Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026
6:00PM

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00PM, at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN.

Councilwoman Miriam Rooks called the meeting to order and led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call- Councilwoman Miriam Rooks, Councilwoman Debbie Buck, Councilwoman Sherri Sweet, and Councilman Michael Bryant.

Council President Ryan Piercefield was absent.

Also present were Town Manager John Myers, Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes- Council Meeting January 12, 2026

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the January 12, 2026, Council Meeting minutes. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilwoman Sweet abstained as she was not at that meeting.

Claims- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that the Council needs to retroactively approve the claim docket that was supposed to be presented at the cancelled January 26, 2026, Council Meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that within Ordinance 2000-9 item 12 allows for expenses to be paid due to emergency circumstances. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that she printed checks on January 27, 2026, and all the claims have been paid. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett then presented tonight's claim docket in the amount of $393,411.04.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to retroactively approve the claim docket from the cancelled January 26, 2026, Council Meeting in the amount of $1,297,463.76. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve tonight's claim docket as presented in the amount of $393,411.04. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Hearing for Annexation- Councilwoman Rooks opened the public hearing for the Annexation of 7995 S US 31.

With no comments or discussions, Councilwoman Rooks closed the hearing.

Ordinance 2026-3 Amending Ordinance 2025-15 and Annexing of Real Estate (1st Reading)- Attorney Huddleston stated this is regarding the property at 7995 S US 31 that is proposing to annex into the Town and keep the current zoning of B3-highway business. Attorney Huddleston stated that the Council previously passed an ordinance regarding this but there were issues with the legal description and this corrects that legal description. Attorney Huddleston stated that this is the first reading only tonight.

Resolution 2026-2 Adopting A Capital Improvement Plan for the Shelby County EDIT- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that every two years the Town must adopt a capital improvement plan for EDIT funds. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this resolution plan is the same as what was approved in 2024, to use funds to include maintenance of Timbergate Golf Course property and any economic development related item.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-2 Adopting A Capital Improvement Plan for the Shelby County EDIT. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2026-3 Adopting A Capital Improvement Plan for the Bartholomew County EDIT- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that every two years the Town must adopt a capital improvement plan for EDIT funds. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this resolution plan is the same as what was approved in 2024, using funds for operation capital projects for Park and Rec, operation of Park and Rec community center or the JRDCC, and any economic development related item.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-3 Adopting A Capital Improvement Plan for the Bartholomew County EDIT. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2026-4 Appointing A New Commissioner to IMPA- Town Manager John Myers stated that since the Town is a part of IMPA, they can appoint a commissioner member to IMPA. Mr. Myers stated that Kevin Rubush has been the commissioner for many years, but Electric Manager Kevin Killinger would like to do it. Mr. Myers stated that with Mr. Killinger being a Town employee, he feels that it would be better to have him on the commission.

Discussion was held regarding when Mr. Killinger would take his oath of office.

Mr. Killinger thanked Mr. Rubush for being an IMPA commissioner over the years. Mr. Killinger stated that Mr. Rubush will be attending the next meeting with him.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-4 Appointing A New Commissioner to IMPA Kevin Killinger. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Annual Elected Official Conflict of Interest Forms- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this is an annual form. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that she only had Councilwoman Rooks form and her own. Neither currently have any conflicts, the forms still must be filled out and uploaded to Gateway.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Clerk-Treasurer Barrett's Annual Elected Official Conflict of Interest Form. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Councilwoman Rooks's Annual Elected Official Conflict of Interest Forms. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Annual Elected Official Nepotism Forms- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that this is an annual form. Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that she only has Councilwoman Rooks form and her own.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Clerk-Treasurer Barrett's Annual Elected Official Nepotism Form. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Councilwoman Rooks's Annual Elected Official Nepotism Form. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Wessler Invoice #48824 for Water Treatment Plant- Clerk-Treasurer Barrett presented Wessler Invoice #48824 for the water treatment plant. Water Superintendent Bill Jones has reviewed and approved. Need approval for payment and to be signed by Miriam.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve Wessler Invoice #48824 for Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $1,225.00. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve for Miriam Rooks to sign the invoice. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Roof Replacement Quotes- Town Manager John Myers presented three roof replacement and repair quotes for the Town Hall and old police department building. Mr. Myers stated that the quotes from ACR1 and Royalty Roofing quoted both roofs together whereas Moore's Roofing quoted them separately. Mr. Myers stated that ACR1 and Royalty Roofing want to replace both roofs. Moore's Roofing wants to replace the roof of the old police department and just seal the Town Hall roof as they feel that it does not need to be replaced at this time. Mr. Myers stated that replacing the old police department's roof would have a 15-year warranty and resealing the Town Hall's roof would have a 10-year warranty.

