

Waterloo Town Council Meeting
April 8, 2025

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held on April 8, 2025, at 6:04 p.m. at the Waterloo Historic Train Depot present were:

Josh Caudill	Ken Surber
James Garman	Russell Goodman
Pam Howard / Town Manager	Andrew Kruse / Town Attorney
Renee Duszynski / Clerk Treasurer	

The following business was discussed, and action was taken: Unless specified all votes were unanimous.

Caudill did roll call and the pledge was recited.

Communication from the President: None

Communication from Town Manager:

Town offices will be closed April 18th for Good Friday.

Waterloo Elementary is asking for donations for their dean's list. Howard would like to contribute using Promotion of Town.

The first Citizen Academy session is April 22nd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. They will meet at Town hall and learn about council, the structure of the town government, and the clerk's office.

The project on Center Street is going well. The Town will need to purchase property for easement from Britton Post (Post Properties) and Dave Feller (Feller Funeral Home). Post property is under \$25,000 however the Feller property needed two appraisals because it is over the \$25,000 threshold.

CCMG released the funds for Center Street, Cedar and Van Vleek.

Park Board was given rock from Ley Excavating for Veteran's Memorial Park. They will have the date and name of the park engraved by Ley Monument. The hometown hero banners will be up before Memorial Day.

Communication from The Clerk Treasurer:

Duszynski reviewed the fund report. She stated that one of the CD's is up, the interest rate is still at 4.2% so she will roll over the principal and pull the interest to use to pay for the easements for the Center Street Project. She will also invest the \$625,500 that was received as reimbursement for the wastewater treatment plant project. The interest from that will stay in the wastewater fund.

She stated that they did not receive the OCRA Planning Grant. The next round will open mid April and will be due May 16. She has a feedback meeting with OCRA scheduled for April 9 and is going to set up a meeting with NIRCC (regional coordinators) for assistance.

Communication from Boards and Committees:

Main Street is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on April 13 from 1-3 pm at Francis Thomson Park. Each child will get a goody bag and a chance to win an Easter basket.

There are several committee positions still open and one board position, the treasurer, still needs to be filled.

Approval of Minutes and Claims and Adjustments:

Minutes from January 15th reviewed. Motion to approve made by Goodman (Garman) passed.

Minutes from February 13th reviewed. Corrections made. Motion to approve as amended made by Garman (Surber) passed.

Minutes from March 11th and March 26th were tabled.

Claims reviewed. Caudill noted that the claim for the Dekalb Chamber should have been \$1,100.00, but the PO and voucher were for \$1,320.00. Duszynski stated the Chamber added an extra \$220 as a one time donation, and it was not deducted. Kruse asked if the check could be pulled and reissued. Duszynski stated the check had already been mailed. She will call the Chamber to have it sent back. Garman asked if the damage from Frontier would be passed on to them. Caudill stated that he intended to send copies of the bills onto Frontier. Motion to approve made by Goodman (Surber) passed.

Adjustments reviewed. Motion to approve made by Garman (Goodman) passed.

Introduction of Ordinances/Resolutions

1. **Ordinance 25-02: No Thru Truck** – Howard explained the work on US 6 has caused detours down town roads. The roads are not made for heavy truck traffic. Lincoln Street is failing in several places. Part of the road goes into the County. Ben Parker, DeKalb County Highway Superintendent, intends to put the same ordinance in place. This ordinance would prohibit thru truck traffic over 10,000 lbs. The ordinance provides exemptions for emergency vehicles, a vehicle operated by a public utility or providing maintenance service to such facilities, municipal and county vehicles, school and church buses, as well as agricultural and farm vehicles. Surber asked if there were any other streets that should be included. Howard stated that the other streets were not as affected and could handle the truck traffic. Motion to approve and pass on the first reading made by Goodman (Garman). Motion to waive rules and pass on second and third reading made by Goodman (Surber) passed.
2. **Ordinance 25-03: Service Weapon Ordinance** – Oberholtzer stated he would like the town to pass a service weapon ordinance. He explained that the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department has one; after 20 years an officer can retain their service weapon at retirement. Kruse stated to be compliant with SBOA it would need to be

valued and claimed as compensation. Oberholtzer stated the value would be \$400.00. Garman noted 2 spelling errors. Motion to approve made by Goodman (Garman). Passed.

