

Stevensville Town Council Meeting Minutes

for THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026, 6:30 PM 206 Buck Street, Town Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Bailey called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Wandler, Smith and Bailey were all present. Councilmember Ross has an excused absence and Mayor Crews is on vacation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comments (Public comment from citizens on items that are not on the agenda)

NONE

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting Minutes for 05/14/2026

Council President Bailey: introduced town council meeting minutes for 05/14/2026.

Councilmember Smith: I move to accept town council meeting minutes for 05/14/2026.

Councilmember Wandler: 2nd.

Council President Bailey: motion and a 2nd. council discussion, public comment. Call for the vote.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Council President Bailey: (no comment)

b. Special Town Council Meeting Minutes 06/04/2026

Council President Bailey: introduced special town council meeting minutes for 06/04/2026.

Councilmember Wandler: I move to approve special town council meeting minutes for 06/04/2026.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Council President Bailey: motion and a 2nd. council discussion, public comment.
Call for the vote.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Council President Bailey: (no comment)

c. Town Council Meeting Minutes 06/11/2026

Council President Bailey: introduced town council meeting minutes for 06/11/2026.

Councilmember Smith: I move to accept town council meeting minutes for
06/11/2026.

Councilmember Wandler: 2nd.

Council President Bailey: motion and a 2nd. council discussion, public comment.
Call for the vote.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Council President Bailey: all three of those minutes passed.

5. Approval of Bi-Weekly Claims

a. Claim #20445

Council President Bailey: introduced approval of Bi-Weekly claim #20445.

Councilmember Smith: I move to accept claim #20445.

Councilmember Wandler: 2nd.

Council President Bailey: motion and a 2nd. council discussion, public comment.
Call for the vote.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Council President Bailey: okay.

b. Claims #20446-#20463, #20465-#20468

Council President Bailey: introduced claims #20446-#20463, #20465-#20468.

Councilmember Wandler: I move to accept claims #20446-#20463, #20465-#20468.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Council President Bailey: motion and a 2nd. discussion from the council, public comment. Call for the vote.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Council President Bailey: approved.

6. New Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Approval of Stevensville Harvest Valley Farmers Market for 07/11/2026

Council President Bailey: introduced new business item a, Approval of Stevensville Harvest Valley Farmers Market for 07/11/2026.

Councilmember Smith: move to approve Stevensville Harvest Valley Farmers Market for 07/11/2026.

Councilmember Wandler: 2nd.

Council President Bailey: motion and a 2nd. discussion from the council, public comment. Call for the vote.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Council President Bailey: (no comment)

b. Discussion/Decision: Waiver of Special Event Permit Fees for Revive Bitterroot Church

Council President Bailey: introduced new business item b, Waiver of Special Event Permit Fees for Revive Bitterroot Church.

Councilmember Bailey: from what I understand the waiver is, why are we reviewing a waiver.

Jenelle Berthoud: the Revive Bitterroot Church came to the mayor presented this special event to myself and the mayor and then asked for a waiver of that fee, not that it falls under that special event as much as they are going to use the two pavilions, we rent out the pavilions for \$40.00 and this is something that they are giving back to the community very similar as the American Legion the easter egg hunt. Mayor asked to bring it forward for you to decide.

Councilmember Bailey: so, it is waiving the \$125.00 and they are going to be paying for energy and the pavilions.

Jenelle Berthoud: that would be up to your decision.

Councilmember Bailey: to waive the \$125.00 and they pay for two pavilions.

Councilmember Smith: I see that this is one of our people.

Jenelle Berthoud: she is the board chairperson for the park board.

Councilmember Smith: it looks in order.

Councilmember Bailey: how do we differentiate, why is this situation different from another special event. What makes this one different that we would waive that fee.

Jenelle Berthoud: goes back to the discussion that the mayor may have had with Tanya and Revive Church that I was not involved in.

Councilmember Wandler: where does it say waiving of the fees.

Councilmember Bailey: it says in the agenda item request to waive the \$125.00 special event fee and then if you scroll down it says that they marked \$20.00 for power and \$40.00 for a pavilion, if they are renting two pavilions it should be \$80.00 and the electrical and waive the \$125.00 and set a precedence that if something is for a good cause special event fees will be waived.

Councilmember Wandler: if this is a back-to-school party for members of that church only or the whole community.

