

WESTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

MAY 12, 2026
MINUTES OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Westville Town Council was held at the Westville Town Complex Community Room, 100 Setser Drive at 7:00 p.m. Present: Michael Albert, Olga Pothorski, Leann Deal, Bill McMahon, George Watkins, Lori Hunt, Clerk-Treasurer, Town Attorney Doug Beige.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Michael Albert stated that ADA/Title VI grievance forms and a voluntary public involvement survey are available for anyone interested.

A motion was made by Michael Albert to approve minutes of the April, 2026 meeting. Leann Deal, second. Roll Call: Pothorski, yes; McMahon, yes; Watkins, yes; Deal, yes; Albert, yes.

A motion was made by Olga Pothorski to approve claims for the month of ^{April} ~~March~~, 2026. Leann Deal, second. Roll Call: Pothorski, yes; McMahon, yes; Watkins, yes; Deal, yes; Albert, yes.

UTILITIES

Michael Albert gave a summary of the MCO report in Nathan Howell's absence. It is attached.

Michael Albert reported that the water expansion project is well underway.

STREETS

There was nothing to report in Streets.

PARKS

Olga Pothorski reported the Tri-Kappa flower sale went well.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marshal McKinney reported monthly stats.

Marshal McKinney stated that all of the vehicles are up and running and we will no longer be doing business with LaPorte Chrysler Dodge due to them keeping the Durango for 9 months without having done anything with it.

Marshal McKinney stated that Eric is at Tier II Academy and Tanner has completed the 40 hour pre-basic. He also stated that he would like to get everyone trained in the EMR class that is coming up. Marshal McKinney stated that we got approved for the AED grant in the amount of \$4,809.00 and they will be placed at both parks.

Michael Albert read Ordinance 2026-5 in its entirety. This Ordinance is to create a range of pay for the probationary deputy position. Michael Albert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-5 on first reading. George Watkins, second. Roll Call: Pothorski, yes; McMahon, yes; Watkins, yes; Deal, yes; Albert, yes.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT (CON'T)

Michael Albert made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 2026-5. Olga Pothorski, second. Roll Call: Pothorski, yes; McMahon, yes; Watkins, yes; Deal, yes; Albert, yes.

FINANCE

Michael Albert read Resolution 2026-2, Transfer of Funds, in its entirety. Michael Albert made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-2. William McMahon, second. Roll Call: Pothorski, yes; McMahon, yes; Watkins, yes; Deal, yes; Albert, yes.

MISCELLANEOUS

CITIZENS COMMENTS

ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Albert at 7:11 pm. George Watkins, second. Motion carried.

I, Lori Hunt, attest that these minutes are true and accurate.





Town of Westville
April 2026 Monthly Report of Operations
Prepared By: Nathan Howell
May 12, 2026

WATER

New Items

1. The water project is now in full construction, and the following is in progress:
 - Specialty Construction has completed wall framing for the utility building and will begin on the roof this week.
 - Both bore holes for the new wells are complete.
 - Both existing filters have been drained and inspected. New underdrain systems will be installed.
 - The raw water piping for the new wells to the water plant is 30% complete.
 - Road bases are installed.
 - The concrete floor of the old floor has been removed and the piping into the water plant is 50% complete.
 - The aggregate piers for the new water tower have been installed and the excavation for the tower base is 75% complete.
2. We will be finishing the water loss audits this month. We have contacted ME Simpson to calibrate the water plant and South Coast CD flow meter. We still have substantial water loss in the system.
3. Hydrants were flushed.
4. The Consumer Confidence Report will be ready for distribution this month.

Old Items – None to report

WASTEWATER

New Items

1. We are still experiencing issues with the aerators in the inner ditch. We are working with Newterra, McMahon, and Bowen to determine a cause and solution. We have had several additional conversations/meetings about this. We are implementing some changes per the manufacturer this week.
2. Charlie Ray has reviewed the project at Family Express, and we determined they should install a sand/oil separator which meets current codes. The unit has been installed.
3. We have had several callouts and had repairs made to several of the lift stations.

Old Items

1. There is still an issue with the mapping system at Fieldstone Subdivision. The sanitary sewer locations on the atlas were wrong on two streets. We have found five of the nine manholes and will get a contractor to raise them to grade. This is a very difficult situation.
2. We have been involved with the sewer connection to the duplex built on Flynn Road across from the grocery store - No further progress has been made.
4. The compactor at the WCC Lift Station was removed due to it continually plugging. We are still looking into a solution using the existing compactor. We have received notice from Waste Management that they will not accept the waste as it is. We started to reinstall the unit and discovered several wear bars broke in the unit. We will have this repaired once the manufacturer tells us how to proceed. The unit has been repaired for a cost in excess of \$4,000. It seems to be working adequately.
5. We have discussed a lift station project with McMahon and determining if the Town can obtain an OCRA grant to help fund the project. The current scope of the project includes: a new lift station, wet well and pumps for Westville Estates; new wet well, force main, pumps and generator at Coulter Road; new pumps and configuration for McDonalds and New Durham Estates. We are still in the planning stages of this project.
6. The generator at McDonalds Lift Station had both check valves replaced. A board on the generator also failed. Superior was on site and replaced the circuit board to the generator with a used one they had at no charge to the Board. They also replaced the check valves. We continue to have issues with the generator running when there is no apparent fault which happens typically when it is snowing and windy. We met with NIPSCO on site during the January 25, 2026, snowstorm to see what the issue was. They found no issues. We then had the power quality group on site, and they put a recorder on the incoming service and found nothing. It appears the transfer switch is the problem. Superior has ordered one. The switch has been delivered and will be installed soon.
7. We are requesting a proposal from Sweney Electric to install generators on the Westville Estates and Coulter Road Lift Stations.

