

DECEMBER 8, 2025

NEW POINT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

ATTENDED BY: Jeff Shouse Council-President, Gary Wolford Council-Member, Kelly Blodgett Council-Member. Stacy Shouse Clerk-Assistant, Andy Hadler Town Marshall, Randy Gibbs, Jr. Sewage Superintendent, Carrie Ruble, Cindy Ruble, Emily Wolford, Michael Snyder Decatur County Emergency Management Director. Giltina Marshall Clerk-Treasurer was absent due to husband falling.

CALL TO ORDER, MINUTES, MONTHLY DIRECTIVES, PATRON COMMENTS:

Jeff called for the Pledge of Allegiance, he then called the meeting to order with roll call and introduction of council and employees. Jeff then called for a motion of meeting minutes Gary made first motion, Kelly seconded. Approved.

Mike Snyder, new Decatur County Emergency Management Director came to the Town meeting to ask that the Community Building become a warming center in case of a Red Cross emergency. Mike will need to do measuring of building and send to Red Cross for approval. Red Cross provides meals, cots, and will be here 24 hours per day with the Health Department helping out. Jeff concern about the building being total electric, no shower units available. The Town doesn't have a generator at the community building in case electric is out. Mike gave us an address to check for a possible grant for the generator. There is a shower truck that may be provided if necessary. Red Cross provides Insurance. The outside garage will be used to house pets in crates of persons using the warming center. There will be further discussion on this matter before a vote is taken. It was suggested to check with our insurance carrier to make sure the Town is covered.

SANITARY SEWER AND LIENS: Randy Gibbs Jr. our sewer superintendent spoke with regards to Truck Stop issues, he has pulled the same pump X3 in the past month, with fabric, gloves, underwear and trash clogging the pump, this is the older pump. Randy and Jeff met with Mr. Copeland Truck Stop Manager and he is to get with their engineer for possible solutions to the problem. Mr. Copeland must make sure his employee is doing correctly and removing all necessary materials from the drain. Jeff and Randy checked grate by the building and it was not over the pipe like it was supposed to be. It was taken off and material left to the side so it could drain better. The material wasn't removed at that time. There is a good chance that it went on to the lift station. A truck stop employee is to be checking this grate daily and unclogging it to make sure nothing

gets to the lift station. It was suggested that a mesh basket be put into lift station to catch anything that goes through the line. Mike Novac and Megan were down to help with the Asset Management Plan. He was unable to attend this meeting. Duke contacted Jeff once and was to get back with him again.

Generac had its yearly service completed, oil change and switches all checked and cleared.

Lien-one was paid at the courthouse and the Town was paid.

ALLEYS, STREETS AND ROADS: Two street lights were replaced by Duke, A 30mph sign is up on the bend between 200 S. and 210 S. and only 1- 20 mph sign is location on 210 S. Andy will check on these signs.

RAILROAD: Should be here shortly to fix crossing at 210 South and 815 East.

WATERWAYS, WELLS AND VEGETATION: New water tower coming and going under IN 74.

OUTBUILDING AND GROUNDS: Mr. Ison to replace trim outside on building, he has the trim. One light bulb out on the light that points to flag. New Point Food Mart contract has been signed for 2026, this is for gas for Police Car, bobcat, and mowing.

INSIDE BUILDING: Wallpe serviced furnace and then put boxes over the four thermostats in building. These will hopefully help some with the electric bill. Mr. Gander sent us contract for 2026 year, same as 2025 for floor service.

BUDGET/INSURANCE: Insurance for the year has been paid. Clerk-Treasurer Bond has been paid. All prices on the rise.

PERMITS/ORDIANACES: Jeff announced an ordinance has disappeared out of The Town Ordinance Book in the office. Clear sleeve is still there but the Paper is gone. Court House doesn't have a copy. Please return

COURT HOUSE/LAWYER: NA

COVID-19/READI/ARPA: NA

VEHICLES: The bobcat was serviced, bill from TDS possibly coming for pick up and delivery of the bobcat. Car due next month for oil change and tire rotation. A skid of salt needs picked up yet.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Two Thanksgiving Day fires. New member passed his testing and two newcomers joining.

EVENTS: February, 2026 New Point Christian Church will be hosting a bean soup supper.


POLICE: LTAP submission completed. County did Paser for rating our roads. 2026 State paperwork will require roads to be inventoried for the State.

General Fund: \$77,058.91

Sewage Operational Acc.: \$132,534.96

Community Bldg: \$10,820.61

Sewage B & I: \$37,145.88




Council President



Council Member



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Clerk-Treasurer