Discussion was held regarding the warranty currently on the Town Hall building roof and the high labor costs in that warranty, which was more than the quote from Moore's roofing.

Discussion was held regarding the old fire station's roof being replaced recently.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the quote from Moore's Roofing for the old police station in the amount of $9,890. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Town Manager John Myers to sign off on the old police station quote from Moore's Roofing. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the quote from Moore's Roofing for Town Hall in the amount of $15,300. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Town Manager John Myers to sign off on the Town Hall quote from Moore's Roofing. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Rooks asked how soon Moore's Roofing would start. Mr. Myers stated weather permitting.

Rumpke Contract Addendum No. 4- Town Manager John Myers stated that this a renewal and the final year of the contract. Mr. Myers stated that the price increases are consistent with the original contract. Mr. Myers stated that they will be negotiating a new contract or taking bids for one later this year.

Discussion was held regarding the process of taking closed bids for the garbage contract.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve Rumpke Contract Addendum No. 4. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Town Manager John Myers to sign off on Rumpke Contract Addendum No. 4. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Kleinpeter Consulting Group Service Agreement- Town Manager John Myers stated that this agreement is for the Davis-Bacon Act salary requirements for the federal money for the mixers, hydrants, and valves. Mr. Myers stated that Attorney Huddleston has reviewed the contract in the amount of $9,833.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Kleinpeter Consulting Group Service Agreement for $9,833. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Councilwoman Rooks to sign off on the Kleinpeter Consulting Service Group Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ESI Professional Services Agreement- Town Manager John Myers stated that this is another company that he and Planning Director Julie Young looked at for building inspections and reviews. Mr. Myers stated they spoke with other Towns using this company and they are all very happy with them. Mr. Myers stated that he and Director Young were impressed with this company and would like to bring them on as well as the other company.

Discussion was held regarding this company being in addition to the other one as the busier months approach.

Councilwoman Sweet asked if the services were a monthly fee or by what the company does.

Chris Schiever with ESI stated that there are two components. Mr. Schiever stated that there is a monthly fee that covers plan review, phone calls, emails, and text messages that is not actually an inspection. Then there is a charge per inspection done.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the ESI Professional Services Agreement. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Councilwoman Rooks to sign off on the ESI Professional Services Agreement. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Line Recloser Purchase- Ben Huckaba with Alpha Engineering stated their company provides engineering services to the Town and works closely with the electric department. Mr. Huckaba stated that the industrial park substation project has been going on for several years. Mr. Huckaba stated that the transformer ordered several years ago should be arriving this summer. Mr. Huckaba stated that when the project started, it was going to be a switchgear style substation as it was going to be the most cost-effective way to do the project. Mr. Huckaba stated that they put it out for bids in December and recommend the Town reject that piece of equipment as the cost proved to be much higher than originally estimated. Mr. Huckaba stated that they are doing value engineering to move to the alternative design, which is an overhead style substation, like the current substation on Roosevelt Avenue. Mr. Huckaba stated that the line reclosures pertain to the 252 project and they recommend the bid be awarded to Wesco who came out to be the lowest bidder.

Discussion was held regarding the price difference between the bids and the different types of equipment used. Mr. Huckaba stated that the higher bids were more robust equipment.

Discussion was held regarding whether those items would later be needed and additionally charged. Mr. Huckaba stated that no there would not be an additional charge later as the higher bid products was a more sophisticated product with more features and the lower bid is a simpler product with less features.

