

Town of Fortville

08.19.2024

Town Council Meeting

Opening of Meeting:

The meeting was held at Fortville Town Hall, 714 E. Broadway. Meeting was called to order by Council President Tonya Davis at 6:30pm.

Present:

Tonya Davis, President; Ryan Rummell, Vice President; Libby Wyatt, Council Member; Fritz Fentz, Council Member; Vanessa Battaglia, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager; Alex Intermill; Town Attorney, Adriana Krueger; Deputy Clerk & Missy Glazier, Clerk-Treasurer.

Not Present:

N/A

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve the agenda, Libby Wyatt seconds. Motion carried passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve the August 5, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 5-0.

New Business:

- a. Introduction of new deputy clerk, Adriana Krueger – Missy Glazier introduced Adriana and Council welcomed her.
- b. Introduction of new police officer, Dylan Grimm – Chief Patrick Bratton introduced Dylan and Council welcomed him.
- c. Council to hear 2025 budget proposal – Beth Marsh, Bookkeeping Plus – Beth presented the proposed budget. There will be a public hearing on the 16th of September. The final approval will be October 21st.
- d. Council to hear Chamber of Commerce Merger – Retta Livengood, President of the Greenfield Area Chamber of Commerce – Retta explained the merger and how it will benefit all Hancock County businesses. She also explained what the purpose of the chamber is and how it works.

- e. Council to consider Ordinance 2024-8A, Amending and Restating the Speed Limits Schedule – Joe Renner explained the amendment. Alex Intermill asked if it was inside the Urban District and Joe confirmed it was. Ryan Rummel made the motion to approve the amendment to Ordinance 2024-8A with Libby Wyatt seconding. Motion carried, passed 5-0.

Old Business:

- a. Council to consider Request for Proposal(s) for the use of the Fortville Community Center Gym – Heath Luther advertised the proposal in the newspaper. He read the interested parties letter out loud in the meeting. Heath stated he will need a contract to finalize the agreement. It will be a 12-month lease at \$4,250.00 per month.
- b. Council to discuss adopting an ordinance to establish a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). Local Business & Property Owner – Survey Monkey Results – Ryan Rummell explained the survey and read the results to the Public. The survey results are attached. Council is going to look into this further before making any decisions.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager:

Joe Renner stated that David Thompson will be at the next meeting to discuss a water tower maintenance program.

Parks Manager:

Heath reminded everyone that Kammy's Kause is this weekend.

Planning & Building Director:

N/A

Clerk-Treasurer:

N/A

Police Chief:

Patrick Bratton stated there are two motorcycle rides this weekend: Blazier 88 and Kammy's Kause.

Town Attorney:

N/A

Public Comment:

Mary Beth Sears publicly thanked Heath and all that helped him with Summerfest. The park was spotless at 9am the next morning. Also wanted to mention the plaque hanging behind Council would be a good rebranding start.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis

N/A

Ryan Rummell

N/A

Libby Wyatt

N/A

Fritz Fentz

N/A

Vanessa Battaglia

HB 1183 Prevents China from owing/purchasing land. She thinks we should look at taking it to a local level.

Approve and Sign Vouchers:

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve and sign vouchers, Libby Wyatt seconds. Motion carries, passes 5-0.

Adjourn:

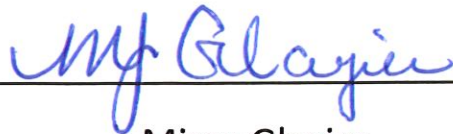
Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 7:37pm, Libby Wyatt seconds. Motion carries, passes 5-0.

President:



Tonya Davis

Clerk-Treasurer:



Missy Glazier

The Fortville Town Council is discussing adopting an ordinance to establish a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). Indiana Code 7.1-3-31 authorizes a municipality to create a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area ("DORA"). A DORA allows individuals at least twenty-one (21) years old to purchase alcoholic beverages from approved vendors and retail establishments and carry them outside to be consumed within the DORA boundaries.

We would like to hear from local property & business owners to weigh in on the subject. Please take the survey by clicking on the following link. If there are questions, please send them to info@fortville.in.gov & we will answer them at this Monday's council meeting.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WVWM95S>

Establishing a DORA

To establish a DORA, a municipal legislative body must adopt an ordinance that includes the following required information:

- A map of the refreshment area in sufficient detail to identify its boundaries.
- The boundaries of the refreshment area, using street addresses.
- The location(s) of the proposed designated retail permittee(s) and temporary vendors within the refreshment area.
- A statement that the refreshment area is consistent with the municipality's zoning ordinance.
- The number, spacing, and type of signage designating the refreshment area.
- The dates and hours of operation for the refreshment area may not violate IC 7.1-3-1-14.

A municipality may not establish more than seven (7) designated refreshment areas within its jurisdiction.

DORA Application Process

Once a DORA is established, the municipality is required to submit the following to the Commission:

- An application for approval of the refreshment area.
- The completed designation forms received by the municipality from retail permittees and temporary vendors participating in the refreshment area.
- A copy of the ordinance adopted by the municipality under I.C. 7.1-3-31.
- A map of the refreshment area indicates where designated retail permittees are located within the DORA and where temporary vendors are permitted to operate.

DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA) SURVEY

This survey was conducted through SurveyMonkey distributed by Andy Williams – Town of Fortville Office | HR | Social Media Manager, via email & Facebook.

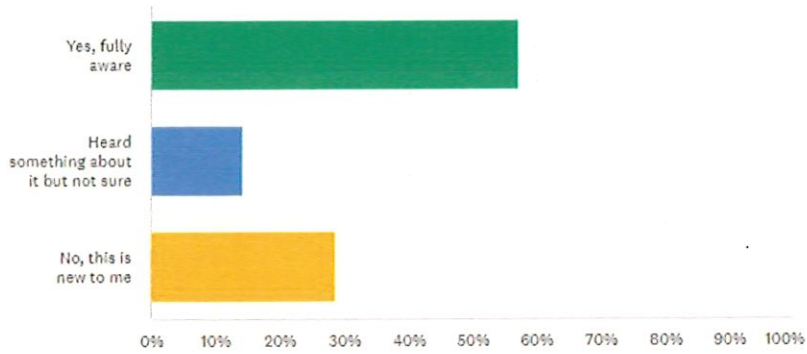
Emails were sent to restaurant, retail, & property contacts throughout the downtown business district.

Survey dates of August 13th-19th, 2024 resulted in twenty-one (21) responses.

Question 1:

Are you aware of the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area in our community?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 0

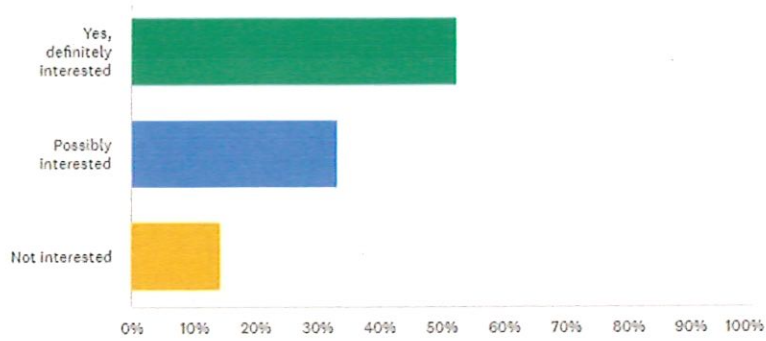


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes, fully aware	57.14%	12
▼ Heard something about it but not sure	14.29%	3
▼ No, this is new to me	28.57%	6
TOTAL		21

Question 2:

Would your business be interested in participating in the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area initiative?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes, definitely interested	52.38% 11
▼ Possibly interested	33.33% 7
▼ Not Interested	14.29% 3
TOTAL	21

Question 3:

What benefits do you believe the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area would bring to your business? Select all that apply

Answered: 16 Skipped: 5



Question Summaries

Insights and Data Trends

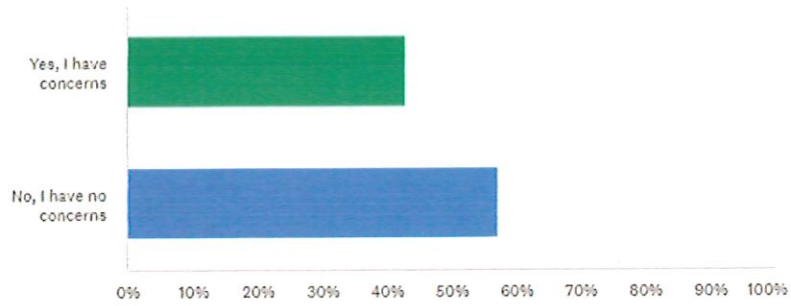
Individual Responses

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Increased foot traffic	50.00% 8
▼ Enhanced customer satisfaction	50.00% 8
▼ Opportunities for special events	68.75% 11
▼ Improved visibility and exposure	50.00% 8
▼ Other	25.00% 4
Total Respondents: 16	

Question 4:

Do you have any concerns about the implementation of the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes, I have concerns	42.86%	9
▼ No, I have no concerns	57.14%	12
TOTAL		21

Question 4 follow-up:

If you have concerns, please describe them.

Answered: 9 Skipped: 12

Explain what it changes

8/16/2024 01:31 PM

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What is this going to look like? I did some research after getting this email. I like how Noblesville is set up

8/16/2024 10:45 AM

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dont know what it is

8/14/2024 05:13 PM

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cost to business owner for signage, cups, wristbands. Confusion to customers with whose participating, where boundaries are police enforcement

8/14/2024 01:01 PM

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This is really necessary if we keep things the way that are . People can be responsible adults

8/14/2024 12:05 PM

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Would the town be responsible for marking the DORA areas?

8/13/2024 08:18 PM

[View respondent's answers](#)

As a clothing store I do not want customers bringing food or beverages into my location. I do not understand the big hype about it. I can see it if there is an event happening on Main Street, but other than that I do not feel the DORA is necessary.

