



**ZIONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FOR
OCTOBER 6, 2025
AT 7:00 P.M. EST
ONSITE MEETING
1100 West Oak Street**

This meeting was conducted onsite. All members participated in person.
Council Members Present: Jason Plunkett, President; Brad Burk, Vice-President; Tim McElderry; Craig Melton, Evan Norris, and Sarah Esterline Sampson; Joe Stein

Also Present: Heather Harris, Town Council Attorney; Mayor John Stehr; Deputy Mayor Justin Hage; Lance Lantz, DPW Director; Mike Dale, Director of Planning & Building; Tim Berry, Crowe; Amy Lacy, Municipal Relations Coordinator and other Town staff.

OPENING

Call meeting to order

Plunkett I'll call the meeting in to order and then we'll have a moment of silence and then we've got somebody here that's going to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance so instead of just standing up just take, take a couple minutes there so. John and Thomas, you guys want to give me a thumbs up whenever you're ready and we'll get started. All right. All right, good evening. I will now call to order the Monday, October 6, 2025 regular Town Council meeting.

Moment of Silence

in Memory of IT Director Joe Rust and former Town Councilor Dick Crane

Plunkett Before we start with the pledge, I'd like to acknowledge a couple of people we've lost in the last few weeks that have left an indelible impression on the lives of many in the Town of Zionsville. Dick Crane passed away on September 23rd. Among many personal and professional accomplishments, he served the town for over 12 years as Parks Board President from 1995 to 1999. He also served as the Zionsville Town Council President from 2000 to 2007 and we lost a member of our team on September 25th when we lost Joe Rust. Joe was the IT Director for the Town of Zionsville. Prior to that he served as a volunteer firefighter. If you would please, join me in a moment of silence in honor of Dick and Joe. Thank you.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Michael Kaimakliotis

Plunkett We also have a special guest with us this evening. Michael Kaimakliotis is with us tonight. I've got to couple things here to say just briefly – I'll tell ya, Michael, he's a great kid. He's a sixth grade student at Z West. Michael played sixth grade, for the sixth grade football team this year and is on the sixth grade travel All Star team. He serves on the Student Advisory Council for Z West and has an incredible interest in local government and perhaps one day can serve on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. And today is his 12th birthday. Michael is a great friend to many and, as you can see, he lights up every room he's in, every team he's on, and every person he's around. It's just hard not to be in a good mood when you're around Michael. I've asked Michael to lead our pledge this evening so, Michael, if you want to come up and kick us off, we'll go with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kaimakliotis I pledge allegiance –

All Pledge of Allegiance.

Plunkett Thank you Michael. Happy birthday.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of the September 22, 2025 Town Council Minutes

B. Approval of the September, 2025 Payroll Claims

C. Approval of the October 6, 2025 Claims

Plunkett All right, up next on the agenda is the approval of the Consent Agenda. Are there any questions from Councilors? Otherwise I would take a motion.

Norris I move to approve the consent agenda.

Melton Second.

Plunkett I have a first from Councilor Norris, a second from Councilor Melton. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Aye.

Plunkett Those opposed same sign.
[No response]

Motion passes 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

Plunkett Up next is a Request to Speak on Agenda Items. Amy, are there any requests to speak?

Lacy No there are not.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of the 2026 Budget (Second Reading) Ordinance 2025-20

Plunkett Okay, so we will move on to the first item of Old Business. This is a Consideration of the 2026 Budget. This is the second reading and final reading. This is Ordinance 2025-20. We have Mayor Stehr here and Tim Berry from Crowe to speak with any questions.

Stehr Good evening Councilors.

McElderry Good evening.

Stehr So in consideration of the 2026 budget, I thought the best place to start would be with a timeline that we have seen so far and my computer is stuck. Hold on a second – there we go. There's the timeline. The 2026 budget was posted on Gateway and available to the public on September 12th. It was presented to the Council in an open meeting and a public hearing was held on September 22nd and then this is the second publication or the second presentation tonight of the budget and we are offering it for adoption tonight.

So the big picture you can see right here – the expected revenue we have this year is just under \$49 million dollars and the proposed spending is \$48,373,000 so the budget we are presenting to you tonight is balanced.