Discussion was held regarding the 40-week lead time for Wesco.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Line Recloser Purchase bid Wesco in the amount of $101,829. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recommendation to Authorize Site Preparation- Ben Huckaba with Alpha Engineering stated that site preparation is the next critical step for the substation which was sent out for bid and the deadline was in December 2025. Mr. Huckaba recommended the bid for site preparation be awarded to Robertson Paving.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Recommendation to Authorize Site Preparation bid from Robertson Paving in the amount of $294,335. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Circuit Breaker Bid Recommendation- Ben Huckaba with Alpha Engineering stated that in the similar time frame as the previous item, they sent this out for bid. Mr. Huckaba stated that the circuit breaker is the most important piece of equipment that protects the entirety of the substation and ensures it operates correctly. Mr. Huckaba stated that they are recommending purchasing the primary unit and a backup one as well, both from Brownstown Electric Supply Company.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Circuit Breaker Bid Recommendation bid from Brownstown Electric Supply Company in the amount of $207,580. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Substation Transformer Value Engineering Quotes- Ben Huckaba with Alpha Engineering stated that the transformer is in process and is a multi-year item but is expected later this year. Mr. Huckaba stated that by changing the original design, it changes how the transformer connects to the rest of the substation. Mr. Huckaba stated that there are two aspects to the manufacturing process of the transformer they are requesting approval for. Mr. Huckaba stated that by approving these changes will save the Town multiple millions of dollars.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Substation Transformer Value Engineering Quotes from Niagara Power Transformer for low voltage and neutral bushings for $8,000 and the low voltage arresters for $11,516.48 for a total amount of $19,516.48. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Quotes for Police Vehicle Lights- Deputy Police Chief Shawn Kelsay presented three quotes to outfit the two Chevrolet Silverado's that the Council previously approved. Deputy Chief Kelsay stated that they recommend going with JTN Services as they are the cheapest and they have used them for the last two years.

Discussion was held regarding the differences between the quotes.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Quotes for Police Vehicle Lights from JTN Services in the total amount of $33,489.50 for both vehicles to be outfitted. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Tiered Insurance Discussion- Parks Director Daniel Teter stated that they are trying to establish a balance between insurance requirements and what the actual risk is when it comes to Town events and vendors. Director Teter stated that they met with four different communities to discuss how they do their insurance for events and vendors but found that no one does anything alike. Director Teter stated that they pulled things from each community to figure out what suited the Town. Director Teter stated that they are trying to be able to offer good events and programs without putting the Town at risk but also understanding that sometimes a risk must be taken. Director Teter stated that they have had multiple conversations with the Town's insurance representative who stated that he understands that at times the Town will make that decision to take low risk after weighing the pros and cons. Director Teter stated that they created three tiers and gave examples of vendors or events that would be in each tier.

Discussion was held regarding who Director Teter worked with on creating this including our insurance representative as well as the Town Manager and the Director of Administrative Services.

Councilwoman Buck asked if the Town would do the different tiers throughout the year or just choose one.

Director Teter stated that the Town would do the different tiers throughout the year. Director Teter stated that this would give them direction on what can be accepted from different vendors so that Council approval is not needed for every single vendor and gives them flexibility to do things in a timelier manner. Director Teter stated that they put examples of what would be in each tier on the chart and if

there was an exception they would still approach the Council. Director Teter stated that the tiers he presented cover the vendors or events that repetitively come through.

Discussion was held regarding this tiered system allowing more events and making decisions easier.

Discussion was held regarding Town Manager John Myers being included in the decision making.

Mr. Myers stated that he feels that they need to sit down and fine tune this a little more before Council approval.

2026 Chevrolet Silverado Quotes- Electric Manager Kevin Killinger stated that it was planned to purchase one vehicle in 2026. Mr. Killinger presented three quotes for a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado. Mr. Killing stated that even though it is approximately $200 more than the quote from Kelley Chevrolet, he recommends the Country Chevrolet as it has more options.

Discussion was held regarding whether this vehicle was budgeted for.

Mr. Killinger stated that Kelley Chevrolet is also farther away, approximately a three-hour drive.

Discussion was held regarding Country Chevrolet's ability to get vehicles in for a repair. Police Chief Doyne Little stated that they can use any Chevrolet dealership.

Discussion was held regarding past vehicle purchases from Country Chevrolet.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the 2026 Chevrolet Silverado Quote from Country Chevrolet in the amount of $51,086.60. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Killinger stated that he was going to present a contract renewal with Daupler but they are going to do more research on other options then approach the Council.

Request to Sell Equipment- Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that in 2019/2020, they had a filter problem which led them to purchase equipment to feed a certain chemical. Superintendent Jones presented photos to the Council and stated that the large yellow sticker on the tank shows that the chemical is an oxidant. Superintendent Jones stated that because of this, the tank cannot be sold to just anybody. Superintendent Jones stated that Cambridge City wants to use that same chemical and asked about the storage tanks the water department has if they could potentially purchase them from us. Superintendent Jones stated that Cambridge City is going to use them for the exact same chemical and that he would like to sell the storage tanks that were originally purchased for approximately $1200 to Cambridge City for $500. Superintendent Jones asked for direction on how to proceed.

Attorney Huddleston stated that Superintendent Jones could send him the information so that he could put together a deal like the Town has done in the past with other departments.

Huston Electric Construction Agreement- Taylor Greathouse with Wessler Engineering requested approval to enter into an agreement with Huston Electric to add mixers to the elevated storage tanks.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones that this is the contract for Huston Electric who was awarded the bid for this job.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones discussed the purpose of the mixers

Discussion was held regarding these being paid for by SRF funds.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Huston Electric Agreement to add mixers to the elevated storage tanks in the amount of $60,900.06. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Councilwoman Rooks to sign off on the Huston Electric Construction Agreement. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Huston Electric, Inc. Notice to Proceed- Taylor Greathouse with Wessler Engineering stated that this officially starts the contract and requires them to have a substantial completion within 90 days, and a final completion in 120 days.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Huston Electric, Inc. Notice to Proceed. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Clerk-Treasurer Barrett to sign off on the Huston Electric, Inc. Notice to Proceed. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Infrastructure Systems, Inc. Construction Agreement- Taylor Greathouse with Wessler Engineering stated that this is another extension of the current funds. Ms. Greathouse requested approval to enter into an agreement with Infrastructure Systems, Inc. to replace valves and hydrants throughout Town.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the Infrastructure Systems, Inc. Construction Agreement to replace valves and hydrants in the amount of $300,133. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Councilwoman Rooks to sign off on the Infrastructure Systems, Inc. Construction Agreement. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Infrastructure Systems, Inc. Notice to Proceed- Taylor Greathouse with Wessler Engineering stated this is the same as the previous which requires them to have a substantial completion within 90 days, and a final completion in 120 days.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to approve the Infrastructure Systems, Inc. Notice to Proceed. Councilwoman Sweet seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Buck made a motion to authorize Clerk-Treasurer Barrett to sign off on the Infrastructure Systems, Inc. Notice to Proceed. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

SRF Front-End Certification- Taylor Greathouse with Wessler Engineering stated that this is just a document stating that they have the correct permitting and land use to use the SRF funds.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to approve the SRF Front-End Certification. Councilwoman Buck seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Sweet made a motion to authorize Clerk-Treasurer Barrett to sign off on the Front-End Certification. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Baker Tilly CIP/FSP Presentation-Scott Finley with Baker Tilly gave a presentation over BT+ TIF+. Mr. Finley stated that this is the same services Baker Tilly currently provides but now packaged into one fixed monthly fee that reflects 10% off standard fees. Mr. Finley stated that the services included in the package would be specific to the Town and its needs. Mr. Finley stated that the fixed monthly fee comes with a stated annual amount of 200 hours. If not all the hours are used by the end of the year, the remaining hours will be credited back. Mr. Finley stated that in 2025 the Town paid $42,150 for these services minus the CIP and financial stability plan. For these additional services, the annual amount would increase to $58,000.

Mr. Finley gave a presentation on fiscal sustainability and capital planning. Mr. Finley stated that a capital improvement plan provides an outlook on the Town's capital spending over a 5 to 10-year period and identifies major capital projects for each governmental fund or department and how the work will be paid for. Mr. Finley stated that it helps prioritize these projects based on available funding, urgency, public safety, public demand, economic impact, etc. Mr. Finley stated that you become more proactive with capital expenses instead of reactive.

Discussion was held regarding this being the second time this has been presented to the Council.

Discussion was held regarding whether the Town would be locked in with this for a specific number of years.

Clerk-Treasurer Barrett stated that with SEA 1 she feels that this would be very beneficial to have, especially since they are expecting the Town to lose 66% of their local income tax.

Discussion was held regarding what was included in the package. The cost would be $4,900 monthly and would include the services we currently receive but at a 10% discount and would also include the financial sustainability and the capital planning.

Councilwoman Rooks stated that she is in favor of this.

Town Manager John Myers stated that he feels it will be very helpful throughout the year and that the county has been doing it for years with their financial team and it is very helpful at budget time.

Discussion was held regarding whether this was budgeted for and what funds could be used to pay for it.

Other Business

Councilwoman Sweet thanked all the Town employees for their work snow plowing.

