

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting – July 1, 2025

THE TOWN OF

INDIAN SPRINGS

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 1, 2025

TYPE OF MEETING: TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MEETING FACILITATOR: MAYOR BRENDA BELL-GUERCIO

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met at the Town Hall at 2635 Cahaba Valley Road on Tuesday July 1, 2025, 7:00pm in a regular meeting. Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio presided.

Call to Order

Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio
Richard Harley
Herb Robins
Dale Elliott
Ed Whatley

ABSENT

Van McClurkin

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Harley made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025, meeting and to dispense with the reading. Councilmember Whatley seconded the motion and, with all in favor, the motion carried.

PAZ/ZBA Reports

None

Sheriff/Fire Reports

None

Council Member Reports

Financials

Councilmember Harley presented the May Financial report. Councilmember Elliott made a motion to approve the May Financials as presented and Councilmember Robins seconded and with all in favor, motion passed.

New Business

John Dewberry of 499 New Hope Mountain Road, Indian Springs Village, Alabama, was present to request annexation into Indian Springs Village. After discussion by the Council and Mayor, Councilmember Whatley made a motion to approve the request, Councilmember Elliott seconded and with all in favor, the motion passed.

Guests

Wendy Cespedes, the new Oak Mountain Elementary School Principal was present to introduce herself. The previous principal, Jan Curtis, had already requested a new play area with turf and gravel. The project was originally thought to cost around \$45,000. However, after getting an estimate, the cost of the project is closer to \$90,000.

Ashli Polizos, the new Oak Mountain Middle School Principal was present to introduce herself along with Chanse Nelson and Heather Holmes with the Middle School Band. The Middle School's request for grant money for the upcoming year included audio & video equipment, security cameras, collaborative classroom seating and instruments for a total of \$77,142.41.

Oak Mountain High School Principal Gunn was unable to attend the meeting due to a last-minute conflict. However, Head Football Coach Shane McComb was present and reported the new scoreboard at Heardmont Park will be delivered August 4th. This covers their funding for the year, however there was a request for computers totaling \$15,000. A request for next year's funding for turfing on two ball fields in the amount of \$600,000 was discussed by Mayor Bell-Guercio.

Mayor Bell-Guercio reported that in order to fulfill all the school's requested grant money, the budget will need to be amended. Councilmember Harley made a motion to suspend the rules so that the Council could consider amending the budget. Councilmember Robins seconded with the vote as follows:

Mayor Bell-Guercio	Yea
Councilmember Robins	Yea
Councilmember Elliott	Yea
Councilmember Harley	Yea
Councilmember Whatley	Yea

The motion passed with all in favor

Councilmember Harley made a motion to increase the Community Grants Budget by \$140,000, Councilmember Elliott seconded and with all in favor, motion passed.

The Mayor notified the Council that one statement of candidacy was filed for every office.

The Mayor filed a written statement with the Council certifying the fact that the only one person, Richard Harley, filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Mayor by 5:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday in June preceding the 26th day of August 2025, the date set for an election of municipal officers in the Town of Indian Springs Village, Alabama.

The Mayor filed a written statement with the Council certifying the fact that only one person, Herb Robins, filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember, Place 1, by 5:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday in June preceding the 26th day of August 2025, the date set for an election of municipal officers in the Town of Indian Springs Village, Alabama.

The Mayor filed a written statement with the Council certifying the fact that only one person, Emily Bell Casey, filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember, Place 2, by 5:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday in June preceding the 26th day of August 2025, the date set for an election of municipal officers in the Town of Indian Springs Village, Alabama.

The Mayor filed a written statement with the Council certifying the fact that only one person, Nick Hill, filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember, Place 3, by 5:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday in June preceding the 26th day of August 2025, the date set for an election of municipal officers in the Town of Indian Springs Village, Alabama.

The Mayor filed a written statement with the Council certifying the fact that only one person, Ed Whatley, filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember, Place 4, by 5:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday in June preceding the 26th day of August 2025, the date set for an election of municipal officers in the Town of Indian Springs Village, Alabama.

The Mayor filed a written statement with the Council certifying the fact that only one person, C. Dale Elliott, filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember, Place 5, by 5:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday in June preceding the 26th day of August 2025, the date set for an election of municipal officers in the Town of Indian Springs Village, Alabama.

Adjourn

With no further business; Mayor Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Lewis
Town Clerk

Residents Comments – If residents would like to comment on the above issues, please notify the Town Clerk before the Town Council Meeting.