

September 8, 2025 Burkittsville Town Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Michael Robinson (Mayor)	Jim Hauver	Joyce Brown	Teresa Remein
Jad Drake (Council)	Paul Gilligan	Geoffrey Hall	
Alex Byrd (Council)	Danielle Roberts	Jill Rothen	

Absent: Council Member Matt Morris and Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Beller

Transcript

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Meeting Commencement/Moment of Silence/Minutes and Treasurer's Report Review

- Mayor Robinson calls the meeting to order at 7:30PM, followed by the pledge.
- A moment of silence is held in memory of Wayne Haupt who passed away last week.
- The August 2025 minutes were reviewed and approved after a motion by Jad Drake and second by Alex Byrd
- The August Treasurer's Report is reviewed. Mayor Robinson notes higher than anticipated post office box fees and insurance costs. A motion is made and seconded to move \$48 from the miscellaneous category to cover these costs. The Treasurer's Report is approved after a motion by Alex Byrd and second by Jad Drake.

Public Comment

Speaker 1: Jim Hauver

- Jim requests the mayor and council to postpone the approval of the zoning certificate for 210 East Main Street until the Planning and Zoning Commission conducts an on-site review.
- Jim states that there is confusion over the International Existing Building Code (IEBC) versus the International Building Code (IBC) and the need for clearer construction drawings. The importance of verifying the presence of knob and tube wiring is emphasized, which is considered outdated and potentially dangerous.
- Mayor Robinson halts at the three-minute mark, noting that the approval cannot be postponed due to Planning and Zoning approving the application at the September 2 meeting and providing it to the owner.

Speaker 2: Paul Gilligan

- Paul Gilligan provides background on the adoption of the IBC code and the lack of inspection capabilities in the town, which necessitates reliance on the county for inspections. He states that the county must be aware of the town's adopted code

standards, and applicants cannot choose their own codes. The town's official code is the IBC, and the county should inspect based on this standard.

Planning and Zoning Updates

- Mayor Robinson provides updates from Jamee Robinson, who could not attend. on planning and zoning.
- First meeting was held with Brunswick Administrator Eric Martin in attendance.
- interior renovations at 210 were approved as presented.
- Jamie Robinson was reconfirmed as chair with Amanda Grev as vice chair through January 2026
- The master plan, septic and rental ordinances, and a new auxiliary use dwelling ordinance are being worked on.

New Business

- Mayor Robinson requests approval to put out the project for replacing town welcome signs to bid. Approved with a motion from Alex Byrd and a second from Jad Drake. Bids will be approved at the November meeting.
- Mayor Robinson requests approval to put out the local snow removal project to bid, with a motion made by Alex Byrd and seconded by Jad Drake. Bids will be approved at the November meeting.
- Council confirmed town Trick-or-Treating date for Friday, October 31, 2025
- Due to conflicts with the Fall MML Conference dates, the Council elected to cancel the October meeting. If a meeting needs to be held, public notification will be posted in advance.

Speed Signs and Speed Bumps

- Mayor Robinson distributes bids from Elan City, Radar Sign, and MobileTrex.
- Radar Sign is preferred due to its ease of movement and customer service, with a motion made by Jad Drake and seconded by Alex Byrd to approve Radar Sign.
- Council discusses the need for speed signs on 17 and in the middle of town to gather data.
- Alex Byrd suggests placing speed bumps at the parking lot on the east side and in the middle of the town green.

Approval of Road Repairs

- Mayor Robinson requests approval to proceed with road repairs on Wiener Drive, with a motion made by Jad Drake and seconded by Alex Byrd.

Town Issues Update

- Mayor Robinson provides updates on town issues, including the need to remove a hollowed-out tree on Locust Street and the potential cost of removing a black walnut tree. Council discusses the need for more research on the black walnut tree and the potential cost of removing it.
- Mayor Robinson mentions a meeting with a representative from Chris Van Hollen's office regarding the EPA project and the need to bring a circuit rider back on to manage the grant projects.
- Mayor Robinson provides an update on the alleged signature concern that was raised in the January 2025 meeting. The detective advised that the State's Attorney reviewed the concern and determined that the letters were not considered public documents and while there was no verification of the validity of the signatures, they could find no evidence of an individual benefiting from the letters. The Sheriff's Department and State's Attorney declined to pursue the matter further and consider it closed.

Additional Public Comment on Traffic and Safety Concerns

- Teresa Remein raises concerns about traffic safety, noting that traffic is speeding by at 45-50 mph when they are working on the street. Mayor Robinson suggests adding crosswalks or stop signs to slow down traffic.
- Councilman Byrd mentions that stop signs were previously considered but not approved due to the streets not being true streets.
- Councilman Byrd suggests complicating things even more by adding a bike lane.
- Paul Gilligan and Mayor Robinson discuss the need for a microphone for better communication during meetings.

Meeting Adjournment

- Mayor Robinson concludes the meeting by asking if there is anything else for the good of the order, and a motion to adjourn is made and seconded.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Next Town Meeting: Monday, November 10 at 7:30PM