

**CLOVERDALE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026**

The Cloverdale Town Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, in the Town Hall; 154 S. Main Street; Cloverdale, IN 46120.

CALL TO ORDER: President Greg Jay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Larry Fidler, Greg Jay, Justin Witt and Scott Stierwalt. Also present were Town Attorney Richard Shagley, Town Manager Jason Hartman, and Clerk Treasurer Kelly Maners. Town Marshal Adam Hull and Police Sergeant Wade Warren were absent.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: Clerk Treasurer Maners requested Utility Supply Invoice be added under claims and transfers. President Jay requested 7. a. Town Marshal be removed from the agenda as no one was available from the Police Department to give a report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Regular Meeting Minutes April 14, 2026
Councilmember Fidler motioned to approve the minutes. Councilmember Stierwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS:

General: \$152,669.21	Motion: Councilmember Witt	2 nd : Councilmember Fidler
Water: \$45,128.90	Motion: Councilmember Witt	2 nd : Councilmember Fidler
Wastewater: \$159,905.40	Motion: Councilmember Fidler	2 nd : Councilmember Stierwalt
Payroll: \$58,520.05	Motion: Councilmember Witt	2 nd : Councilmember Stierwalt
Water Sol. Unl. INV #7398874	Motion: Councilmember Witt	2 nd : Councilmember Fidler
Water Sol. Unl. INV #7406760	Motion: Councilmember Witt	2 nd : Councilmember Stierwalt
Buckeye Power INV #PI2033920	Motion: Councilmember Stierwalt	2 nd : Councilmember Fidler
Utility Supply Co. INV #1559830	Motion: Councilmember Fidler	2 nd : Councilmember Witt

All motions were carried by unanimous vote.

TOWN MANAGER:

- a. **IDEM RECYCLE GRANT:** Town Manager Hartman will work with Lisa Zeiner in the County Planning office to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals in June to request a special exception. At that time all surrounding property owners will be notified and can attend the meeting with any concerns.
- i. **DENNIS FLORY – RECYCLE RELOCATION:** President Jay moved this agenda item up to allow Mr. Flory to speak on this subject. Mr. Flory is a local business owner, not a resident of the Town. His business, DTF Liquidation, is located across the alley from the land where the recycle will be relocated. He is in favor of recycling but opposes relocating the recycling to the proposed location. He stated this would potentially hurt his property value and increase traffic along the alley right behind his business, where he frequently drives forklifts. He suggested alternate locations of County Road 675 E. where the Town’s Water Treatment Plant is, or the school or old IGA property, where the recycling had been in the past. He stated he had met with Town Manager Hartman, and it was a productive meeting. President Jay stated that this project had been in open discussion for several years and now at the final stage Mr. Flory is requesting the whole process be started over. Mr. Flory also stated he had reached out to the hospital board several times in the last few years trying to purchase that property himself. Other discussion also ensued regarding any deed restrictions that were imposed during the donation of the property from Putnam County Hospital. While the intent for the donation was always for a Recycling Center, the only restriction requires a fence to be installed between the recycling center and the hospital’s property.
- b. **OCRA WATER GRANT:** Eric Smith, with HWC, reminded the Council of the bids for this project that were received in February. Councilmember Fidler made a motion to accept the low bids from Graves Construction for the Division A work and Dunkley Excavating for the Division B work and approve the Notice of Award, Contracts and Notice to Proceed.

Councilmember Stierwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The notice to proceed will not be issued until the preconstruction meeting.

- c. **LIEBER/WASTEWATER PROJECT:** The last pieces of equipment are ordered. This will exhaust the remaining funds, and this project will be able to be closed out in the coming months.
- d. **SIGN GRANT:** Installation of the regulatory signs began last Friday and will continue for the next few weeks.
- e. **CCMG (Community Crossings Matching Grant):** Milling on the effected streets began last Thursday and paving was completed on Friday.
- i. **ADDITIONAL PAVING:** There are a few pavement repairs that are needed on Robert Weist (County Road 1000 S.). A quote was presented to Council from the same company that did the grant paving work to make these repairs. The repairs should be less than the quoted \$20,000.00. Councilmember Witt made a motion to accept the quote, not to exceed \$20,000.00. Councilmember Stierwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

CLERK TREASURER:

