Town Council Regular Meeting

Minutes

Thursday – January 22, 2026

7:00pm

Homecroft Town Hall

Present

Mr. Bryan Wolfe – Council President
Mrs. Melissa May - Council Vice-President
Mr. Kevin Kehlbeck - Clerk/Treasurer
Mrs. Susan Fleck – Council Member
Brian Davis – Council Member
Chief David Hodge – Town Marshal
Mr. Robert Lutz – Town Attorney

Town Board President Mr. Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The *Clerk/Treasurer's report:* **Kevin Kehlbeck**

1. A motion was made by Mrs. May to approve the December 16, 2025 minutes for Regular Council Meeting; motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleck to approve the Claims for December 17, 2025 thru January 22, 2026. Mrs. May seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mrs. May to consider amending the 2026 Salary Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fleck. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Davis to approve amending the 2026 Salary Ordinance. Mrs. Fleck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Works Report - (Verbal) **Melissa May**

1. Ask town residents to move cars on snow event days to facilitate plowing.

Special Projects Report - (Attached) **Susan Fleck**

Communications Report - (Verbal) **Melissa May**

1. Web site updated. Events added to calendar. Adding links to Police Reports.

Police Department Report – (Attached) **Bryan Wolfe**

Chief Hodge – (Remarks) –

1. 16 Officers currently on staff.

***Upcoming events*:** **Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday-March 21, 2026 – 1:00pm**

New Business – 1. Discuss Email from AES (Attached)
2. Discuss Police Grant Funding Project.
3. Election of Town Board Officers- Mrs. Fleck made a motion to elect Bryan Wolfe as President, and Melissa May as Vice-President. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business - 1 2024-2025 Police Activity Report being completed. (Attached)

Public Comments - None

Council President Remarks - None **Bryan Wolfe**

Adjournment –

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Davis at 8:56 pm; the motion was seconded by Mrs. May. The motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: –Thursday, March 19, 2026– 7:00 PM, 1400 Tulip Dr.

Bryan Wolfe

Homecroft Town Council - President

Kevin Kehlbeck

Homecroft Clerk/Treasurer

12.16.2025 **Report to Town Council - Susan Fleck - Special Projects**

Not much to report this month. I do want to discuss Concert in the Park offerings.

- **Easter Egg Hunt - March 21** at 1 PM. We discussed hiding eggs around town in the week leading up to the event. The discovered eggs can be redeemed for prizes at the hunt.

- **Plant Swap - May 16**, 9 AM to noon. Bryan Wolfe has been named honorary chair.

- **Concert in the Park - June 7**, 6-9 PM. **Blind Side Ban**d will play again. The police want to sell sno-cones for $1 each so we will not invite **Aw'Sum Sno Balls**. They require a $400 minimum, which we have easily met the last two years but the police want to do the sno-cones. We discussed having them for the Yard Sale, but know we will not meet the minimum. Other vendors we are reaching out to include **JoyStream Mobile**, **Brozini's Pizza** and **Smash Daddy's**. We will reach out to **Mocha Nut** also to see if they want to be involved.

- **Yard Sale - June 11-13** We will be extending it to include Thursday this year since many people set up sales on Thursdays. Angela has suggested the police may want to grill hotdogs to hand out to people. The would set up on Southview in the park facing the street.

- **National Night Out - August 4 -** 5:30-8 PM

- **Pumpkin Painting - Oct. 17** 12-2 PM. We will hide mini pumpkins throughout the town the week before. They will be redeemable for a prize at the painting.

- **Halloween - October 31** - 6-8 PM. Will block off streets again this year. Officers will be instructed to give out one piece of candy per person. Will set up a hot chocolate stand at 1437 Maynard Drive.

- **Breakfast with Santa - December 5 -** 9-11 AM. Will consider having Santa ride around town in a fire truck the night before to publicize.

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Police Liaison Report to the Homecroft Town Council
December 2025 for the January 22, 2026 Council Meeting

17 members of the Homecroft Police Department contributed 550 cumulative hours protecting and serving the residents and visitors of Homecroft in December 2025.

While patrolling 3,597 miles, officers wrote 33 town ordinance tickets (23 state tickets) and issued 80 written or verbal warnings. Their enforcement efforts resulted in 17 vehicles being towed, and 2 physical arrests. 42 stops were generated because of lead information from the FLOCK system. They oversaw 51 calls for service and assisted with 73 other calls for service. Officers completed 5 incident reports and 6 crash investigations.

HPD training in December was catching up on the non-psychomotor skills mandates for the year. Everyone on the department has completed their yearly training along with all their yearly state mandates.