Now, taking a look at the revenue sources that we have – about 40% of the revenue that we get comes from property taxes, 28% comes from local income taxes, 16% comes from the public safety LIT which is collected by Boone County and then 16% comes from other which includes in the small print there MVH, LRS, vehicle excise, reimbursements and refunds, interest income and then planning permits and fees.

And here is the breakdown – about 60% of our budget goes to public safety, 40% for Fire, about 20% for Police. DPW – that is Streets and Stormwater together, use about 16% of the budget. Parks is about 5% and then Planning and Building and all the other departments combined account for about 19% of our spending.

So here are some of the key features in this year's budget – we are investing in public safety this year. Three additional firefighters and we have two additional police officers who are now in training. They came to us under the current budget year but they will join the force and join the patrol after the first of the year. We're also investing in our other employees with a 2% across the board pay increase. A few weeks ago we were looking at no pay increase but we were able to find some additional cost savings to make this possible. A recap of those savings will come up a bit later in this presentation. We're also going to increase longevity pay for employees with 20+ years of service. That will reward our longest tenured employees and also raise the pension base for our public safety personnel. And another thing that is important to me and I know is important to

all of you is that there will be no staff reductions anticipated in 2026. But even given this, we do have the opportunity for some capital investments in 2026, just under \$2 million dollars for our Fire Department for vehicles, equipment and building needs. BT, DPW, excuse me, has just over \$2.5 million dollars in vehicles, equipment, road rehab and other projects and our Police Department budget includes just under \$400,000 for vehicle and equipment needs there.

So taking a look at the taxpayer impact and I want to be clear on this – the numbers that you’re seeing here are the 2025 numbers. They’re based on assessed value and the state has not yet certified Boone County’s AV for 2026. With Senate Enrolled Act 1, everything has been a little bit slower this year so that has not happened yet but currently in 2025 we have the lowest tax rate in Boone, Hamilton and Marion Counties and these numbers will change slightly when the AV for 2026 is certified but we expect that we will continue to have the lowest tax rate. We believe Zionsville is on a good track for that and these numbers are going to change just marginally when those final AV numbers are in.

As far as the future revenue outlook, Senate Enrolled Act 1 decreases to our revenue stream. This is the way it will occur over the next three years: In 2026, about \$1.354 million dollars and this includes a successful excess levy appeal that is in this 2026 number. Now the excess levy appeal goes away after next year so it is not available to all in '27 or '28. We see the decrease to our revenue in 2027 expected to be about \$1.8 million dollars and in 2028 almost \$2.5 million dollars but in 2028 as things are now, that revenue loss can be offset by municipalities imposing a local income tax rate of up to 1.2%.

So here’s how we’re bridging the gap in our budget this year – we asked all of our departments to reduce their operating budgets and the result was an average of 2-3% in savings. We instituted a soft hiring freeze in the spring because we saw the effects of Senate Bill 1 heading our way. We also decreased the lines for professional services across all departments and we focused on reverting unused funds to our general fund for next year.

So that is the spending side of the revenue equation. On the other side, these are some possible solutions that I think we need to consider. The first is a short-term solution and that is creating a Stormwater Utility that will remove these growing expenses from the general fund, thus freeing up more money in the general fund and long term I think a lot of people recognize this and I would hope they recognize this, is to increase the commercial assessed value through new commercial development and our comprehensive planning process is underway right now to identify possible locations for reasonable commercial growth to occur in the coming years. So that is the presentation of the 2026 budget and I’m here to answer questions and Tim Berry is here to answer more technical questions if you have some of those.

Plunkett

Thank you. I do, before we get into that, I do just want to touch on briefly as we talked about last time, I appreciate the focus on current staff, staffing shortages and I think it’s important to note that all departments came through with cuts and reductions and those cuts and reductions were not lost, right? I mean the reality is I appreciate that you, you know, you put in here that a lot of those are reverted

back to the general account and those are, those items that may have been removed from the budget are just going to go through a different approval process and I think that's, that's important to, to note. I do publicly want to thank this Council, the Administration, the department heads, everybody for going through this process. This was I think a really good one where Councilors had the opportunity to work with department heads and the Mayor and identify the, the core fundamental services and hear from department heads about what they do need to make sure that we're providing services that are needed for the town so I appreciate everybody's willingness and flexibility here to, to work for the better good for the town so I appreciate it.

