



# Village of Risingsun

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## REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | APRIL 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by John Dierksheide

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

VACANT	Mike Thomas	Dan Conner	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanieta Rodriguez
	P	P	P	P	P

**MOTION:** to accept the resignation of Mayor Rick Whetsel Effective April 10, 2025.  
1<sup>st</sup>: Morse      2<sup>nd</sup> Conner      AIF Yes

Nomination and Vote for vacant seat left by Dierksheide.  
1 nominee was made for J. Rodriguez by E. Morse.

**MOTION:** To nominate Juanieta Rodriguez to the President of Council seat.  
1<sup>st</sup>: Morse      2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas      AIF Yes

**GUESTS** – Ryan Caudill – Council

Ryan expressed his interest in the vacant council left by J. Dierksheide and would like to be considered for the appointment.

**MOTION:** Accept minutes from previous meeting March 25, 2024.  
1<sup>st</sup>: Rodriguez. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Morse  
All in favor – Y

**MAYOR'S REMARKS.** – *(John Dierksheide)*

- Stated he is going to do his best for the village.

**FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT and FINANCE COMM. – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk (Comm. Morse, Rodriguez, Vacant)**

Will table the assignment of a new member to this committee, until the open council seat has been filled.

**MOTION:** To accept emailed reports/financials.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> Conner
- All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**STREET COMM. – (Conner, Woodruff, Thomas) – Mike Cox “Town Man” – St. Dept.**

- Pressure washer was purchased will be split between the Fire and the Hall.
- New mower has made a major reduction to the mow times and gas consumption.
- Did hit a village residents’ car with a rock that left the mowing deck by the railroad. Possible claim to come out of this, as there was minor damage done to the vehicle.
- New tires that were budgeted for the dump truck have been installed. They did find a wheel stud bent upon installation. This will be fixed sometime late April / May.
- Dirt in curb lawn in front of the flag pole at Town Hall was removed for curb repair.
- Would like to purchase playground mulch. 45.00/yd – Dierksheide instructed Gena and Mike to work together to see if the funds are there, as the park levy is not generating revenue.
- Brush bins are working well and people are starting spring clean – up.

**FIRE DEPT. – Chief Mike Cox.**

- Perry Hartley was the only candidate for the 1<sup>st</sup> Captains Position. Would like to get him appointed.
- Support Staff. Description has been submitted just waiting on council approval.
- This month’s training was Hazmat done by Bad Day Training and Consulting.
- Ordered new helmets for the department.
- Purchased a Halligan bar for the department as we have seen a need.
- Appointments of Lieutenants will be next.

#### **POLICE DEPT. – Chief Shawn Beckley**

- Lexipol Gold Level achieved in policy management.
- Training: 24 hours required CPT – 8 online and 16hrs in person. Only paying for 4 officers training for the year. 3 officers attended Active Shooter Training; this was paid for thru a state grant.
- Leads Audit: Passed
- Cook Out with A Cop – May 24, from 11 – 1p.
- Firearms Qualifying in August.

#### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Sandy Stephenson**

- Sandy stated that the Historical Society will have the Opera House open for the GOBA event in June. The display will stay the same as currently it is “Businesses of the Village”

#### **ZONING REPORT – David Feahr (President of Zoning Board)**

- Still working on ordinances. The Amplex permit was submitted for review prior to the meeting and was given back by Mayor Dierksheide to have some changes made.
- Board has a few addresses to start looking at and handing out “Fix it Tickets”. Morse stated that some clarification is needed as he believes these would be grandfathered in and therefore would not be able to receive a ticket.
- Mayor Dierksheide stated that he needs to have meeting minutes to the Clerk so they can be available for public records and be approved by council.

#### **FINANCE COMM. – *Nothing to report***

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Codification Gena to get to this in 2025.
- Route 23 property is still being worked on.
- Fire Auxiliary has been resolved.
- GOBA meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> Mike Cox attended. He stated this meeting was for emergency services only and that the meeting went well.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Juanita Rodriguez – Report to council on RCC (Risingsun Community Corp) event coming up May 31<sup>st</sup> from 8a.m. to 1 p.m. This will be a community clean-up day for the village residents. Flyer to come soon. You will need to prove residency. They will have dumpsters, drug take back, gun lock, Roth tags, electronic disposal. This will be put on with the help from Ambulance District 150, Local Fire Dept., Sheriffs Dept. Next meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p at the park building 550 Salem St. Morse asked if the village could pay for the cost of the disposal?


**MOTION:** For the village to pay for the disposal of “just the dumpster/containers.  
1<sup>st</sup> Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas All in favor – Yes Motion Passed.

- Morse brought up the repair needed to the Opera House HVAC unit as it is coming out of the ceiling. Mayor Dierksheide stated Jake Bryant would be called in for this job.
- **3rd Read:** Resolution 2025-002 A Resolution of Necessity to RENEW the 5-year 2.0 mill levy in excess of the ten-mill limit which was passed in 2020 for the repair to streets roads and bridges within the village.  
MOTION: To approve Res. 2025-002  
1<sup>st</sup> Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> Morse AIF Y No Vote/Abstain:  
Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Woodruff – Y, Thomas – Y, Conner – Y,
- **3rd Read:** Resolution 2025-003 A Resolution of Necessity to enact an additional five-year .5 mill levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the maintenance and improvement of village park land.  
MOTION: To approve Res. 2025-003  
1<sup>st</sup> Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> Woodruff AIF yes  
No Vote/Abstain:  
Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Woodruff – Y, Thomas – Y, Conner – Y
- Motion to approve Fire Department – Fire Rehab and Support Staff. Roles and Responsibility  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> Morse AIF Y
- Ordinance 2025-001 – An ordinance amending 2024-014 as a supplement to the 2025 annual appropriations, and declaring and emergency  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Morse 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas AIF Y  
No Vote / Abstain:
- Motion to hire Lynn Anderson as the new Park Custodian.  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Woodruff 2<sup>nd</sup> Rodriguez AIF Y  
No Vote / Abstain:
- Motion to appoint Ryan Caudill to the vacant seat on council.  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Morse 2<sup>nd</sup> Rodriguez AIF Y  
No Vote / Abstain:

**MOTION:** To Adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> Morse 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas All in favor (yes) motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting May 27, 2025 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall  
Finance Meeting: May 27, 2025 @ 5:45p.m.

  
Geha Rathburn  
Fiscal Officer / Clerk

  
John Dierksheide  
Mayor