December brought changes to the team as:

John Ryan ceremoniously retired (returned his Ford Explorer)

*Sean Thompson resigned for family reasons (*HPD belongings returned & removed from all systems)

We must steadfastly continue to be vigilant, highly visible, leverage available technologies, strengthen partnerships, and prepare our officers with the best training & equipment possible to respond to and abate violence in and near our town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Davis
Police Liaison & Councilor
Town of Homecroft, Indiana

Outlook

Lighting

From Donna Senese <donna.senese@aes.com>
Date Tue 1/13/2026 7:48 AM
To Bryan Wolfe <bwolfe@townofhomecroftin.gov>

Good Morning Bryan-

It was nice to talk with you Friday and I understand your concerns about the brightness of the LED lights and the significant increase in monthly cost to change to LEDs.

AES will do its best to repair the existing light, however the fixture is 150 Watt High pressure sodium (HPS) and we are no longer able to get the parts for HPS and will need to change to LED fixture (Same columns and same style/similar light fixture)

Pricing includes electric usage and normal maintenance.

Current Post Top lighting
62 columns and fixtures and you are grandfathered in at a vintage rate 35 @ $25.29/each & 27 @ $29.54/each = $1682.83

Proposed
LED 6-7 K LED post top fixture & fluted columns at the NEW LED rate 62 @ $44.28/each – new monthly fee $2745.36

***AES can change each fixture gradually as they go out (One at a time) ***

Whispering Falls @ Southern Dunes – located at 3335 Wicker Road has the LED lights if you want see how they luminate.

Respectfully,
Donna

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Chief of Police Report

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Communications Equipment (Radios)

The department has evaluated options for radio replacement. A vendor has quoted refurbished radios at $1,100 per unit for three radios, totaling $3,300. By comparison, new Motorola APX6000 radios would cost approximately $6,500 per unit, or $19,500 for three radios.

This option provides an estimated cost savings of $16,200 while continuing to meet departmental operational and interoperability requirements.

Mobile Connectivity (MiFi and Voice Lines)

After reviewing available service providers, T-Mobile offers the best combination of coverage, reliability, and pricing for departmental mobile connectivity. All pricing outlined below reflects T-Mobile service rates.

By transitioning the department's MiFi units from Verizon to T-Mobile, the department will receive approximately $900 per year in service credits, further reducing overall costs.

Current T-Mobile monthly costs are as follows:

- MiFi costs per unit: $29.90 plus $2.00 in federal access fees, totaling $31.90
- Total MiFi units: 13
    - 13 × $31.90 = $414.70
- One voice line: $31.90

Total monthly cost: $446.60

Additional notes:

- Retired Chief John Ryan's phone contract ends in March and may be transitioned to another service provider of his choosing at that time.
- Chief Hodge's phone contract ends in October and may also be transitioned to another provider of his choosing at that time.

Fleet Planning – 2026 (Early Research Phase)

The department is in the early stages of researching fleet needs for 2026.

- The Ford Explorer is due for replacement this year.

Ordinance No. 2025-12-01

AMENDMENT TO 2026 SALARY ORDIANCE

The Homecroft Town Council, of Marion County, Indiana (the "Council") met at its duly called of the date set forth below, such meeting being the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Council and such meeting being called pursuant to the Council's notice stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting received by all the Council Members, and the following ordinance was made seconded and adopted by a majority of the elected Council Members which constituted a majority of the Council:

WHEREAS, the Homecroft Town Council having previously adopted its 2026 Salary Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the town council finds that there are funds available to increase the amount of the 2026 Town Elected Officials Salaries for town council members; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore advisable and beneficial to the town to increase the annual salaries for the town elected officials as stated in Section 1A for the Town Council Members from the $4,100.00 as listed in Section 1A; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Section 1A of the town's 2026 Salary Ordinance to increase the increase the annual salaries for the town elected officials as stated in Section 1A for the Town Council Members from the $4,100.00 as listed in Section 1A to an annual salary of $4,200.00. This increase shall apply only to the 2026 salary of town council members but excluding the town council president's salary which shall remain at $5,100; and now therefore:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED that the Town Council hereby amends Sections 1A of the town's 2026 Salary Ordinance so as to increase the 2026 annual salaries currently stated in Section 1A of the 2026 Salary Ordinance for the Town Council Members from the $4,100.00 as listed in Section 1A to an annual salary of $4,200.00. This increase shall apply only to the 2026 salary of town council members but shall not increase the town council president's nor the Clerk-Treasurer's annual salaries which shall remain at $5,100.00 and $12,600.00, respectively.

All other provisions of the previously adopted 2026 Salary Ordinance shall remain unchanged except as expressly provided herein.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this amended Ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

YEA	NAY

Approved and Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Printed: Bryan Wolfe
President of the Homecroft Town Council

ATTEST:

Printed: Kevin Kehlback
Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Homecroft