



**ZIONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FOR
AUGUST 18, 2025
AT 7:30 A.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, Sarah Esterline Sampson, and Joe Stein

Also Present: Adam Steuerwald, Town Council Attorney; Mayor John Stehr; Deputy Mayor Justin Hage; Amy Lacy, Municipal Relations Coordinator and other Town staff.

OPENING

- A. Call meeting to order**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Plunkett Good morning. I will now call to order the Monday, August 18, 2025 regular Town Council meeting. If you would please, stand and join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of the August 4, 2025 Town Council Minutes**
- B. Approval of the August 18, 2025 Claims**

Plunkett All right, first item on the agenda is the Approval of Consent Items. Are there any questions from Councilors? Otherwise I would entertain a motion.

McElderry Move to approve.

Burk Second.

Plunkett First from Councilor McElderry, 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.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

Plunkett Up next is a Request to Speak on Agenda Items. Amy, do you have any requests to speak?

Lacy No.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Plunkett All right, then we will move on to the Mayor/Administration Update. We have Mayor Stehr with us this morning.

Stehr Good morning Councilors.

All Good morning.

Stehr You'll notice we have a little higher attendance this morning than we usually do and that's because as everybody with school-aged children knows, the new year has begun, the new school year, and that has led to the new cohort for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. We've chosen 24 high school students this year to take part between now and the end of the school year. They represent Zionsville, Brebeuf, Covenant Christian and University High Schools as well as the homeschool community. Some of them are in the room this morning. I didn't count, I think maybe most of them are in the room this morning. We will begin twice-a-month meetings starting on August 28th and between now and the end of the school year, we hope to familiarize them with how their local government works and also help them with a community service project that they will choose in the coming weeks. So I want to thank them for coming out today before the school day and I wanted you to get eyes on them and get a look at them and I hope that, I know a few of you had a chance to meet them as you came in this morning and this is really a great group. We met for the first time yesterday for just kind of a, a casual social sorta get together and I think they are going to represent us well and do a terrific job as the Advisory Council. So thank you for coming and thank you for your indulgence with the time to, to talk about this program.

Also, we have updated numbers on our Parks Department summer camp season. The Parks ran 19 different camp programs this summer serving 359 kids, taking in just under \$24,000 and this is important as the Parks Department hopes to move toward a, a paradigm where the programming pays for the Programming Department and this is a first step and a pretty good first step. This is the highest number of programs we've had, the highest number of kids we've served and the, the income from that is, is the highest we've had to date.

Also, we have a new employee to introduce this morning. Our Deputy DPW Director, Brad Meriwether. Brad brings 18 years of experience, most recently as the DPW Director in Beech Grove. His appointment, I'll remind you, is made under the current budget and I believe he will prove to be invaluable as we transition DPW from its current location to that facility near Trailside Elementary School and I've asked him to stick around at the end of this meeting to get a chance to say hello to each of you so you can put the face with the name.

The next item we have is bridge openings. We had a ribbon cutting this week to officially reopen both the Turkeyfoot pedestrian bridge and the historic Holliday Road bridge. I want to thank Councilors Sampson and Burk for being present for that. The reopening of these bridges will once again connect the Turkeyfoot trail on the south end to 975 East to the north.

Also, a new section of Wild Air getting started in what will be called Crossbridge Point. That's an area of 17 homes that will be specially built for adults with developmental disabilities. About 300 families applied and those chosen got a first look at their lots this week. This is really the first of its kind project in Zionsville and it's supported by the group Independent Living for Adults with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities which is based in Zionsville.

And finally, there are about 1,200 military veterans living in Zionsville and they will be honored very soon with a monument here at Town Hall. We've been working with Eagle Scout candidate, Lukas Beach, and what you can see on your screen right now is a mockup of the plaque that'll be mounted on a large boulder and placed near the flagpoles just to the west of the front door. It might be tight but we're hoping to have this in place for the September 11th memorial service that takes place at Town Hall annually. And that is all I have this morning. Thank you.

Plunkett Thank you.

Burk Thank you John.

OTHER MATTERS/ADJOURN

Plunkett Up next on the agenda are Old and New Business and we do not have any old or new business. Are there any Other Matters from Councilors? All right, having none, I will make a motion to adjourn.

Norris Second.

Plunkett 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.

Zionsville Town Council
August 18, 2025

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025 at 7:30 a.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,

Amelia Anne Lacy, Municipal Relations Coordinator
Town of Zionsville