liens could be placed on the property with the pending court date, Hoover stated he would have to look into that for guidance.

PATRON'S COMMENTS: Trevor Tillotson was present to express his concern about a property line issue between the owners at 117 E. Center and their rental home at 107 N.

Washington. President McFarland stated that it was a civil matter and that Mr. Tillotson would need to have his landlord contact an attorney.

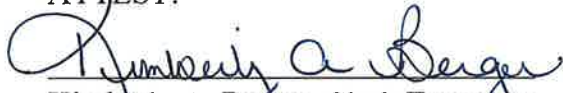
Lonny Berkey, Summerfest coordinator was present to thank the Town for their support during the recent Summerfest Weekend.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: The Council Members expressed their appreciation for the department heads.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger requested that the Sargeant pay would take effect starting on August 23, 2025, the beginning of the next pay period. Member Best motioned to agree, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, President McFarland made the motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m., a second was offered by Member Best and the motion carried by a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATTEST:

  
Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk Treasurer



Les McFarland, President