Town Manager John Myers stated that last year it was discussed to purchase a mini-excavator for the cemetery which was approved. Mr. Myers stated at that time there was also discussion about purchasing a new pickup truck in the near future. Mr. Myers stated that during the snowstorm, the truck went down and will cost $3,500 to repair. Mr. Myers stated that repairs cost more than the truck is worth so they will present quotes for a new truck for the cemetery at the next Council meeting. Mr. Myers stated that it would be paid for out of the Badger fund. Mr. Myers stated that he is still investigating the intersection at Walnut Street and Industrial Drive that a citizen brought up at the previous Council meeting.

Councilwoman Rooks thanked Town employees for snow plowing as well as Town Manager Myers helping.

Town Manager John Myers stated that every department pitched in with the snow.

Councilwoman Rooks stated that she is very proud.

Police Chief Doyne Little stated that they are staying busy and that the number of overdoses is increasing. Chief Little stated that they are working with the sheriff's department and did a raid with them. Chief Little stated that the school also reached out to do training with teachers on early release days a couple times a month about different topics such as active threats and narcotics. Chief Little stated that they have a couple Dodge Durango's down with engine problems.

Councilwoman Rooks stated that she saw their new K9 vests made the newspaper.

Chief Little stated that Officer Pendleton's K9 got awarded a bulletproof vest and it was on the radio as well. Chief Little stated that they are looking at insurance as a couple things have changed on insurance.

Cemetery Superintendent Stan Brown stated that they are looking at a multipurpose truck. Superintendent Brown stated that their 1998 Chevrolet truck went down so they got their money's worth out of it.

Water Superintendent Bill Jones stated that at a previous Council meeting he talked about well five needing cleaned and maintenance. Superintendent Jones stated that if he goes with Peerless Midwest, who built the well, for a bid of $34,300 they will take the well pit and chemically clean it. Superintendent Jones stated that it will take two to three months to get on the schedule.

Discussion was held regarding whether this was budgeted for, Superintendent Jones stated that he has a maintenance program for the wells and money is available.

Superintendent Jones stated that when they clean the well, they will also take the pump and motor and rebuild them.

Discussion was held regarding the other wells.

Discussion was held regarding adding this to the next Council meeting agenda.

Electric Manager Kevin Killinger stated that the first three weeks were great.

Public Comments

Kyle Caraway, 124 West Thompson Street, had Police Chief Doyne Little hand packets out to the Council members. Mr. Caraway directed Council members to page two of the packet. Mr. Caraway stated that the purpose of this document is intended to be printed and presented in full at an upcoming Town Council meeting. It documents ongoing damage, establishes municipal notice, references a pending Indiana tort claim notice, and outlines statutory duties and case law. Mr. Caraway stated that this packet is factual and non-emotional and is prepared to be for the public record. Mr. Caraway stated that the United States Postal Service and other commercial semi-trucks repeatedly used the alleyway behind his home. Mr. Caraway stated that the alleyway was never designed or rated for heavy commercial traffic and semi-trucks drive onto his private driveway, mount curves and corners, strike fixed objects, and encroach near residential structures. Mr. Caraway stated that these conditions have existed and have been reported for over five years. Mr. Caraway stated that the United States Postal Service already uses alternate routes during festivals, road closures, and special events proving rerouting is feasible. Mr. Caraway stated that

