

MEETING MEMO

APRIL 2026 – TOWN OF SUNMAN PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: 04.16.2026, TIME: 6:30 P.M., LOCATION: 604 N. MERIDIAN ST., SUNMAN, IN 47041,
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CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
 - Randy Zins called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 PM
- ❖ Roll Call
 - Absent: Don Foley
- ❖ Adoption of the Agenda
 - Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of APV for emergency repairs to the Eastern Lift Station, 2nd Randy Zins

GUEST

- ❖ Michael Grim - District Deputy Director for U.S. Rep. Erin Houchin – via phone
 - FY27 Community Project Update

Michael Grim here. I'm filling in on behalf of Representative Erin Houchin regarding a Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project update. - My name is Michael Grimm, and I work for Congresswoman Erin Houchin n's office. Cheryl Taylor approached us last fall about some water projects, so I'm here to provide an update on where things stand with your submission. The good news is that the Congresswoman has accepted the project at 80% of the requested rate, which comes to \$3.7 million and some change. That now moves to the subcommittee on appropriations, where it will be discussed and voted on. From there, it follows the standard legislative process for a bill to become law on Capitol Hill and for the project to be funded. In terms of what you can expect moving forward, the first step is the subcommittee markup. That is when we will have more information about how much the federal government can contribute to the project. The amount may be less than requested, but we submitted the maximum eligible under the funding guidelines. As the legislation moves through the markup process and we learn more about available funding, we will stay in touch with Cheryl and your team to provide updates. Beyond that, it becomes a waiting game as the legislative process continues in Washington. Over the summer, we should have more clarity on the funding level. After that, we will wait until the end of the fiscal year as Congress works through the broader budget process. At that point, there are two possible outcomes. First, the project is funded. If that happens, in the first quarter of next year, the agency—likely the EPA—will contact you to begin the drawdown process for the awarded funds. The second possibility is that the project is not funded because Congress does not pass a budget and instead adopts a continuing resolution. That is not the preferred outcome, as it typically maintains prior funding levels rather than approving new projects. This situation occurred in 2024. In that case, projects were not funded, and applicants were given the opportunity to reapply the following year by updating their paperwork and letters of support. Many chose to do so successfully. Others pursued alternative funding sources and did not reapply, which was entirely voluntary. That is the current status. I'm happy to answer any questions about the process or what to expect moving forward. At this stage, updates are more qualitative than quantitative, as we are waiting for movement through the process in Washington. Our office will continue to keep you informed as more details become available.

Randy Zins asked about the time frame for spending the funds. Michael explained that all the funds had to be obligated in the year 2027.

Randy Zins wanted to extend his thanks to the entire town for the letters of support. Cheryl Taylor stated that we received everything we needed to be ready for this project by way of the SRF and OCRA. Randy thanked HWC Engineering and Therber Brock & Associates.

REPORTS

❖ Town Marshal (Report Attached)

- Brian Maynard - A few roads were affected more than usual due to the storms that came through. We had water, trees, and power lines down in the roadway. Other than that, there hasn't been much activity—hardly any traffic stops—but we've already started making up for that this month. That's about all I have on operations. Right now, it's essentially been me handling things. Looking at staffing, Reserve Officer Davidson has been tied up with his landscaping work, and John Moatsmeyer has been extremely busy with construction, given the time of year. So it's mainly been me and Morgan. We've used her on a couple of calls, and that has worked out well. Things are moving in the right direction. The only item I have under my name is training. I brought it up last month but was told to wait and place it on the agenda. The cost is approximately \$100 per person, and we may be able to get it cheaper if we purchase as a group. In the past, I've paid for this out of pocket, but the full cost is \$500.

Police-One Training – Carol Eckstin motioned to approve up to \$500.00, 2nd Randy Zins.

❖ Ordinance Violations (Report Attached)

- One violation warning for debris in stormwater ditch. That was cleaned up.

❖ Utility (report attached)

Connor Getz

- Wellhead Protection Plan

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the changes made in the Wellhead Protection Plan, 2nd Randy Zins

- Training

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve training expenses of \$125.00 each for Connor & Austin, 2nd Randy Zins

- Mini Excavator

Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the purchase from a private seller up to \$6500.00 for a mini excavator and attachments from the Rainy Day Fund, 2nd Randy Zins

CLERK-TREASURER

❖ Approval of Meeting Memorandum – March 30, 2026 Regular Public Meeting

- Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the meeting memo for 03.30.2026, 2nd Randy Zins

❖ March Utility Adjustments, Fund Reports, and Financial Statement

- Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the Utility Adjustments, Fund Reports, and Financial Statement, 2nd Randy Zins

❖ APV Register – March 2025

- Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the March APV's, 2nd Randy Zins

❖ Announcement for Grant Submission – Auto-sampler Cofunding

- Cheryl Taylor reported to the council that the grant was submitted to RSRF for the auto-sampler and that cofunding for the project would be up to \$1500.00.

OLD / UNFINISHED / TABLED BUSINESS

❖ Ordinance 2026-07– Parking and Maintenance on Town Property

- Carol Eckstein motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-07– Parking and Maintenance on Town Property, 2nd Randy Zins

❖ Ordinance 2026-03 Ordinance Cross-Connection and Backflow Prevention

- Carol Eckstein motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-03 Ordinance Cross-Connection and Backflow Prevention, 2nd Randy Zins
- ❖ Draft Ordinance for Redevelopment Commission
 - Randy Zins motioned to table the matter, 2nd Carol Eckstein.
- ❖ Funding Agreement – Lifetime Resources
 - Carol Eckstein motioned to approve the funding agreement with Life time Resources in the amount of \$1500.00, 2nd Randy Zins.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Ordinance 2026-08 – Utility Easements and Connections
 - Randy Zins motioned to table the matter, 2nd Carol Eckstein.
- ❖ Resolution 2026-09 – Removal of Barriers
 - Randy Zins motioned to table the matter, 2nd Carol Eckstein.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

- ❖ Open floor

ADJOURNMENT

- Carol Eckstein motioned to adjourn at 7:29 PM, 2nd Randy Zins

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:30 PM to consider

- SANITARY SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AND AUTHORIZING ENFORCEMENT ACTION, NOTICE, AND ACCESS FOR UTILITY CONNECTIONS

NEXT MEETING	April 21, 2026 – 6:30 PM.	Special Meeting
NEXT MEETING	May 21, 2026 –6:30 PM	Regular Meeting

OTHER MATTERS TABLED

- DORA
- Master Meter – Trees
- Local Tax Option
- Annexation of Utility Customers
- 313 Western Avenue
- Website Construction & Updates

Memorandum approved this 21 st day of May 2026.



Randy Zins, Council President

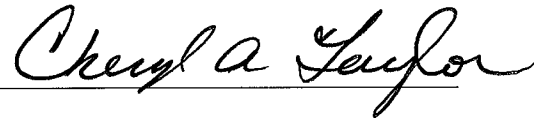


Carol Eckstein, Council Member



 Don Foley, Council Member

Megan Dell



Attest, Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

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Town Council – Governing Body
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Carol Eckstein, Term 1/25-12/28
Don Foley, Term 1/25-12/28

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Clerk-Treasurer - Elected 4-year term
Cheryl Taylor, Term 1/23-12/26

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Park Board – Appointed
Julie Brock 1/25-12/28
Tricia Freyer 1/25-12/28
Micah Webster 3/25-12/28
Denise Lunsford-Resigned-Open

Area Planning & Zoning Representative
Appointed 3/25– Micah Webster

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