

## Town of New Point Council Meeting

July 14, 2025

Call to order, Minutes, Monthly Directives

Jeff Shouse-Council President called the July 14, 2025 council meeting to order. Then Jeff Shouse-Council President asked for everyone to stand to say The Pledge of Allegiance.

Those 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, Randy Gibbs Jr. Sewer Superintendent, Micheal Novac-RCAP Representative, Emily Wolford, Cindy Ruble, Carrie Ruble.

Then the minutes for the June 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting were discussed Jeff asked if there were any corrections, there were none, Gary Wolford-Council Member made a motion to approve the minutes, Kelly Blodgett-Council Member seconded it.

Jeff Shouse-Council President asked Mike Novac if he had any information. Mike Novac said he will try to be here sometime the week of July, 21<sup>st</sup>.to help with the Asset Management Plan. Strand has what we need in their report they gave to the town when they work with the previous Town Board when they did a Smoke Study on illegal hook ups. Mike, will pull the information needed to send to the SLRF, IFA that says we have it together in the office. The Asset Management Plan is good for 5 Years. Asset Management Plan also good to have if you need to apply for a loan. Mike said if we needed to get ahold of USDA to call him because the USDA is short on help right now two people retired.

Jeff Shouse -Council President did meet with Steve Ruble about the distribution of illicit water for residents in town. If there is suspected illegal hook-ups and we ask to come to and inspect and the resident does not let the Sewage Superintendent check there will be a \$10.00 fee added to their bill per month. If they do let us check the \$10.00 fee will be waived. No action taken at this time.

New customers that connect to the sewer will need to sign a letter to let the Sewer Superintendent inspect the installation before covering up.

Calibration of the Main Lift Station is inspected the first of March each year.

Randy Gibbs Jr. Sewage Superintendent was asked how everything was going at the Petro Truck Stop Lift Station and the Main Lift Station and he said he was happy to report "That everything is going well".

#### Patron Comments

Carrie asked when are they going to trim the trees going over the tunnel? Andy said he would check he knows that school is starting soon. This is so the branches won't scrap the school buses on 215 Then it was brought up about the street around the tunnel it still needing repair, Andy said that he would get

with Mr. Ortman or Mr. Houk from the Decatur Co. Street Dept. and see when

they will be down to look at the street. The County has been doing a lot of Chip and seal. We are on their list.

#### Sanitary Sewer and Liens,

There were 4 Liens released. Randy -Sewer Superintendent said both lift Stations are all up and running and working fine.

Resolution 2025-4 New Point Policy for Sewage Liens Updated July 2025.

This resolution was read by Jeff Shouse-Council President. Jeff Shouse-Council made a motion, Gary Wolford-Council seconded the motion and Kelly

Blodgett agreed.

The lien process will start with the identification of non-payment of three months minimal residential rate of \$198.72 or more.

Jeff Shouse read Ordinance 2025-5 to read that instead of having a \$5.00 flat late fee for everyone it is being changed to read the late fee will be 10% of total bill. This will be automatically added to the bill. Jeff Shouse-Council President

Made a motion and Kelly Blodgett-Council Member seconded it. Gary Wolford-Council Member also agreed.

#### Alley, Streets and Roads,

Received and estimate on 195 S. to fix dips/cutouts, Mill, and prep 8 cutouts,

pave with surface asphalt materials & compact. Approx. 80ft.-200ft per dip/cutout.  
\$5,400.00. Extra \$695.00 per extra cutout or dip.

825&195E. fix at y. for \$1250.00 South of Stop sign 212. New Stop signs are in. when Speed Limit Signs are in, the Stop and Speed limit signs will be put up at the same time.

Railroad,

The Railroad will not be here to fix crossing until October or November.

Waterways, Wells, and Vegetations,

Pete Trenkamp will look at Tub Creek he will dig it out and remove debris and haul away.

Outbuildings and Grounds,

Place behind Community Building where it was dug out for electric needs still to be filled in with dirt. Mr. Ison fixed his lift so hopefully soon he can bring it down to put on piece of siding that has come off of the building. Decatur County Parks and Recreation will finish on the pea gravel soon. The Park is looking a lot better. Carrie Ruble asked town council about the Redelman property, AKA Car grave yard, wanting to know when if the town could talk to her about cleaning the property up. Jeff Shouse-Council President told her know that Ms. Redelman's business was not in the New Point Town Limits. and she needed to call the Decatur Co. County Commission and talk to them. Jeff Shouse-Council President has also talked to the County Commissioners about this concern. Jeff Shouse-Council President ask Andy about tree trimming on 212 S.

Inside Building

Made new provisions on renting the rooms in the community building. These are in addition to the rules we already have in place. We are letting renters know that pictures are going to be taken before each rental to ensure that the rooms, carpet, kitchen and bathrooms are as clean as they found them. Had to call Mr. Gander (carpet cleaner) to reclean the carpet in the meeting room because of the spill from rental customers. He did it this time at no charge because Tina helped by opening meeting room doors for him to get in and clean. There was a party in the Big room that is why the doors were shut in the Meeting Room.

Budget and Insurance

Everything fine

Permits/Ordinance

Third Reading on Ordinance 2025-4 on Establishing Speed limit within the Town of New Point. There was a motion made by Jeff Shouse-Council President, Gary Wolford seconded

It. Kelly Blodgett was in agreement.

Ordinance 2025-5 New Point sewage Ordinance for Changing Late Fees to unpaid Sewage Accounts. Jeff Shouse-council President made a motion and Kell Blodgett seconded it.

Resolution 2025-4 New Point Policy for Sewage Liens Updated July -2025.Was read and approved.

Courthouse and Lawyer  
Everything Good.

Covid-19---READI---ARPA  
Nothing to Report

Vehicle

Police car is fine. Bobcat still needs to be serviced and repaired.

New Point Volunteer Department

The Peach Fund Raiser was a success. A profit of \$10,000.00

New Fire Fighter was signed up. Should be sworn in without any problems.

Events

Chicken Supper July 25, 2025. \$15.00 for 3-piece dinner with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green beans, Cole Slaw and Dessert.

Crack-Away Daze has been cancelled for the 2025 year.

Decatur Co. Health Dept. will be coming to The New Point Community Center to do Health Screenings every 3<sup>RD</sup>. Thursday each month.

Senior Pitch-In Bingo 2<sup>nd</sup>. Friday of the month weather permitting.

Arbor Grove Bingo 2<sup>ND</sup>. Tuesday of the Month weather permitting.

Police Report

Andy Hadler-Town Marshal still needs to fill out more paperwork sent to him on the new sidearm ordered.

According to the Decatur Co. Sheriff, The Town of New Point quietest part of Decatur Co. right now.

Police report for June;

Traffic Stops 12

Citations 5

Warnings 7

Felony Areesst 0

Misdemeanor Arrest 0  
Cases 2  
Calls Given 25

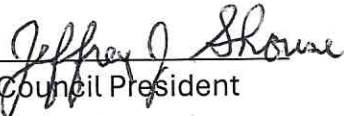
Jeff Shouse-Council President ask if they were anymore business, there was none. Gary Wolford-Council Member made a motion to adjourn, Kell Blodgett Council Member seconded it. Meeting was adjourned.

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General Fund Acc.

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Sewage Operational Acc.

\_\_\$11,143.77\_\_\_\_\_  
Community Building Acc.

\_\_\$35,655.28\_\_\_\_\_  
Sewage Bond & Interest

  
Council President

  
Council Member

  
Clerk-Treasurer

  
Council Member