

A meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 7:00pm at Kirklin Town Hall while being simultaneously livestreamed at www.youtube.com/@kirklinindiana.

The meeting was opened by Melinda Jobe. On the call of the roll, the following Council Members were present: Melinda Jobe, Walt Minnick, Jerry Faucett, Craig Hudzinski, and Brent Stetler.

Also present: Billy Walker, Brendon Bright, Dave Harness, Bill Brock, Jay Moore, Will & Elizabeth Benedict, and Tara Walker.

The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer were led by Melinda Jobe.

MINUTES – Walt Minnick made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the Town Council Meeting and Public Hearing held on November 10, 2025. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and it passed unanimously.

THE BRIDGE – Dave Harness was in attendance to discuss changes made to the proposed agreement between the Town and The Bridge for the proposed Neighborhood Center at the park. The final agreement will be brought to the December 29 year-end meeting for consideration.

SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT – Brent Stetler made a motion to approve Commonwealth Engineering Inv #65019 in the amount of \$2,950.43. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously.

PARK – Billy Walker stated that the park restrooms have been winterized and that the new playground equipment is slated to be delivered with installation expected sometime in March.

STORMWATER – Tara Walker reached out to Commissioner Jordan Brewer since she had not heard back from Dan Sheets regarding the county drain tile on the east side of town. Jordan relayed that Dan said he would be reaching out.

SUPERINTENDENT – Billy Walker provided the council with a written report. Billy added that the recent leak was a 4" ductile iron pipe that snapped in two.

POLICE – Brendon Bright reported that since the last meeting there were 21 calls for service and 14 traffic stops. Of those, 1 infraction was written and 13 warnings given. He stated that the outer casing on the spotlight has been replaced on the Ford F-150 truck and the battery replaced in the Ford Explorer. He expressed his appreciation to the Frankfort Police Department's maintenance guy who did the work for no cost to Kirklin. Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve a quote from Advanced Computer & Communication Systems in the amount of \$1,393.35 to replace the laptop in the police truck. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and it carried unanimously. Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve Ruckelshaus Kautzman Blackwell Inv #745 in the amount of \$1,869.00 to pay for an injured officer's attorney fees related to the recent police shooting. The motion was seconded by Brent Stetler and it carried unanimously.

CLERK-TREASURER – Tara Walker provided the following reports to the town council prior to the meeting for month ending November 30, 2025: Revenue, Appropriations, Payroll Allowance Docket, Adjustments Register, and the Monthly Statement of Reconciled Accounts; and the Accounts Payable Register ending December 4, 2025. Seeing no questions, the town council signed the Payroll Allowance Docket, Adjustments Register and the Accounts Payable Register. Melinda Jobe also signed the Statement of Reconciled Accounts and reviewed and signed the bank statements. **Invoices** – Walt Minnick motioned to approve the following invoices that arrived after the APV Register was printed: Menards, \$27.82; Elwood Fire, \$37.95; Elwood Fire, \$85.65;

Elwood Fire, \$88.95; Elwood Fire, \$37.95; Elwood Fire, \$14.85; Ryan, Moore, Cook, Triplett & Albertson, \$210.00; and, Ryan, Moore, Cook, Triplett & Albertson, \$2,672.00. The motion was seconded by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously. **Towns Meeting** - Tara informed the council that the annual Towns Meeting in Rossville is scheduled for January 29, 2026, at 6:30pm and that one council member is required to attend. Walt Minnick or Melinda Jobe will attend. **2026 Election** – Tara provided each council member a copy of the letter received from the Clinton County Clerk's Office dated December 1, 2025, regarding changes to the law pertaining to small town candidates. There are two council member seats up for election in 2026.

2026 SALARY ORD #2025-12-1 – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Melinda Jobe to adopt the 2026 Salary Ord #2025-12-1 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Walt Minnick and it carried with a unanimous vote.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT – Walt Minnick motioned to approve a leak adjustment for Stacey Cooper in the amount of \$90.53. The motion was seconded by Craig Hudzinski and it carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBERS – Tara Walker provided the councilmembers with annual nepotism and contracting policy forms and stated that those who wish to file a conflict-of-interest form needs to turn it in to her so that she can upload it onto Gateway. Brent Stetler made a motion to allow Melinda Jobe to sign a letter to Rural Development stating that Kirklin has not yet decided on possible funding for a future project to address inflow and infiltration issues since Kirklin is waiting to see the results of the recent sanitary sewer project, which may take a year. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously.

Seeing no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Melinda Jobe, Town Council President

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