Town of Milan

Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 10, 2026
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Town Hall, 211 W Carr St, Milan, IN 47031

1. Call To Order
    a. The Pledge of Allegiance
    b. Special Recognition by Rod Johnson, Milan's Fire Chief
        i. Presentation to Chief of Police, Terry Wilson and Bryce Blackburn (See Presentation Page)
    c. Meeting called to order at 6:45
    d. Present
        i. Deb Shumate, President
        ii. Dillon Davidson, Member
        iii. Rebecca Neighborgall, Assistant Clerk
        iv. Doug Price, Town Manager
        v. Phillip Wilson, Marshal
        vi. Lynn Fledderman, Town Attorney
2. Approval of Meetings Minutes
    a. Minutes from the 7/13/26 Regular Meeting
        i. Motion to Approve: Dillon Davidson; Second: Deb Shumate; Drew Olman Abstained; Vote Passed 2-0
3. Approval of Claims & Payroll
    a. All Claims & Payroll through 8/10/26
        i. Motion to Approve: Dillon Davidson; Second: Drew Olman; Vote Passed 3-0
4. Reports
    a. Town Manager Report, Doug Price
    b. Town Marshall Report, Phillip Wilson
    c. Milan Volunteer Fire Dept, Rod Johnson
5. Old/Continuing Business
    a. Pike Purchase Agreement
        i. Motion to Approve: Dillon Davidson; Second: Drew Olman; Vote Passed 3-0
    b. Ratification of the Interlocal Agreement with the County
        i. Motion to Approve: Drew Olman; Second: Dillon Davidson; Vote Passed 3-0
    c. Dismissal of the Unsafe Building Action against 102 W Carr St
        i. Motion to Approve: Drew Olman; Second: Dillon Davidson; Vote Passed 3-0
6. New Business
7. Public Items
    a. Erin Thomas, LifeTime Resources 2027 Funding
        i. Motion to Approve $1000: Drew Olman; Second: Dillon Davidson; Vote Passed 3-0
    b. Application for Solicitation, Friends of Milan Football – Football Needs, 8/22/26 9am - 12pm
        i. Motion to Approve: Drew Olman; Second: Dillon Davidson; Vote Passed 3-0
    c. Application for Solicitation, Sons of the American Legion - Coats for Kids, 9/26/26 9am - 12pm
        i. Motion to Approve: Drew Olman; Second: Dillon Davidson; Vote Passed 3-0
8. Comments on Agenda Items
    a. Jane Vinup asked for clarification regarding the Interlocal Agreement and the responsibilities of the position. It was explained that the agreement is between the County and the surrounding towns and will provide supplemental funding toward the salary of the new Executive Director of the Planning Commission. The new Executive Director will replace Tad Brinson, who previously oversaw zoning and permitting for the County.
    b. Jane Vinup inquired about the purchase price stated in the Pike Purchase Agreement. Town Attorney Lynn Fledderman stated that the purchase price was $124,635.

c. An individual inquired about the salary for the Executive Director position. Deb Shumate stated that the salary would be $3,800.
d. An individual inquired about data centers and was advised to contact the County for further information.
e. An individual inquired about the County Recorder position. Town Attorney Lynn Fledderman explained that the position is elected and is not under the authority of the Town Council. She further explained that the Town participates in area planning and that the participating communities are contributing toward the Executive Director's salary to attract an individual with the necessary qualifications and experience.

9. Adjournment
    i. Motion to Approve: Drew Olman; Second: Dillon Davidson; Vote Passed 3-0

Next Regular Town Council Meeting:
Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM

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End of Minutes

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Presentation Prior to meeting business

Rod Johnson asked Milan Police Chief Terry Wilson to stand and come forward for special recognition of his heroic actions during the July 15 apartment fire on Maple Street. Johnson explained that Chief Wilson had kicked in the door of an apartment, entered the residence, and pulled a woman to safety, saving her life.

Indiana State Fire Marshal Steve Jones presented Chief Wilson with the Heroic Life Saving Award. Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association District 19 Chairman Ben Sieverding and former Chairman Ed Scheele then presented Chief Wilson with the association's Life Saving Award.

Chief Wilson's family also recognized him by presenting him with a sledgehammer and a Pro Bar. Milan Fire Chief Rod Johnson presented Chief Wilson with a plaque featuring the Milan Fire Department station patch.

Johnson then asked Bryce Blackburn to come forward and recognized him for the important role he played during the fire. Johnson explained that Blackburn took it upon himself to alert other tenants of the fire by knocking on their doors and warning them of the danger.

The Milan Town Council also recognized Chief Wilson and Blackburn for their actions by presenting each with a Key to the Town and proclaiming August 10 as Town Marshal Terry Wilson and Bryce Blackburn Day.

Meeting Date: 9/14/2026

Description: **Meeting Minutes**

8/10/2026
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Deborah Shumate, Council President

Andrew Olman, Council Vice President

Dillon Davidson, Council Member

Attest:

Melissa Teer
Clerk/Treasurer Assistant