

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MUNCIE, INDIANA**

1. Time & Place
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7. Cooley Park Mural Site User Agreement
8. Muncie Police Department Services Agreement, Off Duty Management, Inc.
9. Adjournment

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CITY OF MUNCIE, STATE OF INDIANA
FEBRUARY 18, 2026
CLAIMS PACKET & MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Board of Public Works and safety, City of Muncie, State of Indiana, met in City Hall Auditorium, at 9:00 a.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call Members Present:** Ted Baker/ABSENT – Lola Mauer – Linda Gregory
4. **Approval of the Minutes for February 11, 2026:** Vice-President Lola Mauer entertained a motion to approve. Linda Gregory moved to approve minutes from the February 11, 2026 meeting as printed. Lola Mauer provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
5. **Register of Claims:** Craig Wright, City Controller, wished to bring attention to a few claims:
 - ✓ Page 9 \$17,686 Superior Recreational Products Park shade structure replacement fabric 4 @ \$4790.
 - ✓ Page 13 \$29,513.75 Viking Cives Great Lakes MVH salt box insert.
 - ✓ Page 14 \$125,000 Muncie Mission Ministries EDIT 2026 annual operating support.
 - ✓ Page 16 \$36,631 Kelley Chevy MPD 2025 Chevy Colorado.
 - ✓ EFTS \$40,604.45 Anthem Blue Cross
 - ✓ EFTS \$21,881.86 UMR

Linda Gregory moved to approve register of claims of **247 Records** for a total amount of **\$457,495.99** as presented. Lola Mauer provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
6. **Street Closure Application, YMCA of Muncie Tulip Trot 5K (4/18/26):** Gretchen Fields and Julia Murillo from the YMCA presented the request for their inaugural Tulip Trot 5K event scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2026. They noted minor route tweaks regarding sidewalks on University and Riverside. The closure involves the area from Wheeling to Queen Street to allow for safe intersection crossings. Nate Sloan, Muncie Police Chief, expressed enthusiasm for the event, noting it was the first year for the trot and stating that he looks forward to such events because they bring the community a lot. He emphasized that the City would work hand in hand with the YMCA to provide whatever support is needed. Linda Gregory moved to approve the street closure application. Lola Mauer provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
7. **Cooley Park Mural Site User Agreement:** Courtney Marsh, Southside Neighborhood Association President, noted that the project has been in development for several years. The team began with over 200 artist options for various styles of art. Through extensive conversations with neighbors and community members, they narrowed these down to three finalists. While information gathering occurred prior, work with the storyboard officially began in June 2025. The chosen artist is named Brian, a local Indiana artist who lives in the northern part of the state. He has experience creating art all over the world. Brian was selected for his expertise in "childlike art," which felt appropriate because Cooley Park is primarily geared toward younger youth. The board was presented with colorful markups showing how the art will appear on the building. A primary goal of the

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mural is to combat ongoing vandalism. Marsh explained that the current big white building is too inviting for people to leave their own marks so the mural is intended to fill that space with something better. The project is being funded through the City's American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. To further involve the neighborhood, the community will be invited to input and vote on names for the various characters depicted in the mural. Linda Gregory expressed her support, stating she had no questions and thought the project was a great idea. Marsh inquired about the next steps in the process following the board's approval and the Recording Secretary declared assistance in that direction. Linda Gregory moved to approve the agreement for the mural placement at Cooley Park. Lola Mauer provided the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

- 8. Muncie Police Department Services Agreement, Off Duty Management, Inc.:** Muncie Police Chief Nate Sloan (standing in for Deputy Chief Chris Deegan) noted that event planners often think of security last, leading to last-minute questions about how to secure an officer and how the process works. Currently, managing extra details is described as tedious, time-consuming, and expensive for the department. Chief Sloan highlighted that the current manual management of these details costs taxpayer money. All requests for special security details will be directed to the Off Duty Management platform, creating a one-stop shop for the community. Once a request is uploaded to the platform, it is sent to the MPD for final approval. The service costs the City of Muncie nothing. The management fees are added to the standard fees associated with hiring the officer, meaning the costs are covered by the entity requesting the security. The primary benefit cited was that the process will be significantly more organized than the current system. Questions called. Linda Gregory moved to approve the Muncie Police Department services agreement with Off Duty Management, Inc. Lola Mauer provided the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

- 9. Adjournment:** There being no further business Vice-President Lola Mauer adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

We will meet next Wednesday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of Public Works and Safety



Ted Baker, President



Lola Mauer, Vice-President



Linda Gregory, Secretary



Lacey Jones, Recording Secretary

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Appointing Authority Disclosure:
 Mayoral Appointments:

- Ted Baker – Current Term: 01/02/2024 – 12/31/2027
- Lola Mauer – Current Term: 01/02/2024 – 12/31/2027
- Linda Gregory – Current Term: 01/02/2024 – 12/31/2027