8/13/2024 06:33 PM

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1. Would like to view map, would like to better understand the target reasons for adoption of the program, have concern about individual business responsibility as determined by the town regarding locations that serve alcohol. What are the projected issues that may arise? What safeguards are available to residents living in the district? Will the TOF more restrictively administer the program through ordinances if approved by the state. What economic studies are cited by other cities with this program?

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I see the benefit. I don't know what the draw would be however. Purchase a drink and walk up and down the street. Is the park included?

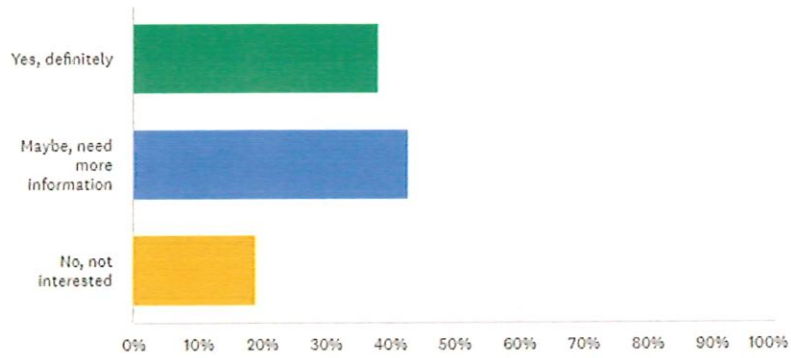
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Question 5:

Would you be willing to collaborate with other local businesses to promote the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes, definitely	38.10%	8
▼ Maybe, need more information	42.86%	9
▼ No, not interested	19.05%	4
TOTAL		21

Question 6:

What type of support or resources would your business need to successfully participate in the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 12

Need more information

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Support and resources will depend on Fortville's execution of the ordinance and proposed usage

8/16/2024 10:45 AM

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not sure

8/14/2024 05:13 PM

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I think all businesses just need to understand what it is and what the rules/limitations are to the DORA so that we can communicate to our customers what the DORA actually means.

8/14/2024 02:17 PM

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none :)

8/14/2024 01:01 PM

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Taxpayer

8/14/2024 12:05 PM

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Some kind of breakdown of the laws that would change, local and state wise. Maybe a pamphlet or one pager.

8/13/2024 08:18 PM

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Good question, best identified in open collective conversation. Outside vendors with offsite licensing could potentially affect brick and mortar businesses as do food trucks during grass roots events. Would like to see a round table discussion about safeguarding brick and mortar businesses since they pay directly or indirectly into local, township, TIF and county tax base whereas outside vendors pay simply for food/bev permits if obtained.

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Always interesting when you get ATF involved. I need to look into it further.

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FORTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, AUGUST 19th, 2024

— TOWN OF —
FORTVILLE

TOWN COUNCIL

- Tonya Davis, *President*
- Ryan Rummell, *Vice President*
- Frederick Fentz, *Member*
- Elizabeth Wyatt, *Member*
- Vanessa Battaglia, *Member*

CLERK-TREASURER

- Melissa Glazier

TOWN STAFF

- Joe Renner, *Town Manager*
- Patrick Bratton, *Police Chief*
- Alex Intermill, *Town Attorney*

MEETING LOCATION

Fortville Town Hall
714 E. Broadway St.
Fortville, IN 46040
6:30 p.m.

WEB ACCESS VIA:

- [Zoom Conference Call](#)
Call-In Number: 1-305-224-1968
Meeting ID: 585 628 6974
Link:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5856286974?
omn=81357213059](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5856286974?omn=81357213059)



1. MEETING OPENING

- a. **Call Meeting to Order** – *Council President*
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- c. **Roll Call** - *Clerk-Treasurer*
- d. **Determine the Presence of a Quorum** – *Council President*
- e. Council to consider **Approval of the Meeting Agenda**.
- f. Council to consider **Approval of Minutes** from the previous meeting:
 - i. August 5th, 2024

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduction of new deputy clerk, Adriana Krueger.
- b. Introduction of new police officer, Dylan Grimm.
- c. Council to hear 2025 budget proposal - Beth Marsh, Bookkeeping Plus
- d. Council to hear Chamber of Commerce merger - Retta Livengood, President of the Greenfield Area Chamber of Commerce
- e. Council to consider Ordinance 2024-8__ Amending and Restating the Speed Limits Schedule.

3. OLD BUSINESS

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- b. Council to discuss adopting an ordinance to establish a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). Local Business & Property Owner - SurveyMonkey results.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. **Town** – *Joe Renner*
- b. **Planning & Building** – *Adam Zaklikowski, AICP*
- c. **Parks & Recreation** – *Heath Luther*
- d. **Police** – *Chief Patrick Bratton*
- e. **Clerk-Treasurer** – *Melissa Glazier*
- f. **Legal** – *Alex Intermill | Bose McKinney & Evans LLP*

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 minutes per)

6. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

7. APPROVE & SIGN VOUCHERS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Town of Fortville will, upon request, provide appropriate aid or assistance leading to effective participation for people with disabilities. Anyone who requires such assistance should contact **Andy Williams** - Office Manager, at (317) 485-4044 Ext. 1003 or via email at awilliams@fortville.in.gov, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled meeting.