

Town of Milan

Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 14, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Town Hall, 211 W Carr St, Milan, IN 47031

1. Call to Order and Attendance

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. **Present:**
 - 1. Deb Shumate, Council President
 - 2. Drew Olman, Council Vice President
 - 3. Dillon Davidson, Council Member
 - 4. Melissa Teer, Clerk/Treasurer
 - 5. Doug Price, Town Manager
 - 6. Phillip Wilson, Chief of Police
 - 7. Lynn Fledderman, Town Attorney

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 9, 2025 & Executive Meeting June 9, 2025.
 - 1. **Motion to Approve:** Drew Olman; **Second:** Dillon Davidson; **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

3. Claims, Financials, and Payroll

- A. Payroll through July 14, 2025, reviewed.
 - 1. **Motion to Approve:** Drew Olman; **Second:** Dillon Davidson; **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

4. Reports

- A. Town Manager Report (Doug Price)
- B. Town Marshal Report (Phillip Wilson)
- C. Park Board Report (Hannah Morris)

5. Old/Continuing Business

- A. **Rumpke Contract Addendum for contract extension**
 - 1. **Motion to Approve:** Drew Olman; **Second:** Dillon Davidson; **Vote:** Passed, 3-0
 - a. Will extend through 2028 with an increase in July 2027 and July 2028

6. New Business

- A. **Maguire Iron, Inc.**

1. **Motion to Approve:** Dillon Davidson; **Second:** Drew Olman; **Vote:** Passed, 3-0
 - a. Disbursement 39, Pay App 13: \$22,000 (Partial payment for materials/work)
 - b. Paid from Water Project Loan and/or Grants

B. Codify 2025 S-5 Supplement for the ordinance book.

1. **Motion to Approve:** Drew Olman; **Second:** Dillon Davidson; **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

C. Ripley County Ordinance # 2025-02 (Ordinance to Amend and Add)

1. **Motion to Approve:** Drew Olman; **Second:** Dillon Davidson; **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

D. Release of two customers to Hoosier Hills

1. **Motion to Table:** Dillon Davidson; **Second:** Drew Olman; **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

E. Good Samaritan Hope Chest, Utility Bill

1. **Motion to Wave Past Trash Charges:** Dillon Davidson; **Second:** Drew Olman; **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

7. Public Items

A. John Ingram, Trash collection charges for churches

1. In prior years, the sanitation companies (Rumpke/Bestway) did not charge for trash collection at the churches.
 - a. Deb Shumate stated that this was investigated the last time it was raised. Both Bestway and Rumpke confirmed that their contracts have never included such a stipulation.

B. Rod Johnson, Milan Fire Department, Town Budget

1. Has the budget been completed yet and is the town going to meet with the fire dept?
 - a. Deb Shumate responded that the budget process has begun and as stated previously, they should present their needs to the board, and the town will assist where possible. The plan was for the Town to meet with the fire department.

C. Pastor Harris Long, Water Tower Dedication

1. Pastor Long was upset that no one consulted him about certain events that took place, as he felt they interfered with the ice cream social. Additionally, he was asked by the code enforcement office about the cleanup of the tree, and noted that the church's garbage has not been picked up several times since Rumpke began service.
 - a. Hannah Morris with the Park Board and Shumate both apologized.

D. Sally Gosmeyer, 102 W Carr St & 107 Clark St

1. Ms. Gosmeyer began by complimenting how well-maintained several items looked: the fireworks, the flowers throughout town, the new water tower, the basketball court lights, and the shrubs around the park entrance sign. She then expressed concerns about 102 W Carr St. and 107 Clark St., noting that these properties require attention and have been discussed in previous meetings.

E. Holly Noel, Mechanic Shop, Mill Road

1. Ms. Noel remarked that the mechanic shop on Mill Rd looks more like a junkyard than a car repair facility. She then inquired about any ordinances or laws addressing the situation, who enforces compliance, and who would take action to resolve it.

- a. Deb Shumate confirmed that applicable ordinances do exist. Lynn Fledderman, Town Attorney, explained that the town is currently reviewing the situation, she will be filing a complaint, and the matter will then proceed through the court system.

F. Melissa Teer, Town of Milan Appearance

1. Ms. Teer provided the council with a packet of photos showing properties she believed needed attention. She discussed the decline of Milan over the past several years, attributing it to neglect of duties by Marshal Wilson, the code enforcement officer. Based on this and other actions by Marshal Wilson, she called on the council to ask for his resignation or dismissal.
2. Chris Kelly then made a comment, after which Drew Olman told him to leave. Before departing, Mr. Kelly stated that he was there in support of the fire department but agreed with Ms. Teer 100%. Drew Olman acknowledged the full room and then asked the public, "But where have you been?" Mr. Kelly then left.

8. Comments on Agenda Items

- A. Cheryl Driggers stated that she needed a police report for an incident that occurred at her home. After being unsuccessful in obtaining the report from both the Ripley County Sheriff's Department and the Ripley County Courthouse, she was informed by the Milan Police Department that her report had never been submitted because the incident was considered too confusing.
- B. Amanda Cull stated there was a big hole on Connelley St and it's unfair that areas of town are not attended to as it should be.
- C. Maggie Hopping stated she agreed the town does look bad but didn't agree with pictures being put on Facebook.
- D. Another resident asked if ordinances could be given to new residents of the town.
- E. Katherine Workman stated she appreciated Mr. Teer's enthusiasm and passion and thinks it would be a great idea for the Town to send out surveys to the residents of Milan.
- F. Another resident asked who sends the ordinance letters out.
 1. Deb Shumate stated that Marshal Wilson documents the violations, and letters are either handed out or mailed.

9. Adjournment

- A. **Motion to Adjourn:** Drew Olman; **Second:** Dillon Davidson; **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

Next Regular Town Council Meeting:

Monday, August 11, 2025, at 6:30 PM

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End of Minutes

Meeting Date: 8/11/2025

Description: Meeting Minutes

7/14/2025

Regular

Milan Town Council



Deborah Shumate, Council President

Andrew Olman, Council Vice President

Dillon Davidson, Council Member

Attest:



Melissa Teer
Clerk/Treasurer Assistant