

Martinsville Common Council
Meeting Agenda
Monday, January 12, 2026
7:00 PM - City Hall, Council Chambers

THE CITY OF
Martinsville
INDIANA



Call to Order, Invocation., and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Consideration of the Minutes

- A. Consideration of the December 8, 2025, Common Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Consideration of the December 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Committee Report

- A. Study Committee Regarding City Code Article V, Division 1, Section 18-191 - Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants

New Business

- A. Election of President Pro Tempore
- B. Council Appointments to Commissions
 - a. Planning Commission
 - b. Redevelopment Commission
 - c. Police Merit Board
 - d. Morgan County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors
- C. Consideration of Consent to Encroach

Consideration of Claims

Council Comments

Public Comment

Announcements

Next Regular Meeting

- A. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers (Room 202), City Hall, 59 S. Jefferson St., Martinsville, IN

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Adjournment

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**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
DECEMBER 8, 2025**

Call to Order, Invocation., and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on December 8, 2025. Pastor Nathan Janssen led the prayer for those in attendance. Mayor Costin then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilor At Large John Badger XIV
Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II
Councilor District 3 Josh Ferran
Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps
Councilor District 2 Ben Mahan
Councilor At Large Ann Miller

A quorum was declared present.

Consideration of the Minutes

- A. Consideration of the November 24, 2025, Common Council Meeting Minutes

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II. Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The minutes were Passed 6-0.

Mayor's Comments

- A. Common Council 2026 Meeting Dates

Unfinished Business

- A. Ordinance 2025-1900 - Setting Salaries for Certain Appointed Officials and Employees

Mr. Coffey presented the ordinance to the council for their consideration.

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps. John Badger XIV seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.

New Business

- A. Consideration of Resolution 2025-0719 - Written Fiscal Plan for Annexation of Real Estate - Sun Energy Farms

Shyane Hoaffa from Forestar Group presented the resolution to the council for their consideration.

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor At Large Ann Miller. John Badger XIV seconded the

motion. The motion was Passed 5-1.

B. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-1905 - Additional Appropriations/Reduction

Mr. Merida presented to the council for their consideration.

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II. Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.

C. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 2025-1906 - Weel Tax and MVL Excise Surtax

Mr. Coffey presented the ordinance to the council for their consideration.

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II. John Badger XIV seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.

D. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 2025-1908 - Annexing Certain Territory into the City - Sun Energy Farms

Shyanne Hoaffa for Forestar Group presented the ordinance to the council for their consideration.

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor At Large Ann Miller. John Badger XIV seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 5-1.

E. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-1909 - Additional Appropriation

Mr. Merida presented the ordinance to the council for their consideration.

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor At Large Ann Miller. Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.

F. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 2025-1910 - Request for Rezoning - Rooted Oaks Construction

Mr. Coffey presented the ordinance to the council for their consideration.

Representatives from Rooted Oaks presented information to the council in regard to the request. A discussion ensued.

A motion to Not Approve was made by Councilor At Large Ann Miller. Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.

Consideration of Claims

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor At Large Ann Miller. Phil Deckard II seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.

Council Comments

Public Comment

Next Regular Meeting

- A. The next regular meeting of the Common Council will be on Monday, December 29, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers (Room 202), City Hall, 59 S. Jefferson St., Martinsville, Indiana

Adjournment

Name		Signature
Phil R. Deckard II, Member, District 5, President Pro Tempore	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Phil R. Deckard Sr, Member, District 1	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ben Mahan, Member, District 2	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Josh Ferran, Member, District 3	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Suzie Lipps, Member, District 4	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ann Miller, Member-at-Large	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
John Badger, XIV, Member-at-Large	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	

ATTEST

Name	Signature	Date
Benjamin K. Merida, Clerk-Treasurer		

MAYOR ACTION

Name		Signature	Date
Kenneth W. Costin, Mayor	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Veto <input type="checkbox"/>		

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DECEMBER 29, 2025**

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Roll Call

Councilor At Large John Badger XIV
Councilor District 3 Josh Ferran
Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps

A lack of quorum was declared.

