



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 06, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Council Chambers - Bristol Municipal Complex and live  
streamed Town of Bristol YouTube channel

## MINUTES

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### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Thursday, June 6, 2024, Town Council President Jeff Beachy called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:04pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Lieutenant Dustin Lundgren of the Bristol Police Department.

### ROLL CALL

Members present: Doug DeSmith, Dean Rentfrow, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy

Others in attendance: Lieutenant Dustin Lundgren, Legal Counsel Alex Bowman, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jill Swartz, Town Manager Mike Yoder, Fire Chief Nik Kantz

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Town Attorney - addition of one item, Ordinance No. 6/6/2024-14 wide load routes, as shown on website posting. The agenda will stand as noted.

Jeff addressed the public to let them know the process for the meeting and when public comments will be allowed and that at that time they should come to the podium to share their name, address and comments.

### APPROVAL OF INVOICES

- **Motion to approve the invoices** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded by Doug DeSmith.  
Voting Yea: Cathy Burke, Doug DeSmith, Greg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy, Dean Rentfrow. **Motion carries.**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve previous months' minutes** (May 16 & May 24, 2024) made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Dean Rentfrow. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy, Dean Rentfrow. **Motion carries.**

### REPORTS

#### TOWN MANAGER Mike Yoder

Council was in agreement to move forward with a NIPSCO easement along Ponderosa. This is part of the new infrastructure for a new sub-station and to prevent any structures from being built there. No poles will be installed and there will be no need to move community garden.

Great Lakes Laminating CF-1 PP taxes

Estimated investment on SB-1 \$4,500,000 equipment /Actual investment \$ 9,127,717 of equipment

Estimated payroll SB-1 \$1,560,000 / Actual \$3,975,088

4-year abatement, signed 2019

Recommend approval as substantially compliant

Jeff reviewed the tax abatement with the attendees and how they affect the Town and that businesses do pay taxes.

Motion to approve the CF-1 for Great Lakes made by Doug DeSmith, Seconded by Dean Rentfrow.  
Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy, Dean Rentfrow. Motion carries.

Satellite CF-1 - abatement expired

note that satellite industry abatement had expired.

Town Manager report

farmland s and w of town (Brown farm area) may have an announcement of 2 maybe 3 active projects coming soon.

spoke to lack of electric power in Town. meet with AEP and NIPSCO Chris Stager and Yoder. more to come Abby Thomas farm.

no meeting on July 4. may need special meeting to cover some project topics and agreement.

CLERK-TREASURER

Pyrotechnico Fireworks agreement 2024 - \$1K credit has been applied to the \$16K contract. The Town and the Homecoming committee will pay the remaining balance due of \$15K.

Page 2 of the agreement reflects future display dates based on the dates shared by the Homecoming committee. I have confirmed with Tommy Feldman that he is and will remain our fireworks specialist until further notice. Requesting confirmation of acceptance and signature to shore up the contract. Thanks, Cathy Antonelli

Motion to approve the fireworks contract made by Doug DeSmith, Seconded by Jeff Beachy.

Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy, Dean Rentfrow. Motion carries.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Ordinance 6-6-2024-14 designating wide load detour

Ponderosa drive/Bloomington drive alternative route INDOT issuing tickets. 22:06

NEW BUSINESS

chicken ordinance variance -currently in process

sign design meeting > back burner due to fire

food truck plan > in process, to be presented soon

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Public Comments to Council)

Please state your name and address | 3-minute guideline for comments

Cindy Kimes, 200 Twin River Trails - concern with the grass length and not being able to see when coming out onto SR 15 and secondly the blacktop on her road being redone and a line down the middle of the road. concerns with the neighbor on the corner and his yard contents, neighbor and parking on the grass.

Jessica Maack, 1008 Swan St. - asked for water project breakdowns, residents vs factories payments. Has a copy of the ordinance, but would like a better understanding.

TIF district pays a large portion of the fire protection fire contracts Town \$685K, Township \$570K, York small portion. would like to have the breakdown published for everyone to review. Turned down for grants, lowest water rates. minutes to show on websites. program to help with increased costs? Trustee and the HUB are avenues for financial aid. add this info to water bill

Destiny Schwartz, 807 ? Illinois - angry that we did not communicate the increase.

