

The regular meeting of the Orderville Town Board was held Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Orderville Town Office.

Board Members present were: Mayor Lyle Goulding, Council Members: Susan Esplin, Marianne Leigh, Rory Hatch, Shaun Sharkey, Mayor-Elect Ray Spencer, Shanda Frost, & Robert Caruso

Employees present Chelcie Cox -Treasurer, Breanna Crofts-Town Clerk, Chris Esplin -Building Inspector, and Verl Sawyer – Public Works Director.

Public present: Connie Crofts, Corbin Lake, Emalene Lake, Verjean Caruso, Russ & Kristie Gerard, Jerry Gerard, Riley Anderson, Paul Cox, Danny Spencer, Kobe Shatto, Ed & Ann Bolander, Brad Adair, Ben Armstrong, Heather Sulfaro, Alex & Vanessa Pavlides, Mitchell Wright, Jillian Rosa, TJ Reidhead, Richard Lucas, Ty Gant

Mayor Lyle Goulding called the meeting to order. Breanna Crofts administered the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Mayor Ray Spencer and Board Members, Robert Caruso, Shanda Frost & Susan Esplin.

Minutes of the previous meeting December 3, 2025, were reviewed. Susan Esplin motioned to approve the minutes. Shanda Frost seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries. Bills were presented for payment. Susan Esplin motioned to pay the bills. Shaun Sharkey seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment: No comments.

BUSINESS:

1. **OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT TRAINING VIDEO 2026** The council members completed the annual training on the OPMA by watching the eight-minute training video together.
2. **BUSINESS LICENSES:**
 - **RIVARO MEDIA – SEBASTIAN PAVLIDES** Shaun Sharkey motioned to approve the business license as presented. Susan Esplin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.
 - **VALLEY DELUXE ARMORY – JERRY GERARD** Susan Esplin motioned to approve the business license as presented. Shaun Sharkey seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.
 - **HEALTH HUSTLE FITNESS WITH CHELCIE – CHELCIE COX** Shanda Frost motioned to approve the business license as presented. Susan Esplin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.
3. **WESTERN KANE COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDATION** Susan Esplin motioned to recommend Tim Esplin as the Orderville Town Representative for the Western Kane County Special Service District Board. Shanda Frost seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.
4. **APPLICATIONS FOR ORDERVILLE TOWN PLANNING AND ZONING APPOINTMENTS** Susan Esplin motioned to appoint Ed Bolander, Letitia Cox, and Riley Anderson to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Shanda Frost seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.
5. **COOPERATIVE WILDFIRE SYSTEM PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT STATEMENT FOR YEAR 2026 – EARL LEVANGER** Susan Esplin motioned to pass the Cooperative Wildfire System Participation Commitment Statement for Year 2026. Shanda Frost seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.
6. **AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING – BOB CARUSO** A significant discussion took place regarding the American Legion building, which will be torn down to make way for a renewed ball field. Key points from the discussion include:
 - The local American Legion chapter is officially the Long Valley Chapter, listed under Glendale.

- The property was originally donated to the American Legion, who then built the ball field with the understanding that the town of Orderville would maintain it. The Legion Hall was built around the same time.
- Decades later, the town took ownership of the property via a deed signed by the local Legion leadership, with a "handshake agreement" to take care of the veterans.
- A question was raised about the legality of this transfer, as it was stated that only the state-level American Legion can sign over property. The state chapter is reportedly aware of the situation and may take legal action, pending a response from the town to a letter they sent.
- The council previously voted to tear down the building but had not yet resolved the issue of providing a new home for the Legion.
- Suggestions for a new location included property near the old swimming pool or a portion of land the county recently acquired from Bruce Hoyt. The current building is 20x30 feet, and a new 30x30 building was suggested as a minimum.

It was agreed that Councilmember Bob would meet with the American Legion chapter to discuss their needs and come back to the council with concrete proposals at the next meeting.

- 6 DISCUSS/CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RESOLVING PROPERTY ISSUE LOCATED AT 169 N 100 W, RILEY ANDERSONS PROPERTY – BOB CARUSO** After much discussion amongst the Council it was motioned by Susan Esplin to go into executive session to review legal information and seconded by Shanda. After the Council came out of executive session, they discussed the matter publicly to decide what options to proceed with. Mayor Ray Spencer was granted permission by the Council to meet with Riley Anderson and Paul Cox to seek a resolution. The Council tabled further action, pending the outcome of these discussions.
- 7 AMENDED 2026 BUDGET – SET TIME AND HEARING** Susan motioned to set a public hearing to amend the 2026 Budget for February 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Shanda Frost seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

The Council began assigning oversight for various town departments to improve communication and share workloads. Shaun Sharkey will continue oversee of the multi park project. Shanda Frost will be over town events (4th of July, Soup Town Days, Easter, & the Light Parade). Robert Caruso will be over buildings and Fire Department. Susan Esplin will be over Streets, Roads & Trail. Mayor Ray Spencer will be over Cemeteries and the Water Department.

Executive Session – Susan Esplin motioned to go into executive session. Shanda Frost seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries. Susan Esplin motioned to exit executive session. Shaun Sharkey seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

ADJOURN Rory Hatch motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Susan Esplin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

On February 4, 2026, Shanda Frost motioned to approve these minutes. Susan Esplin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.