

**CLOVERDALE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026**

The Cloverdale Town Council met in Special Session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, in the Town Hall; 154 S. Main Street; Cloverdale, IN 46120. The regular meeting that was scheduled for August 11, 2026 had to be cancelled at the last minute due to a severe storm that came through Cloverdale, causing power outages and knocking multiple trees down, blocking roads.

CALL TO ORDER: President Greg Jay called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Manager Jason Hartman, Town Marshal Wade Warren, Town Attorney Richard Shagley and Clerk Treasurer Kelly Maners.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: Town Manager Hartman requested Storm Damage be added to the agenda.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Commissioner Tom Helmer addressed the Council to inform them the County is looking into a County-wide Fire District. They are currently having a cost and feasibility study done. The State is pushing this direction, and the County would like to be proactive and act in the best interest of their citizens. County Council President Stephanie Campbell was also in attendance and added there are currently 11 or 12 fire departments in Putnam County. She stated the City of Greencastle and most of the northern half of the County is already on board and everyone is at least showing interest. The County is looking into a District which would utilize a variety of Firefighters, including full-time paid employees, paid volunteers and non-paid volunteers. She stated everyone who wants to be a part will be included. There are a few other counties that have already gone to a County-wide Fire District, and those models are being looked at as well. Councilmember Witt inquired when the results of this study would be complete. Commissioner Helmer stated it should be available by the end of the year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes July 14, 2026

Councilmember Witt motioned to approve the minutes. Councilmember Fidler seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS:

General: \$171,000.17	Motion: Councilmember Fidler	2 nd : Councilmember Stierwalt
Water: \$51,326.75	Motion: Councilmember Witt	2 nd : Councilmember Fidler
Wastewater: \$722,197.22	Motion: Councilmember Stierwalt	2 nd : Councilmember Witt
Payroll: \$54,010.35	Motion: Councilmember Fidler	2 nd : Councilmember Stierwalt
Water Sol. Unl. INV #7500502	Motion: Councilmember Witt	2 nd : Councilmember Fidler

Councilmember Fidler inquired about raising Town Manager Hartman's approval amount for these routine chemicals. Clerk Treasurer Maners stated that had been done with other items and would eliminate the need to bring these to Council separately each month. Councilmember Fidler made a motion to give the Town Manager permission to preapprove claims from Water Solutions Unlimited up to \$5,000.00. Councilmember Stierwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Utility Supply Co. INV #156904	Motion: Councilmember Fidler	2 nd : Councilmember Witt
Bastin Logan INV #20259	Motion: Councilmember Witt	2 nd : Councilmember Fidler
Bastin Logan INV #20260	Motion: Councilmember Fidler	2 nd : Councilmember Witt
Uveon INV #26-0292	Motion: Councilmember Stierwalt	2 nd : Councilmember Witt
Water Sol. Unl. INV #7525103	Motion: Councilmember Witt	2 nd : Councilmember Fidler

All motions were carried by unanimous vote.

TOWN MARSHAL: Marshal Warren gave a monthly report on the Police Department activities.

- a. **SURPLUS 2019 POLICE F150 VIN #1FTEW1P44KKC22485:** The request was made to surplus and sell the former Marshal vehicle. Andy Mohr inspected the truck and stated both turbos and the engine were bad. They gave a repair quote of \$18,000.00 for engine replacement

and it was stated an additional \$8,000.00 for the turbos. These costs did not include labor. Andy Mohr had offered the Police Department \$2,000.00 for this truck on trade in towards a new vehicle. Discussion ensued. It was stated a regular engine could be put in the vehicle at a much cheaper cost. Town Manager Hartman expressed interest in looking into this option to upgrade his aging fleet of utility trucks.

- b. **F150 EMERGENCY LIGHTS AND EQUIPMENT:** Marshal Warren also requested the police equipment be stripped from the truck and be used on the F150 truck that the Town leases from Reserve Brad Magnuson. Councilmember Witt made a motion to remove all Police equipment, lights and decals from this truck and transfer them to be used on the leased Reserve truck. Councilmember Fidler seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Other options will be explored for what to do with the truck after that.

TOWN MANAGER:

- a. **OCRA WATER GRANT:** Work started by Beagle Club Road and US Highway 231. The line has been bored under 231. The water plant portion of this project will start in September.
- b. **OCRA WASTEWATER GRANT APPLICATION:** Councilmember Fidler made a motion to proceed with this project by approving the contracts from Mike Kleinpeter to start the Income Survey and Environmental Study. Councilmember Witt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- c. **STORM DAMAGE:** There were power outages and multiple trees down around Town. One tree was down at the water plant, but no substantial damage to Town property. Most damage was incurred on private property within town. Two contractors were called in to assist the Utility workers with clearing streets. Town Manager Hartman also expressed thanks to private citizens who also assisted with tree removal and cleaning up around town. There was one serious injury incurred during the storm due to a falling tree on Robert Weist. That person is expected to recover. The tree is still in the road and will remain there until the end of the week because of the injury and damage to the vehicle. The Town offered a place at the water plant where citizens can take limbs or other storm debris if needed. Citizens are encouraged to reach out to Town Manager Hartman for more information. President Jay also offered his thanks to Town employees who stepped up and worked overtime to help that night and following. Town Manager Hartman also introduced the idea of purchasing a generator for the Town Hall. He stated the importance of the Police Department and the Town in general to be able to function in an extended power outage situation.
- d. **CCMG (Community Crossings Matching Grant):** Councilmember Witt made a motion to accept a contract from HWC to do the minimal engineering required for this project. Councilmember Fidler seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- e. **INDIANA SALT QUOTE:** The Town's salt supply needs replenished for the upcoming winter. Two quotes were presented to the Council for different options. The first option for "contractors melt" is slightly more expensive, but it has other benefits such as a lower melting point, and you can use less. Councilmember Witt made a motion to approve purchasing the better salt. Councilmember Fidler seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- f. **READI PROJECT BOND RENEWAL:** The State required the Town to have additional bonding when the I70 READI project bored under the interstate. The State is requiring those bonds remain in place for one year after completion of the project. Two bonds were presented to Council for renewal. The cost of the first bond is \$7,000.00 and the second bond is \$1,500.00. Councilmember Fidler made a motion to renew the bonds. Councilmember Witt 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. The 2027 Budget is actively being worked on and almost complete.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **ORDINANCE 2026-3 PARK BOARD CLARIFICATION (1st READING):** Councilmember Stierwalt made a motion to approve this ordinance. Councilmember Fidler seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

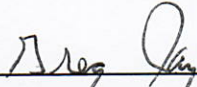
- a. **TOWN COUNCIL WARD 2 VACANCY:** A vacancy remains.

- b. **ANNEXATION:** Attorney Shagley presented 3 petitions for voluntary annexation to the council. Councilmember Witt made a motion to accept these petitions. Councilmember Stierwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Clerk Treasurer Maners will advertise a Special Meeting for a Public Hearing on September 15, 2026.
- c. **TOWN HALL SIGN:** This was tabled.
- d. **KILEY WAY-ENGINEERING CONTRACT:** This was tabled.

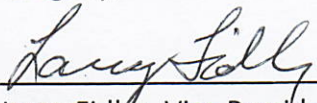
NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no citizen comments.

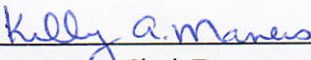
ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by President Jay at 8:02 p.m.



Greg Jay, President



Larry Fidler, Vice President



Kelly Maners, Clerk Treasurer

Scott Stierwalt



Justin Witt

Member