Jenelle Berthoud: opened up to the whole community, teachers from the school. She did mark the one pavilion rental, but if she needs to do the other one, it is a paperwork thing on our side to collect payment.

Gina Crowe: up to 800 people, do we have the police department salaries in there to cover that because I am sure that you are going to have to be there chief, right?

Councilmember Bailey: the \$60.00 that they are proposing to pay wouldn't cover that.

Jenelle Berthoud: this single event is for August 21st, would you like to table, gather more information and easy to bring back. July 9 or 23 meeting.

Councilmember Smith: I move for the July 23 meeting.

Councilmember Bailey: I would like to understand how this is different from the farmers market or another event, I know that it is for a good cause. These are really great people, and it benefits the people and benefits the community but so does every other event that we have. If we start to approve and waive these fees how do we set a standard. So that we are not picking and choosing.

Councilmember Smith: is this an annual event.

Jenelle Berthoud: I believe that it is possibly the third summer.

Councilmember Smith: do you know what has been done before.

Jenelle Berthoud: I would have to pull some things; I can put that together before the next meeting.

Councilmember Wandler: I have a concern that I will not be at the July 23 meeting, I will be in Pennsylvania, why cant we have it July 9th. Talon may not be here also, and then you do not have a quorum.

Councilmember Bailey: Wally made a motion for the 23rd.

Councilmember Smith: I can retract that motion and make it to the 9th.

Council President Bailey: we have a motion to table this until the 9th.

Councilmember Wandler: 2nd.

Council President Bailey: council discussion, public comment. Call for the vote.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Council President Bailey: alright going to table that and move it to July 9th.

c. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 591 a Resolution Accepting Donated Items for the Town of Stevensville Pool

Council President Bailey: introduced new business item c, Resolution No. 591 a Resolution Accepting Donated Items for the Town of Stevensville Pool.

Councilmember Wandler: I did not totally understand it; they are donating it why do we have to have a price tag on it.

Council President Bailey: I believe an amount that we are accepting by donation for tax purposes.

Gina Crowe: cancel has to approve all of donated items, over \$100.00.

Councilmember Wandler: I mover that we accept Resolution No. 591 a Resolution Accepting Donated Items for the Town of Stevensville Pool.

Councilmember Bailey: 2nd.

Council President Bailey: motion and a 2nd. any other council discussion.

Councilmember Smith: so, the actual cost, donation is \$11,531.00.

Gina Crowe: it is.

Council President Bailey: public comment. Call for the vote.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Council President Bailey: (no comment)

d. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 592 a Resolution Accepting Donated Items for the Town of Stevensville Pickleball Courts

Council President Bailey: introduced new business item d, Resolution No. 592 a Resolution Accepting Donated Items for the Town of Stevensville Pickleball Courts.

Council President Bailey: I do not see documentation for the \$1,600.00 but I am sure that we have documentation that it equals that, paint, patching materials, nets.

Councilmember Wandler: I move that we accept Resolution No. 592 a Resolution Accepting Donated Items for the Town of Stevensville Pickleball Courts.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Council President Bailey: motion and a 2nd. council discussion, public comment. Call for the vote.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Council President Bailey: (no comment)

e. Discussion/Decision: Approval to Pursue Funding Options to Purchase a Police Vehicle

Council President Bailey: introduced new business item e, Approval to Pursue Funding Options to Purchase a Police Vehicle.

Chief John Boe: we need to make preparations to replace one of our vehicles, as you know things begin to wear out. It is time to make decisions to replace the patrol truck. We have kind of put our heads together, there are different things that we can do, at some point, a lot is hinging on our budget for the year but there are a lot of things that we can do, example thinking of adding some fundraising opportunities like a golf tournament that could assist us. We are in dire need of a patrol vehicle and myself I have looked into things; we don't need a brand new one but one that is between a 22-25. Not asking for a \$75,000-\$80,000 vehicle a lot of the things that are in our current patrol unit can be offloaded and put into the new one. We will purchase the cover so that we do not have to repaint the vehicle, there will be some added costs like stripping the vehicle and putting the town logo on there, things of that nature. Potential lights, I have all of the on-board stuff that we can retro fit into a new vehicle so basically I am asking, we are going to go out and ask about various options that is where we stand with that.

Councilmember Smith: I would like to ask the finance director any comments on this.

