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PEOPLE AND PLACES

Town of Paoli, Scott Rutherford utility general foreman

The Paoli Town Council hired Scott E. Rutherford as the new utility general foreman. Rutherford was hired during a special meeting of the Paoli Town Council on April 1, 2021 and began work on April 5, 2021.

"I have enjoyed working with the town employees, town foremen and town council and continue making the Town of Paoli better," said Rutherford now almost into his second year with the Town of Paoli.

Rutherford said it is a collaborative effort with his team as they move forward and build on the successes the town already has. He likened it to being at his alma mater, Indiana University, and having all of the championship banners of past successes hanging in Assembly Hall. He wants to be able to add another championship banner to his hometown of Paoli.

"We want Paoli to be the best town it can be," said Rutherford.



Rutherford earned a Bachelor of Science in Business at Kelly School of Business with a concentration in accounting. He worked for Caterpillar Inc. where he has "was involved with virtually every aspect of running the business end to end." Caterpillar is a global company and describes itself as "the world's leading manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, diesel and natural gas engines, industrial gas turbines, and diesel-electric locomotives."

Rutherford provided leadership and support at Caterpillar in: factory manufacturing, operations and maintenance; supply chain, logistics and purchasing; product quality, waste management and water quality; project management; accounting, finance and treasury; human resources, training and people development; information technology systems and implementation; business process transformation, alignment and compliance; cross-functional team building and buy-in; product and process engineering; product scheduling and pricing; marketing, sales and customer support; and management during economic upturns and downturns. ———

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Paoli Utilities: Valued Leadership

When Scott was asked to share what he valued most about his employment with Paoli he stated that the Utility of Paoli provided reliable and consistent electric, water, sewer, sanitation and street services to the residents and businesses. The Town of Paoli currently holds over 1,800 residential and business meters total.

Scott replies after being asked to share a few safety protocols that he and the town of Paoli go by in all day-to-day operations, "Safety discussions are provided daily and most importantly building a culture where working safely is our top priority. We do not want to ever "shake hands with danger".

Current Projects

Rutherford and his team at the Town of Paoli have been working on maintenance and upgrades to the Triangle Road substation this 2022. A new sewer plant is currently under construction for 2023.



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