

## Town of New Point Town Council Meeting

August 11, 2025

Jeff Shouse-Council President called the meeting to order.

Then Jeff Shouse-Council President asked everyone to please stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were, Jeff Shouse-Council President, Gary Wolford-Council Member, Kelly Blodgett-Council Member, Giltina(Tina)Marshall-Clerk-Treasurer, Stacy Shouse-Clerk Assistant, Andy Hadler-Town Marshall, Randy Gibbs Jr. Sewer Superintendent, Mike Novac RCAP Representative, Cindy Ruble, Carrie Ruble, Richard Shouse, Christy Shouse, Peggy Cook, Vanessa Gay, Emily Wolford.

### RCAP and Sewer Superintendent Reports

Mike Novac from RCAP informed the council that an Asset Management Plan

Is required by State and Regulatory Commission. Mike gave us a copy of what is required to file. Strand didn't measure all lines. No information in PDR we can use. List all Assets, then life expectancy of lines and conditions. Spoke about Doug Westerfeld for small towns in Decatur County for \$12,000.00 for drainage.

After USDA is paid then maybe go other ways for money. USDA projects on hold there are no funds to complete projects. IRC must show need, not want.

Average income for this area is \$53,000 per Mike. About 198 homes in New Point. Town taxes may need to be addresses.

Report from Randy Gibbs Jr. Sewer Superintendent let the council know that lift stations are working fine. The electric panel at the Petro Truck Lift Station Is showing a lot of wear may need to be replace soon.

### Patron Comments

Peggy Cook handed out letters to each Council Member and the Clerk-Treasurer about lawn mower business. She also discussed the broken refrigerator that was sitting in their yard that was broken and not safely secured. She said it had been secured. She informed the Council that her family company feels like they are harassed because of concerned residents reporting them for blocking the roads like 200 E. while working. Jeff Shouse

Council President said to her for the mowing crew to use Freda's property on 200 S. Stacy Shouse-Clerk-Assistant mentioned the letter she was sent this time was about unsecured junk on property, blocked alley and blocking streets. It was explained to her we were just upholding the Ordinances that the Town Attorney drew up under the instruction of the town council. Gary Wolford-Council Member wanted to know who complained about the blocking of the streets and wanted their names. I let him know that I wasn't going to tell him. I let the Jeff Shouse- Council President know about the complaints.

Ms. Cook felt like we are signaling them out. Other grass cutting companies that cut yards have been informed that they should not block the streets when mowing. We are trying to keep Ordinance 2024-3 fair for the whole town. We are sorry they fill this way but Ordinances are made for the whole town to keep it running smoothly.

Richard Shouse was concerned about the letter he received about the weeds and rank vegetation on his property. He said he has been working on it. Then he asked about the letter he received on the junk scrap metal back by the garage Jeff Shouse stated if they put up 8' dog eared fence around the fence it would be ok. His daughter in law said that some of the weeds were actually Asparagus it has been taken care of. The Richard Shouse then complained about not using his physical address when sending Town letters to him instead of his PO box. We explained to him again that his PO box was his mailing address.

Then it was brought up about a young man riding a red 4-wheeler with blue helmet flying through town and not stopping at stop signs.

Jeff Shouse-Council President asked if there were any more Patron Comments, there were none.

#### Sanitary Sewer and Liens

No Liens filed. Seven lien letters went out to residents.

#### Alley, Streets and Roads

Statewide Paving is in the process of repairing the streets in New Point. Statewide Paving was asked to stay away from railroad crossing.

We are on Decatur Co. Street Dept. list to fix the culvert on 850 E.

#### Railroad

Called railroad about the tree growing on tunnel that needs cut and the grass that is they said they will try to be in New Point within the next couple of weeks to cut them down. Railroad still on track for the track crossing.

#### Waterway, Wells, and Vegetation

Pete Trenkamp is still going to use the backhoe to clean out Tub Creek to take care of the vegetation growing there. Decatur Co. Park Dept. has finished Park

#### Outside Buildings and Grounds

Trench behind Community Building to be filled in this week according to Andy Hadler-Street Supervisor. Mr. Ison had his lift fixed we are waiting on his to have time to put small piece of Siding and Roof shingle back on the Community Building.

#### Inside Building

Discussed getting two Thermostat Covers to keep renters from changing the thermostat.

#### Budget/Insurance

Will be discussing the Budget in September Town Council Meeting. Insurance premiums aren't due.

#### Budget and Ordinance

N/A

#### Courthouse and Lawyer

N/A

#### Covid 19—Readi—ARPA

N/A

#### Vehicles

Andy Hadler-Street Supervisor said the Bobcat will be serviced in October or November. May need to order another skid of salt for streets for winter. Speed limit signs and poles should be in in the next couple of weeks. Andy will put up all of street signs when they are in.

Fire Dept.

Chicken Supper sales down from last year. They said they thought it maybe because it was so Hot and Humid.

Events

There are none.

Just a reminder Crack-Away Dazes has been cancelled in September.

Police Report

Andy Hadler-Town Marshal said old police 9mm was taken in on trade for the new 9mm. His new utility belt is still on back order. INDOT put up more street signs on 46 to help with the new speed limit and stop sign. Andy said that the signs have helped. Andy also told residents if they have concerns about wide loads call INDOT in Seymour. More wide loads on and 74 this year and also 46

Andy said that wide loads can travel 46 or 74. There isn't anything we can do about it. Old Car wash starting to come down. Andy Hadler-Town Marshall to

contact Chris Stephans the attorney for the new owners of Gas Station coming in to get the weeds cutdown on the property.

Police report

Traffic Stops 9

Citations 4

Warnings 5

Felony Arrest 0

Misdemeanor Arrest 0

Cases 0  
Calls Given 15

Gary Wolford-Council Member asked Jeff Shouse-Council President if he could put a storage container on his property Andy said he didn't think there would be a problem.

Culverts and Bridges are all taken care of by Decatur Co.

Jeff Shouse-Council President asked if there was any more business, there was none.

Since there wasn't Gary Wolford-Council Member made a motion to adjourn and Kelly Blodgett-Council Member seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

\_\_\$57,535.32\_\_

General Fund (Town) Account

\_\_\$139,795.76\_\_

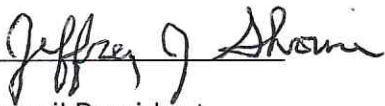
Sewage Operational Account

\_\_11,542.77\_\_


Community Building Account


\_\_\$35,655.28\_\_

Sewage Bons & Interest Account

  
Council President

  
Council Member

  
Clerk-Treasurer

  
Council Member

Stacy Shouse  
Clerk assistant