

Town of Roachdale
Roachdale Community Building
204 N Indiana Street, Roachdale, IN 46172
June 18, 2026
Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The Roachdale Town Council held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2026 7:00 p.m. at the Roachdale Community Building, 204 N Indiana Street, Roachdale, IN.

Zach Bowers presided over the meeting in the absence of President Amanda Newcomer. Zach Bowers called the monthly meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. after recognizing that the agenda was posted pursuant to the Indiana Open Door Law and that a quorum was present. 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: Zach Bowers, Paul Wireman
Council Members Absent: Amanda Newcomer

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer, Maintenance Operations Coordinator, Deputy Town Marshal, Town Attorney

Guests Present: Crystal Warner, Keith Warner, Tonya Bowers, Tim Corbally, Jim Cromwell, Brent Clark

I. Stormwater Project Update

Troy Elless, UMAC, gave an update on the repair on Maple Street and stated that it was now tied together and it is flowing. Troy Elless also stated that Eco Infrastructure had also run their camera out 150' and got into water. Troy Elless stated that last night was the first major rain since the repair and there was no water on the road. Brent Clark stated that he only had water around his floor drain.

Troy Elless asked if the Council wanted UMAC to come back and work on the new blockage and Zach Bowers asked how close they were to the agreed upon \$15,000 and he replied that they are right at \$15,000 and still need to patch the road but the Town could do the road repair. Zach Bowers asked how far the Town keeps going on repairs as they are waiting for OCRA and if UMAC keeps finding things do we keep going when we don't have the budget to do so. Troy Elless said we could keep monitoring it and if it gets worse can move in. Zach Bowers and Paul Wireman agreed it could be monitored since the Town doesn't want to pay to fix it twice.

Tim Corbally asked several questions about the project and Zach Bowers and Paul Wireman explained the issue and that the Town had been working on the project for months.

II. CCMG Update

Debbie stated that she talked to Jon Craig, CHA, and they were going to have a group meeting to discuss it. Jon Craig also told her that the 2027 CCMG application date is September 2027.

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. May 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. June 09, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
- C. June 18, 2026 Memorandum of Executive Session

Zach Bowers presented the May 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and June 18, 2026 Memorandum of Executive Session for approval.

Motion by Paul Wireman, second by Zach Bowers, vote unanimous, to approve the May 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and June 18, 2026 Memorandum of Executive Session as presented.

HWC Invoices

Motion by Zach Bowers, second by Paul Wireman, vote unanimous, to approve invoices from HWC, not to exceed \$4500.

Zach Bowers said Debbie and Troy could correct him if he was wrong, and they both agreed with him, that the only thing HWC was hired for was to complete the PER for the OCRA Grant. Town Attorney Dave Peebles stated they have completed the work that was contracted. Zach Bowers stated that he wanted to go on record that he was very displeased with them. They never showed up during a large rain event and hardly did any investigating. Zach Bowers said that he felt they didn't do anything they said they were going to do when we hired them other than give us a PER we never got an actual presentation for. Last month they sent a young engineer and I'm not discrediting his credibility, but the guy had zero clue about our project, and they threw him to the wolves, and he felt bad for him. He couldn't answer because he wasn't prepped by them before the meeting. Zach Bowers stated that he didn't think we should do any further business with them at this point.

Zach Bowers stated he would consider the contract fulfilled and there is nothing else to be done.

Town Attorney Peebles stated that he is looking at the contract from January 2026 and it does look like it is completed. Town Attorney Peebles stated the follow up question would be the engineering for the project itself.

Zach Bowers stated if it is awarded, the Town would need an engineer to design the project.

Zach Bowers stated that there is a route, and he did not know how much more we would have to have engineered for the project.

IV. Approval of Claims

- A. May 29, 2026 – June 18, 2026 Claims – Zach Bowers presented claims for May 29, 2026 – June 18, 2026 for approval.

Motion by Paul Wireman, second by Zach Bowers, vote unanimous, to approve claims for May 29, 2026 – June 18, 2026 as presented.

- B. May 29, 2026 – June 18, 2026 Payroll – Zach Bowers presented payroll for May 29, 2026 – May 28, 2026 for approval.

Motion by Paul Wireman, second by Zach Bowers, vote unanimous, to approve payroll for May 29, 2026 – June 18, 2026 as presented.

V. May Bank Reconciliation

Zach Bowers presented the May 2026 Bank Reconciliations for approval.