Stehr Well and I appreciate you saying that. It's been a difficult process but I think every municipality in Indiana is going through a difficult process right now and some are, I guess, doing it better than others but you're right – we have a great group of department heads here. I appreciate the help from all the members of the Council and working together works and I'm, and I'm glad that we have a good plan in place for 2026.

Sampson I had a question – this might be for Tim Berry. When will we know if we're getting close to getting the certified AV number? I was under the understanding that Boone County was one of a handful of counties left to get their certified number and I think this is a question meaning do we need to be following up with our Auditor? Do we have any role in getting that number? I think I was told that out of the 92 counties there's only 8 or 9 that haven't been certified, just to give you an idea of what I'm asking.

Berry I was going to pull it up real quick to see if there have been any other changes. The state Department of Local Government Finance updates their budget certification status map on a weekly basis and I see it has not updated since 9/30 last week. There were seven counties left to submit their net assessed values and Boone is one of those seven.

Sampson Out of 92?

Berry Correct.

Sampson And is there anything we need to do as a Council to follow up with our Auditor for the County?

Berry No, it has limited impact as it relates to the budget in the fact that your budget is based upon levy which is based upon dollars that you can collect. The only fund that is impacted by the amount of certified net AV are, well, your two capital funds, and those are somewhat impacted based upon what that net AV will come back as but we have adjusted for that to allow for each of those capital funds cum cap development and your cum fire funds to maximize as much revenue as possible once the certified net assessed value is determined by the state. So those numbers were advertised appropriately high enough to allow for that.

Sampson Okay. Thank you. And then –

- Berry What communities are seeing is because of the additional exemptions in homestead credits and to the 2% classification which is on rentals and farmland, that net assessed values, certified net assessed values, are not growing. Gross assessed values are growing but the CNAV, the certified net assessed value, on which your property taxes are calculated are not growing as fast as they were because exemptions are filling in that gap and that will continue over the next six years.
- Sampson So will that affect our distribution from the county percentage wise?
- Berry No.
- Sampson Okay.
- Berry You will still collect based upon the tax rate that is, it will determine and impact the certified net tax rate that is set by the Department of Local Government Finance.
- Sampson Okay.
- Berry Which could potentially impact the circuit breaker losses but we anticipate increased circuit breaker losses within the budget.
- Plunkett Any other questions from Councilors?
- McElderry I don't have a question but I did want to make just a quick comment. I know probably all the Councilors have received some correspondence from constituents concerned about what this might mean to our parks and things like that and this is not a fun process right? This, this was difficult and I'm, I'm really proud of our town in the way that we kind of rallied around a difficult budgeting process and coming to a balanced budget but I think anyone in our seats could probably agree that when you have to prioritize where money is spent in our town, safety of our residents and the working wages of our town employees are important. It's, it's really important. So we're going to do all we can to try to, to make things work and we've got some work to do in the future to, to continue to balance budgets and find the money to support our parks and various other things but at the same time we've gotta do what we've gotta do in a situation like this so thank you to everyone that's understanding and realizing that we're doing the very best we can.
- Norris If I can – I'll just piggyback and echo those comments real quick. I was able to meet with Fire and Police during this whole process. I just want to take a couple seconds just to – first, I want to thank Chief Spears, Captain Klykken and Captain Samuelson for their preparedness and their willingness to come to the table and make some big decisions. It sounds like they're on track to make sure that we focus on retention and keeping, keeping these good souls that we have on our force right now as well as adding two for the years to come with two new fire or, excuse me, two new police officers in the hopper and more to come and so I'm really, really excited and happy with, with how that went.

I also want to thank, of course, Chief VanGorder, Deputy Chief Potts and Deputy Chief Gibbons, as well as Battalion Chief Steve Hayes and Lieutenant Walter Leverich for all their help and support in getting us – if anyone’s watched our Safety Board meetings, they will know that, that we talk about staffing at every single Safety Board meeting. Staffing is huge. Staffing goes to the needs and wants of this department. I am so glad that, that the Mayor and the Fire Department and all the department heads really came together so that we can add and bring those staffing levels up to where we need them to be. So, again, I just want to point out Police and Fire – they did an incredible job of presenting this budget and working through these problems with us and so thank you to both of those groups and thank you to everyone else too as well sitting in the back there so.

