



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Council Chamber Bristol Municipal Complex

## MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Council President Jeff Beachy called the regular council meeting to order on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7:00pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - led by Cathy Burke

### ROLL CALL

Members present: Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson, 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, Assistant Fire Chief James Hanes, Fire Chief Nik Kantz came in later

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - so noted with an addition of salary ordinance under clerk-treasurer

### APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the April 14 work session, April 16 Council meeting and Council Executive session, May 7 Council meeting, & May 19 work session and Council Executive session** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded by Gregg Tuholski. Voting Yea: Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Tony Davidson. **Motion carries.**

### REPORTS

Presentation by Jon Hunsberger of the Elkhart County Convention and Visitors Center to help promote the Elkhart County Area Guide, People & Places magazines, tourism, the quilt gardens and Northern Indiana Signature Experiences.

### TOWN MANAGER Mike Yoder

CF-1 abatements for Great Lakes and BESAAM LLC reviewed.

- **Motion to table until current information** is received made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Cathy Burke. **Motion carried.**

**Special event funding requests:** (to be paid from the give back fund 2545-4315)

- **Motion to approve the ADEC Ride-A-Bike request \$500** was made by Tony Davidson, Seconded by Cathy Burke. Voting Yea: Jeff Beachy, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson. **Motion carries.**
- **Motion to approve the Bristol Homecoming Committee request \$5,000** made by Doug DeSmith, Seconded by Jeff Beachy. Voting Yea: Jeff Beachy, Gregg Tuholski, Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson. Cathy Burke abstained. **Motion carries.**

Discussion surrounding the scoring sheets and that a committee should be created to review each application and provide recommendations to the Council.

Sewer project SRF Disbursement Requests:

- **Motion to approve SRF Disbursement form #52 to Crosby Construction \$119,515 with \$6,290 for retainage** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded by Doug DeSmith. Voting Yea: Jeff Beachy, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson. **Motion carries.**

Water project SRF Disbursement Requests:

- **Motion to approve SRF Disbursement form #59 to Niblock \$397,109 with \$20K to retainage, #60 to Phoenix Fabricators \$303,848 with \$15,992 to retainage, and #61 JPR \$83,172** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Jeff Beachy. Voting Yea: Jeff Beachy, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson. **Motion carries.**

Rieth-Riley to do the sidewalks on this side of the construction as they finish out the project.

**CLERK-TREASURER** Cathy Antonelli

With recent changes to the Council seats (Dean Rentfrow stepping down and Tony Davidson being caucused in) a prorated payout for Spring, 2026 was recommended by Cathy Antonelli.

- **Motion to approve the recommended prorated as suggested** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded Gregg Tuholski. Voting Yea: Jeff Beachy, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson. **Motion carries.**

**TOWN MARSHAL** Steve Priem

Town Marshal Steve Priem reviewed the monthly operations report and spoke to the no left turn sign issue going on due to the construction and talking with INDOT to remove the sign.

Marshal Priem recently attended the new chief's training at the Academy in Plainfield, IN.

- **Motion to approve eleven new body camera's** made by Tony Davidson, Seconded by Cathy Burke. Voting Yea: Jeff Beachy, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Doug DeSmith, Tony Davidson. **Motion carries.**
- Purchase will be paid for with reimbursable grant funds from the Elkhart County Drug Free Partnership (\$8K) (can be applied for annually) and non-reverting equipment funds. A federal grant application has also been submitted. This will include new online unlimited cloud storage. Total cost \$50,862 Digital Ally

### **FIRE CHIEF** Nik Kantz

Fire Chief Nik Kantz referenced the departments' **monthly operations report**.

The new fire engine was brought home on April 21, 2026 and thanked the Town Board, Town Manager and Clerk-Treasurer for making a brand new fire truck possible. Equipment is to be added and hoping to have ready for Homecoming.

**April 24** - Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis. (international conference) was able to speak to the equipment vendors, both current suppliers and possible new ones.

**May 30 at 9:00a** at the training property - vehicle extraction training using battery powered equipment from three different manufacturers, as the FD is looking to purchase equipment for the new engine.

**Memorial Day weekend safety tips for travel, water recreation and grilling:** If you travel, always wear your seatbelt and designate a sober driver, supervise children around water and keep your grill at least 10 feet from all structures.

### **PARK BOARD** Linda Powel

- Presentation by Ashlyn Fuller, muralist (recently in Wakarusa) looking to do a mural in Hermance park pavilion wrapping around two sides of the building. Pricing to come.
- Plans for a wetlands garden planting in August/September at Hermance.
- Compost delivery approved for the garden and considering renaming the garden the food pantry garden.

Congdon Park - planting six trees behind the pavilion where the tornados tore them up. Learned that the water main is to go right through the planting area. Two locust trees to come down and an oak tree for the cemetery

\$5,480 will be spent for rubber mulch and border to bring all the parks into safety standard compliance.

- meetings restructured, similar to the Council's format
- boat launch area to be repaired and maintained

### **TOWN ATTORNEY** Alex Bowman- no items this evening

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** (Public Comments to Council)

Elizabeth Hall 54800 County Road 27, Bristol read a memo requesting a temporary moratorium Request a copy of the letter. Asks for this to be added to the agenda 6.4.2026 (copy of letter to be sent to Clerk-Treasurer)

### **TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Doug DeSmith – noted that the Albatross Group has the signs up for the golf course “Old Bristol Golf Course”

Anthony Davidson – spoke to locks on garage door for police department

Cathy Burke - no items this evening

Gregg Tuholski – inquired on street sweeping quotes. We do have one, Mike Yoder stated, frequency discussed.

Jeff Beachy -  
computer for Tony ordered - email address (update website with his name)  
biz cards. share email list

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Tomorrow morning 7:30 am Bristol Elementary event**

**June 4 : Council meeting**

**June 16: Council work session**

**June 18 : Council meeting, rezoning Frost property on Blakesly**

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- **Motion to adjourn** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Cathy Burke. All in favor.
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:16p**

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Jeff Beachy, Council President

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Cathy Antonelli, Clerk-Treasurer

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