

The Oldenburg Town Council met Monday, November 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building meeting room. After being called to order by President Brian Clagg, the minutes from the previous October meeting, Budget Reading #1, Budget Reading #2, and Executive Session were approved. Councilman Kerker made a motion to accept the minutes, Councilman Wahman seconded; all in favor.

First, the Oldenburg Fire Department presented the annual Lease and \$1.00 payment for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 rental of the Fire house. Councilman Wahman made a motion to accept the Lease, Councilman Kerker seconded. All in favor.

Next, Karen Enneking discussed the Oldenburg Museum and funding obtained thus far, as well as funding required going forward. Karen reached out to the Town's insurance agent, Bill Vankirk to discuss an insurance partnership. Piggybacking onto our existing policy would be no additional cost for 2025, and the cost of \$25.00 for next year (2026.) President Clagg stated he didn't see any issues covering the cost of the insurance rider. Councilman Kerker and Councilman Wahman agreed to covering the cost. Councilman Wahman made a motion to approve, Kerker seconded. All in favor.

President Clagg discussed the cost remaining for the blacktopping of the Pickleball court. The cost of \$63,830.00 will be paid by the Town, to meet the budgeted amounts for 2025, instead of splitting the cost as originally discussed. Going forward, Oldenburg Academy will pay for all of the fencing, painting, and additional finishing costs. OA continues to raise funds. Motion to approve paying the \$63,830.00 was made by Councilman Kerker, Councilman Wahman seconded. All in favor.

Next, President Clagg discussed HWC appraisal and Right of Way Acquisition contracts. The Town agreed to pay the \$26,595.00 for the appraisals for ROW Acquisition. The full price for the actual acquisition is \$95,270.00 (will be paid 80%/20%). After reading both contracts, Councilman Kerker made a motion to approve the ROW Acquisition Contract, and Councilman Wahman seconded. All in favor. Contracts signed.

Next, the question of Town warning sirens was raised. Where are the sirens located, do they test each Saturday at noon, who maintains? President Clagg confirmed he will investigate further and return information for next month's meeting.

President Clagg provided a Bridge 163 update. Bridge 163 is on Water Street, as you turn off of 229. Plans are to be completed by 2/11/26, the letting date is not expected until 2030, with construction likely not beginning until 2031.

Next Clagg discussed the alleyway between Kerker's and Wagner's. Wagner's owner Dan Saccomando reached out to discuss water in his basement being caused by drainage issues in relation to the alley. The question of whether or not the alley has been vacated arose. Town attorney John Kellerman is investigating and an update will be provided at the December meeting.

Next an Ordinance review was completed for Ordinances, Resolutions and Section Changes sent from Franklin county.

Next, the proposed Interlocal Agreement between Batesville City Court and the Town of Oldenburg was discussed. The city court will take on the ordinance prosecution on behalf of our town in exchange for their exclusivity for use of our Court and for the fee split. The fee split gives 100% of the Court Costs of a case to the city court. Any fine awarded or paid would be split 25% for the City 75% to the town. Any sanctions or attorney's fee award would be retained by the City. The agreement was reviewed and a Motion to Approve was made by Councilman Kerker, Councilman Wahman seconded. All in favor. Agreement signed.

Next a discussion was had regarding the town laptop used by former council president, Denny Moeller. Mr. Moeller requested to purchase the laptop. Re-sell costs vary, but the amount agreed upon was approximately \$100. Motion made by Kerker, seconded by Wahman. A retirement gift was then given to Mr. Moeller.

OB: Pearce Permitting for new Frontier cable. Project is due to come through town in March of 2026. Councilman Clagg discussed the holiday decoration brackets with them and ensured they will avoid those.

INDOT parking update – Plan was submitted and Council reviewed last month and gave INDOT recommendations. Since then, INDOT has stated the parking plan has been put "on hold" for now. There will be a sign for post office parking for 10 minutes, East of the mail drop box, and the next spot, East of that will have a 2 hour parking sign, during business hours: M-F, 8:00-5:00.

The Shane property was discussed and an Ordinance violation will be filed with the Batesville City Court.

Jim Meyer requested road blocking for Pearl Street for Holiday Under the Spires on 12/6 at 8:00 AM as a tentative measure. Council agreed that would not be a problem.

Steve Stahley mentioned that tomorrow night, from 5-7:00 PM, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce will have a meet-and-greet at the Taproom. The topic being discussed are **Grants**.

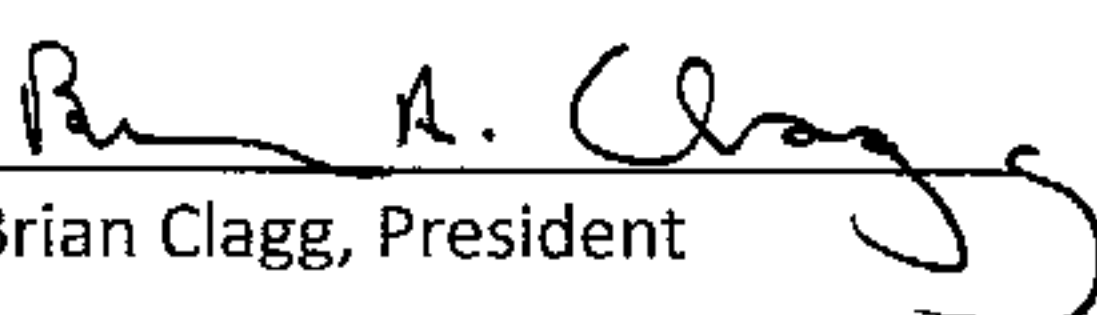
Town member Gary Munchel discussed the memorial trees at the Maypole Hertiage park. Village Voice, Church Bulletin, WRBI, and the Town Website are all ready for a notification blast. Forms are ready.

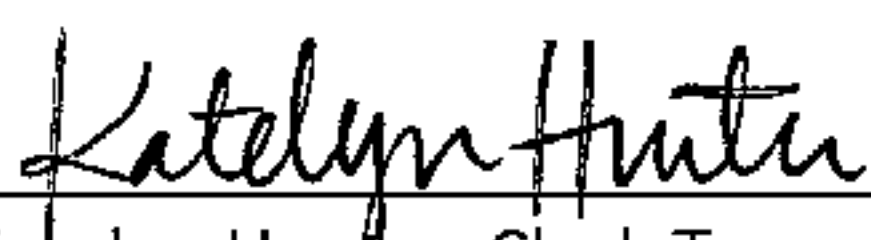
Officer Dramann introduced Bob Rauch as our newest Reserve officer who has competed the pre-basic course through the Ripley County Sheriff's Department.

Officer Dramann further discussed the lighting at the Police Station. The sign hasn't been lit. Councilmembers and officers will work together to rectify.

Town member Carrie Roessner questioned the 20 mph – President Clagg stated INDOT does not have the data to support a 20mph speed limit.

Councilman Kerker made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wahman seconded.


Brian Clagg, President


Katelyn Hunter, Clerk Treasurer