Town of Westville - Operational Summary for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Influent

2026	Total Gallons	Flow			BOD		TSS		Ammonia		Phosphorus	
		Max. Daily	Min. Daily	Monthly Avg.	mg/l	#'s	mg/l	#'s	mg/l	#'s	mg/l	#'s
January	21,734,100	890,500	629,300	701,100	72.3	415	131	747.2	18.9	125.4	3.7	21.6
February	22,251,600	960,700	682,300	794,700	80.1	534	138	925	16.4	108.8	3.8	23.2
March	21,502,530	833,200	616,400	693,600	105.6	609	198.3	1140	20.49	118.7	4.9	28.4
April	20,277,000	791,900	592,500	675,900	117.4	662	225	1272	19.3	108.9	4.4	24.8
May												
June												
July												
August												
September												
October												
November												
December												

Effluent

2026	Total Gallons	Flow			BOD		TSS		Phosphorus		Ammonia	
		Max. Daily	Min. Daily	Monthly Avg.	Monthly Avg.	% Removed	Monthly Avg.	% Removed	mg/l	% Removed	mg/l	% Removed
January												
February	21,816,000	959,600	669,100	779,200	2	97.5	5.2	96.3	.65	82.9	.04	99.8
March	21,159,000	877,100	612,400	682,600	2.1	97.1	5.8	95.6	.64	82.7	.08	99.6
April	21,136,000	841,400	606,300	681,800	2.8	97.4	4.9	97.5	.87	82.3	.04	99.8
May	19,739,000	789,900	529,100	659,800	2.1	98.2	6.6	97	.9	79.6	.04	99.8
June												
July												
August												
September												
October												
November												
December												

Town of Westville – Operational Summary for the Water Treatment Plant

Month Ending	Total Monthly Flow	Maximum Daily Flow	Minimum Daily Flow	Average Daily Flow	Chlorine Usage (lbs.)	Fluoride Usage (lbs.)
01/31/26	8,764,700	432,100	148,800	281,700	100.8	
02/28/26	8,004,500	405,000	180,000	285,900	96.8	
03/31/26	8,616,200	400,500	184,500	279,800	104.6	
04/30/26	7,405,800	371,400	137,300	248,000	102	
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ORDINANCE No.: 2026-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WESTVILLE, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-5 ENTITLED "SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR THE YEAR 2026"

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2025 the Town Council of the Town of Westville, LaPorte County, Indiana adopted Ordinance No. 2025-5 entitled "Salary Ordinance for the Year 2026"; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2025-5 states the salary for the Probationary Deputy position of the Town of Westville, LaPorte County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is desirous of adopting this Ordinance to amend page 2 of Ordinance 2025-5 to change the salary for the Probationary Deputy position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTVILLE, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT ORDINANCE 2025-5 SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Page 2 of Ordinance No. 2025-5 is hereby revised and amended to state as follows:

GENERAL FUND	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>PER PAY</u>
Police Department		
Probationary Deputy (First Year) (Based on experience which will be recommended by the Town Marshal and approved by the Town Council)	\$44,200.78 - \$54,000.50	\$1,700.03 - \$1,890.69

Section 2. Except as expressly modified by this Ordinance all other parts or provisions of Ordinance 2025-5 shall remain in full force and affect.

Section 3. If any portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect any other portion or provision of this Ordinance.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. It is provided, however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency, and in all other respects the ordinances or parts of ordinances are hereby ratified, reestablished, and confirmed.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and affect beginning May 03, 2026 and after its adoption and any procedures required by law.

Section 6. All of which is Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Westville, LaPorte County, Indiana by a vote of _____ of all members present and voting this 12th day of May, 2026.

WESTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

BY:

Michael Adams
Debbie Horecki
Sean Deel
Greg Wether
William Miller

ATTEST:

Lori Hunt
Lori Hunt, Clerk-Treasurer of the Town
of Westville, Indiana

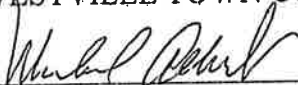
RESOLUTION #2026-2
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WESTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL THAT THE FOLLOWING FUNDS BE TRANSFERRED:

Transfer Three hundred ninety-six dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$396.27) from Appropriation #1101200132 (Retirement) GEN FUND (P) to Appropriation #1101002132 (Retirement) GEN FUND (C)

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF MAY 2026.

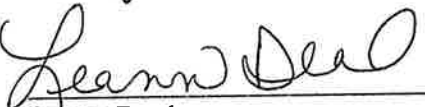
WESTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL



Michael Albert



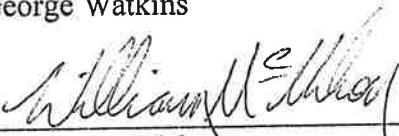
Olga Pothorski



Leann Deal



George Watkins



William McMahon

ATTEST:



Lori Hunt Clerk-Treasurer