

Village of Risingsun

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REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | MARCH 24, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by John Dierksheide
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 ROLL CALL: Clerk

Ryan Caudill	Mike Thomas	David Feahr	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanieta Rodriguez
P	P	P	P	P	P

GUESTS – No Guests

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting February 24, 2026.
 1st: Morse 2nd: Rodriguez All in favor – Y

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

MOTION: To accept emailed reports/financials.
 1st Rodriguez 2nd Feahr
 All in favor (yes) Motion passed

STREET COMM. / STREET DEPT. – *(Mike Thomas, Ryan Caudill, Tim Woodruff) – Mike Cox “Town Man” – St. Dept.*

- Ordered 3 new flags for the village flag poles. Council man David Feahr will be exploring flag options for Main St. poles (this was in the budget for 2026)
- Trash painting project is getting there. No more plastic barrels.
- Would like Council to consider adding Drew Roper to Street Dept. payroll.
- Did a walk thru of the park with Mayor Dierksheide.
 - Picnic Tables need repaired. Council woman Rodriguez stated the RCC would like to assist with this
 - Level dirt
 - Siding repair
 - Tree and limb maintenance

(if anyone has anything to add to this list, please get ahold of M. Cox via phone or email)

- Transformer fluid from the downed pole were tested for PCB's and it came back Negative
 - All poles that needed to come down have been removed.
 - Date code on the transformer was 1955.
 - Bodie Elect. Left poles waist high to removed when new need installed.
 - Transformers ranged in weight from 3000lbs to just under 3000lbs.
 - Cut wires below grade. Will have Edison to expire power to ensure safety.
 - All standing poles are in good shape. Will work Kevin Woodruff to use a drone to check the tops.
 - Council man Tim Woodruff will work with M. Cox to dispose of the transformers that were removed from the poles.
- Round window on the front of the hall needs reworked M. Cox to donate time to repair.
 - Shingles and a piece of facia were blown off town hall. Facia has been repaired. -
 - Unfortunately, the installers used staples to install so we will more than likely be doing repairs in the future.
- Gazebo at Central Park is in really bad shape need to explore removing it.

FIRE DEPT. – Chief Mike Cox.

- 823 and 824 have been over to Atlantic for yearly service. Discovered that Atlantic does additional testing (pump, ladder etc.). So, while there in the future these items will be done in conjunction with the annual service and save time during the year.
- 824 is reaching 21 years old. Chief Cox feels that we can get 35 to 40 years out of this machine if taken care of.
- 821 and 825 will be going to M&D for service and 825 will have a battery issue addressed. If the issue cannot be identified it will then be scheduled to go to Atlantic.
- Meghan, Weston, and Emma completed their Interior Training (6 hr.) in addition to their 36-hour VFF Certificate. Congrats! Also, Madison and Tyler are finishing up their Fire 1 Certification. Congrats!

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Nick Baker

- Nothing to report.
- Council man Earl Morse asked if the department did background checks to be compliant with RC 737.17.

ZONING REPORT – Mary Stahl, Jay Brown, Lynn Anderson, Vacant, Vacant

- Received interest from Jessica Prichard who resided on Maple St. Some one will reach out to get a meeting set up.
- Mary Stahl to reach out to Emma Holman to see if she is still interested.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Police cruiser – (info brought forward in light grey) What will be the plan going forward to procure a new police car as the current one is a 2017. Rodríguez asked if we really need a SUV. Morse reacted that Tahoe vs Explorer is about a 12,000-difference meaning the Tahoe would be significantly more expensive. Morse also stated that to procure and outfit a new police vehicle that

a SUV would be 40 – 50 thousand and that a car would be around 34,000.
Morse

What will be the plan going forward to procure a new police car as the current one is a 2017. We will need to get a plan in order. C. McCafferty did state the General Fund could transfer to the Police Capital Fund with the intent to purchase a cruiser. This would require legislation and follow the RC 5705.13. Morse - added property tax issue at the state level will possibly be an issue going forward with procuring a Police Cruiser.
Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **3rd Read - Resolution 2026-001** A Resolution of the Village of Necessity to RENEW the 4-year 1.3 Mill Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation Which was Passed November 7, 2023 to Provide Additional Funds for the Current Expenses of the Village
Motion: 1st Feahr 2nd Caudill **AIF Y**
No Vote / Abstain:
Roll Call Vote: Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Feahr – Y, Caudill – Y, Thomas – Y Woodruff - Y
- **3rd Read - Resolution 2026-002** A Resolution of the Village of Necessity to RENEW the 5 year 6.3 Mill Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation Which was Passed November 2, 2021 to Provide Additional Funds for the Current Expenses of the Village
Motion: 1st Thomas 2nd Feahr **AIF Y**
No Vote / Abstain:
Roll Call Vote: Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Feahr – Y, Caudill – Y, Thomas – Y Woodruff - Y
- **3rd Read - Resolution 2026-003** A Resolution of the Village of Necessity to ENACT an Additional 5 year .5 Mill Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the Maintenance and Improvement of Village Park Land.
Motion: 1st Woodruff 2nd Morse **AIF Y**
No Vote / Abstain:
Roll Call Vote: Rodriguez – Y, Morse – Y, Feahr – Y, Caudill – Y, Thomas – Y Woodruff - Y
- **Resolution 2026-004** A contract to furnish emergency management between Wood County, Ohio and the Village of Risingsun.
Motion: 1st Rodriguez 2nd Thomas **AIF Y**
No Vote / Abstain:
- **1st Read Resolution 2026-005** A Resolution of Necessity for Special Assessment Street Lighting
Motion: 1st Morse 2nd Feahr **AIF Y**
No Vote / Abstain:
- **Ordinance 2026-002** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2025-013 as a supplement to the 2026 Annual Appropriations and declaring an emergency
Motion: 1st Morse 2nd Caudill **AIF Y**
No Vote / Abstain:

- T. Woodruff to work with M. Cox to dispose of transformers.
- RCC (Risingsun Community Corp.) Update:
May 15 and 16th Community Garage Sales
June 6th Town Clean Up Day. Time and Place TBD
Egg Hunt March 28th Salem St. Park.
- Southeast Ambulance District will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on April 7th.
This will be a regular business meeting. 8:30 p.m. at the Risingsun Town Hall.

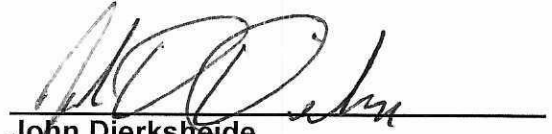
MOTION: To Adjourn 1st Rodriguez 2nd Morse All in favor (yes) motion passed.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting April 28, 2026 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall

Finance Meeting: Always the same day @ 5:45p.m.



Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk



John Dierksheide
Mayor