Charles Maack, 1008 Swan St. - someone dropped the ball on communication. businesses are not the community, we are. Jeff addressed talking to farm owners about residential. by-pass not finished.

lives in river watch 46:35 who is this? wants things to happen for our community. River Watch, the guardrail on River rd, was torn out when the riverbank was shored up and has never been replaced.

jeff says we will look put a guardrail up.

Cathy Burke spoke to property sold by owner not Town. Town has say on usage, already zoned.

Lester Otto, 18686 CR 23- by Brown property. spoke to shaking of neighboring home due to mfg. don't want mfg in my area. wants residential.

not gaining capacity, 20 year old, old failing equipment, Gregg spoke to the reasoning for the increase, the rate study

Jackson River Watch, Heather's son-\$50K freedom powder? new fence/blacktop JB-fire territory five years ago>water//sewer project. avoiding sewer backups mutual aid (fire)

Betty Arnold, 300 Maple St - limited income, sewer only, acts permission to put in a septic (Jill said no) MY \$15-18K for sewer,

Scott Heise? 101 E -you're voted in by us. biz not voting for you. we are. no communications. JB published on the website, newspaper (nobody gets the paper) attach it to the water bill. used to work for city of Elkhart, st dept. shop around

Cindy Kimes-what's the bridge for? JB not even a project right now, sidewalk in town > Congdon Park, only if funded by a grant. NO taxpayer dollars. why do we need it? homecoming?

we can't continue to repair, or get parts. communication is the key.

Maxine 105 CR 104 ? name? show up to the meetings not fb, never attending a town board meeting where there was this many people. what is time frame for cleaning up the burned houses. Alex- eminent domain action in Court, appraisals due by the Court, statutory procedure for town to take possession.

Cathy Burke-two separate clean up? Yoder-one clean up project, towards the end of next week. depending on the litigation. slim chance to be cleaned up by homecoming. Yoder-important of biz to this community. town is not paying for the clean up, pedestrian bridge, WWTP instead of being shared by the residents, the biz are the predominate. no TIF district, no \$ for clean up (from mfg) 1:17:46

farmowners landowner \$50/\$60K an acre > sell to mfg, wanting residential

Lester Otto has own well and septic, lived here for 18 years, roads to nowhere. Maple St closed. retired now. doesn't understand why we don't have control over the RR closures. RR has complete control over that RR and mandates what crossing can be closed or remain open. talk to US Senators (for changes). a rumor about a new road from 15 behind his house.....Yoder spoke to property purchase....SR 15/CR 10 extended straight west, south of Valmont,

extension at industrial drive SR 15 summer/fall into Abby's property that starts heading east and curving up towards Bloomingdale and then S to CR 10, tried for a light.

Jill spoke to livestream on youtube. new meter installation view consumption on waterscope. and that all of River Watch. Dwight Barnes, Old Port Cove, dad -Al Barnes spoke to growing up here as a kid and that a park should go in where fire was and not a pedestrian bridge, spoke to traffic downtown. signs/traffic INDOT says no. main street looks nice in the summertime with the flowers, beautification, not a drive thru community. JB-change can't happen overnight. TIF \$.

JB water rates - Doug DeSmith, 2003 - 2024 20 years>no increase. approx 70% increase. if it's more, we need to review. Dwight>fireworks brings people into town. Charlie Feldman (80) and family 42 years, no charge. welcomes the conversations and concerns and ways to help (Township Trustee and HUB). SRF rates required. our responsibility to make sure infrastructure is in working order.

Thanks to everyone that attended. Yoder-online>meeting packet, minutes, archive. website. Jeff shared on screen and reviewed where to find the information.

## TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Doug DeSmith  
Town of Bristol app download on phone  
Dean Rentfrow  
Cathy Burke  
Gregg Tuholski  
Jeff Beachy

## NEXT MEETINGS:

June 18 Work session - fire protection options with Baker Tilly  
June 20 Regular Council meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made by Gregg Tuholski.

Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Dean Rentfrow

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Jeff Beachy, Council President

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Jill Swartz, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer