

Town of Clarks Hill

Town Board Meeting

March 02, 2026

Community Building

6:30pm

Officers Present: Carla J Stearns, Town Council President, Sherry Sumner, Brad Warf Absent

Others: Diana Luper, C/t, Bruce Luper, CB, Andy Doke Water and Sewer Super, Scott Fisher
CHPD

Others: Morgan Washington, Rein Washington, Paige Bennet Health Department, Carol Courser, Kathy Vernon, Michelle Davis, Kelly Farrell. From Commonwealth Riley Duffy, Walker S.

Carla: Opened the meeting.

Carla moved to suspend the reading of Feb 2026 minutes and approve the minutes as written. Sherry 2nd it. Approved

Carla said we have a couple of guests here from Commonwealth with an update to the Sewer Project. So, we're going to start with them.

Walker, all right. So, here is an update. My name is Walker Shing. I'm with Engineers. From Commonwealth give an update on the Sewer Plant project. Since the last update, we have done and performed the site survey and completed that. We've also done some preliminary hydraulic. calculations and have a completed hydraulic profile for the plant. We're planning to do large pump calculations. this week. Additionally, we just received a revised. preliminary effluent limits for the plant by item and there will be a phosphorus limit that will apply as part of the new NPDS permit once the new plant is in service.

Additionally, we had a design team site visit that occurred on Thursday, February 5th. this included CI members Andy and alliance. We're currently planning to submit the Item construction permits uh on to be ending on March 20th. And this permit will require two signatures that are on the back two pages and are attached. Carla Town Board President signed these papers.

Additionally, we're planning to have a preliminary set of process drawings excluding structural and electrical. to be ready for our QAPC um before March 13th. We've attached a copy of the prepared site plan as a part of the agenda. And there's also a copy of the

prepared process flow hiring. And then as well, we also have an updated project task list showing our current status and all of our tasks for this project.

And statues Have a technical sub consulting scheduled to mobilize before March 30th to take some soil bars. We're also going to obtain some final proposals for our Wastewater system for the plant and then finalize the design parameters for the light pumps. Additionally, final vendor coordination for our blowers for the plant and then we have onboard coordination for selecting dewatering equipment as well.

Additionally complete our internal FAQ of the plan specifications for that item permit application and then finalize design phase for the construction process.

And then as part of our attachments, we have the task list, the site plan.

process flow diagram update, and then I've got. the two items. Any questions or anything? Anything that I have. Thank you. So, you don't decide if there was an extension certified but this is for Okay. Thank you.

Paige Bennett is from the Tippecanoe County health department, and she wants to get us some information about putting a Narcan box somewhere within the town.

The whole thing written out just so hi my name is Paige Bennett I'm a program manager at the India County Health Department where I oversee the gateway to hope which is our county's. Overdose prevention and harm reduction program our role at the health department is simply protect the health. And safety of our community that includes preventing disease connecting people to care and preventing deaths. That are preventable in 2023 Indiana reported 2024. overdose deaths. 75% involved opioids including fentanyl. While that number is still devastating, it marked a 17% decrease from 2022. And current data suggests Indiana may see an additional increase, 19% increase in 2025. Here in Tippecanoe County, we have seen the same positive trends since 2022. We have 45 overdose deaths in 2022, 28 in 2023, and 20 in 2024. 2025's numbers aren't officially release those reductions are not accidental. They're results of intentional evidence-based strategies, including expanding access to Naloxone. Narcan, also known as Narnian, is a medication that reverses opioid overdose and it works by binding the opioid receptors to the brain and restoring breathing. It often within or minutes. It's safe, easy to use, and causes no harm to anybody, even if they're not experiencing an opioid overdose. Through Gateway to Hope and our community partnerships, we have distributed thousands of doses of Naloxone, and we have received hundreds of reported overdose reversals. We're at 331 overdose reversals reported just through the mine program date of hope for 2025. That means hundreds of people are alive today because somebody has access to naloxone. And I want to be clear. Naloxone isn't just for people who are actively using

substances or using illicit substances. It's not just for addicts. It's for anybody who can experience an opioid overdose. So, sometimes it's for an elderly neighbor who accidentally takes that extra dose of medication because they forgot. Um, it's a veteran struggling with PTSD who takes one too many pain pills trying to sleep. A student experiments and wants and doesn't realize that that pill that they bought on the street contains fentanyl. And a patient recovering from surgery whose body reacts differently than expected. There are multiple reasons why somebody could have an overdose. Um, somebody even with years of sobriety faced one painful night and a relapse, they didn't get a second chance if it wasn't for Nox. Overdose doesn't discriminate and it affects families across every demographic in the canoe like in Lafayette, Greater Lafayette and even New York still. Um, for somebody access matters, especially in the rural areas where EMS response times can vary. Our goal at the Tippecanoe County Health Department and specifically my program was to increase access to our surrounding counties. Dayton approved a locked box in at their December town hall meeting and then their box was installed on January 7th. So, they're going on for two months and into March. The lock box provides 24/7 access to zone at no cost. There are no questions asked and it bridges the gap between crisis and care. Um, currently.

in Tippecanoe County there's 21 lock boxes including that one in Dayton and they're all located in Lafayette, West Lafayette, that one in Dayton. Um, so earlier like I was saying earlier this year they had that it's not for us, we can do it for our community. Um, and then I have some data if we want to hear it. In 2023, the leading age group for emergency department overdose visits in Indiana was ages 15 to 24, which is our youth population, with the third highest being those under 14. So, under 14, people are experiencing overdose visits going into the emergency rooms. Between July 16th and October 15th alone, there are 49 emergency department visits in Tippecanoe County for individuals under 18 related to overdose. These are kids and our neighbors and our families. This isn't about promoting drug use. It's not about it's about preventing the death associated. Anyone can face a crisis. Anyone can make a mistake. Having the lock zone available means that mistake doesn't have to be their last. By installing it in the lock box, we ensure that help is available immediately, not reliably without that stigma, not just when EMS arrives or the fire department. Every life in this community matters and we can save them. I had approached the fire well Morgan and then she connected me with the fire chief for Clark's Hill, and I had asked if we could put that box on the outside and that's how I was directed at the town board meeting. Our building. Yeah. I brought what an Elixane dose looks like. So, they were So, this is the box. Just thought people would want to see. So it's installed on the outside. We have various ways to install it. And then it opens. You can fit up to 12 doses in there if they're like Appreciate it.

Scott, I'm marshal here in town, and I've distributed a dose to a couple of juveniles before. it is a life-saving thing. One of them just happened to be intoxicated and was drinking alcohol that we could not catch scent of. So, it didn't affect him, but it didn't hurt him either. He was almost three times the legal limit when we got him to the hospital. They pumped his stomach and brought him back. I had a deputy marshal that distributed a dose down in the trailer park and I believe contributed to saving a young man's life when he was still here a couple years ago. One thing I would say is the same concerns that the board expressed as people messing with it. My town is exceptional in juveniles getting stuff. They have vandalized the post office numerous times, going in there, stealing the stuff, throwing it all over the floor, throwing it down the road. I tend to believe they would. I know the access is important and quick. I would love to see it inside like the clerk's office because they're there the most visible for people to just come in and get a dose keeps in your house because every minute counts with it. If you want to put it outside, I've got a couple of ideas. Like our fire station, the pop machine was vandalized heavily. We could not figure that out on video because of a side shot of it I can never see the damage that occurred. So, I didn't know when it happened. Yeah. To be able to catch videos. If we put it in front of the town hall on the outside, like under the window by the free book thing, it's got to be under the window or towards the book thing. I've got two camera angles and they both face it. Um, it's just a little bit of a far shot, but still, it would be a good shot. I could tell them something happened, trace the video back to the actual person that did it. Um, but if the responsibility is all on them and they're willing to take that risk, I support it. I would just prefer it to be inside the building so we don't have the damage, and people can come anytime they want to get a dose. Well, they can come if they are there. Yes. I mean, I think there's no restrictions on it. So, they can come in and say, "Hey, you know, my husband is taking these medications. I'd like to know if I can give it to them. They take it in their house and it's good for a year and a half, two years or yeah. So, there it's been proven that it's effective after the expiration date, too. So, I hand out fire and RV to people who use illicit substances every day and it works. the shelf life is incredible. That's awesome then because it's expanded from what it is like. Yes, absolutely. The biggest thing I mean is even my doses have days. Yeah, I know. Do you still like switching out all the expired doses because?

I don't like to hand out expired doses through boxes and stuff like that. but yeah,

I'm in support. I know it works. I know it saves lives. I'm just concerned like you guys will be about it being thrown out all over the ground or just they come in and clean it out and we find it over at the park laying on the ground busted and things like that. I mean my juveniles are exceptional in this town messing with stuff and we don't have the police presence near Dayton. I mean Dayton's got two full-time guys and three or four.

part-time. So, they cover almost 24/7. So just it's something for everybody to figure out how they want to do it. But if it is to be placed outside, I prefer it to be somewhere where we're facing the cameras at the fire station. I'll have side shots. I'd never be able to see when the damage occurred. So, is this more for like a preventative for people to take it home? Yeah. Not one that you need it. Correct. Get it in the middle of the night. I mean, I guess it depends on where you're at cause if you like to live centrally located and you really do need it, I Mean, even just minutes can save the life. So, if you were close, you could run out and get it. But yeah, I mean. it's just for the community to be able to have that dose. Um there's education, there's how to use it on the inside. The state of Indiana passed last year effective July 1 of 2025 that it's legal to carry any kind of 4 millime cannon.

You're covered by the good Samaritan and the good Samaritan lock zone and law.

They could attest to this being fire department staff. their response times are going to be equal to or better than that person that is in a panic not knowing what to do. Oh god, I got to run to town hall and get. one so that's on the outside. By the time they ran there and got back to their loved ones, they're on scene and if. I'm on duty, I guarantee you I'm going to be there before them. That was my thought. But yeah, that's why it's something you. guys got to weigh out. I think the availability is important. I think that it's great that it's going to be free for the people. It's just done we want it. on the outside? I look at the organizations that strategically place their boxes so they could be on the camera. And I'm working with the Battleground Police Department, and they want theirs outside of them. building, but they want it in the camera view as well. Yeah. CJ would be in the same.

West Lafayette Public Library also wanted, and we had to move their location just because of people. weren't really it being like out of in an alleyway and people really couldn't find it and people weren't. taking doses. So, then we put it in camera view, and I've had more success in that view anyway. Now do you put a sign that comes outward.

or a Shapes that can be seen on either side coming up the street or is it just the box? It's just this box and at the Unitarian. Church on the west side um they have their box next to their little library as well. I know you have mentioned. Something about Yeah, we got one of those little free Girl Scouts made. They have experience of signing above it saying you are on camera. Well, but then you might have most town already knows they're on camera, but then some people may be reluctant to get. it because you're on, I mean there's that's not something that I'm going to do, and I don't even think the county is going to go looking for prosecutions of our drug users to get that. now if I arrive on scene to save somebody and in plain view there's a bag of dope there. I mean, that's totally different. Nothing can be.

done. It's in plain view. It's mine. Um, but to go and look for it. We're not chasing them because they're going to save water. So, it's to protect it from being wasted and thrown all over the ground. I just wonder how we That was a deterrent to kids saying, "Oh, there's a camera facing this way." They already all know they're on camera. They don't care. The kids do what they do in the park, too. Those cameras got a few months out of them before they, but they have Do you guys have a if you come up on your opinion fire department what their thoughts are?

I can't speak to the fire department, but I will give my opinion. Okay. I am forwarded and I am willing to check it daily to make sure that people aren't messing with it and I mean I work. With Paige like since here we're not going to vote tonight. Okay. Um since we've got it recorded he can. listen to everything and we will vote on it next month. Okay. So, we know what everybody thinks and then if there's any people who do watch it then it will be okay.

as well but I will be on the town hall side so that the camera gets. it and that's completely understandable just for vandalism purposes not for anybody if somebody needs it and it, they have their house we're not right to care but if he finds it out in the park, we'll be able to kind of figure out who Okay. They're not here on plane. Said they'd be more apt to see it as opposed to not many people go. And if it doesn't work out, you can uninstall it and give it back. You know, there's like it's not like a like you have it forever. You know what if it's something that you guys want to try out. and then it's you know few months in you're like I'm not like its too many people are vandalizing it then We can talk about it and okay it's not like you signed up for like. I don't know how many years. They started getting I want the option to move it inside of town make it available I don't want it to go away. I've seen what it does it It's freaky when they come up from a dose of it is something else. My name is John Weeks, I am retired from the United States Air Force as position.

I'm an addict in recovery for over 28 years now. I attend meetings at the search center in Lafayette. I attend meetings up the hill at the recovery hub. I attend meetings in churches all around. I've been to Lebanon. I've been anyhow I'm very familiar with drugs and recovery from drugs. The recovery hub recovery hub actually they're a club for a source where people in recovery can go there safely to a safe place and they can drink coffee and play games you know and

The thing is they have bowls out there and the bowls are full of single doses of naman. So, I've got three doses in our camp in my own home. So, I always have something to happen. They do save lives and I'm very adamant about that. Being in this community and somewhere along the line someday somebody's going to get it. If just one person gets it

and they don't want to use anymore, then what can I see?

Okay. We have nothing else. All right. Well, like I said, we'll let.

Brad watches the thing and then we'll vote on it at the April meeting.

Andy has passed his water test. He's officially. So, we have signed another salary ordinance that includes his increase or hitting that milestone. So that's good for us because.

then we don't have to worry about relying on somebody else now, you know, because we had that for a while. it is time to sign for our next round of money coming from Tippecanoe County Commissioner's Office for our sewer treatment plant.

I have sent out the information about our abandoned house there on White Street just down from Wooten. he's had it in his hands for a month. I would assume four days, five days shy of a month. Is that the trailer next to Jennifer? Correct. Okay. with a lien paperwork.

Correct. I have heard nothing. So, I fully expect that he is going to make us go through the whole process. So, I gave it in 60 days. So, if we haven't heard anything. At the April meeting we will touch on it again and then once we hit the official 60-day mark I will contact our attorney and then they will start the process legally. the courtesy letter worked for the Last House. So, we did not have any expense in that other than mailing that letter. So, I was in hopes that it would wo. here, but I don't think we will end up being the ones who think soke that down. I just don't know the process once. it gets into the lawyer's hands. I don't know the timeline. but I would like to hope that by the end of the year we could have that back on. Jennifer is a little concerned about the tree, but unless she wants to try ratchet. Straps, I don't I mean the county can't do anything. There's like three trees that have grown up all. it is hanging on her house. On her property. The Town can't do anything about this tree. It would be up to her to hire an attorney, I was trying to look for the picture that she sent me, but she will have to hire somebody to come in and cut back. Then if she wants to try to collect her money from that person, you know, she's welcome to try. I just don't know. Looking at six months before we get the approval to go in and do. Anything. Yeah, I don't think she's looking at six months or less. At least by the end of the year. Beacon address, but I do have Kentucky. I can share it. You know, but the letter didn't come. back to us, so I'm sure that he did. He just sent to the Kentucky Land Trust LLC, whatever's in southern Indiana. If you look for that address, it has its name on it on Reconsider. Yeah. It's Kentucky Land Trust LLC or some business.

