

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
March 5th, 2026
6:30 pm

PRESENT: President Councilman Howell, Councilman Sutton, Vice President Newburn, Clerk Treasurer Ebert & Attorney Shoffner.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Dale Bucher, Chuck Jonas, Blake Winland, Blake Dillard, Ethan Martin, Chuck Mack, Brian Bos & Colton Bos

Call To Order:

- President Howell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

Roll Call:

- President Howell-Here, Councilman Sutton - Here, Vice President Newburn-Here, A quorum is present.

Correspondence

- None

Appointments Needed

- President Howell reported that we are still in need of the following appointments:
 - Planning Commission
 - Traffic Commission
 - BZA
 - Town Council

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Motion by Vice President; Newburn; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve the minutes of February 18th, 2026 Regular Meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Officer's Reports

- Plan Commission – No Report
- BZA – No Report
- Traffic Commission – No Report
- Park Board – Vice President Newburn reported that they will meet in March..
- Animal Control – No Report.
- Building Commissioner – Building Inspector Winland reported on the following Permits:
 - 1 Driveway; 4 Contractor Registrations; 1 Electrical Upgrade and 2 Peddler Permits totaling \$590.00

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee – No Report
- Facilities Coordinator – Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that Tillinghast Insurance would not be renewing their lease with us here at the Town Hall. The room was getting cleaned and will start advertising in a few weeks.
- NIRPC – No Report; President Howell asked if NIRPC had any updates with Propel 30 and I said No, but would look into it and report back at our next council meeting.
- Other – Indiana Bond Bank wanted to know if they could be a part of a ground breaking ceremony for the new Wastewater Plant, Council and Public Works approved.

Public Works

- Chuck Mack reported the following:
 - Starting Monday 3/9/26 they will start working on the Water Plant to excavate the filter so they can identify the problem. Peerless will come to the site on Tuesday to assess the situation.
 - President Howell wants the town's engineer; Lou Savaka and his staff that will be involved with this project, to come for a Special Meeting to be held at the Town Hall. President Howell would like to talk about the bidding process, procurement of the equipment that will be needed, etc. Chuck Mack said that he will call Lou to set that up. Council agreed that any day around 2PM would be fine.
 - President Howell also reported to the town's people that he had a conversation with Chuck Mack recently. Asking if he would put together a list of projects that would need to be done and prioritize them for the remainder of this year. Chuck Mack said he would give him that list at the next council meeting.

New Business

- Motion by Vice President Newburn; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve the funds from the Indiana Department of Insurance in the amount of \$36,267. to be deposited into the Water bank account.
- Motion by Councilman Sutton; Second by Vice President Newburn to approve Colton Bos be hired for the Park's position, to replace Gregory Howard.

Unfinished Business

- Motion by Vice President Newburn; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve Ordinance 01-2026, amending the Permit Process.

Financial Report and Claims Approval

- Motion by Vice President Newburn; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve the claims as presented. Vote was taken. All Ayes.

Any Other Business to come before the Council

- None

Public Comment

- Chuck Mack reported

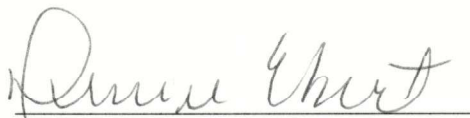
Adjournment

President Howell asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Vice President Newburn; Second by Councilman Sutton. A vote was taken.
All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM

ATTEST:



Denise Ebert
Clerk-Treasurer