Consideration of the Minutes

- A. Consideration of the December 8, 2025, Common Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor's Comments

- A. 2026 Common Council Meeting Dates - Updated

New Business

- A. Consent to Encroach

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Josh Ferran, Member, District 3	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
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ATTEST

Name	Signature	Date
Benjamin K. Merida, Clerk-Treasurer		

MAYOR ACTION

Name		Signature	Date
Kenneth W. Costin, Mayor	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Veto <input type="checkbox"/>		

CONSENT TO ENCROACH

Comes now the City of Martinsville Common Council and executes this Consent to Encroach and in so doing acknowledges and agrees as follows:

1. City of Martinsville owns real estate located on Prather Drive, Martinsville, Indiana 46151, such real estate having a Parcel No. 55-13-04-495-017.000-021, with a partial legal description being Section 4, Township 11, Range 1 East, part of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter. The real estate is .44 of an acre.
2. Matthew C. Hollett and Anna M. Hollett own property commonly known as 1445 Cross Street, Martinsville, Indiana 46151, and legally described as Lot #24 in Cadet Manor Subdivision, Subdivision located in the City of Martinsville, Indiana. The Parcel No. for the Holletts' property is 55-13-03-365-001.000-021, and is .20 of an acre.
3. The City of Martinsville property is currently vacant except for a drainage culvert which is located on the property.
4. That a portion of the Holletts' drive encroaches onto the City of Martinsville's property. The portion of that drive is between the Hollett property line and Cross Street, and is depicted in attached Exhibit A in yellow. The portion ranges from 12 feet in width down to 6 inches. That portion is located on the Northeast section of the City's property.
5. Further, the Holletts have constructed a wooden fence which encroaches onto the City's property and is depicted in attached Exhibit A, outlined in orange.

6. The City has been notified that in order for the Holletts to be able to obtain financing on their home they need to have the City's permission for these encroachments to remain.
7. The City of Martinsville believes it is in the best interest that it allows these encroachments to remain, and, at this time, grants this consent to the Holletts to have their drive and a portion of the fence encroach upon the City's property.
8. The City, in granting this Consent to Encroach, acknowledges it has absolutely no responsibility to maintain any portion of the drive and/or the fence, and, should the City of Martinsville need to utilize its lot for any purpose, will do so and this could result in a removal of the encroachments.
9. Further, the City shall have no obligation or liability for these encroachments.

All of which is Agreed to this _____ day of December, 2025.

Name		Signature	
Phil R. Deckard II, Member, District 5, President Pro Tempore	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>		
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MAYOR ACTION			
Name		Signature	Date
Kenneth W. Costin, Mayor	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Veto <input type="checkbox"/>		

Prepared for: Courtland Title & Escrow, Inc.
Occupied by: Present Owner
Work: None
Street Improvements: None



