

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

October 27, 2025

Treasurer John Jacobs opened with the pledge of allegiance with Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour leading in prayer. The Town of White Hall Council meeting was held in the Council Chambers at the Town of White Public Safety Building and called to order by Mayor Jason DeFrance at 6:00 p.m.

Officers Roll Call:

<i>Mayor Jason DeFrance</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Bob Wotring</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Kristine Mason</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Treasurer John Jacobs</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Mandy Espanol</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Recorder Charles Mason</i>	<i>Present</i>

Also present:
Town Administrator Cindy Stover
Deputy Chief of Police Jakob Streyle

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the 10.13.25 meeting will be voted on at the next meeting.

Citizens' Concerns:

None.

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

The Treasurer & Financial Reports will be sent to Council in the following week to be voted on at the next meeting.

Communications & Announcements:

Workshop November 3 at 6 pm.

Middletown Commons Trick or Treat. October 29, 2025. 5 – 7 pm.

Annual Business Meet and Greet December 8 at 6 pm in the White Hall Chambers.

White Hall Christmas Parade is December 11, 2025. 630 pm – 9 pm

Public Hearing

None.

Volunteer Fire Department Report:

None.

Marion County EMS Report:

Assistant Chief of MCRS, Donna Wade, stated that they had 936 patient encounters in September and discussed the top calls for those encounters. Donna Wade also stated that Marion County EMS is up 32 calls from 2024 and those are being handled well.

Donna Wade then spoke on new employees at Mon Marion and working with them to get them more involved in the community.

Donna Wade then discussed the MCRS flamingo fundraiser they have every October, followed by letting Council know that they are a few weeks into their EMT class. Treasurer John Jacobs recommended bringing those new EMT's into a Council meeting once they graduate.

Park Committee:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that MCPARC would like to meet on a Tuesday to not interfere with their meetings on Mondays. A workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 18th at 6 pm.

Wage Review Committee:

None.

Police Department Report:

Deputy Chief of Police, Jakob Streyle, stated that in the month of October, The White Hall Police Department had 358 calls for service, over 20 arrests and 45 citations.

Deputy Chief Streyle then discussed the top investigation cases and causes for citations.

A discussion was held on options to secure the old White Hall Medical Building. This will be put on the next agenda.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the logos are on the Public Works truck and it is ready for winter, Public Works closed 18 work orders in the last week and prepared the area for Santa and reindeer.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that the Town has obtained sponsors for all but one reindeer.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the Christmas tree will be planted at the White Hall Public Safety Building on Wednesday at 1 pm by Clark's.

Lastly, Town Administrator Cindy Stover spoke to Council about holding a food drive before the holidays and reaching out to others to partner with. A discussion was held. Town Administrator Cindy Stover will do research, and this will be voted on at the next meeting.

Engineer Report:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that Moran Circle has been patched for the winter and will be put on the paving list in the spring.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the WV Dept of Highways stated to get a petition from residents on Ruby to show they are agreeable for the Town of White Hall to take the road over, then turn it over to the WVDOH. Treasurer John Jacobs volunteered to get the signatures.

Unfinished Business :

None.

New Business to Consider:

Consider Billboard Change Non-moving to Moving:

Reuban Blankenship from Lamar Advertising spoke to Council requesting that Lamar billboard by Middletown Homes go from non-moving to static digital. A discussion was held. Blankenship stated that Lamar would advertise Town events on the billboard if there is space available.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider having the billboard changed from non-moving to static digital.

Motion passed.

Consider Data Retention Policy:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover discussed the data retention process being implemented and presented a Data Retention Policy that will go in the employee handbook.

A discussion was held on data retention policy.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider data retention policy.

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour reminded everyone that White Hall Trick or Treat is Friday, October 31st from 6 – 7:30 pm and the Middletown Commons trick-or-treat is Wednesday, October 29th from 5 – 7 pm.

Treasurer John Jacobs asked about the progress of updating the Town signs. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the first sign to be replaced will be at the cemetery because it's the worst. Updated are being made to the proof and she will have Council vote on it once finished.

Recorder Charles Mason asked how long it takes for the apparel order to come in. A discussion was held.

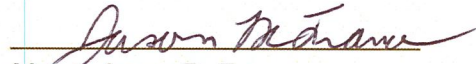
Mayor Jason DeFrance reminded Council of the Workshop on Monday, November 3rd at 6 pm and the Workshop on Tuesday, November 18th at 6 pm.

Adjournment:

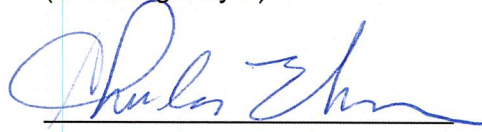
Recorder Charles Mason made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.



Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk