

Town of Roachdale
Roachdale Community Building; 204 N Indiana Street, Roachdale, IN 46172
October 21, 2025 Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Roachdale Town Council held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 7:00 p.m. at the Roachdale Community Building, 204 N Indiana Street, Roachdale, IN.

President Zach Bowers called the monthly meeting to order after recognizing that the agenda was posted pursuant to the Indiana Open Door Law and that a quorum was present. President Zach Bowers 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 Zach Bowers, Amanda Newcomer
Council Members Absent: Paul Wireman

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer, Town Attorney

Guests Present: Jeff Miller, Matt Henrichs, Brent Clark

- I. 2026 Budget Adoption – Motion by President Zach Bowers, second by Amanda Newcomer, vote unanimous, to adopt the 2026 Budget as presented.
- II. Stormwater Issues – President Zach Bowers stated that there is currently a stormwater issue on Maple Street and asked Matt Henrichs, SLB Pipe Solutions, to explain the problem since they are currently working on the project.
Matt Henrichs stated that they were called in to fix a sinkhole and find the cause of the problem. Matt Henrichs stated GLS came out with their Vac truck and camera and televised and jetted lines from Maple Street north to the creek at the Park and found numerous roots and blockages in pipes. Matt Henrichs stated that some areas of the pipes were blocked 100% and at least 60% of the pipes were bad. The next plan is to dig in Jeff Miller's yard at 9 E Maple Street to see where that pipe goes toward Indiana Street and what condition it is in. Matt Henrichs stated that there is also an issue with the storm line in front of Roachdale Elementary by their sign. Matt Henrichs stated that SLB's current bill is \$14,000 and that does not include any repair work. GLS will bill separately for their work. Matt Henrichs stated once everything has been televised he will come back with a total price for everything to be completed. Matt Henrichs stated that a rough cost estimate would be \$200,000 and Town Attorney Peebles stated that the project would require the Town to have an engineer for the project, and the project would need to be bid.
- III. Potential Water Project
President Zach Bowers stated that he thinks we need to shift gears and look at a Stormwater Project now instead of a Water Project now and Amanda Newcomer agreed. President Zach Bowers stated that we need to talk to Mike Kleinpeter about financing options for a large project and then Debbie will approach banks about loans to fund the project to fix what needs to be done now.
Matt Henrichs stated we need to determine if the school is going to be tied into our stormwater system or not and Troy Elless, UMAC stated that he and his business partner Ronnie Black had met

with Assistant Superintendent Rodney Simpson last summer but have not heard what their plan is. Troy Elless stated that he will follow up with Rodney Simpson.

- IV. CCMG Update – President Zach Bowers stated that Maintenance Operations Coordinator Mark Ketchem reported as part of his meeting update that E & J Concrete had completed their remediation work. Debbie stated that they did concrete work only and she tried to talk to the supervisor onsite and he was very rude and told her they were doing concrete work only and were not doing any of the restoration work.
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - A. September 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
Motion by President Zach Bowers, second by Amanda Newcomer, vote unanimous, to approve the September 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
- VI. Approval of Claims
 - A. September 19, 2025 – October 21, 2025 Claims – President Zach Bowers presented claims for September 19, 2025 – October 21, 2025 for approval.
Motion by President Zach Bowers, second by Amanda Newcomer, vote unanimous, to approve claims for September 19, 2025 – October 21, 2025 as presented.
 - B. September 19, 2025 – October 21, 2025 Payroll - President Zach Bowers presented payroll for September 19, 2025 – October 21, 2025 for approval.
Motion by President Zach Bowers, second by Amanda Newcomer, vote unanimous, to approve payroll September 19, 2025 – October 21, 2025 as presented.
- VII. September 2025 Bank Reconciliation – President Zach Bowers presented the September 2025 Bank Reconciliation for approval as prepared by Suzy Bass, Local Government Services, as part of our internal control.
Motion by President Zach Bowers, second by Amanda Newcomer, vote unanimous, to approve the September 2025 Bank Reconciliation as presented.
- VIII. Public Comment Time – Jeff Miller stated that he felt that it was the lack of sense of urgency on Maintenance Coordinator Ketchem that caused structural damage, items in his basement to be ruined and other repairs that now need to be done to his home. Jeff Miller stated that he first contacted Mark in March, he tracked him down numerous times and he continually missed it. He feels that the Town is liable for the damages to his home.
Brent Clark, 7 E Maple Street, stated that he has damage to his basement and has an estimate for a water proofing system for the cracks in his basement that will prevent seeping. He stated that he has hydraulic cracks in his home and is tired of tracking Mark down as well. He stated he noticed his issues started getting worse in March.
Jeff Miller presented a bill for \$813.24 for replacement of a damaged hot water heater and an estimate of \$12,100 for a basement drainage system. He stated that he had hauled out load after load of items that were ruined from the flooding in his basement that he was not seeking reimbursement for.
Brent Clark presented an estimate for a basement drainage system in the amount of \$14,800. Town Attorney Peebles stated that no decision would be made tonight, the Town has insurance and will follow the process. Town Attorney Peebles stated that they should get any other bills they have to Debbie at the Town Office.

Town Attorney Peebles stated the Council will need to meet in Executive Session to discuss the issue.

Brent Clark stated once the water started seeping in it became a continued issue. He also stated that even if the Town is not helping if they know a better option to resolve the issue to please let them know.

IX. Old Business

- A. Brooks Striping, Inc. Invoice – Debbie stated she still has not received an updated invoice.
- B. Utility Service Connection Fees, Utility Reconnect Fees, I/I Inspection Requirements for Property Assessments – Present Zach Bowers stated that the target date for adoption is January 2026.

X. New Business

There was no new business.

XI. Property Cleanups

President Zach Bowers stated that there are no new property cleanups listed on Marshal Adrian Lepine's monthly report.

Town Attorney Peebles stated that he has sent Unsafe Building Orders for the following and explained the process:

3B2G, LLC – 600 N Indiana Street
Robert Hammond – 100 East Railroad Street
Donald T Lawyer – 308 E Forest Home Street
Rick S Adams – 401 E Forest Home Street

XII. Town Marshal Report

President Zach Bowers stated that he would like to table the Laser Ammo discussion until next month since Marshal Lepine is not present.

President Zach Bowers stated that he would like to go ahead and approve the request for the Axon Taser Instructor Course since the class fills up quickly when it becomes available.

Motion by President Zach Bowers, second by Amanda Newcomer, vote unanimous, to approve Marshal Lepine for the Axon Taser Instructor Course at a cost of \$895.

Debbie stated that the Police Department will be participating in the North Putnam FFA Trunk or Treat, Roachdale Halloween Spooktacular and Roachdale Elementary's Glow Dance.

XIII. Maintenance Operations Coordinator Report

President Zach Bowers gave Maintenance Operations Coordinator Ketchem's report in his absence and reported the following in addition to what has already been discussed:

The Park bathrooms have been updated 90% and the last thing to do is to install new doors.

The water main at South and Main has been repaired.

Vac trailer has been repaired and is back in service.

Starting leaf removal next week weather depending.

The storm line at the community building has been repaired.

There is a possibility of hydrant flushing in early November.

President Zach Bowers stated for the record Patrick Ruble resigned as of Sunday.

XIV. Clerk-Treasurer Items

Debbie presented adjustments totaling \$697.69 for approval.

Motion by President Zach Bowers, second by Amanda Newcomer, vote unanimous, to approve adjustments total \$697.69.

XV. Items from Town Council Members

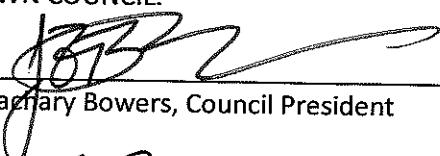
Amanda Newcomer – Motion by Amanda Newcomer to meet in Executive Session before every meeting at 6:30. President Zach Bowers stated that he is not opposed but wants to be sure that Paul Wireman is willing and able and stated that it can be brought back up at the November meeting.

Town Attorney Peebles stated that it can be set and then the Executive Session scrubbed if not needed.

President Zach Bowers – President Zach Bowers thanked Debbie for helping Maintenance Operations laborer Patrick Ruble with the stormwater issue while Mark was gone.

Motion by President Zach Bowers, second by Amanda Newcomer, vote unanimous, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL:



J. Zachary Bowers, Council President



Amanda Newcomer, Council Member



Paul Wireman, Council Member

Attest



Debbie Sillery, Clerk Treasurer