

Town of Hartsville, Indiana
Town Council
Minutes – February 2nd, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mark Imel.

Present: Mike Crull, Mark Imel and Steve Rucker were present.

Mike Crull made a motion to approve January 5th minutes. Second by Steve Rucker. Approved by all.

Town Reports:

Code Enforcement: Matt Galbraith gave copies of letters sent to residents regarding smoke testing results. He has a request for building permit. He received subdivision requests for Taylor Street. He had 2 letters returned. He will send letter to resident across from Jim this week.

Shawn Kleinpeter gave an update on financing the stormwater/sewer project. Sewer rates would be \$82.28. It assumes a stormwater rate of \$5 per resident, per month. He brought contract for Ice Miller for bond counsel. They will be looking into placing stormwater fee on property tax bills. Steve Rucker made a motion to hire Ice Miller 2nd by Mike Crull. Approved by all.

Matt Schneider gave a presentation on building the Town website.

WWTP: Steve Rucker stated the cold weather has caused problems at WWTP. The trash filter is frozen. Jason will get quotes for heater for building and the two blower replacements.

Sewer Clerk: Jim Davis stated he sent an email with an update on the accounts. He has two properties that he is communicating regarding sale of the property.

Jim Davis gave concrete estimates, Smith Concrete \$13,500, Best Excavating \$21,300.

Jim Davis, he has a sign from the bank and would like to put it on the square.

Judy Sims stated she has been with the Town for four years.

Lisa Hayes stated she will be ordering mulch. It usually is \$1,000-\$1,500. She is having problems with a dog. She talked to Tequila. Tequila has talked to owner.

Tequila Hornback was not present.

Civil Rights Ordinance. Mark Imel read some of the ordinance and explained purpose. Steve Rucker wants to read ordinance. Mark Imel will contact Mike and find out when he needs ordinance.

Sign installation, we will need posts.

Mark Imel wants to remove water and electric meter to form Town Hall. Mark Imel stated there were kids in the building and he locked the doors. He needs a key to the doors.

Stormwater ordinance amendment. He asked about exemptions for churches. They do not pay property taxes. The current rate is per parcel.

We have a revised contract for Vertical Landscaping. People are not happy that they only plowed one lane. The invoice states they have been through town three times. Mark Imel stated they only plowed his road once. A resident asked if the person who is clearing the streets is familiar with the streets? Mark Imel is at a loss, and he doesn't feel like we received the service we contracted with vendor to receive. Do we want to keep the vendor or find another vendor? Mark Imel will call vendor. Lisa Hayes stated Best plowed his property.

Steve Rucker made a motion to approve claim dockets 2nd by Mike Crull. Approved by all.

Meeting adjourned.

President, Mark Imel

Mike Crull, Town Council

Steve Rucker, Town Council

Attest:

Deputy Clerk Treasurer