

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, with Council Members, Les McFarland, Jonah Best, Terry Clemens, and Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Berger present in person. Attorney Alex Hoover was not in attendance. The meeting was opened to the public and livestreamed via You Tube.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Member Clemens made a motion to approve the minutes from October 14, 2025 meeting, Member Best offered the second and it passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: Member Best asked the Council to wait to make a decision on the FX2 Explorer until spring due to mechanical issues with the FX1 Explorer in service. Member Clemens motioned to retain the use of the car, Member Best offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

President McFarland informed Chief Martin about a Public Safety Grant that is available and asked him to look into the process.

NEW BUSINESS: Jack Garner, Marshall County Emergency Management Director, was present to give the Council an update on the happenings at the EMA. Garner will be hosting a county meeting on December 4th to discuss the happenings of his office and to receive county input.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger presented Ordinance 2025-05 which addresses salary and hourly rates for 2026. The ordinance shows a 2% increase to rates over last year. Member Best motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-05, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger presented the 2026 Volunteer Fire Department Contract for approval. There was an increase of \$6,500.00 to the compensation, which is split between the Town and Township, for 2026. Member Best motioned to approve the 2026 contract, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clerk-Treasurer Berger was appointed to the Marshall County Unsafe Board with a motion from Member Clemens, seconded by Member Best and the motion carried 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: Ms. Berger asked for approval of claims from 7937 - 8027 in the amount of \$297,915.66. Member Best motioned to approve the claims, Member Clemens offered the second and the motion passed 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Berger announced that the Annual Tree lighting will be held Saturday, November 29th beginning at 5:45 and Santa arrives at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Martin submitted his Police Department's monthly report. Martin informed the Council that he is attempting to obtain a grant through Zoll for AED and First Aid Kits for the squad cars.

Roger Terry, Superintendent of Public Works presented the reports for the utilities and street departments. Terry announced that Leaf pick up might have to extend past the end date of Wednesday, November 26th due to the recent snow.

Terry informed the Council that on Monday, November 17, 2025, the crane should be removing the bell tower for repairs. A final completion date is not yet known.

Chad Stepp, Bourbon Fire Chief, presented his report. Stepp reported that the department responded to 13 calls last month. Stepp announced the Officers for 2026 as follows: Chad Stepp, Chief, Shane McIntyre, Assistant Chief, John Gomola, Captain, Justin Wright, Training Officer, and Tyson Horter Secretary/Treasurer.

Susie Schaetzle, Plan Director, was not present.

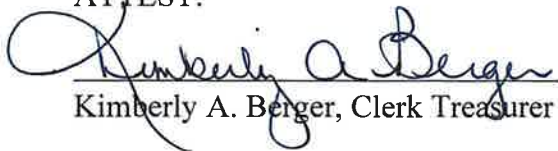
TOWN ATTORNEY: Attorney Hoover was not present.


PATRON'S COMMENTS: Greg Hildebrand, Marshall County Economic Development Director was present to inquire about a recent meeting held with a developer for potential housing in the future.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Member Best stated that he would like the Town to sponsor a Christmas decorating contest this year. He proposed awards at \$200.00 for first place, \$150.00 for second place, and \$100.00 for third place. Judging will take place on Wednesday, December 17th with members of the Triton High School senior class acting as the judging team.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business to come before the Council, Member Clemens made the motion to adjourn at 6:24 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