



THE TOWN OF
INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE
2635 CAHABA VALLEY ROAD
INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE, ALABAMA 35124

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING
August 4, 2026**

TYPE OF MEETING: TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MEETING FACILITATOR: MAYOR RICHARD HARLEY

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met in regular session on Tuesday August 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, located at 2635 Cahaba Valley Road. Mayor Richard Harley presided.

Call to Order:

Mayor Harley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present:

Mayor Richard Harley
Nick Hill
Herb Robins
Ed Whatley
Dale Elliott

Absent:

Emily Bell Casey

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Robins made a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026, meeting. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

PAZ/ZBA Reports:

Planning and Zoning Committee Report:

Planning and Zoning Committee Chairman Wayne Jones reported that, after reviewing the information pertaining to **5542 Timberhill Road** and consulting with Town Attorney Ben Goldman, it was determined that substantial compliance had been met and the Town should release the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and allow the resident to work directly with Shelby County regarding any necessary permits.

Mr. Jones also introduced **Keith Blanton**, who has agreed to serve as the Town's new Building Inspector. Mr. Blanton has been a resident of Indian Springs Village for 25 years.

Sheriff/Fire Reports:

Jake Guercio presented the Fire Department report in the absence of Chief Sipe. He advised that the Fire Department is currently preparing its FY2027 budget and expects to submit it to the Town by late August.

Mr. Guercio also reported that the department is pursuing grant funding to purchase a new set of hydraulic rescue tools ("Jaws of Life"), as the current equipment is no longer capable of cutting through many newer vehicle designs.

Providing an update on the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Mr. Guercio reported that the department recently swore in four new patrol deputies and two new jail deputies. Despite these additions, approximately 18 deputy positions remain vacant, and an estimated 10 employees are expected to retire within the next two years. The department continues its efforts to recruit young people interested in law enforcement careers.

Council Member Reports:

Councilmember Hill reminded everyone that the Town's free Community Movie Night would be held on **Friday, August 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** at Heardmont Park. He noted that the event would include inflatables and other family activities and encouraged attendees to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

New Business:

Mayor Harley referred the Council to a request included in the meeting packet from Dr. Laura Junkins, Principal of Oak Mountain Intermediate School.

Dr. Junkins requested funding for a **Hammock Village Shade Structure** to allow students to utilize the outdoor space throughout the year at a cost of **\$25,642.56**. She also requested funding for additional picnic tables to create an outdoor dining area for students, classes, and guests at a cost of **\$4,374.26**.

Following discussion, Councilmember Elliott made a motion to approve both requests. Councilmember Whatley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Christy Hester, Director of Shelby County Development Services, along with Josh Osborne, Manager of Planning and Community Development, addressed the Council regarding the potential development of walking trails and sidewalks within Indian Springs Village.

Ms. Hester explained that a consultant completed a pedestrian connectivity study in 2006 identifying two primary routes. One route would extend along Bishop Creek, connecting the local schools, while the second would follow Highway 119, connecting the North Shelby Library with Heardmont Park. She noted that Shelby County has already acquired several easements that would benefit the project.

Ms. Hester stated that, if the Town remains interested in pursuing the project, the County could commission an updated study for further review. The Council made no decision on the proposal but requested further information on the exact scope of the project to determine the potential benefits to the town and potential impact on certain property owners.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Harley adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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.