



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Northern Indiana Event Center, RV Hall of Fame

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Jeff Beachy called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Northern Indiana Event Center, RV Hall of Fame.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members present: Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, and Jeff Beachy.

Others present: Marshal Steve Priem, Town Attorney Alex Bowman, Town Manager Mike Yoder, Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Antonelli, and Fire Chief Nik Kantz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - The agenda stood as published.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

• **Motion to approve the invoices** made by Tony Davidson, seconded by Gregg Tuholski, to approve the invoices. Voting Yea: Jeff Beachy, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson. **Motion carries.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• **Motion to approve the May 21, 2026 Regular Council meeting minutes** made by Cathy Burke, seconded by Doug DeSmith, to approve the minutes. Voting Yea: Jeff Beachy, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson. **Motion carries.**

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ITEMS

Frost Properties LLC Rezoning from DPUD M-1 to M-1

ORDINANCE No. BR-6-18-2026-17: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. PC 2024-04 Known As The Elkhart County Development Ordinance By Rezoning The Area Of Real Estate Hereinafter Described From DPUD M-1 To M-1.

A public hearing was opened at 7:05pm and hearing no public comment the hearing was closed at 7:05pm

• **Motion to approve Ordinance BR 6-18-2026-17** rezoning Frost Properties LLC from DPUD M-1 to M-1 made by Doug DeSmith, Seconded by Cathy Burke.

Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy.

Voting Nay: Tony Davidson.

Motion carries 4-1.

REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER Mike Yoder

Town Manager Mike Yoder presented SRF disbursement requests for the Water Project and Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

- **Motion to approve SRF Disbursements No. 62, 63, and 64** made by Cathy Burke, seconded by Tony Davidson. Voting Yea: Jeff Beachy, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson. **Motion carries.**
- **Motion to approve SRF Disbursements No. 53 and 54** made by Doug DeSmith, seconded by Tony Davidson. Voting Yea: Jeff Beachy, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson. **Motion carries.**

CLERK-TREASURER Cathy Antonelli

Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Antonelli reported that preparation of the 2027 budget is underway and that the new State Budget 2.0 system is now live. She also announced a silent auction of surplus downtown streetlights and reminded residents of the upcoming Hometown Summer Nights event.

FIRE CHIEF Nik Kantz

Fire Chief Nik Kantz reviewed his monthly operations report.

Chief Kantz encouraged residents to exercise caution during Independence Day celebrations and announced a community blood drive scheduled for July 11, 2026.

TOWN MARSHAL Steve Priem

Marshal Steve Priem reviewed his monthly operations report.

Marshal Priem noted that the department report has been reformatted utilizing the County's updated CAD reporting system, providing more detailed reporting information.

PARK BOARD - The June Park Board report was included in the meeting packet.

TOWN ATTORNEY Alex Bowman

Town Attorney Alex Bowman reported that he had no additional items for Council consideration.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Council President Jeff Beachy reviewed frequently asked questions and responses regarding potential data center development, annexation and zoning matters, municipal operations, infrastructure projects, public safety technology, and related matters of public interest.

Attorney Alex Bowman provided legal guidance regarding requests for a moratorium prior to opening public comment.

Numerous residents and interested individuals addressed the Council regarding potential data center development and related land use considerations. Comments included concerns regarding groundwater and aquifer protection, water consumption, environmental impacts, wetland preservation, noise, lighting, property values, infrastructure demands, public health and safety, transparency, and preservation of the community's rural character. Several speakers requested consideration of a moratorium or additional review of potential impacts. A complete list of speakers and addresses, as understood, is included in the Public Comment Addendum attached to these minutes.

Council President Jeff Beachy noted the thirty-minute public comment period established by Town ordinance and polled the Council regarding an extension of time.

- Motion made by Gregg Tuholski, seconded by Tony Davidson, to extend the Privilege of the Floor without a time limitation.

Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. Motion carries.

Council President Jeff Beachy noted that the meeting had been relocated to the Northern Indiana Event Center in response to anticipated attendance and public requests for a larger venue. He stated that the venue change resulted in an approximate cost of \$2,500 to the Town and advised that future Town Council meetings would return to Bristol Town Hall.

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS - no additional discussion items this evening.

NEXT MEETING

July 2, 2026 Town Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Doug DeSmith, seconded by Cathy Burke, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Jeff Beachy, Council President

Cathy Antonelli, Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Bristol Town Council meeting. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing through the Town meeting archive system for as long as the media is supported.

PUBLIC COMMENT ADDENDUM

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Held at the Northern Indiana Event Center

Speaker	Address
John Nymyer	53258 Bellhurst Drive, Bristol
Anna Ruth Hershberger	DeCamp Avenue, Elkhart
Melissa Kauffman	Elkhart
Lester Otto	18686 County Road 23, Bristol
Patty Bucklen	56260 Dana Drive, Bristol
Travis Smith	19975 Emerald Chase Lane, Goshen
Jim Huey	53631 Pheasant Ridge Drive
Elizabeth Hall	54800 County Road 27
Steve Carlson	3346 Bridgetown Road, Bristol
Terry Schmidt	20264 County Road 14, Bristol
Mandy Purvis	20357 Longbow Court, Bristol
Anthony Stech	302 North River Road, Bristol
Martin Dean	17664 US Highway 20, Goshen
Bob Schell	17505 County Road 2
Corey Malcolm	20357 Longbow Court, Bristol
Jenny Richie	901 North Division Street
Ernest Davis	1006 Mallard Drive, Bristol
Ally Taylor	708 East Jefferson Street, Goshen
Teresa Hartman	53029 Pine Brook Drive
Lori Stickle	2520 County Road 15, Elkhart
Janet Swank	20277 County Road 18
Joe Boyer	51763 County Road 23, Bristol, IN
Anita McClain	19850 Whisperwynd Court, Bristol
Name not captured	57369? County Road 19
Roxanne Sleeper	69 Morning Star Court, Middlebury, IN
Susan Loomis	54130 East View Drive
Ellen Kareigher	23400 Forest Lane, Elkhart
Michelle Malicki	20879 Arcadia Drive, Bristol
Erlinda	56474 County Road 29, Goshen
Linda Clark	19620 County Road 16, Bristol