Diana has area plans for Wednesday and then she has the required training next.

Monday and Tuesday. So, she will be out then. Anything specific?

Andy, we had a few complaints about the chlorine in the drinking water being strong. we're well below the state recommendation. but I did turn down a little bit to run it like 1.6 1.3ish.

So, I turned it down to closer to one. Um, I am just trying to run it a little high in case the injector plugs up or something. I'd like there to be plenty of residuals.

there in case it stops pumping for one reason or another. But there must be somebody close to the plant. No one has said anything about it. It tests the same as the water. So, there's no issue there, but I'm just trying to be certainly good neighbor.

Yeah, that I would think it would be closer here when the pumps are running and it's ejecting. But, You know, I also had to explain to them that I don't take a bucket and throw it, you know, throw it somewhere like it's actually injected, you know, know, they're worried that one day I was making it stronger than the other day. And I'm like, no, it's consistent. You know, I don't I don't physically mix anything. so anyways, hopefully that, like I said, just kind of keep volume down a little bit, but we did have. I said I want to make sure we pass our E. coli test every month, you know, I try to make sure I think that's all. And then, the other thing is, it has been monitoring our water for people. because that's a new problem when it comes to water and we got the report today. We are peered. it's doing its job and it's not even there before it gets to that. system. Is that correct? That's correct. So, it's not in our wells. We're not, our water comes from the Taz River. So, we don't have quite the concerns that everybody else does with the Wabash, but nobody knows what happens if you drain this one. What? What happens to the other rivers that are under there? I don't think. Well, I haven't heard whether it was still a go or whether it was they're getting their water from Indianapolis. The last thing I heard works for me that's not to say that Indy and Down. They're not piping it all the way down there the only thing,

Carla, just in case anybody wants to know, Michelle and I just set the date for The Easter egg hunt will be the Sunday before Easter. March 29, So, it'll be out on Sunday at 2:00 am, out here in the yard and then we're going to have bingo. April 25th.

So, bingo. We're going to reserve that one for the end of the year. But we will up our cash prizes if anybody wants to come play bingo. Although, the Meat bingo was good. That was fun. We gave out steaks and roast and we got to change the way our bingo cards were because.

some of the it was meats instead of bingo and then you called. like him sirloin or whatever. So that was it was neat but there were a few that were a little tough to confuse to get through as well. we haven't set the date for bulky trash. I'm assuming it'll be. Sometime in

June, but we'll get that date set here fairly soon. does. anybody have anything else? Oh, come on up. I was wanting to know about doing the

Kelly wants to have the car show again the day before 500 races.

Carla, we haven't really had any complaints about the last couple of years. Okay. All right.

Kelly, I'll go around look and take a letter to everybody again. put a flyer in the post office. All right. All right. Thank you. And that's the Saturday of That's Saturday. Yes, it is. Yep.

Diana and James Cole are having Bulky trash on March 21 and they're taking. Electronics. Okay. And they're still taking tires too, I think, for a charge. Well, you must pay for them regardless of Cole Elementary.

Carla. I have found out about taking them to that place on Earl Avenue where they take electronics and stuff to smash them. They take anything and then people go in there and pay X amount of money. Just to crap out of copier. I know because I've got a couple of things I'm going to grab one of the guys to help me load because I can't load it.

They have they have got commercial printers stacked up out there behind their building like you wouldn't believe the last time I was there.

So, I'm assuming they let you go at it with a hammer or a sledgehammer or something. put yourself in a protective suit from the whole nine yards and let you beat the crap out!

Carla, I just want to go up to it and push it. Just shove it off the table. It is much more fun to get a hammer. Yeah. All right. Does anybody have anything else? with nobody else, I make a motion to adjourn.

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