3. **Ordinance 25-04: Trash Ordinance** – Duszynski explained the rates needed updated. In February the Council voted to extend the contract for one year at the rate of \$12.92 for trash and \$6.13 for recycling. The ordinance now reflects the 2025 rate. Kruse stated to reach out to get clarification on date the contract extension will end since it was not approved until February. Motion to approve made by Surber (Garman) passed.

Old Business:

1. **Baker Tilley – AMP** – tabled.
2. **Medical Maternity Leave** – Caudill confirmed the STD has been updated. Duszynski stated that it has been reflected on the current billing cycle.

New Business:

1. **Heimach Center** – Kim Teegarden is present to introduce herself. She explained there have been a lot of changes. She reviewed DART. Pickups and drop-offs have increased in Waterloo. She went into detail on how DART received funding. She reviewed the DART card programs. This allows people who may not be able to afford it to receive the benefits of transportation. The passes are good for a month and then are evaluated. They also have a punch card program that can be purchased. Beth reviewed funding from the Heimach Center. They rely on donations and grants. The Town has contributed to the funding for the Kiosk. It has been helpful for data. She stated that they have 894 total members, scanned 12,000 times: 27 Waterloo members, 960 times. She reviewed some of the new programs: food wagons, car show, and more.

The Heimach Center would like to request funds for new LED lights in the parking lot. The cost will be around \$10,000.00 there are 13 poles with 2 lights each. Duszynski stated there is \$9,600 budgeted. In 2024, there was \$9,500 budgeted that was never paid due to paperwork not being received. Teegarden explained that there was turnover in staff and restructuring that had happened. Duszynski explained that since it was not paid out, it was just absorbed back into the General Fund, and we could do an additional appropriation if that payment was approved. Motion to approve \$9,500.00 for 2024 made by Garman (Goodman). Motion to approve \$9,600.00 for 2025 made by Garman (Goodman) passed.

2. **Midwestern** – Sullivan reviewed the progress meeting. Everything is progressing fine. He reviewed current invoices. James S. Jackson pay app #8 for \$292,125.00 API pay app #4 for \$690,337.45 and Midwestern invoice #9 for \$24,056.87. He stated he also added a line to show balance to finish the contract. Motion to approve pay app #8, #4 and invoice #9 made by Goodman (Surber). Sullivan stated that all SRF monies have been spent. All claims will now be paid from USDA. The quarterly report has been prepared to be sent to IDEM. It will need to be approved and sent out. Garman asked if anything interesting has been uncovered. Sullivan stated that no it has been typical.
3. **Police Radio's** – Oberholtzer presented a quote for 3 new radios. He reviewed the difference between Kenwood and Motorola. Motorola's are more heavy duty and will

last longer. They do take longer to get it. Garman asked if the County would assist with funding. Oberholtzer stated that they would not. Caudill asked if Motorola was worth double the cost. Oberholtzer stated yes and it has a longer warranty. Motion to approve the quote from Motorola for \$16,142.76 made by Garman (Goodman) passed.

