

**Town of Borden
Town Council Minutes
September 8th, 2026**

Attendance: Steve Williams, LeAnn McClure, Faith Sauber, Brenna LaDuke, Joey Jones, and Matt Duncan

Guests: Nick Sauber, Brian Everage, Dan Moore, and Pierce Frye

1. Call to Order & Prayer

- The meeting commenced with an opening prayer.

2. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the previous meeting minutes.
- **Status:** Motion made by LeAnn and seconded by Steve, approved.

3. Approval of Claims

- **Total Claims Amount:** \$175,623.99
- **Key Adjustments & Call-outs:**
 - Removed a storm cleanup invoice (\$20,000+).
 - Temple invoice: \$10,000.00.
 - Amphitheater/Park bathroom project: \$1.00.
 - Compass invoices (Bank Project): \$53,901.00.
 - GM Development (Wastewater/Sewer project): \$82,821.18 (Note: Payment is pending county fund reimbursement).
 - Actual claims for September: \$28,901.81.
- **Motion** to accept the claims for \$175,623.99: made by LeAnn and seconded by Steve, motion approved. To accept the claims for \$175,623.99.

4. Department Reports

Sewer Department Reports

- **Sewer/Wastewater:**

- Starlight Sewer Project – Invoice was submitted and is being submitted to Clark County for the ARPA Funds. IDEM permit has been submitted, and C & R Construction is in the process of purchasing the materials.
- Sod at the Borden Community Church – waiting on the weather to change. The retainage will take care of this process.
- Sewer adjustments include three pool fills and one car wash adjustment (leakage matched with Tri-County Water).
- One pool fill will roll over to next month due to pending usage data.
 - **Motion:** To approve the sewer adjustments.
 - **Status:** Motion was made by LeAnn and seconded by Steve, approved.
- **Roads & Projects:**
 - Replacement pipe for Market Street has been procured.
 - A permit application is in progress for a general cleanup/drainage project.
- **Electrical/Maintenance:**
 - Discussion regarding exposed wires/faulty electrical in the park.
 - Contractor follow-up needed regarding GFCI replacement and pump verification.

Parks & Recreation

- **Current Projects:**
 - READI 1.0 Project: Looking for dirt to help with the change order for the restrooms.
 - Electric: Waiting on Nathan Ball to check the park.
 - School has paid.
 - Masonic Lodge wants to proceed with concessions next year.
- Playground: Seeking funding for more playground rubber mulch. Needs at least 10 yards. Looking into the costs.
- Sculpture: Currently seeking funding.

- Creek Erosion: Waiting on permits and plan from NRCS.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Sept 19: Night of Hope - Mental Health Awareness Night.
 - Oct 9–11: Surveyors Convention.
 - Oct 24: Trunk or Treat event.
 - Nov 22: Light important event.

Cemetery & Utilities

- Cemetery: Reported as "all good."

Police Department

- Vehicle: Waiting on costs for A/C on Nash's vehicle.
- Grants: Waiting on JAGS grant release.
- Service Stats: 176 services this month (7 for [Department], 38 to basis, 5 accident reports).

Old State Bank Building

- Phase 1 Completion: Remaining work includes flashing and gutter work.
- Walkthrough: Follow-up on costs for items identified during the recent walkthrough.
- Brenna will create a spreadsheet to keep track of the ins and outs.

South Monon Trail

- Radius and SIT boards are still looking for funding to fix the trail washout areas.

Group Insurance

- Still have it on radar, looking for something the Town can afford.

READ 1.0 Funding

- All invoices will be submitted to the RDA by this Friday; that will exhaust the funding from that funding source.
- Temple and Temple change order will be updated if we can find fill dirt.

Community Crossing Grant:

- Total Grant: \$185,629.90.
- Town 20% Match: \$37,125.98.
 - **Motion:** Approval for Rudy to sign the local match commitment letter.
 - **Status:** Motion was made by LeAnn and seconded by Steve, approved.

Borden Community Room Project:

- Starlight Foundation has asked us to reach out for an official contractor estimate.

INDOT

- INDOT has obtained a 24-inch pipe for Market Street, and will be replacing it at no cost to the Town.
- A permit has been applied for the area next to the old Family Dollar Store, ditch area.

6. New Business & Announcements

- Resolution R9826 (Rainy Day Fund and MVH Fund):
 - Proposal to allow the use of restricted funds from this year for next year's budget and to carry over unused rainy day funds to the 2027 budget.
 - **Motion:** To approve Resolution R90826, for the MVH and Rainy Day Fund to carry over to the 2027 budget.
 - **Status:** Motion was made by LeAnn and seconded by Steve, approved.
- Budget Hearing: To be held during the next council meeting before the official meeting start.
- Budget Adoption: Scheduled for October 26th.
- Council suggested another date, possibly for another meeting to discuss the budget. A couple of dates will be sent out for consideration.

5. Adjournment

- **Action:** Motion by LeAnn to adjourn was made, seconded by Steve, and approved.
- Meeting Adjourned.
- Meeting Adjournment: The next meeting is scheduled for October 5th.

Steve Williams, Vice-President

Faith Sauber, Clerk-Treasurer

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