

The regular meeting of the Kirklintown Council was held on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 7:00pm at Kirklintown Hall while being simultaneously livestreamed at www.youtube.com/@kirklintownindiana.

Melinda Jobe opened the meeting and on the call of the roll, the following Council Members were present: Melinda Jobe, Jerry Faucett, Craig Hudzinski, and Brent Stetler. There is currently one council vacancy due to the resignation of Walt Minnick.

Also present: Billy Walker, Shane and Brianna Kohl, Dan Carlisle, Steve Jones, Dustin Bigler, Jay Moore, Danielle Miles, and Tara Walker.

The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer were led by Melinda Jobe.

MINUTES – Craig Hudzinski moved to approve the minutes as written from the Regular Meeting held on July 13, 2026. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and passed unanimously.

TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY - The Council discussed the vacancy created by Walt Minnick's written resignation. It was reported that the Clinton County Republican Party had returned responsibility for filling the vacancy to the Town Council and that the Town would provide the opportunity for interested persons to apply before the Council considered an appointment. Melinda Jobe stated that no decision would be made at this meeting and it will be on the September agenda.

PARK – Utility Superintendent Billy Walker reported that Brian Jones had begun electrical work at the park. Because electrical service was unavailable, the park restrooms were temporarily locked due to the lack of lighting. The AED installation was also not operational while power was unavailable. The Council discussed Duke Energy's work, including pole/service changes and underground electrical service. The Town was awaiting completion of the utility work. Later in the meeting, Billy stated that Fiberhawk had just installed the WiFi booster equipment needed for the security cameras right before electrical service was disconnected. He said that they did not put it in the same location as previously discussed with them.

STORMWATER – Melinda Jobe stated that Clint Pool had resigned from the Stormwater Board, leaving just the two councilmembers on the board. Melinda stated that she will revisit those who expressed interest previously. Tara Walker reminded the council that the replacement is required to be associated with a different political party than the two Republicans still on the board. Tara will also advertise the vacancy. The Council revisited the letter submitted by Dan Carlisle given to the council the previous month concerning conditions and rates. When asked if he wanted to speak, Dan stated that he believes the letter speaks for itself. Melinda Jobe acknowledged his frustration. Mr. Carlisle emphasized that his concern was not the amount of the fee, but the need for a plan and accountability. There was also discussion about how the county is part of the planning, and how Boone County is part of the county discussion as part of the same watershed. Billy Walker reported that County Surveyor Dan Sheets has reached out about getting together to compare information each entity has regarding drainage. He stated that the Town does not have

stormwater maps and that the county's drain maps for Kirklin are inaccurate. Over the past few years, he has gathered information as drainage issues have come up. He and Dan will use that information, along with information from the county, to begin putting together more accurate maps. Dan Carlisle asked what increasing the stormwater rate would accomplish. Billy replied that it would allow the Town to invest in Kirklin's stormwater infrastructure a little each year instead of continuing to make temporary repairs. He stated that the Town needs to plan for the future by regularly maintaining and replacing infrastructure. He also noted that much of Kirklin's stormwater infrastructure is undersized and worn out. He said that the future and growth need to be considered when doing it. Dan wants to see a plan and it was explained what Commonwealth Engineers has been doing. Melinda thanked Dan for his letter and it was noted that Melinda will give him a written response, and Tara would include his letter as part of the record.

UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT - Billy submitted a written report to the Council. He stated that Ortman Well Drilling will be here this week to begin cleaning Well #2. The Water Loss Audit has been validated and submitted to the State but no comments have yet been received. A gearbox for the tertiary clarifier at the sewer plant was purchased directly from Lakeside Equipment, saving approximately \$2,500 compared with other bids. The Council discussed a sewer lateral matter involving Stacy Cooper who resides at 106 E. Madison St. Billy stated that the original plumber she hired didn't do his research or his work properly and charged her a large amount, claiming it was a Town issue. Billy hired a company to do some televising and measuring. It showed root intrusion located on the property-owner side near the edge of the asphalt. Because the homeowner had incurred expenses after receiving conflicting information about responsibility from her plumber, Billy recommended a partial reimbursement as a goodwill measure. A motion was made by Brent Stetler to reimburse half of Stacy's expenses in the amount of \$1990.37. It was seconded by Jerry Faucett and carried unanimously. Billy also presented three tire quotes for the Town truck: Esserman Tire, \$996.36; Pomp's Tire Service, \$913.84; and Walmart for approximately \$740.24 before disposal/government fees, which were not included in their quote. After discussion, a motion was made by Brent Stetler and seconded by Craig Hudzinski to purchase the tires from Walmart at approximately \$740.24 plus applicable disposal/government fees, with the motion carrying unanimously.

TOWN MARSHAL - Steve Jones submitted a written report to the Council. Steve reported that the Ford Explorer continues to experience an electrical/battery-drain issue and he wants to take it to a Ford dealer for diagnosis. New vehicle lights have arrived and installation was to be scheduled. Replacement Axon body cameras had arrived as part of the existing refresh/contract, with no additional expense to the Town. Steve also reported that he has spoken twice to the owner of the grain elevator, Ty Brown, who apologized and assured him that they would get it cleaned up very soon, referring to what is causing the smell in that area. Tara stated that she has also received a complaint about it. Steve also reported an open burn ordinance violation. **Tires** - Steve stated that the Explorer needs new tires. He only obtained one quote for \$657.76 from Esserman's Tire, because they have the state bid for police cars and the pursuit-rated highspeed tires. Jerry Faucett made a motion to approve the quote from Esserman's Tire in the amount of \$657.76. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and it carried unanimously. **Training** - Steve reported that he and Brandon Garber attended training a couple of weeks prior. **Activity** - The department reported 60 traffic stops, including 13 citations; 26 incident reports; one criminal arrest; and two ordinance-violation citations. The Clinton County Sheriff's Office responded to 26 additional incidents. **Dustin Bigler** - Steve introduced Dustin Bigler and requested approval to add him as an unpaid reserve officer. He reported that a background investigation and reference checks had been completed and discussed available