4. **CR 427 Speed Limit** – Dana Planter, INDOT, contacted Howard about the speed limit. North Wayne is actually owned by INDOT. The existing speed limits vary from 25-40 mph to come into town. It would be made uniform at 35 mph. Going out of town it would increase to 45 mph. Oberholtzer stated it would be beneficial to make it uniform on both sides of the road. Discussion was held. Oberholtzer feels that 45 mph at Rope Street is too fast. Goodman would also like to see the reduction to 35 mph north of Rope Street. Caudill asked Howard and Oberholtzer to work with INDOT to come to a resolution.
5. **Cemetery Lawn Mower** – Howard reviewed the quotes. She stated there are 3 quotes from True Land John Deere: Edgerton, New Haven, and Woodburn. She presented an updated quote for Edgerton due to a break in the trade-in lawnmower. The trade went down to \$1,262.00 from \$2,800.00. It is still the cheapest of the quotes at \$7,591.25. The budget is \$9,000.00. Motion to approve made by Goodman (Garman) passed.
6. **Bizwell Mediation Inspection Report** – Kruse stated that mediation for the lawsuit against Bizwell for code violations was completed in December. The agreement was to have the property remediated. It also allowed for inspections every 90 days to check for progress and fire code violations. On March 12, Jon Williams and Scott Lehman did an inspection and found several fire code violations. Kruse reviewed the issues: 40-amp breaker installed, open wiring, and open junk boxes. He stated there were 2 options for a response. The first is to have Kruse put in a court order to have the electricity shut off. The other option is to have the current fire chief deal with it on an emergency basis. Kruse recommends having the fire chief to have immediate enforcement and have Kruse file a motion for a court order to address the fire code violations. Garman stated it is dangerous for the tenant, other buildings and other tenants. Howard has asked Hobbs to speak with Scott Lehman and will proceed. Hobbs is going to become an inspector to be able to inspect buildings yearly. Caudill would like Hobbs to proceed. Motion to allow Kruse to proceed with the court order made by Garman (Goodman) passed.
7. **INDOT Detour** – Will need tabled. INDOT will pay for the unofficial detour on US 6. The Town would like to use Commerce, Grant and Lincoln Streets. Kruse noted that the County had to choose an ideal path as a detour as well for this.
8. **Blacksmith Crossing** – Russ Goodman presented a request to update the ordinance concerning parking on Blacksmith Crossing. He did state he is putting in this request as a citizen, which every taxpayer has the right to do. He will abstain from voting on this topic. He discussed the issues while trying to back in a camper. The road is 22 feet, and his rig is around 55 foot including the truck. This becomes very difficult with a car parked on the side of the street. Goodman showed pictures. He has asked the Lumpkins to please not park there. He has left several notes stating he will not be liable for any damage because they were aware of the issue. Goodman stated the road acts as a driveway. He is a good neighbor. Making it no parking takes away a safety

problem. Kruse stated liability will fall on the driver of the trailer if it is damaged, not the owner of the parked car. He made clear he is not representing Lumpkins or Goodman but speaking of a legal perspective, that is how it would fall. He asked Oberholtzer if backing down a road is legal. Oberholtzer is not aware of any restrictions.

Goodman noted that he also has a dump station that goes into the sewer, and this is the ideal method of entry. Garman noted parking has always been an issue and listed alternative ways to get into the property. Mr. Dull stated it was on Goodman he placed the home in the middle of the housing addition. Mrs. Lumpkins shouldn't have to park 6 blocks away. Goodman stated that they could park in their garage. Mr. Lumpkins stated that the regulations were in place before Goodman purchased the property. Mrs. Lumpkins stated you cannot park two cars in the drive because it would block the sidewalk. Garman suggested that Goodman take the money he would be saving and purchase a driveway. Garman went on to state, "It's not fair for you to decide parking, and it comes across as intimidation. Also, not appropriate for a council member to send these letters." Kruse asked why he notified the Marshals that there is no valid reason to – they did nothing wrong. Garman believes Goodman needs to apologize. Goodman apologizes to the Lumpkins. Mrs. Lumpkins asked how often it can be brought to the council. Caudill assured her that it would not be passed.

Other:

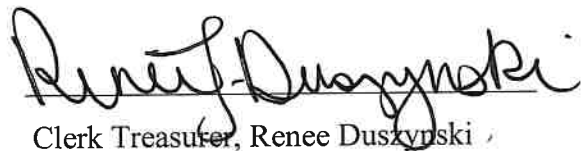
Caudill noted that he met with Oberholtzer, they will put out the position but will not be hired until Jan Brady is retired.

I, Renee Duszynski, the duly qualified Clerk Treasurer, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and exact excerpt of minutes of the meeting of the Waterloo Town Council, Waterloo, Indiana, at which a quorum was in attendance and acting throughout, and held April 8, 2025, and, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



President, Josh Caudill


Clerk Treasurer, Renee Duszynski