- a. **MONTHLY REPORTS:** A monthly Appropriation and Revenue Report, and Water and Sewer Budgets were provided to the Council in their packets. Clerk Treasurer Maners also informed the Council that the last READI disbursement was received this week and would be paid out to the extremely patient contractor. This project will then be closed out.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **ANNEXATION:** Attorney Shagley stated all voluntary annexation documents have been received except one. The annexation will proceed without the final property included, unless we receive it shortly. He will send out a timeline that will start with next month's council meeting.
- b. **AERIAL SIGN:** Putnam County Convention and Visitor's Bureau has committed \$10,000.00 to this project. We are waiting to see if Putnam County Community Foundation awards grant money to this project as well.
- c. **ABANDONED PROPERTIES:** Progress is still being made.
- d. **HOAGY CARMICHAEL WAY RESTRIPIING:** Town Manager Hartman said the County does not have the ability to stripe roads. This project would need to be contracted out. Discussion ensued. This was tabled until the next Redevelopment Commission meeting to see what action they are willing to take.
- e. **CSX:** The railroad has stopped communicating with the Town about removing the unused crossing on Robert Weist Ave. Town Manager Hartman advised we take a more public approach by hiring a consulting company to help draw attention to this issue. Attorney Shagley will try to reach out to his contact with the railroad. Town Manager Hartman will bring a couple of quotes from public relations consultants to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

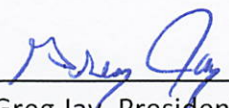
- a. **TOWN COUNCIL WARD 2 VACANCY:** Lee Faletic was appointed by the Republican Caucus to fill this vacancy; however, it was discovered afterwards, there was an error made at the County level and he is unable to serve because he doesn't live in this ward. The Town Council may now appoint someone from Ward 2 to fill this vacancy. Anyone who is interested is to reach out to the Council.
- b. **PARK BOARD VACANCY:** When Justin Witt was appointed to the Council in April, he had to resign his position on the Park Board, creating a vacancy. Anyone wishing to serve on the Park Board is to let the Council know.
Clerk Treasurer Maners used this opportunity to bring to the Council's attention that Town Code governing the Park Board is not in compliance with State Statute. Our Park Board is following the State Regulations. Councilmember Witt made a motion for Clerk Treasurer Maners to prepare an Ordinance to clean up the language in Town Code bringing it in compliance with Indiana law. Councilmember Fidler seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Councilmember Witt also motioned to waive the political party requirement for the Park Board as allowed under Indiana Code. Councilmember Stierwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- c. **AMERICAN LEGION – FIREWORKS:** Lisa Quiett, representing the American Legion, petitioned the Town about using the Town Park to launch the annual fireworks on the 4th of July. The fireworks display has been very successful in the past few years. The only complaint is they can't be viewed from very far away. The hope is that the Town Park is on higher ground and will allow for a larger viewing area. They would like to do a trial run on Friday, shooting off about five to

ten minutes of fireworks, to test this theory. If this is successful, they are asking for permission for the Town Park to be closed and driveways barricaded at 6 p.m. on July 4th. They will set up a “snow” fence around the area where they will shoot the fireworks off from and will clean up everything afterwards. The Fire Department has been notified and did not have any issues that would prevent this. The Park Board was in favor as well. The Legion will carry all the liability for both events. The Town’s insurance carrier requested the Town be named as an additional insured on the Legion’s Policy and the Town be given a Certificate of Insurance. Councilmember Witt made a motion to approve both nights after the Town receives the Certificate of Insurance. Councilmember Stierwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

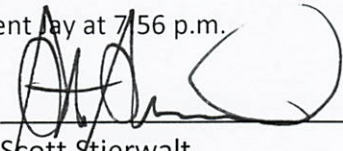
- d. **MURAL PROJECT:** The Putnam County Mural Project has selected a site in Cloverdale this year. A design will be painted on the wall of the Boutique Store owned by Kathy Morgan on E. Kiley Way. This will be the east wall that faces the alley with the Putnam County Hospital’s Dr’s office adjacent to it. They are requesting the alley be closed off for a few days in September while the work is being done. Councilmember Fidler made a motion to close the alley as needed for this project. Councilmember Witt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- e. **TOWN HALL SIGN:** The electronic sign in front of the Town hall has been having some maintenance issues which is affecting the Police Departments evidence room lights. Town Manager Hartman was instructed to price a new sign.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no citizen comments.

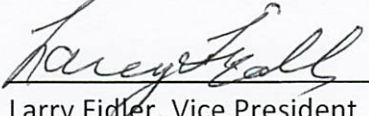
ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by President Jay at 7:56 p.m.



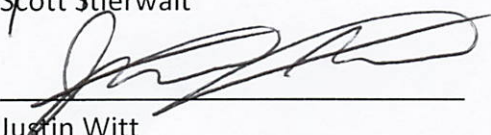
Greg Jay, President



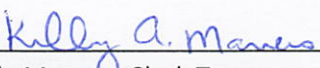
Scott Stierwalt



Larry Fidler, Vice President



Justin Witt



Kelly Maners, Clerk Treasurer

Member