Burk I guess I’ll jump in as well. I especially want to thank the town staff, department heads. I want to thank the Mayor and I want to thank President Plunkett who really helped, helped lead our concerns and thoughts and opinions in, in working with the Mayor. No one likes to manage these types of cuts. We’ve been very lucky. I’ve sat up here through six budgets and we haven’t had to do this. We haven’t had to really think about making these types of cuts. We’ve been very fortunate so when it happens you have to buckle down and do the best you can and all things considered, I thought this was a really productive process, one of the best we’ve had, even though the outcome wasn’t what we wanted but I think everyone knew the seriousness of the, of what was coming a few months ago so we got busy and that’s why there’s not a lot of questions tonight. I think it’s, it’s been done and we got together and figured it out and did the best we could and so I just appreciate everybody’s help and I, and I hope the folks in the town realize that this Council and the Administration takes every penny to heart and trying to do what’s best for Zionsville.

Plunkett Any other questions or comments from Councilors? I do have just something to kind of keep on the radar, Mayor Stehr, as we go through with the potential expansion of our court. Judge Spencer has researched with, along with the state Supreme Court, the need for potentially a court certified interpreter. Her estimate is somewhere between 1,300 and 3,900 bucks for the year so I just want to make sure that we’re aware of that as that process goes on in case that’s something that we end up having to circle back to so.

Stehr I’m mindful of that and also we’re still in the process of taking over Whitestown’s town court and bringing that in here but what has been important to me from the beginning and what I’ve said from the beginning is this has to be cost neutral for us to do this and within that there may be an opportunity to pay for that interpreter. There are AI-based things and internet-based things but those are not legal yet. You need to have an individual doing that and we understand that and we will keep that in mind as we look to assimilate Whitestown’s town court in with ours.

Plunkett That’d be great. Thank you.

Stehr Yep.

Plunkett Anything else for the Mayor or for Tim? Special thanks to Cindy too. I know I was on a number of calls with Cindy where she was moving commas and decimals a lot and I really appreciate her efforts too so.

Sampson Thank you Cindy.

Plunkett Because this budget does include the excess levy appeal for growth, it does require a little bit of a different motion so if there's no questions from Councilors, I'll go ahead and make a motion. At this point I would make a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-20, the 2026 budget with the excess levy appeal for three-year growth.

Burk Second.

Plunkett I have a second from Vice President Burk. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Aye.

Plunkett Those opposed same sign.
[No response]

Motion passes 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Town of Zionsville Zoning Ordinance (Petition 2025-21) (The Courtyards at Heritage Square PUD) Ordinance 2025-21 Continued to November 3, 2025 at the Request of the Petitioner – No Public Comments will be heard

Plunkett Up next is the Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Town of Zionsville Zoning Ordinance. Correction – this was an item on the agenda. This item has actually, this is Petition 2025-21, The Courtyards of Heritage Square PUD. This has been continued to the November 3, 2025 Council meeting at the request of the petitioner.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of the Appointment of Kent Perkins to the Zionsville Parks Board

Plunkett So we will move on to the first item of New Business which is a Consideration of the Appointment of Kent Perkins to the Zionsville Parks Board. I will pull this up briefly. As many are aware, we have a vacancy on the Parks Board and Kent has been engaged with members of the Parks Board and the Parks requested to be on the Parks Board. He's lived in Zionsville, moved from West Carmel to make Zionsville his long-time home. He mentions using the parks frequently including Mulberry Park, the Rail Trail, Zionsville Golf Course, invested here in the town. He is personally or professionally a corporate attorney with extensive experience in governance, risk management and regulatory compliance. As we continue to look for people to fill these roles, I think it's important as we've talked about a number of times, folks who can oversee governance framework, support strategic initiatives, advise on policy developments, those types of things, especially for

Parks Board, tends to be pretty significant so Kent comes highly recommended from some of our Parks Board members and that was part of the reason why he's on here. He would be voted in to finish and complete the current vacant term so. Questions from Councilors? Having none, I would make a motion to approve Kent for the Zionsville Parks Board.

Norris Second.

Plunkett And a second from Councilor Norris. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Aye.

