

# Town of Darmstadt, Indiana

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## Minutes of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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### TOWN COUNCIL

Eric Gries, District 1 Council Member  
Ray Engler, District 2 Council Member  
Crystal Kahre, District 3 Council Member  
Cecil Poag, District 4 Council Member

### CLERK-TREASURER

Mallory Lowe  
P.O. Box 20  
Darmstadt, In 47618

Darmstadt Town Council President Cecil Poag called the town meeting to order on Tuesday at 6:30pm. In attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Mallory Lowe, council members Ray Engler, Eric Gries, and Crystal Kahre. Town attorney not present.

Gries made a motion, seconded by Engler, to approve minutes from last month's meeting. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote. Gries made a motion, seconded by Engler, to approve last month's financial report. Motion passed by a 4-0 voice vote. Gries made a motion, seconded by Kahre, to approve the accounts payable claims. Motion passed by 4-0 voice vote.

### Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Mallory Lowe advised that on Thursday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> she had a meeting with the new software company BS&A that merged with Keystone. Rhyann Carrier from BS&A, went over all their cloud-based data software for budgets, funds, and payroll, which they have all on one platform, whereas Keystone's are all on separate platforms. They will keep us updated on the new cloud system if we are interested.

On March 5<sup>th</sup> Lowe stated was our Spring IMPACT Meeting for all Indiana Municipal Personnel Administrators for Cities and Towns. It was an all-day training Lowe attended from 8:30am-3pm, with Chris Huber of the US Wage and Labor Investigations, Rosalyn Williams with the IRS, and Kevin Roberts from Barnes and Thornburg. Lowe noted they went over all the wage and hour compliance, new overtime laws, and exemptions from the federal government.

Lowe advised that last week was our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurers Institute and Academy, held by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, Ball State University, and AIM. It took place in Plainfield, Indiana, which is right outside of Indianapolis. The State Board of Accounts taught courses for our required education credits. SBOA went over everything from Ethics and town management to cybersecurity, insurance, utilities, budgeting and how to de-escalate political situations. Lowe stated it's a very intensive 5-day school on laws, procedures, and many aspects of municipal government. Ball State University is partners with the Indiana Clerk-Treasurer's League and collaborates with us for our ongoing elected official's education and training.

Mallory Lowe stated that she met with Darmstadt's new financial rep Tyler Michael from Coonrod, at the training academy in Plainfield, and we went over some of the current town financial projects and reports. Lowe advised that Tyler updated her on their work with the RDA's bank accounts and funds, that all looked good and they took over the RDAs financials from Reedy Financial. The year-end reports for the RDA are complete and submitted to the state. Coonrod Financial's first bill is in the bill's report tonight for the RDA's financial uploads on Gateway for \$2,227.74.

Lowe noted that AIM's next Legislative Recap will be on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, which is free for members. There have been quite a few house bills that have changed how we do things, policies, and procedures. Let me know if anyone is interested in participating in the live meeting, otherwise a recording will be available.

Lowe advised that we have received our Community Crossings Grant match money of 80% of the costs, which totaled \$453,200. Our match is 20%, which is \$113,300 for a total road improvement project of \$566,500. Metzger has started on the road repair work in spots before the repaving. The roads to be improved and repaved this year are Orchard, Old State, Fleener and Martin Roads. Mick has been doing a good job on this, as his first Community Crossing Grant project with INDOT. Lastly, Lowe notified council that she be gone on Thursday, taking Mark to Louisville for surgery for his skin cancer which has now spread really close to his right eye. Lowe noted they are sending him to U of L Medical Center for surgery with a specialist to cut it out and do reconstruction.

### Fire Dept Report

Crystal Kahre read aloud the Vanderburgh County Fire report that they had 7 runs in town, 6 Ems runs, and with a 6.47 second response time.

### **Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Deputy stated they had 52 extra patrols, 2 accidents, 2 business checks, 2 animal complaints, 3 check welfare and 1 vehicle check. There was some discussion on speeding and Martin Road was brought up in particular. Council may look into speeding radar machines that will show speed and/or record the vehicles and times.

### **Maintenance Dept Report**

Sewer Superintendent, Aaron Enlow, read aloud the Sewer and Street superintendents' reports that they completed 28 locates and 18 sewer calls. Enlow noted that Evansville Sewer has completed their work on the north mag meter and installed a new manhole that is sealed very well and should decrease their odor problem. Enlow advised that road repaving has begun, with dig-outs completed on Martin and Fleener Roads, the snow removal equipment has been cleaned and is ready to be stored for the season, weather permitting and finally, all three trucks have been serviced and are in good working condition.

### **Old Business**

1. MOU for Townships' sharing of Local Road and Street distributions- update  
The attorney is working on this and was not present.

2. On the Spot Co. – Utility location damage update  
This matter has been dropped and closed.

3. EWSU Mag Meter calibration update

Poag mentioned that Three I Design has been looking into this and feels that the size of the meters may be an issue and will continue to investigate.

4. Community Crossings Road Grant update

Poag stated that Lowe had given us an update that the patching work has been completed, and they are waiting for weather permitting us to repave the roads.

5. Three "I" Design Engineers – install meters before the 2 mag meters

Not present for an update

### **New Business**

6. New Town Attorney

Not present

### **Attorney Comments**

No comments

### **Board Member comments**

Eric Gries advised that the Annual Darmstadt Clean-up Day will still be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April, which is April 11<sup>th</sup> this year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Attest:

Mallory Lowe

Clerk-Treasurer

Clerk



Council Member