

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

**November 10, 2025**

Councilmember Mandy Espanol 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:**

***Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to approve the 10.13.25 minutes.***

***Motion passed.***

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to approve the 10.27.25 minutes.***

***Motion passed.***

**Citizens' Concerns:**

None.

**Treasurer & Financial Reports:**

September's Treasurer & Financial Reports were sent to Council by Town Administrator Cindy Stover for review.

***Councilmember Kristine Mason made a motion to approve September's Treasurer & Financial Report.***

***Motion passed.***

**Communications & Announcements:**

Workshop with MCPARC November 18 at 6 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:**

None.

**Park Committee:**

A workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**Wage Review Committee:**

None.

**Police Department Report:**

Deputy Chief of Police, Jakob Streyle, stated that since the last meeting, the White Hall Police Department responded to 244 calls for service, 20 citations were written, 21 investigations, and 10 arrests.

Deputy Chief Streyle then discussed the top investigation cases.

Deputy Chief Streyle then stated that as part of the Safety initiative implemented by Town Administrator Cindy Stover, since May, the White Hall PD is 188 days without incident or injury.

**Legal Department Report:**

None.

**Town Administrator Report:**

Town Administrator Cindy Stover discussed scheduling the Salvation Army bellringing and will let Council know once that date is set so they can sign up.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that Christmas decorations will begin going up, and 3 new reindeer were obtained by sponsors.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then reported on Public Works, stating that they've completed 13 work orders, have been working on cleaning up the area between route 250 and I-79 cleaning up banks and creek areas, and cleaned growth under the bridges. DOH was notified of a drain cover that was broken on I-79, and a metal cover was placed over it for now. On December 12, banners will begin being switched out. Lastly, the Public Works Department has prepared the snowplow for the winter.

Lastly, Town Administrator Cindy Stover gave Council a map that shows the new apartment going in across from White Hall Medical. There will be a total of 114 apartments within 17 buildings. A discussion was held on giving these buildings addresses and creating a resolution on creating a new street.

**Engineer Report:**

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that Town Engineer Brad Pigott has been working on getting our Beautification permit finalized on when we can remove our silk fence on Route 250.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business to Consider:**

**Executive Session: Valley Volunteer Relationship/Employment Contract:**

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to do into Executive Session at 6:26 pm.***

***Motion passed.***

***Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to go out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session at 7:11 pm.***

***Motion passed.***

**Consider Future Relationship with Valley Volunteer Fire Department:**

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider a 6-month lease at \$10 a month for the bay only for Valley VFD.***

***Motion passed.***

**Consider Employment Contract for Deputy Chief:**

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Deputy Chief Streyle's Employment Contract as discussed in Executive Session.***

***Motion passed.***

**Consider the "Old" White Hall Medical Building a Nuisance:**

Town Attorney Trey Simmerman explained that once the property is deemed as a nuisance, the Town of White Hall will have the ability to go to Circuit Court and seek remediation on the nuisance conditions. Town Attorney Trey Simmerman recommended the Town to deem the property as a nuisance.

***Made a motion to consider the "old" White Hall Medical Building a nuisance and have Town Attorney Trey Simmerman write a letter to the contacts and demand abatement, lock it up the satisfaction of the Town within a certain time frame and if they do not respond, Simmerman will come back to the Town and then go to Circuit Court.***

***Motion passed.***

**Consider Food Drive @ the White Hall Public Safety Building:**

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that working with White Hall Elementary School and the Tygart Valley United Way, we would like to host a food drive to help White Hall families in need.

A discussion was held.

***Councilmember Bob Wotring made a motion to consider an annual food drive at the White Hall Public Safety Building.***

***Motion passed.***

A discussion was then held on this year's Shop with a Cop.

**Christian Heritage Proclamation:**

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider the Christian Heritage Proclamation.***

***Motion passed.***

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the Christian Heritage Proclamation.

**Final Remarks:**

Councilmember Bob Wotring stated that on November 4, he met with Public Works and watched a safety video on use of the snow plow. Councilmember Bob Wotring then told Council that they may see stakes to markers where they've identified spots the snow plow may hit something.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour asked if there was any word on the sign that was knocked down on Emerald. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she has contacted City Neon and was told they're working on it. Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour then stated that sticks have fallen from the tree turning on Emerald and asked that Public Works clean that up.

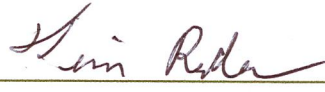
Recorder Charles Mason stated that he was appointed a couple years ago to the Board of the Valley VFD and hereby resigns as of immediately. Recorder Charles Mason then stated that there is a tree hanging over the highway by the White Hall convenient store and if it falls it will cause damage. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she has reached out to DOH about that. Recorder Charles Mason then stated that he saw the tree planted by the pavilion and asked if it was going to be decorated.

**Adjournment:**

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.***

***Motion passed.***

*Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.*



Mayor Jason DeFrance  
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason  
(Or Acting Recorder)

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