

January 21, 2026

Ridgeville Town Council met with all council members and Wes Schemenaur present, Eric Huffman is not present. Toni Loper, Clerk Treasurer is also present. Randy Young and Hunter Kisgen are both absent; due to prior commitments. Eric Huffman arrives at 6:04 PM.

Jeff motions to approve the previous meeting minutes. Bill seconds. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Jeff motions to approve claims. Bill seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Monthly Bank Rec, statements, outstanding transactions, adjustments, fund, appropriation and revenue reports for December 2025. Council approves. Jeff motions to approve. Bill seconds motion. Motion carried.

Cheeseman Property: Wes sent out a new notice; changing what the town is asking for. First notice was to tear down the building, but they didn't finish it. The second notice is just requesting that he finish tearing down the concrete foundation and filling in with gravel. This notice was sent in November and also emailed to his brother in Colorado. Wes will begin preparing bids and getting those out. Rather than stone, he would like it to be completely back to grass, that way it doesn't look like an open invitation for truck parking.

Top Hat/B&B Bar & Grill: Wes said we have given him plenty of time; Jeff advised that he did fill in a hole with dirt. Tom would like to give him an opportunity to clean the property up, but make it known this is the last opportunity.

Grant Contingency: tabled for next meeting.

Clerk's Office Back Room/Parking Lot water issue: Bid from Josh Morris, with Morris Built, to move the Clerk's office from the PD on Walnut to the backside of the Library. Table this issue to give council time to review the quote to conclude.

Tornado Siren Donations: Eric took the initiative to fix the flooding issue on the back part of the current Clerk's Office. Tornado siren donations are up to \$5,572.66 collected of our \$13,400 goal. Deputy-Clerk, Kristen Cooper, attended the Legion meeting on the town's behalf to request a donation. Clerk-Treasurer advised she reached out to the Township Trustee to see if she could make an interlocal agreement of the siren in order to match Ridgeville Calvary Church's donation of \$5,000.00. Township Trustee, Annie Frantz, is in contact with her lawyer. The plan is to have the siren installed and up and running by Spring.

Eric advised that Bigler's vest came in and it was paid for.

Vote for Council President; Tom voted in for Council President for another year. Jeff and Bill both voted yes.

Wes Schemenaur agreed to represent the attorney for one more year; one year contract made.

Resolution 2026-1 Investing of Funds - Tom motions; Jeff seconds; motion carried.

Resolution 2026-2 Pay Certain Claims - Tom motions, Jeff seconds; motion carried.  
Resolution 2026-3 Pay Membership & Dues - Tom motions, Jeff seconds; motion carried.  
Resolution 2026-4 Designating Newspaper - Tom motions, Jeff seconds; motion carried.

Leak Adjustment Requests - Shandi Cox; Tom motions, motion pending Randy's checking of the leak and signature.

Decals for Utility Truck - Toni knows a lady that is affordable. Tom motions, Jeff seconds; motion carried.

CD Maturing - Suzy Bass with LGS suggests that we move our CD to Trust Indiana. Toni spoke to Cindy Barger at Trust Indiana, but she advised that the bank actually gives her a better interest rate. Tom motions, Jeff seconds; motion carried.

Eric - Would like to know if he is receiving bids to fix the roof on the Library/Fire Department. Not sure if this is true and who is responsible for fixing the roof. Under the understanding that the Fire Department must maintain, but unsure. Tom asks Bill to give Barney a call so we can build a better relationship with the Fire Department.

Toni - Contact the County; Ridgeville would like to take back as many properties as possible. Tom motions to accept the properties offered; Jeff seconds motion; motion carried.

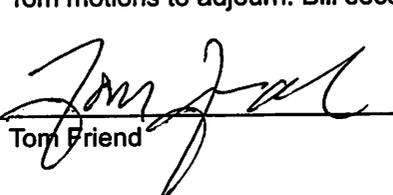
Get with Randy and get an update on McGuire's representative that was to come Monday, January 26th. Randy needs to call Wes and update him. Going to table the McGuire payment. Tom motions, Jeff seconds; motion carried.

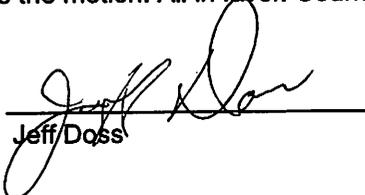
Gerald Swingley had complained about his brush not being picked up by Matt Cunningham's service that was previously offered. Advised to fill out a complaint form at the Clerk's Office so we can come up with a solution for him.

Phil Mathews - complaining that someone hit his sidewalk with the backhoe while removing snow with the plow. Randy and one board member will meet with Phil to discuss and look at the damage and come up with a resolution for it. He would also like to have a sign put up at the park indicating that pet owners need to clean up after their pets, so children are able to play without getting into it.

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10th, 2025.

Tom motions to adjourn. Bill seconds the motion. All in favor. Council meeting is adjourned.

  
Tom Friend

  
Jeff Doss

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Bill Baughn

Attest:   
Toni Loper, Clerk-Treasurer