Plunkett Those opposed same sign.
[No response]

Motion passes 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Consideration of An Ordinance to Expand the DORA District (First Reading)
Ordinance 2025-23

Plunkett Up next is a Consideration of an Ordinance to Expand the DORA District. This is the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area District. This is a first reading, Ordinance 2025-23 and we have Deputy Mayor, Justin Hage, with us this evening.

Hage Good evening Councilors.

McElderry Good evening.

Hage As mentioned, glad to bring an ordinance to increase the geographic boundaries of the downtown Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area. This is an idea that was brought to us by Erica Carpenter, the owner of Five Thirty Home, also helps lead Main Street Zionsville. Also want to recognize Angie McCloskey from Zionsville Olive Oil who also is leading Main Street Zionsville. This is to increase the boundaries within the Village. We did this earlier this year for Rahal Lanigan Letterman Racing. This is to go to the north side of Poplar so that's across from COhatch and across the street from Goodman Jewelers and then also go to the east side of Elm at the end of Oak. Also want to recognize Sherrie Lairson who is the owner of Cedar Creek Candles which just opened recently so thank you for opening your business. This gives an opportunity just to, to read briefly from an email that Erica shared that the DORA has already provided a positive impact on the vibrancy of our downtown district by encouraging residents and visitors to explore businesses, enjoy community events and experience the charm of Main Street District in a safe and well-regulated environment. So, again, this gives the opportunity for residents to take beverages to those areas. Each of those businesses still has the right to decide whether they want to allow drinks in or not but, again, this allows those businesses in this expanded area to get the benefits of DORA and additional foot traffic so happy to answer any questions.

- Sampson I'm seeing some spots on the map comparison that I remember not wanting to be a part of the DORA. Have we met with everyone that was green and is now red and everybody's in? Because when we started this people said they didn't want to be in it.
- Hage And it's not necessarily, the businesses are the ones that decide whether they want to be a merchant that is going to participate in DORA. Businesses don't necessarily have the ability to veto or say whether they want to be or not to be included in the geographic boundaries –
- Sampson I think –
- Hage So this, go ahead –
- Sampson I think when we were starting it we were letting them say no just to, when we were first building the map because the original map is around the people –
- Hage So the original map shows the, and if you'll recall, when you created DORA, you create "designated" vendors who are merchants but, again, as to who, businesses that are included in the geographic boundaries, that's not necessarily something that they designate per se so this is just businesses that have expressed hey, we'd love to be able to have folks be able to come to our businesses and the other thing I would note too and, again, I thank Erica for pointing this out – as we, when we discussed this, when we first created it, Councilor Stein made the great point that let's think about this holistically and into the future as to what businesses may be there in the future. For example, Councilor Norris is in a building that has a hair salon and a law firm and some others but what if in the future that becomes something that wants to be DORA friendly so go ahead and grab that section as well, that building as well.
- Norris Did you say the owner of Cedar Creek?
- Hage Yes, she is here. Sherrie Lairson, yes.
- Norris Hi Sherrie. Welcome to Zionsville. I'm so excited to, to have you here and thank you for being here tonight so that's awesome. I had, I had an opportunity to stop by her store last week and it's awesome and glad that she wants to be part of this vibrant community and part of this DORA district so.
- Plunkett And Justin I know it's, it's been a while since we put this in place and I know it's, it seems to be very successful –
- Hage Yes.
- Plunkett If I'm remembering correctly, there's a certain number of DORA districts you can have but we can modify this one anytime, as many times as we want, correct?
- Hage Correct, as long as you're making a contiguous increase in the geographic boundaries. If you have something that's completely separate, then you would create a separate district.

