



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 19, 2025 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 at 7:00pm on Thursday, June 19, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Sergeant Adam Dernay

ROLL CALL

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

Others in attendance: Town Manager Mike Yoder, Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Antonelli, Fire Chief Nik Kantz, Legal Counsel Alex Bowman, Sergeant Adam Dernay

APPROVAL OF AGENDA stands as published

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve of the May 15, June 5 and June 17, 2025 meeting and work session minutes** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded by Gregg Tuholski. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Dean Rentfrow, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ITEMS

Great Lakes Laminating tax abatement Declaratory Resolution.

Joe Rowan of Great Lakes Laminating was present to provide some details and answer any questions.

- **Motion to approve Resolution No. 6/19/2025-11 A Resolution of the Town Council for the Town of Bristol, Indiana, Declaring the Preliminary Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area and Qualifying Certain Proposed Real Estate Improvements and Personal Property for Tax Abatement** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded by Doug DeSmith. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Dean Rentfrow, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER Mike Yoder

Award of CCMG 2025-1 contract to Reith Riley

- **Motion to award the CCMG 2025-1 to Rieth-Riley \$474,886.20** made by Dean Rentfrow, Seconded by Gregg Tuholski. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Dean Rentfrow, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project

- **Motion to approve pay app #11, SRF disbursement request #30** \$2,124,226.54 payment to Crosby Construction with \$111,801.40 payment to retainage made by Doug DeSmith, Seconded by Gregg Tuholski. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Dean Rentfrow, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

Water Improvement Project

- **Motion to approve SRF water disbursement #26, pay app #6 \$537,489 To Phoenix Fabricators with \$28,289 to retainage fund** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Doug DeSmith. Voting Yea: Doug DeSmith, Dean Rentfrow, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy. **Motion carries.**

Town Manager Mike Yoder provided project updates on the welcome sign designs, the Town Hall sign pricing, the water project and the wastewater project. Council member Doug DeSmith suggested letting the residents weigh in on the design choices for the welcome signs. Mike will create a survey to be shared with the public.

TOWN MARSHAL Steve Priem was not able to attend. Sergeant Adam Dernay was present to review the May Operations Report. Sergeant Dernay noted thefts and burglaries in the area and asked that neighbors keep an eye out for each other. Also asked drivers to be cautious with the added constructions and traffic back ups.

Council member Dean Rentfrow shared concerns about light signals and turning or no turning on red near Commerce/15. Town Manager Mike Yoder to ask INDOT about the signals, asking for no right on red at State Road 15 and State Road 120 intersection, in order to help traffic move along.

FIRE CHIEF Nik Kantz

The monthly operations report was reviewed.

Staffing still needed, but one new firefighter/paramedic licensed in the State of Michigan has been hired.

Parts were found for Tower 83 and it is now back in service.

Congratulations to Assistant Fire Chief Denny Swartz who has officially retired as of June 1, 2025 with more than 40 years of service!

PARK BOARD Linda Powell

Park Board meeting was scheduled for June 3rd, but having no quorum, no formal meeting took place. Visitors included Officer Gary Smith and his K9, Raider, Officer Jacob Laskowski, Shauna from the Bristol Library, Jill Swartz and Mike Yoder.

Shauna from the library spoke to the Summer Festival preparations.

Mikel Ropp spoke about the Community Garden shed and will work with Town Manager Mike Yoder on placement.

Congdon Park discussion included addition of multi-purpose benches for festivals and Homecoming concerns with vendors and sidewalks being blocked.

Cummins Park: talks will continue around moving the climbing structure, estimated cost \$10K, concerns for mulch from that area being thrown into the splash pad area. Basketball Court reconstruction is to begin.

Hermance Park – hiring for in-house pavilion cleaning and deep cleaning several times throughout the year. Complaints to be documented on the renters agreements for tracking purposes.

Memorial Park – large tree is scheduled for removal. Cost \$3K.

Next Park Board meeting is Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 6pm at the Town Hall. Visitors are welcomed.

TOWN ATTORNEY Alex Bowman

Hoping to close on RWP property

July 1 - minor changes to the law / legislative update

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Public Comments to Council) - no public comment this evening

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS – no discussion items this evening

NEXT MEETINGS:

July 3 : Council Meeting Water/sewer rate ordinance review with Baker Tilly

July 15: Work Session

July 17: Council meeting

Notes: President Jeff Beachy will be absent July 10-20, Council member Doug DeSmith will chair the meetings. Legal Counsel Alex Bowman will also be out for the July 17 meeting, but George Lepeniotis will fill in for Attorney Bowman.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- **Motion to adjourn** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Cathy Burke. All in favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Bristol Town Council meetings. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at <https://bristol-in.municodemeetings.com/> for as long as this media is supported.

Jeff Beachy, Council President

Cathy Antonelli, Clerk-Treasurer