



Terry Arps, Mayor, Trustee One
Jerrod Davis, Trustee Two
Carla Caruthers, Vice-Mayor, Trustee Three
Jeff Schwarzmeier, Trustee Four
Cindy Taylor, Trustee Five

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF LUTHER
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.
LUTHER TOWN HALL
108 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LUTHER, OKLAHOMA 73054**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order by **Terry Arps.**
2. Invocation by **Jeff Schwarzmeier**
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Terry Arps.**
4. Roll Call by **Terry Arps. Present were Terry Arps, Jeff Schwarzmeier, and Cindy Taylor. Jerrod Davis and Carla Caruthers were absent.**
5. Determination of a quorum was made by **Terry Arps.**
6. Approval of the Consent Agenda,
 - a. Approval of the Board Minutes from the meetings of March 10 and 26, 2026.
 - b. Approval of Claims, including Payroll
 - c. Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report – **Terry Arps made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**
7. Consideration of Items Removed from the Consent Agenda – **None.**
8. Trustee Comments – **Cindy Taylor mentioned the 3rd Saturday Market starts this weekend.**
9. Department Reports – **Terry read the code enforcement, police, and fire reports.**
10. Attorney's Report – **None.**

Trustee One (Terry Arps)

11. PUBLIC HEARING – To consider and take possible action to approve or deny and application for rezoning from A-1 Agricultural to I-Industrial and Manufacturing for a property located on the southeast corner of 164th Street and N. Luther Road, Luther, OK 73054. The applicant has indicated the rezoning request is being made for the purpose of relocating an existing structural steel fabrication business. A copy of the proposed application is on file in the office of the Town Clerk at Luther Town Hall. The property is currently zoned A-1 Agricultural, and the legal description is as follows: DEWEY TOWNSHIP PT NW4 SEC 3 13N 1E BEG 100.01FT S OF NW/C OF NW4 TH E356.52FT SE462.15FT S506FT S486.75FT SWLY485.55FT SE587.99FT SWLY579.10FT W184.74FT N300FT NW203.82FT N199.99FT NW205.30FT W33FT N1727.15 TO BEG. – **Terry Arps made a motion to table to 5.12.2026, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**
12. Consideration, discussion and possible action, including accepting a recommendation from the Luther Planning Commission, to approve or deny an application for a lot split of 23.64 acres from a 103.54 acre property zoned A-1. Legal description as follows: LUTHER TOWNSHIP PT SE4 & NE4 SEC 22 14N 1E BEING SE/4 LYING S OF RR R/W & EX A TR ON S BEG SE/C SE/4 TH W2639.65FT

TO SW/C TH N114.83FT ELY60.57FT SELY303.79FT E448.68FT NELY227.71FT E625FT SELY150.75FT E400FT ELY149.47FT E286.77FT S56.49FT TO BEG & EX TR BEG 1987.78FT N OF SE/C SE4 TH W660FT N TO RR R/W TH N ALONG R/W TO SECTION LINE TH S TO BEG SUBJ TO ESMTS OF RECORD & EX BEG 660FT S OF SE/C SE4 TH S330FT W660FT N330FT E660FT TO BEG & EX A TR BEG SE/C SE4 TH W659.97FT N51.52FT N1599.46FT E626.99FT E33FT S1649.74FT TO BEG. - **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**

13. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval to appoint Rian Harkins at the Town Clerk-Treasurer. - **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**
14. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$750 for the Luther Public Garden renovation. - **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**
15. Consideration, discussion and possible action to accept, decline, or make a counter-offer to Travelers Insurance for settlement regarding the crash involving the Metropolitan Library System delivery truck that hit and damaged the Town park bench and Town Hall building. – **Terry Arps made a motion to provide a counteroffer to Traveler’s insurance based on new estimates and depreciation on bench in the amount to be determined by the town manager, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**
16. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding a renewal of the contract with Brent Coldiron, to serve as the Town Prosecutor. - **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**
17. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding a renewal of the contract with Daniel McClure, Sr., for code enforcement services. **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**

Trustee Two (Jerrod Davis)

Trustee Three (Carla Caruthers)

18. Update on wiring repair for Unit 746 (brush pumper – Fire Department). Consideration, discussion, and possible action if necessary to authorize repairs. – **Chief Figueroa provided an update on the costs. Terry Arps made a motion to approve costs not to exceed \$4,000, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**
19. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve travel and *per diem* for the NFA (National Fire Academy) Incident Safety Officer class on May 2-3, 2026, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma with hotel expenses not to exceed \$425.00 and daily *per diem* not to exceed \$110.00. - **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**

Trustee Four (Jeff Schwarzmeier)

Trustee Five (Cindy Harris Baker)

20. Consideration, discussion and possible action to adopt a mission statement with the proposed wording: “To cultivate a vibrant, historic small town rooted in community, agriculture, arts, and local enterprise—while guiding smart growth that serves both current residents and future generations.” –

Cindy Taylor made a motion to approve the mission statement with one change to replace the word smart with thoughtful, 2nd by Terry Arps. The Vote: All (3) Yes.

21. Presentation by Cindy Taylor regarding proposed remodel of Booker T Washington building into an event center/museum in relation to a Route 66 Revitalization grant application. – **Cindy Taylor presented photos and discussed ideas regarding the remodel.**

22. Presentation by Cindy Taylor regarding proposed upgrade of the board/court room. – **Cindy Taylor presented photos and discussed ideas regarding the upgrade, as well as gave updates on donated items.**

23. Consideration, discussion and possible action to allocate matching funds, not to exceed \$1,000, to support a downtown beautification initiative to match a previously approved donation from Langston University. – **Cindy Taylor made a motion to approve the matching funds, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**

24. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding the Route 66 Monument design and location. – **Cindy Taylor made a motion to table to 4.23.26 to review location options.**

25. **New Business:** In accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Title 25 O.S. 311.A.9 of the Oklahoma Statutes, new business is defined as any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda. – **None.**

26. **Citizen participation:** Citizens may address the Board during open meetings on any matter on the agenda prior to the Board taking action on the matter. On any item not on the current agenda, citizens may address the Board under the agenda item Citizen Participation. Citizens should fill out a Citizen's Participation Request form and give it to the Mayor. Citizen Participation is for information purposes only, and the Board cannot discuss, act or make any decisions on matters presented under Citizens Participation. Citizens are requested to limit their comments to two minutes. – **None.**

27. **Adjourn. - Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (3) Yes.**

Transcribed by Stephanie Mason, Administrative Assistant