



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Council Chamber Bristol Municipal Complex

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Jeff Beachy called the regular council meeting to order on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Doug DeSmith

ROLL CALL

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

Others in attendance: Town Marshal Steve Priem, Legal Counsel Alex Bowman, Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Antonelli, Town Manager Mike Yoder, Fire Chief Nik Kantz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA stands as published

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

- **Motion to approve the bills** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded by Doug DeSmith. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the council meeting minutes from March 5 and March 19, April 2, 2026 and the work session minutes from March 17, 2026** made by Doug DeSmith, Seconded by Gregg Tuholski. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER Mike Yoder

Elkhart Street project pay app #3 : \$182,995.18 for water main work. Town will be reimbursed with SRF funds

- **Motion to approve the Elkhart Street project pay app #3 \$182,95.18 for water main work** made by Doug DeSmith. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

SRF pay app 56: Niblock Excavating \$74,917, \$ 3,943 retainage

- **Motion to approve SRF pay app #56 Niblock Excavating \$74,917, with retainage of \$3,943** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded by Gregg Tuholski. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

SRF pay #57 Lori Shipman consulting \$3,531

- **Motion to pay SRF disbursement no. 57 to Lori Shipman Consulting \$3,531** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Jeff Beachy. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

SRF pay app #58 JPR \$ 43,859

- **Motion to pay SRF disbursement form pay app #58 JPR \$43,859** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Jeff Beachy. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

Change order #5 for water project increase \$ 281,677.00 Additional expense with river crossing @ Fox chase, adding security fence to south well field site, and mill and fill to repair RecPro's drive (access to wellfield site from Kesco)

- **Motion to approve change order #5 for water project increase \$281,677** made by Doug DeSmith, Seconded by Gregg Tuholski. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

Permission to purchase new or used truck for utility department to replace truck totaled in accident. Not to exceed cost of \$55,000, utility bed not damaged.

- **Motion to spend up to \$55K purchasing a new or used truck** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Doug DeSmith. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. Voting Nay: Cathy Burke. **Motion carries.**

CLERK-TREASURER no items this evening.

TOWN MARSHAL

Monthly operations report

Marshal Priem reviewed the monthly operations report.

FIRE CHIEF

Monthly operations report

Fire Chief Nik Kantz

BFD newest SAFE PLACE in Elkhart County. The doctor's office across the street is also a SAFE PLACE location and the fire department is looking to add a mobile unit as well.

April 20 fire inspection next week on new engine, hoping to come back with it.

April 28 computers, ambulance, engines hooked up to dispatch

PARK BOARD

Monthly report. April park board meeting summary included in the packet for review

TOWN ATTORNEY

Action on scheduled water/sewer rate changes: Amend the sewer rate ordinance to delay the next increase (Alex reviewed the process with Council) Baker Tilly analysis.

- **Motion to advance Ordinance No. 5.7.2026-12** (Amending Chapters delaying of rate increases, May 1 replaced with August 1, 2026 replacing language (refund overpayment amounts if anyone pays the increased amounts to adopt on May 7, 2026) to 2nd reading made by Doug DeSmith; seconded by Gregg Tuholski. **Motion carries.**

Resolution 4-16-2026-9 Approving the Acquisition of Real Property in Lieu of Condemnation Pursuant to Indiana Code 32-24-1-1., ET SEQ - 14 Shore Manor (Tracy Hayes agreement)

- **Motion to approve Resolution No. 4.16.2026-9** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Cathy Burke. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Public Comments to Council)

Jill Swartz 303 E Vistula St - Reminder that Town Clean Up is May 1 & 2 from 7:00a – 3:00p each day. No electronics, paint, or hazardous items will be accepted.

Demolition of the wastewater treatment plant will be next Thursday, if electric and gas can be shut off.

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Doug DeSmith – no items this evening

Cathy Burke – concerns with the left hand turn onto SR15 - traffic concerns, trucks to follow detour. Marshal Priem spoke to the matter.

Gregg Tuholski asked if the park department was able to get the handicapped kayak launch fixed.

Town Manager Mike Yoder shared that the part was ordered, unsure if replaced yet.

Jeff Beachy – no items this evening

NEXT MEETINGS:

May 7 : 7:00 pm council meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Doug DeSmith.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55p

Jeff Beachy, Council President

Cathy Antonelli, Clerk-Treasurer

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