- Plunkett Yes, okay.
- Hage And to your point, I think it is going very well and I think it's something we're going to be working with Main Street Zionsville as well as kind of a report after, because we just started in April, maybe come back to you at some point and report back on we tried to work with vendors to say can we try to know if there's additional sales as a result of DORA and we can report back on that once we've had maybe a year of, of data to look at.
- Plunkett Thank you.
- Stein Have we had any additional requests to participate outside of the initial group?
- Hage In terms of merchants?
- Stein Yes.
- Hage I think the only thing I can think of there was a couple of merchants that wanted to participate for special events specifically but not necessarily to become full-time designated sellers.
- Melton One comment with regards to this and thank you for clarifying that, President Plunkett, about the additional DORA options in the future. Just being on the Boone County Solid Waste Management District, I kind of, kind of the goal of that organization is to kind of fill gaps in but when we see things like the DORA, Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, we just want to encourage the town as we move forward to potentially utilize recyclable cups or some, some other version of a cup that's not straight to the landfill as we move into the future and I think Jarod Logsdon has had some conversations and, and we're kind of looking into that so I think that's a great way to go. I think aluminum is, is, is an option because that, that is a recyclable material that as soon as it hits the recycling container that, I believe, the Boone County Solid Waste Management District actually has helped donate to the DORA as well. It just, it just turns that, that a little bit quicker instead of going to the landfill with all the plastic cups so. I look forward to hopefully in the future we pivot. I know we have some stuff to get through as of now but in the future hopefully we can look at other options for something that's recyclable.
- Hage No, that's a great point Councilor Melton, thank you. We purchased a large sum of cups and we handed out a handful to the various vendors but then as those run out, I think the town doesn't necessarily want to be the supplier of cups so, again, working with Main Street Zionsville, working with the Zionsville Chamber of Commerce, thinking about a way that they could collectively order and then make a decision on different types of cups would certainly be an option.
- Melton We, there's a grant opportunity every year with that organization as well that can fund cups, if you'd like as well if that's what you guys choose to use –
- McElderry Recyclable cups?

Melton Whatever cups you decide to buy but, obviously, we want them to be recyclable, yes.

Plunkett Thanks Councilor Melton. Anything else from Councilors? Otherwise I would entertain – this is a first reading and I would entertain a motion.

Melton I make a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-23.

Stein Introduce.

Melton Introduce, I'm sorry.

Plunkett I have a motion to introduce from Councilor Melton.

Sampson Second.

Plunkett And a second from Councilor Sampson. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Aye.

Plunkett Those opposed same sign.
[No response]

 Motion passes 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

 Is there any particular reason you would need or want this passed now or you good to wait until November or do you want it now? We have a request – she's having an open house, the vendor is having an open house on November 1st and our next meeting is November 3rd so –

Norris President Plunkett, if, if the Council would like, I would ask that we suspend the rules and pass this tonight.

Melton We're all here.

Sampson Would you like to make a motion?

Norris I will go ahead and make a motion.

Burk Second.

Sampson Second.

Plunkett So there's a motion to suspend the rules from Councilor Norris, there's a second from Vice President Burk. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Aye.

Plunkett Those opposed same sign.
[No response]

Motion passes 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Sampson I'd like to make the motion to approve, make the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-23.

Plunkett I have a first from Councilor Sampson.

McElderry Second.

Plunkett Second from – who was that?

Burk Tim.

Plunkett Councilor McElderry. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Aye.

Plunkett Those opposed same sign.
[No response]

Motion passes 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

OTHER MATTERS

Plunkett All right, up next on the agenda are Other Matters. I know there's a few folks that have something to go through here so I will open up to Other Matters.

Norris Umm –

Burk I just – go ahead Evan.

Norris No, you go ahead.

Burk I just wanted to recognize that all my peers up here and some folks in the crowd are wearing pink today in honor of breast cancer awareness month. Some folks know that I spent 27 years at the American Cancer Society so I'll be wearing pink all month but I appreciate that the town staff and many of my friends up here have joined the cause by trying to raise awareness. There's some really great news I would share for folks who are aware of 1 in 8 women who have, that will face a lifetime diagnosis of breast cancer but there have been declines significantly 43% declines since 1991 amongst breast cancer per capita and there are now 4.2 million breast cancer survivors in America, many, many are here in Zionsville and many of them are our family members so progress is being made. The answer is to wear pink but obviously the greatest thing that someone could still do besides making sure that we're moving the marble on continuing to find cures and moving treatment innovations forward is to get early detection screening. Ninety-five (95) to 99% survivable if you get early detection but only 72% of American women over the age of 40 are having a mammogram every two years which is the recommended age to begin so just continue, make sure you don't skip. I know during COVID those numbers went way down. We're kind of bounced back a little bit but as you wear your pink and shop and do all the things

that we see, just make sure that if you're listening and you haven't scheduled your mammogram or, or one of your loved ones may not have, please do so. It truly will save your life so thanks for indulging me and wearing pink.