equipment and the possible handling of Mr. Bigler's existing ballistic vest. The council had no questions for him or Dustin other than Craig Hudzinski asking if a reserve works pro bono since they hadn't discussed Dustin's pay and Steve replied that they don't get paid. Tara stated that reserves receive a check, per the salary ordinance, each December and can purchase the items they want with it. Brent Stetler made a motion to approve bringing on Dustin Bigler as a Deputy Reserve officer. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously. **Hours** - Steve then requested flexibility to work additional hours when other part-time officers were unavailable. Issues discussed were staffing coverage, the existing 24-hour weekly limit in Steve's contract, the department's budget, and part-time status. Tara stated that she had reached out to all councilmembers regarding the town's budget and only heard back from two of them. She stated that they receive a fund and appropriation report and again extended the offer to contact her if they want to meet or have questions so that they can understand it better. Melinda Jobe is concerned about the budget and the future of LIT. After a lengthy discussion, Brent Stetler made a motion to amend Steve's contract to allow him to work up to an average of 29.75 hours per week. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously. **Town Court** - Tara Walker asked Town Attorney Jay Moore how difficult it would be to create a town court. She stated that the Town only receives \$4.00 from each ticket, even though the Town is paying our officers, clothing them, they are driving Town vehicles, and they are keeping our community safe. She believes it would be a way to help fund our own police department. Jerry Faucett stated he raised the issue years ago to a previous Town Attorney but it went nowhere. He also stated that Thorntown has had one for a long time. After discussion, the town council agreed that it would be a good idea for Jay to research the issue and report back.

CLERK-TREASURER - Tara Walker provided the council with the following reports for the month ending July 31, 2026: Revenue Report, Appropriations Report, Payroll Allowance Docket, Adjustments Register, Monthly Statement of Reconciled Accounts, and the Accounts Payable Register ending June 4, 2026. With no questions from the Council, members signed the Payroll Allowance Docket, Adjustments Register, and Accounts Payable Register. Council President Melinda Jobe reviewed and signed the Statement of Reconciled Accounts and corresponding bank statements prior to the meeting. Tara reported that the annual opioid report had been filed and that the Town's SAM registration had been successfully renewed, maintaining the Town's eligibility for federal funding opportunities. **Aim Medical Trust** - Tara presented the Town's medical insurance renewal. The renewal reflected an approximately 3.3% increase. The current medical plan designation would change from Plan 5 to Plan 4, with the underlying plan remaining substantially the same; other referenced benefits were reported as unchanged. Craig Hudzinski made a motion to choose Plan 4 of the Aim Medical Trust. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and it carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBERS - Craig Hudzinski reported that he and Billy tested the water flowing in a storm drain near the elevator and it showed the presence of chlorine. Craig stated it had been deemed a spring approximately 20 years prior. Billy stated that he is going to contact a leak-detection company to locate the source. Jerry Faucett asked Billy if he could grade alleys. Billy responded they would be addressed as time permitted and that residents are welcome to contact him directly. Melinda Jobe asked Town Attorney Jay Moore for an update on Betty Catron's house and the old Marathon gas station. Jay responded that there likely isn't much they can do about the gas station and that he will check on the status of Betty's house. Craig Hudzinski stated that people complain about the house next to Betty's as well. Tara Walker stated that there hasn't been water turned on at Greg Brandenburg's house for years and that the last time she talked to him he indicated he'd been living in a hotel.

Seeing no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

Melinda Jobe, Town Council President

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To: Members of the City Council

Subject: Stormwater Flooding and Fee Increase

Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of 416 E Adams Ave and am writing to formally express concern regarding recurring flooding on my property due to inadequate stormwater drainage. I moved to Kirklin because I was looking for a community where I could establish long-term roots and enjoy the benefits of homeownership in a safe and well-maintained neighborhood. During moderate to heavy rainstorms, particularly in the spring and summer months, water regularly accumulates in my yard and around my home. Over the past several years, this has occurred multiple times each year, sometimes within minutes of a storm beginning. The standing water has damaged portions of my landscaping, saturated areas near my foundation, and limited safe access to parts of my property. On several occasions, the flooding has created hazardous conditions and raised concerns about potential property damage, visitor safety, and emergency access.

The ongoing nature of this issue has significantly affected my ability to fully and safely use my property.

After contacting both city and county officials, I was informed by each that responsibility for the matter rests with the other entity. Despite this uncertainty, both entities assess stormwater-related fees—currently \$5 per month, with a proposed increase to \$10—yet the underlying drainage issue remains unresolved.

I would also like to bring to your attention Indiana Code § 5-7-2-4. This statute emphasizes the importance of ensuring that public infrastructure services are properly administered when fees are collected for those services.

Given these circumstances, I respectfully request that the City Council:

- 1. Investigate the cause of the flooding in my neighborhood.**

2. Determine which entity holds jurisdiction over stormwater management in this area.
3. Reconsider or postpone any fee increase until the flooding concerns have been adequately addressed.
4. Provide a public plan outlining the steps, timeline, and responsible parties for resolving the issue, along with a written explanation available to affected residents.

I request that this letter be included in the public record and that a written response be provided regarding the actions the City Council intends to take.

Sincerely,

Daniel Carlisle

416 E Adams Ave #230 Kirklin, IN

Sent from my iPhone