

New Point Town Council Meeting

April 13, 2026

Jeff Shouse-Council President called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Then Jeff Shouse-Council President asked everyone to stand for The Pledge of Allegiance. Then roll call of Council members was called. Everyone was in attendance.

People in attendance were Jeff Shouse-Council President, Gary Wolford-Council Member, Kelly Blodgett-Council Member, Giltina Marshall-Clerk Treasurer, Stacy Shouse-Clerk Assistant, Andy Hadler-Town Marshal, Carrie

Ruble, Lori Spears, Mike Novac RCAP Rep. not in attendance, Randy Gibbs Jr.-Sewer Superintendent not in attendance (broken foot).

Jeff Shouse-Council President asked council about accepting the minutes

Kelly Blodgett-Council Member made a motion to accept March 9th Council meeting minutes, Gary Wolford-Council Member second the motion.

Patron Comment

Lori Spears, resident of New Point, came in about her sewage bill. They had a major leak under their driveway. The Spears didn't notice the leak because of all of the snow on the driveway. We had about 6 inches on the ground.

The bill they had in February was for \$103.53. Dennis Spears called the Sewage office talked to Tina and ask if there was any kind of reduction in the amount of the sewage bill since the water didn't go down into their sewage drain. I let him know that there was ONE adjustment a year for a leak. He said they wanted the adjustment. I asked him if he wanted to wait until next month's bill before the adjustment was made. Since the majority of the leak was on the following months bill. He said NO to go ahead and adjust the bill for February 17, 2026. I did and he received an adjustment of \$35.84. I let him know that he will need to pay the next bill in full which ended up being \$173.56. He then called the office on the bill that was dated March 17, 2026

Spoke to me (Tina) and asked if he could have another adjustment. I then explained to him again that there was only one leak adjustment per year and he told me to use it on the previous month bill. That the only thing he and his wife could do was pay the bill and then

come to the next Town Council, held on the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm and talk to the council about another leak adjustment. They decided to pay the bill and his wife Lori came to the next Council meeting and asked the Town Council if there was a way they could receive another leak adjustment and after a long discussion by her and the Town Council (and me letting her know I let Dennis know what his options were), Lori Spears was told no, there is only one leak per year.

A resident asked Andy Hadler-Town Marshall if he could come to 210 to watch for people speeding down that road. Same resident was concerned about a teenage student getting a No Trespass put on him because he went in a resident's yard to avoid being hit by a truck because the road is narrow.

Sanitary Sewer and Lien

3 Liens letters sent.

Tyler Cooks residence has been hooked up to sewer. Water is not on.

Mr. Ison's grandfather clause on the Post Office and apartments being discussed for the sewer bill. When he bought the building the grandfather clause should have been dropped. Jeff Shouse to talk to Mr. Ison concerning this. When Mr. Ison opens the Pizza Shop, he will then have two commercial business and at least two apartments in that one building.

Kelly Blodgett-Council Member, said it should be considered separate entities.

The second reading of Sewer Ordinance 2026-3 sewage rate increase on gallonage. Jeff Shouse-Council President ask if there was any discussion on Ordinance 2026-3 there was none. Jeff Shouse-Council President made a motion to accept the Ordinance 2026-3 and Gary Wolford- Council Member seconded it. Motion was accepted.

Letters to Sewer Customers went out about accepting Debit, Credit Cards, and ACH payments for Sewage billing only. Please have patience with office staff because they are learning also.

Alley Streets and Roads,

Indiana Dept. of Transportation on street mile increase in the Town of New Point from 200 all the way to 46. Which is .767 mile.

Received a letter from Valley Asphalt saying there will be an increase in asphalt of 7%. This is to include base. Surface, trackless tack AC, Cold Patch.

No information concerning 850 E culvert replacement. Not doing anything about 860 E.

Waterways, Wells and Vegetation,

NA

Outside Building and Grounds,

Jeff Shouse-Council President getting mesh guards and installing them under overhang on The Community Building to keep birds from building nest under the overhang.

Inside of Building,

NA

Budget & Insurance

NA

Permits & Ordinance

NA

Courthouse and Lawyer

Tina to call lawyer and see where he is on the Small Claims cases and the Ordinance violation letters.

Vehicles

Police Car Andy said A/C needs checked on Police Car not working properly.

Bobcat is good.

Fire Department

Fish fry had 514 people attend. Having meeting on peach fund raiser

Events

Na

Police

Police

Speed limit signs need enforced. Side by Sides and ATV's only need a permit number.

White Ford pickup with a camper shell keeps running stop sign on 850 and 200S.

Police Report,

Andy Hadler-Town Marshall completed required training with the Indiana Marshal Association in April.

Opportunity with Homeland Security funding for Vehicle and Salaries. Town Marshal will have to do training.

Traffic Stops 30

Citations 8

Warnings 25

Calls Given 34

EMA with Mike Synder next month.

Jeff Shouse-Council President asked if there were any volunteers for Asset Management Training. June class meeting, there were no volunteers.

Before All Bills Paid

__\$82,184.09__

General Fund

__\$148,705.10__

Sewage Operation Account

__\$9,903.63__

Community Building Account

__\$35,839.62__

Sewer B&I Account


Council President


Council Member

Christina Marshall

Clerk Treasurer

Will J. Blodgett

Council Member