Plunkett Thank you Vice President Burk.

Norris Councilor or President Plunkett, may I have the floor for a second?

Plunkett Sure.

Norris I would like to go ahead and congratulate the 2025 ladies golf state championships, the Zionsville Lady Eagles, on their performance this past weekend. A dominating performance led by sophomore, Taylor Snively, who also took for the second year in a row the individual state championship so that is, that leads now, I believe in the last two years two individual state championships for Taylor Snively just in her sophomore year, back-to-back state championships, just a dominating performance by the women's golf team. The men's golf team also with their 2024 state championship performance, hopefully they can bring that back here in 2026 for, for next school year or this school year and they can bring it back forward in the spring but I just want to take a second to congratulate the Lady Eagles. I know it, it just means so much when you bring a state championship to a town like Zionsville and just in a dominating fashion too. They cannot be stopped so round of applause for the girls golf.

Plunkett Anything else from Councilors? All right, bear with me for just a second. We've had a couple milestones this month. I'd like to take some time to celebrate a couple 25-year anniversaries. The Cobblestone Zionsville will celebrate their 25th anniversary located at 160 South Main Street beginning October 9th, the date of their opening, and they will continue through the weekend of October 12th. Originally called Cobblestone Grill, the name changed to Cobblestone Zionsville after a complete renovation of the restaurant in 2017. Owners, Kent and Liz Esra are the longest same proprietors of a Zionsville restaurant and have been recognized as Business Professionals in 2015 and Business of the Year in 2024 by the Zionsville Chamber of Commerce. The October 9th celebration will feature live music by the Michaels, drink specials served in commemorative 25th anniversary glasses and surprise giveaways. Friday night the first musicians to ever play at Cobblestone, Scott Balantine and Andra Faye, will be singing. The 25th, 25th anniversary activities are planned through the month including a throwback menu of former favorite appetizers, meals, desserts and introduction of a personally selected aged 25th anniversary bourbon whiskey distilled by Travelers Point in Kirklin. Kent and Liz said they're so proud to have reached the 25-year milestone and thank the many friends and families and employees for the opportunity who have made this possible by making Cobblestone their restaurant of choice over the years. We invite everyone who has enjoyed our hospitality to come celebrate our anniversary. It's going to be a fun time all month long. Liz and Kent are also active in the town. Liz is active with service with the Chamber of Commerce and Kent currently serves on the RDC for us. So congratulations to them and everyone at Cobblestone for their 25 years.

We also had another 25th anniversary celebration – DK Pierce celebrating their 25th anniversary this month. Denise has served the town in a number of different

capacities on boards and commissions over the years, deeply involved with the Chamber. She was also the first corporation to buy into the vision of Creekside Corporate Park. I would argue that without that buy in there's no doubt Creekside would not be what it is today. A couple things about DK Pierce – the history of working in the market access trenches for over 25 years, DK Pierce provides strategic and tactical services across the entire lifecycle of drug or therapy. From concept to patient access, they're with you every step of the way as a go-to counseling organization for market access and rare disease oncology and gene and cell therapy. They're known for providing innovative solutions, being responsive and nimble, establishing meaningful, long-term care or long-term relationships with clients whose values align with theirs and giving back to the community. From food pantries to humane societies, equine therapy and cancer support centers, they share, they share the love for giving back to the community with everyone they can. Some of their partners over the years include the Indiana Canine Assistance Network, Humane Society for Boone County, Morning Dove Therapeutic Riding, Boys & Girls Club of Boone County and the Cabin Counseling and Resource Center. Again, congratulations to Denise and her team at DK Pierce for 25 years. It's certainly quite an accomplishment so. Thank you for bearing with me there.

ADJOURN

Plunkett Anything else from Councilors? Otherwise I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Burk So moved.

Plunkett From Vice President Burk.

Sampson Second.

Plunkett Second by Councilor Sampson. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Aye.

Plunkett Those opposed same sign
[No response]

Motion passes 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Zionsville Town Hall Council Chambers. Final notice will be posted in compliance with the Indiana Open Door Law. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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