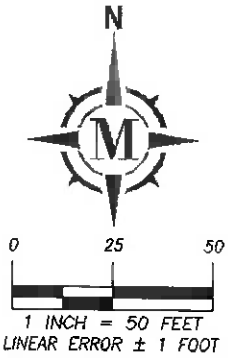
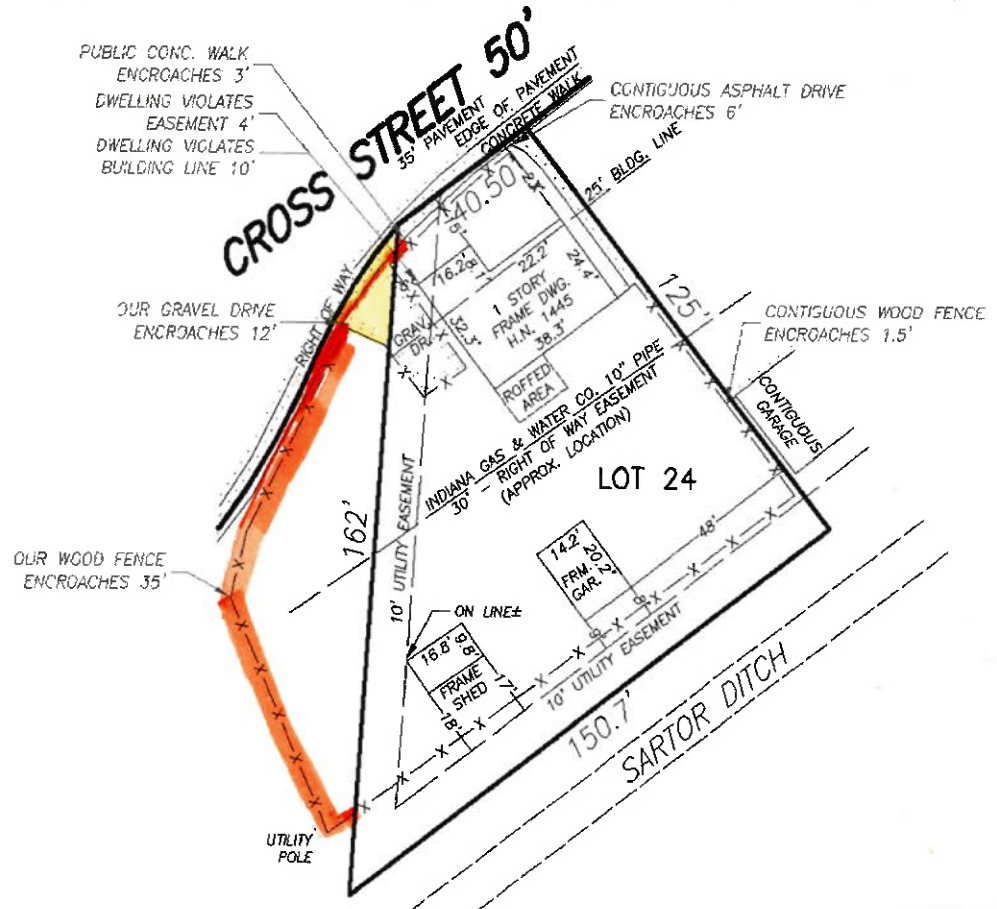
Property: 1445 Cross Street
 Martinsville, IN, 46151

Date: 11/24/25 **Time:** 10:50am **Order #:** 2025-11-1347

SEE ENCROACHMENTS BELOW
 SEE VIOLATIONS BELOW

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Morgan, State of Indiana, and is described as follows: Lot Number Twenty-four (24) in Cadet Manor Subdivision, an addition to the City of Martinsville, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record 137, page 42 in the Office of the Recorder of Morgan County, Indiana.

PLATTED SUBLOT CONTAINS AN APPRENT
 CLOSURE ERROR OF APPROXIMATELY 4.5'



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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE PARTIES NAMED ABOVE THAT THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN WAS INSPECTED UNDER MY SUPERVISION ON THE DATE INDICATED AND THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THIS REPORT CONFORMS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 27 THROUGH 29 OF 865 IAC 1-12 FOR A SURVEYOR LOCATION REPORT. THE ACCURACY OF ANY FLOOD HAZARD STATEMENT SHOWN ON THIS REPORT IS SUBJECT TO MAP SCALE UNCERTAINTY AND TO ANY OTHER UNCERTAINTY IN LOCATION OR ELEVATION ON THE REFERENCED FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP.

THIS REPORT IS DESIGNED FOR USE BY A TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY WITH RESIDENTIAL LOAN POLICIES. NO CORNER MARKERS WERE SET AND THE LOCATION DATA HEREIN IS BASED ON LIMITED ACCURACY MEASUREMENTS. THEREFORE, NO LIABILITY WILL BE ASSUMED FOR ANY USE OF THE DATA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW IMPROVEMENTS OR FENCES.

H. Patrick Johnson 12/3/2
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