

Town of Ulen Council Meeting – 8/25/26 FINAL

Meeting Time and Location	Attendees (Council Members)		
Notification Posted: Y	P	N	V (Check present, not present, or virtual attendance)
Date and Time: Aug, 25, 2026 at 7:00	X		Mark Ransom
Location: Ulen Country Club	X		Jennifer Jones
Recorded minutes compiled by: M. Herny	X		Sheryl Cassis
	X		Mary Ann Herny
Attendees (Other)			
John Garber (v)		Susan Engledow (v)	
Joe Johnson			

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Virtual attendees were admitted to the meeting.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

- Prior meeting minutes from July, 2026, were approved unanimously and signed.
- July reconciled financials were presented and acknowledged. Notable transactions included receipt of funds to compensate for gas tax losses incurred as a result of Governor Braun's Gas Tax Holiday (about \$500). The total receipts and disbursements for July were as follows:

July Receipts
\$9,902.79
July Disbursements
\$3,870.82
July Ledger Balance
\$487,802.01

- Vouchers were approved for payment for the legal fees, trash service, landscaping, tree removal, insurance renewal, and water for the circle irrigation. An invoice for circle masonry was again deferred, as Anderson Masonry has not yet completed the repairs, but they have responded and will be scheduling the work shortly.

Update on Public Hearing

For attendees who did not join the Public Hearing, Mr. Ransom briefly updated participants about that hearing (separate minutes have been prepared).

Technology Update

Council members are still completing changes on their own systems. Ms. Cassis and Mr. Ransom were still in the process of setup; Ms. Jones is receiving email successfully on her phone, but needs to set up on her computer. Next steps will include providing access to shared folders and ensuring everything is functioning properly with new security settings.

Interlocal Agreement

No progress was made on this agreement this month. Mr. Ransom will be following up with the Boone Council to see if progress can be made.

Update on Roadwork/Crosswalk Painting

Mr. Ransom discussed the completion of the sidewalk tear-out at the entrance to Ulen, and that we can now paint a stopping point line for people exiting the town that allows better visibility of traffic coming from the north on Elm Swamp Road. In addition we plan to paint new crosswalk markers at the entrance to Memorial Park, and yellow no-parking curbs at each intersection, near fire hydrants, and around the traffic circles. While the appearance of such paint does not add to any visual appeal, it has become a safety issue the Council feels is important to address. Mr. Ransom will work on finding a vendor for this project and begin the process of getting one or more quotes. The Council unanimously agreed to proceed with getting quotes.

Road Damage

Howard Industries attempted to repair the places where sealant was coming up, but the issue is recurring. Ms. Jones contacted Dave Lancet (project manager) and he is working with the company to get this resolved.

Landscaping

Sidewalk removal, tree removal, retaining wall and signage landscaping have all been completed. Next steps will be to get estimates for sign lighting and to extend the water line from across the street (boring under the road).

Utility Mapping Project and Storm Drain Implications

Mr. Ransom has communicated with Mr. DeHart, who hopes to be able to provide us with the results of the utility mapping project next week. This is needed before we can proceed with storm drain work. Mr. Ransom has contacted two companies to look at the cost of vacuuming the drains.

Mr. Johnson mentioned that water was backing up from the clubhouse parking lot and running into his back yard, flooding his storage shed and basement. This is the result of a new pump put in by the club to eliminate the standing water that typically collects behind the Pro Shop.

MUST Meetings with Boone County

Ms. Herry gave an update on the most recent MUST meeting. MUST is the task force, made up of all of the fiscal officers of municipalities in Boone County, that is charged with evaluating and making recommendations to the State about the impact of the new LIT legislation. To understand this better, Baker Tilly presented some preliminary models of what the new LIT regulations might mean. There are three critical issues: new LIT caps, the change from using a levy percentage for each municipality to a population-based percentage, and the ability of larger towns (over 3500 population) to opt out of a county local tax rate and choose their own. As it stands currently, if Boone's largest three cities and towns opt out, the remaining population is quite small, and our portion of that pool of funds will be significantly less than it is now (reduced from over \$100k to about \$7k). If all three opt in, the level of funding will remain similar to what it is now. The point of the MUST meetings is to collaborate and find a common ground that will benefit all of the county.

Ms. Herry has requested the scenarios shown so that it can be shared with the Council, and recommends Council members attend the remaining three meetings, which will be on September 10th, October 2, and October 16 at 1:00. She will also make an appointment with the representative from

Baker Tilly to ensure we are not missing any critical action item, and discuss our strategy, that we need to consider.

New Business

FEIN Change

Ms. Herny contacted the IRS to verify that we do indeed need to change our FEIN. After a lengthy wait time, it appears that our old number does not appear to be anywhere in the IRS system. She has already begun notifying agencies (IN DOR is the most urgent one, and they have already made the change and issued a new Retail Merchant Certificate). Sales exemption forms must show the new number going forward. This may also impact our Grant application records, and the bank must be notified.

Dog Incident

Mr. Garber mentioned that a Boone Beat article mentioned police/animal control being called within Ulen for a dog incident. The Council was not notified, but the resident appeared to follow the procedure we recommended, which was to call Boone County Animal Control.

Street Picnic

Ms. Herny and Ms. Engledow discussed the possibility of a street picnic. Since the summer is passing quickly, the general consensus was to wait until spring and give ourselves more time to plan.

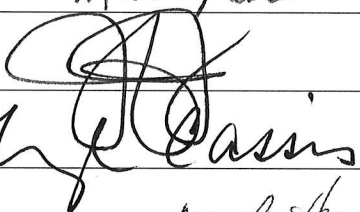
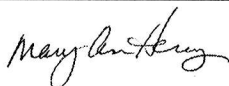
Yard Cleanup

Mr. Garber mentioned the need to remind residents about keeping roadway easements behind fences mowed, particularly along Elm Swamp Road. Mr. Ransom is working with Mr. Clutter on an abatement letter, based on prior discussions, for a few residents who need reminders, and he will share a draft shortly.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for September 22. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

Approvals:

Council Member Approvals:	
	
Attested by Clerk Treasurer:	
Date Approved:	9/22/26

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2. The second part is a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, dated January 1, 1861.

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