Motion by Paul Wireman, second by Zach Bowers, vote unanimous, to approve May 2026 Bank Reconciliations as presented.

VI. Public Comment Time

Brent Clark asked the depth of the storm lines going in on Maple Street and Troy Elless stated that he would get him the answer. Brent Clark thanked the Council for getting the fix done on Maple Street and stated he will be glad when the project is done.

Tim Corbally asked to speak to the Council in private and Zach Bowers stated the Council cannot talk in private unless it meets certain criteria. Tim Corbally then stated that he will talk to Deputy

Marshall Bryson Tash. Tim Corbally stated that the Council said what the payroll was but did not say what the claims were for. Zach Bowers stated that the claims were for everything the Town has spent since the last meeting.

VII. Old Business

- A. Hunter Swindle Police Department Equipment – Town Attorney Peebles stated Reserve Hunter Swindle did not return some of his issued equipment and has had no correspondence with Deputy Marshal Tash. Town Attorney Peebles had sent a letter to Hunter Swindle stating the equipment was to be returned by 4:30 pm today and it has not been returned. Town Attorney Peebles stated he could do a follow up letter if the Council wants with two options for him to return it or for him to state that we are wrong and he does not have the equipment. Zach Bowers stated his biggest concern is that he has a badge that he could potentially represent Roachdale with. Zach Bowers stated that in the letter it stated it was a taser holster, a wallet badge holster, belt badge holder and a radio charging dock that need returned. Motion by Paul Wireman, second by Zach Bowers, vote unanimous, for Town Attorney Peebles to send Hunter Swindle a certified letter giving him 15 days from the date the letter is signed to return the issued equipment.
- B. Zach Bowers stated we have a quote from Perry's Alignments Plus LLC for \$5,936.47 and stated that the quote from 3-D Tire and Service Center LLC was not an actual quote since it did not list the full cost for the water pump and timing chain. Debbie stated they just wrote something on the bottom of the invoice for the oil change. Paul Wireman stated that he is not in favor of putting that kind of money in the Taurus. Zach Bowers stated we need to wait until next Monday when the new marshal starts and let him figure out what our needs are. Zach Bowers stated that the person looking at the repairs needs to be certified and knows what they are doing.

VIII. New Business

- A. Quotes for Tree Removal at Town Park
Maintenance Operations Coordinator Cole Long stated that J & D Removal in Ladoga said they could take the tree down for \$450 if we remove it once it has been taken down but he does not have a written quote from them. Zach Bowers stated that we had to have a written quote. Maintenance Coordinator Long stated that he has not heard back from Russell Keck. Zach Bowers instructed Maintenance Operations Coordinator Long to reach out to get more quotes on the tree.
- B. Request for Roachdale Christian Church Street Closure
Zach Bowers presented a request from the Roachdale Christian Church to close Franklin Street from the east corner of their church office parking lot to the corner of Walnut and Franklin for their VBS Community Night on July 9th from 3-9 pm. Motion by Zach Bowers, second by Paul Wireman, vote unanimous, to approve the street closure request from the Roachdale Christian Church as presented.

IX. Property Cleanups

Deputy Marshal Tash stated he emailed the Council the list of properties the Department has served. Zach Bowers asked if it was correct that 25 have been served already and Deputy Marshal Tash stated that it was.

Zach Bowers asked if the chickens are still at 312 E Railroad Street and Deputy Marshal Tash stated the coop is still there and the 10 days are up today and he will check. Zach Bowers stated he knew what the ordinance was and if they are not gone, he needs fined. The owner put what the ordinance was all over Facebook and still got chickens.

A discussion was held on 207 N Walnut Street and 4 N Indiana Street and Maintenance Coordinator Long was instructed to mow both properties and Town Attorney Peebles will place a lien on the properties for the mowing.

Zach Bowers stated that the roof on the house on the Rick Adams property at 401 E Forest Home Street is falling in.

Town Attorney Peebles stated that the Council met in Executive Session prior to the meeting and discussed nuisance and ordinance violations with some having pending lawsuits and some not.

Town Attorney Peebles gave the following property updates and stated that they can be discussed with the Magistrate on August 3rd since Roachdale is scheduled for 1 hour:

308 E Forest Home – Donald Lawyer had an extension until this meeting and there has been no contact from him.

401 E Forest Home – Rick Adams, nuisance violation

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304 E Columbia – Sanford Horn, been on list several years, have lawyers, need to get back on track Robert Hammond/CSX - Unsafe Building Order, has been amended to add CSX.

