

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
September 22, 2011**

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APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTEST:

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