

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
January 12, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in a regular meeting on January 12, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, 301 East Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana.

The following action was taken: Mayor Sheets called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Mayor Judy Sheet, Greg Miller, and Jim Skinner. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley, Attorney Alicia Albertson and others, as noted in the minutes.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 22, 2025, regular meeting were presented for approval. G. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded J. Skinner. Upon a roll call vote, three ayes were recorded. Motion carried 3-0.

The minutes of the December 29, 2025, special meeting were presented for approval. G. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mayor Sheets. J. Skinner abstained. Upon a roll call vote, two ayes were recorded. Motion carried 2-0.

CLAIMS APPROVALS

J. Skinner made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by G. Miller. Upon a roll call vote, three ayes were recorded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Scott Shoemaker presented the board with annual reports for 2025 for the Frankfort Police Department. Overall crime is down 17% and violent crime is down 38%. Chief Shoemaker shared multiple statistics for all department activity.

New hire Noah Dubree is currently at the police academy. His hire brings the department to full staff. Chief Shoemaker expressed his appreciation to the department for their hard work.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Street department superintendent Brian Killman presented the board with department reports. Superintendent Killman explained the new process for accepting trash and recycling from city residents only.

BUILDING SERVICES

Building Inspector Rob Bogue presented the board with 2025 annual permit reports as well as December permit reports. Building Inspector Bogue updated the board regarding Fire Station 4.

FIRE

Fire Chief Matt Stidham presented the board with the fire department statistics for 2025. Chief Stidham informed the board of station 4 update and the update on engine 3. Chief Stidham shared that training increased in 2025.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Park supervisor Emily Gray asked the board to ratify the part-time laborer new hire, Camden Harrison. J. Skinner made a motion to approve the ratification, seconded by G. Miller. Upon a roll call vote, three ayes were recorded. Motion carried 3-0.

Park supervisor Emily Gray presented the board with department reports. Supervisor Gray informed the board that the park is still taking down Christmas lights. She informed them of spring projects updates.

ATTORNEY

City Attorney Alicia Albertson presented the board with an appraisal engagement letter for the old police station. The engagement letter will need signed by the Mayor in order that City Attorney Albertson can return it to the appraisers to begin the appraisal process. The company and price were previously approved.

City Attorney Alicia Albertson explained the options for disposal of property based on State Statute. Option one is to sell, the second option is transferring it for economic development purposes, and the third option is transferring it to a non-profit cooperation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2026 Encumbrances

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley asked the board for approval to amend PO# 2528 on the encumbrance list for a \$180 difference due to a transposition error. J. Skinner made a motion to approve the amended 2026 encumbrance list for \$159,992.50, seconded by G. Miller. Upon a roll call vote, three ayes were recorded. Motion carried 3-0.

J. Skinner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by G. Miller. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 5:39PM.