13 N Main – Kristin Stein August 3rd court date.

Motion by Zach Bowers, second by Paul Wireman, vote unanimous, to activate and elevate the properties to meet step of legal level.

Deputy Marshal Tash asked if he is okay to cite 600 N Indiana and Zach Bowers stated that yes, he was. Deputy Marshal Tash stated that he wanted to be sure he didn't hurt the court case and Town Attorney Peebles states it only helps.

X. Police Department Reports

Zach Bowers welcomed Keith Warner as the new Town Marshal effective Monday. He was hired at our Special Meeting last week and comes with lots of experience and will be an amazing asset to our community.

Keith Warner stated is grateful for the opportunity and is looking forward to it.

Deputy Marshal Tash stated that all he had were property updates.

Zach Bowers asked Deputy Marshal Tash about the sidewalk parking at the duplex on Meridian Street and asked if he had talked to the people since the last meeting. He said he was made aware of it yesterday. Zach Bowers stated that he had noticed it every day since the last meeting including today.

XI. Maintenance Operations Coordinator Report

Maintenance Coordinator Long reported that he will put a fresh coat of paint on the sides and the back of the Community Building when it is nice.

Maintenance Coordinator Long reported that he had vac jetted the stormwater line on Forest Home and South Walnut.

Zach Bowers stated that there are lots of drains with stuff on top of them and Maintenance Coordinator Long stated that he needs to get on top of them.

Maintenance Coordinator Long reported that he has had basic locates.

Zach Bowers asked if he had any big things and Maintenance Coordinator Long stated just trees on edge of properties and he will be taking down the old cable building on the north end of town.

Zach Bowers asked about the signs and Maintenance Coordinator Long said he just needs time to install them.

Paul Wireman thanked Maintenance Coordinator Long for taking care of the drainpipe on Walnut Street south of Washington Street.

XII. Clerk-Treasurer Items

Debbie presented adjustments totaling \$574.26 for approval.

Motion by Zach Bowers, second by Paul Wireman, vote unanimous, to approve adjustments totaling \$574.26.

Debbie reported that the Roachdale Alumni had their alumni banquet on June 13th and complimented the Town on how nice it looks. Debbie stated that the Roachdale Alumni gave a donation for the Community Building of \$150

Debbie stated after receiving their donation Bainbridge Christian Church had a light up, two-sided sign for sale for \$200 so she was able to purchase it for the Community Building.

Debbie reported that the Delta Theta Tau Sorority gave a \$500 donation to the Community Building.

Debbie stated that it is nice to have donations for the Community Building coming in.

Debbie stated that the sign will be painted cherry cola, new plexi glass will be installed, and Raymond McCloud will be wiring the sign.

Debbie stated that Pat Callahan has officially retired and he has done our gas tracker and gas reports. Debbie stated she would like to propose that we now use Jim Higgins. We have interviewed him in the past, he does a really good job, and a lot of towns are going with Jim based on recommendations and he is highly regarded. He will charge the exact same rates as Pat Callahan.

Motion by Zach Bowers to approve the contract with Jim Higgins, LWG, CPA & Advisors and the Town of Roachdale, second by Paul Wireman, vote unanimous.

Debbie stated that she is also working with Ron Ragan on locking in gas rates for the winter rates and they anticipate that gas rates will be lower this winter.

Zach Bowers asked Debbie if she had plan to move her office and she stated she had hoped to be moved in January but that had not happened, Zach said just pick a day and make it happen. Debbie stated that the biggest part will be getting IT worked out.

Items from Town Council Members

Paul Wireman – No items.

Zach Bowers – No items.

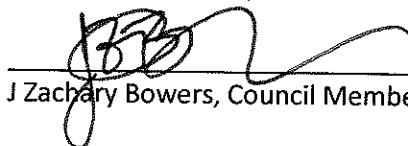
Debbie stated that she worked with the Putnam County Hospital and they switched the Senior Citizen Breakfast to lunch and it increased the attendance.

Motion by Zach Bowers second by Zach Bowers, vote unanimous, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.

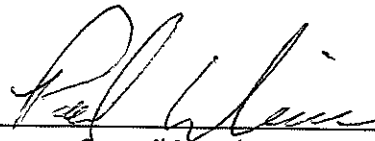
TOWN COUNCIL:



Amanda Newcomer, Council President



J Zachary Bowers, Council Member



Paul Wireman, Council Member

Attest



Debbie Sillery, Clerk Treasurer