Minutes of Meeting
Town of Orleans
September 17, 2026
5:00 p.m.

The Orleans Town Council met on Thursday, September 17, 2026, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Participants were Council President John H. Lindley, Councilman John F. Noblitt, Councilman Jack Taylor, Clerk-Treas. Robert F. Henderson, Town Attorney John-Paul Isom, Town Marshal Jim Lindsey, Fire Chief Ronnie Roach and Town Supt. Daniel Houchin.

Guests: Nathan Held, IN 15 Regional Planning, Dennis Robertson and Scott Schutte.

Council President Lindley called the meeting to order with the pledge to the Flag followed by a brief prayer.

J. Noblitt motioned to accept the minutes as presented from August meeting, J. Taylor seconded, all in favor.

Nathan Held, Executive Director of the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission was in attendance to present a special Resolution to the town passed by his board in memory and appreciation of the late Councilman Randy Clark who was serving as board chairman of Indiana 15 until his death in late May.

Council awarded the sidewalk work for 2026 to Hopper Construction with a bid of $9.00 per square foot with the town crew doing the digging and supplying the stone.

A quote on the re-roofing of the two shelter houses in the historic town park square was tabled for the purpose of securing a second quote.

Council President John H. Lindley conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2027 Town Budget as advertised. There were no comments or budget related questions from audience members. The Council is expected to formally adopt the budget in total amount of $3,073,630 at its October 15th meeting. Town Clerk Robert Henderson said the overall budget was just slightly elevated over the present 2026 budget.

A first reading was conducted of an ordinance to amend and update the town's capitalization policy and its various departments. A second reading will take place at the October 7th work session.

Henderson presented financial commitment letters for the town's 2026 Community Crossings Matching Grants in the amount of $94,633.43. The town's matching monies for the projects will be paid from the Edit fund.

Town Supt. Daniel Houchin reminded Council members that the Annual Fall Town-Wide Clean Up was set for October 5th through the 10th. A large dumpster will be set up at the Town Garage complex located on Franklin Street with extended hours with residents urged wherever possible to bring large items of discard for disposal. The town crew will also be picking up items that week. Residents who have items for pickup are asked to place them at curbside for pickup by no later than October 8th.

No other business, motion by J. Noblitt to adjourn, second by J. Taylor, meeting adjourned at approx. 5:27 p.m.

John H. Lindley
Council President

Robert F. Henderson, Jr.
Clerk-Treasurer

Minutes of Work Session
Town of Orleans
October 7, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Orleans Town Council met for its monthly general work/study session on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance included Council President John H. Lindley, Councilman John F. Noblitt, Councilman Jack Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer Robert F. Henderson, Town Marshal Jim Lindsey, Fire Chief Ronnie Roach and Town Supt., Daniel Houchin.

Guests: Paul and Amy Seigle, Nicole Mercer, Jessica Condra and Bob Robbins.

Council President John H. Lindley called the meeting to order with the pledge to the Flag followed by a brief prayer.

Paul and Amy Seigle were present to request the town look further into the matter of storm water runoff and flooding at their residence located on N. Franklin St. Council agreed to have Town Supt. Daniel Houchin look at the situation to see what might be done to help remedy the situation.

Houchin gave a brief update on the repair work at the former Boyer Building which was damaged by a vehicle several weeks ago resulting in substantial damage to the space occupied by Freestyle Salon. Houchin said he was still working with the insurance company regarding the repairs needed and hoped that the work could be started soon.

Bob Robbins was in attendance to ask the town to investigate trimming some trees with overhanging limbs in and around the residential areas and the vicinity of his property.

Trick or Treat was set for one night only, Saturday, October 31st from the hours of 6 to 9 pm. Residents who wish to welcome the little ghosts and goblins are asked to have their porch and/or patio lights on during that time.

Council agreed to set an executive session for this coming Thursday, October 15th at 4:30 pm and prior to the regular meeting to meet and discuss firetruck quotes with Orleans Fire personnel.

No other business, motion by J. Noblitt to adjourn, second by J. Taylor, meeting adjourned at approx. 9:35 a.m.

John H. Lindley
Council President

Robert F. Henderson, Jr.
Clerk-Treasure