between 2019 and 2020 there were initial complaints regarding alleyways and semi-truck traffic. Mr. Caraway stated from 2023 to 2024 they continued reporting this to the Town who acknowledged the issue. Mr. Caraway stated in 2024 the Town hired engineers to evaluate the alleyway. Mr. Caraway stated in October of 2025 he was instructed by Council members to return if no action occurred within 30 days. Mr. Caraway stated on December 29th, 2025, the ordinance amendment request was denied on the second reading. Mr. Caraway stated that the Chief of Police acknowledges the issue and is supportive of the resolution. Mr. Caraway stated that the previous Street Department Superintendent promised a yellow line separating the driveway from the alleyway, but it never happened. Mr. Caraway stated that the current Street Department Superintendent stated signage is available and ready. Mr. Caraway stated that repeated heavy commercial traffic, including United States Postal Service semi-trucks has caused driveway cracking, edge collapse, and sub-base failure consistent with load beyond residential design standards. Mr. Caraway stated that semi-trucks have struck a 30-foot guardrail adjacent to his garage on multiple occasions tearing it free from three welded anchor points. Mr. Caraway stated that police reports were filed documenting property damage, vehicle impacts, and safety hazards. Mr. Caraway stated that despite documented notice, the Town declined to provide repair assistance or traffic control. Mr. Caraway stated that as a disabled United States Army veteran, he was forced to perform emergency self-repairs on the guardrail without traffic control and was nearly struck by passing semis. Mr. Caraway stated that semi-truck drivers have contacted police requesting that he move his legally parked vehicles because the trucks are unable to safely complete the turns into the alley. Mr. Caraway stated that he operates a nonprofit community disc-golf initiative supporting veterans and individuals with disabilities, PTSD, and suicidal issues. Mr. Caraway stated that the Town's continued inaction has caused significant time loss, stress, and financial strain. Mr. Caraway stated that his property has been listed for sale for over 12 months, and the unresolved alleyway condition has negatively affected marketability and buyer's interest. Mr. Caraway stated that he has declined to repair the driveway at personal expense until the Town resolves the root cause, as repeated re-damage is inevitable. Mr. Caraway stated that notice of this damaged condition was provided to the Town in early 2022, when he appeared before the Town Council, spoke on record, and hand delivered a packet like today containing photographs and documents of the damage. Mr. Caraway stated that this information was entered into the public record and placed into the Town's possession. Mr. Caraway stated that a formal Indiana Tort Claim notice was submitted on January 8th, 2026, pursuant to Indiana Code 34-13-3-8. Mr. Caraway stated that as of this date, no written response has been provided. Mr. Caraway stated Indiana Code 34-13-3-3 governs governmental immunity, and its limits. Mr. Caraway stated that immunity does not apply where a government entity has actual knowledge of a dangerous condition and fails to take responsibility for the action, or to correct or mitigate the condition. Mr. Caraway stated in Ladra V. State of Indiana, 177 N.E.3d 412 (Ind. 2021), the Indiana Supreme Court held the governmental immunity does not apply when the government knows of a dangerous condition and allows it to persist without reasonable corrective action. Mr. Caraway stated Indiana courts recognize that the municipalities owe a duty to maintain public streets and alleys in a reasonable, safe condition once actual or constructive notice of a hazard exists. Mr. Caraway stated that residential alleyways are designed for passenger vehicles and light service traffic, not repeated heavy semi loads. Mr. Caraway stated that United States Postal Service semi-trucks exceed axle load ratings and turning radiuses assumptions used to residential alley design. Mr. Caraway stated that the Town's own engineering review confirms, to his acknowledgement, both the safety risk and the feasibility of the corrective action. Mr. Caraway stated that he respectfully requests that the Town take the following actions without further delay; immediate installation of available signage and vehicle class restrictions, enforcement and redirection of United States Postal Service semi-truck traffic, written response to the pending Indiana tort claim notice, and adoption of a permanent ordinance for traffic control solution. Mr. Caraway stated that for the record, he is not seeking conflict but is seeking resolution. Mr. Caraway stated continued inaction after documented notice places the Town in an indefensible legal position. Mr. Caraway stated that he is prepared to proceed pro se if necessary but prefers cooperation over litigation. Mr. Caraway stated that he prepared this himself. Mr. Caraway stated

that there is a post-meeting follow-up in the packet for the Council members to read. Mr. Caraway stated that there is also a law enforcement report that states the officer stated that Officer Hyer believed that the town owns the guardrail. Mr. Caraway presented a photo taken by the Edinburgh Police Department and stated that it was the damages caused by the United States Postal Service. Mr. Caraway stated that it was not rectified by the Town and was posted onto him because they claimed that he owned the guardrail.

Councilwoman Sweet asked when this photo was taken.

Mr. Caraway stated that it would have been with the law enforcement report on November 23, 2021. Mr. Caraway stated that the other photos in the packet were taken by him within the last 30 days and are the current conditions of the alleyway.

Town Manager John Myers asked Attorney Huddleston if there is notice of a tort claim, should this be discussed in public.

Attorney Huddleston stated that Mr. Caraway just gave this out but if Council wants, he can look at it and respond.

Mr. Myers stated that he would like to discuss this with Attorney Huddleston.

Adjourn

Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Buck made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bryant seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0pagNU7lg5FkjGffQyWphtcPehlL-R5g for as long as this media is supported.

EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL

Ryan Piercefield, President

Miriam Rooks, Vice President

Absent
Debbie Buck

Sherri Sweet

Michael Bryant

ATTEST:

Rhonda Barrett, Clerk-Treasurer