Gina Crowe: I know that we have been talking about this with the mayor, we are talking about all of our vehicles. We need to look at some possible financing, police vehicles and then I was thinking, if it costs \$600.00 per month to lease the vehicle, I am sure that we can do some fundraising things to purchase these. This is basically to pursue that option to look at where we are. I have reached out to someone about police vehicles, and I have not even been able to talk to the chief about it yet. I think that it is something to look into, there is no way to purchase them out right, we do not have that kind of money. we are going to have to look at some options. From the general fund aspect, we will have to do some fundraising, speak to donors, I know of a few people looking for places to donate, I would need to speak to them to see if they would be interested in providing those resources to the town. I think that there are a lot of different options, a lot of places we can go to talk about it and at least investigate what we can do.

Councilmember Bailey: does Ford have a government contract for police vehicles.

Chief Boe: they all do, Dodge, Chevy and Ford. The trick is to navigate through all of that, there is potential that we can save a lot of money by reusing equipment, there is a lot of good equipment in my vehicle. We can repurpose that, but we just need a new vehicle. We are at that stage of everything that I am replacing on that vehicle is an additional cost, recently I just replaced the spotlight \$300.00 item. Things are starting to wear and tear.

Councilmember Bailey: can you get us quotes for used and new, I would curious.

Chief Boe: I have done a little research into that, on the average of a 22-25, \$40,000. Per vehicle some are higher and some are lower, we are looking at what fits our needs, has to be four-wheel drive, four doors, the bed is not that big of an issue for me, it could be a short or long bed. We are just looking for that specific one.

Councilmember Bailey: in your proposal can you include just kind of a list of our current vehicles, the year, make model and mileage that they each have. Can we also explore the one year you buy a vehicle and then two years later we buy a vehicle type of thing so we can offset those costs each fiscal year but still have a plan to get them all replaced within the next five years.

Chief Boe: that would work in the situation we're currently in because our Fords they are in pretty decent shape they are not as old. So, there is still some life left in those units, but our spare, I think the one that the town was gifted a few years back is in the same shape as my truck.

Councilmember Bailey: then the disposal of all of those vehicles.

Chief Boe: sell them, we would have to tear everything off of them and strip them down, it would be much like public works.

Councilmember Bailey: so, then the request tonight is to approve the researching and then coming back to the council.

Gina Crowe: this is just the funding.

Councilmember Smith: I move to approve the Pursuit and Funding Options to Purchase a Police Vehicle.

Councilmember Wandler: 2nd.

Council President Bailey: motion and a 2nd. council discussion, public comment. Call for the vote.

Councilmember Wandler: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Councilmember Bailey: aye.

Council President Bailey: okay

7. Board Reports

NONE

8. Town Council Comments

Councilmember Smith: I would like to personally thank Gina for your explanation on me tabling this and I want to thank Jenelle for help that she gave me. Good staff.

Councilmember Wandler: I would like a pursuit on what Gina was talking about turning the parks into a county park so we can collect taxes.

Councilmember Bailey: I think that would have to be an agenda item to kind of start to explore that, right. We can request that.

Councilmember Smith: that is a novel idea.

Jenelle Berthoud: a park district? The same thing that was put into our growth policy that you are referring to.

Councilmember Wandler: Gina know all of it.

Gina Crowe: the park district, that would have to be something that would have to go on a ballot and approved by all of the people in the county. It sure would help, we serve a lot of people outside the town.

Councilmember Wander: I would also like a report on a prior meeting where they said they didn't believe that we had gotten the grant money for the police department, and they said that they were going to research it.

Councilmember Bailey: it was grant money for the fire department for the DNRC.

Gina Crowe: I have not received it as of today, I have received a couple of emails from Jessica, but I don't have anything else, she did give me some dollar amounts so I have asked her to reach out to rural fire and see if they can provide me with a canceled check, I need to see who they were written to. I have looked through everything that we have and I show nothing. I am just waiting on those canceled checks.

9. Executive Report

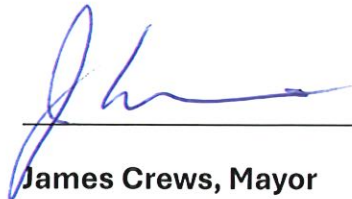
NONE

10. Adjournment

Councilmember Wandler: motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

APPROVED:


James Crews, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk