

Town of Roachdale
Roachdale Community Building; 204 N Indiana Street, Roachdale, IN 46172
April 16, 2026
Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Roachdale Town Council held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026 7:00 p.m. at the Roachdale Community Building, 204 N Indiana Street, Roachdale, IN.

President Amanda Newcomer called the monthly meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. after recognizing that the agenda was posted pursuant to the Indiana Open Door Law and that a quorum was present. President Amanda Newcomer stated that the meeting is being recorded livestream and will be posted to the Town's website and YouTube per the Indiana Law.

Council Members Present: President Amanda Newcomer, Zach Bowers, Paul Wireman
Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer, Town Attorney

Guests Present: Tonya Bowers, James Cromwell, Shirley Cram, Gregory Cram, Brent Clark, Jeff Miller, Brook Trissel

I. Stormwater Project

- A. Resolution 2-2026 Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment – President Amanda Newcomer presented and read Resolution 2-2026. Motion by Paul Wireman, second by President Amanda Newcomer, vote unanimous, to approve Resolution 2-2026 Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment.
Zach Bowers stated that he is only approving the resolution since it is for the OCRA grant since he did not see the resolution in advance. Town Attorney Dave Peebles stated that he did not prepare the resolution.
Debbie stated that the resolution was the same as what had been approved at the March meeting, but OCRA required the date of the grant submittal be inserted.
- B. Memorandum of Agreement for Engineering Services Addendum No. 1 – Debbie explained that the memorandum is for HWC to do the surveying for easements for the project. Paul Wireman asked if this was in addition to what we already agreed to and President Amanda Newcomer stated that it is.
Motion by Paul Wireman, second by President Amanda Newcomer, Zach Bowers opposed, motion passed, to approve Memorandum of Agreement for Engineering Service Addendum No 1.

Debbie stated that she received another invoice from HWC for the PER and wanted to be sure that she was correct that she should not pay the invoices until the PER is presented to the Council. The Council stated that is correct and they will not approve the invoices for payment until HWC presents the PER at a meeting.

II. My Wellness Putnam County - Brooke Trissel

Brooke Trissel, Putnam County Hospital presented information and explained the My Wellness program and stated that the cost is \$68 per month per employee and covers the employee and

their whole family. Brooke Trissel stated that when an employee or their family member visits the My Wellness clinic for health care there is no out of pocket for them and no out of pocket for the Town. President Amanda Newcomer asked if the \$68 is month to month and if we pay for employee if they leave. Brooke Trissell stated that that was correct. Brooke Trissel explained the hours and stated they are only closed on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Brooke Trissel stated that she can come and meet with the employees to explain the program to them.

Zach Bowers stated that he thinks it is great and wants to be sure that the employees will use it. Zach Bowers stated that some companies pay all of the cost for the full-time employees and ½ for part time employees. Zach Bowers stated that he is interested in looking into it more.

No decision was made on the My Wellness Putnam County.

III. CCMG Update

President Amanda Newcomer stated that her, Maintenance Operations Coordinator Cole Long and Debbie will be going around the first part of May to look at the sidewalk restoration work that needs to be completed.

Paul Wireman asked when the next CCMG project submittal would be and Zach Bowers stated it would be in July for work to be completed in 2027.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. March 19, 2026 Regular Minutes

B. April 16, 2026 Memorandum of Executive Session

President Amanda Newcomer presented the March 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 16, 2026 Memorandum of Executive Session for approval.

Motion by Zach Bowers, second by Paul Wireman, vote unanimous, to approve the March 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 16, 2026 Memorandum of Executive Session as presented.

V. Approval of Claims

A. March 20, 2026 – April 16, 2026 Claims – President Amanda Newcomer presented claims for March 20, 2026 – April 16, 2026 for approval.

Motion by Paul Wireman, second by Zach Bowers, vote unanimous, to approve claims for March 20, 2026 – April 16, 2026 as presented.

B. March 20, 2026 – April 16, 2026 Payroll - President Amanda Newcomer presented payroll for March 20, 2026 – April 16, 2026 for approval.

Motion by Paul Wireman, second by Zach Bowers, vote unanimous, to approve payroll March 20, 2026 – April 16, 2026 as presented.

VI. March 2026 Bank Reconciliation – Debbie stated that we have not received the Bank of New York March bank statement yet so the March 2026 and April 2026 Bank Reconciliations will be on the May agenda for approval.

VII. Public Comment Time

Gregory Cram asked about the property at 7 N Main Street and was told that it has now been served by Deputy Marshal Bryson Tash. Gregory Cram asked what the procedure is now and the Council explained that they now have 14 days to abate the nuisance or they may be cited. Amanda Sherlock stated to Deputy Marshal Tash that she had contacted Guy's Cleanup Crew to pick up the large items on the property and Debbie stated that she had verified with him that he is doing so.

Jeff Miller stated that he is here about the status of the stormwater emergency repair on Maple Street. President Amanda Newcomer stated that the Council has reached out for quotes and has not received any yet. Jeff Miller asked when his yard will be seeded and graded. Jeff Miller asked when he will be reimbursed for items that he has submitted and stated that obviously the Council has been instructed to not make comments. Jeff Miller stated that the Council was voted on to be honest people and are not being guided correctly and need to be led the right way, he should not have to submit a tort claim. Jeff Miller asked if there was a status on the receipts and President Amanda Newcomer replied no.

Brent Clark questioned how long it was going to take to get the problem fixed. Brent Clark stated that they had been patient long enough and all they are seeing is just a bunch of talk.

Zach Bowers stated that the Council has reached out for quotes and has not received any yet.

Debbie stated that Troy Elless met with John Thomas, SLB Pipe Solutions, onsite and Troy has talked to them several times since and still has not received their quote. Debbie stated that she will call them in the morning to see if she can get the quote.

President Amanda Newcomer stated that Adrian Lepine has submitted his resignation as Part Time Marshal and has returned all equipment and vehicle keys.

Motion by Zach Bowers, second by Paul Wireman, vote unanimous, to approve the resignation of Adrian Lepine as Part Time Marshal effective April 16, 2026.

VIII. Old Business

A. Ordinance 03-2026 Amendment to Current Salary Ordinance

President Amanda Newcomer stated that Ordinance 03-2026 Amendment to Current Salary Ordinance was presented at the March 19, 2026 Council Meeting for first reading with a 2 -1 vote and needs 2nd and 3rd readings to adopt.

Motion by President Amanda Newcomer, second by Paul Wireman, Zach Bowers against, motion passed, to approve Ordinance 03-2026 Amendment to Current Salary Ordinance on 2nd reading.

Motion by President Amanda Newcomer, second by Paul Wireman, Zach Bowers, against, motion passed, to approve Ordinance 03-2026 Amendment to Current Salary Ordinance on 3rd reading.

B. ICE 287 (g) Program

Motion by Zach Bowers, second by President Amanda Newcomer, vote unanimous, to deny Town's participation in ICE program.

IX. New Business

A. Putnam County BZA (Appointing Alternative Individual)

Zach Bowers stated that this is for discussion purposes and he would like to have more information and would like Town Attorney Peebles to discuss it with BZA 's attorney Jim Ensley. The alternative individual would fill in when the appointed member is unable to attend the BZA meeting. Zach Bowers stated that it is his understanding that they can appoint anyone in the county and they do not have to live in Roachdale. Zach Bowers stated that his concern is that in any BZA decision the majority of the full BZA have to be present to vote. No further action was taken.

Motion by President Amanda Newcomer, second by Zach Bowers, vote unanimous, pertaining to 2026 Salary Ordinance 03-2026, Roachdale Police Department will go back to 40 hours per week beginning May 4, 2026.

B. Panhandling Ordinance

Town Attorney Peebles presented An Ordinance Regulating Panhandling for discussion. Town Attorney Peebles stated that Deputy Marshal Tash and Debbie had brought to his attention that someone in town had aggressively been going around begging from people and that is why the ordinance was prepared for discussion. The ordinance was tabled for the May meeting.

X. Property Cleanups

President Amanda Newcomer stated that there were no updates from former Marshal Lepine before he left.

Jim Cromwell asked if anything is ever done.

Town Attorney Peebles gave an update on the building on Railroad Street and stated Robert Hammond owns the building and CSX owns the land. He has added CSX to the complaint.

XI. Town Marshal Report

No report.

XII. Maintenance Operations Coordinator Report

President Amanda Newcomer stated that Maintenance Coordinator Cole Long is out of town for gas training and is doing lots of maintenance since hired.

XIII. Clerk-Treasurer Items

Debbie stated that Cole Long is doing a good job.

XIV. Items from Town Council Members

Paul Wireman – Paul Wireman stated that he shares concerns on properties that need to be served in town and in the past the town has been depending on one person and now that responsibility will be dispersed more and we need to clean up the town. Paul Wireman asked Town Attorney Peebles what the ordinance is on living in a camper in town. Town Attorney Peebles stated that zoning covers land use.

Zach Bowers – Zach Bowers stated that we need to secure or do away with the burn pile at the Plant since someone went Monday and set it on fire.

President Amanda Newcomer – President Amanda Newcomer asked with Adrian being gone if we are okay with just a deputy or do we need an interim. Deputy Marshal Tash was offered the full-time marshal position and said no.

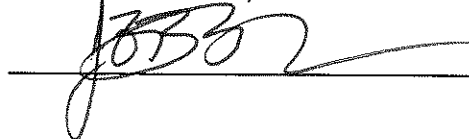
President Amanda Newcomer stated the next council meeting will be May 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by President Newcomer, second by Zach Bowers, vote unanimous, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL:



Amanda Newcomer, Council President



J Zachary Bowers Council Member



Paul Wireman, Council Member

Attest



Debbie Sillery, Clerk Treasurer