

Town of Fortville
02.18.2025
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 6:30 pm.

Present:

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

Not Present:

Vanessa Battaglia, Council Member

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the agenda for February 18, 2025, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 3, 2025, town meeting. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

New Business:

a) **Introduction of New Town Staff:**

- i. Shaunda Coon – Utility/Accounts Payable Dept.
- ii. Dominic Bova – Street & Utilities Dept.
- iii. Lion Brake – Street & Utilities Dept.

b) Council to hear the Annual Financial Report/Transfers. Beth Marsh, Bookkeeping Plus, to presented via Zoom.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the 2024 Annual Financial Report. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

Beth Marsh presented the Transfers between funds. This was an addition to the financial report. Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the Transfers between funds report. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

- c) Council to hear the Vernon Twp/VTFD 2024 Year in Review. Flory May, Vernon Twp Trustee, and VTFD Chief Mark Elder to Present. Flory May was unable to attend due to illness. Mark Elder presented the 2024 review. Council discussed.
- d) Council to consider a Special Event Request for Kammy's Kause '25. Jared Hiner, founder of Kammy's Kause, to present. Event will be just as presented in previous years. The two-day event starting on Friday was a great decision from last year that they would like to implement again this year. The town really enjoyed this event.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the Special Event Request for Kammy's Kause '25. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, 4/0.

- e) Council to consider a Special Event Request for Summerfest '25. Stacy Molander presented. Questions about how they plan to divide the event in two separate areas successfully, as indicated on the application. Stacy says she has done this before in other events in other towns and it works well. The map and the closure of streets were discussed.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the Special Event Request for Summerfest '25. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, 4/0.

- f) Council to conduct a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-1A, a voluntary annexation of 1927 W. SR 234 (Mt. Vernon Schools Performance Enhancement Center.)

Ryan Rummell made a motion to recess council meeting at 7:15 pm and to open Public Hearing. Fritz Fentz seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

The floor was opened for Public to bring up any issues they may have with this voluntary annexation of 1927 W. SR 234 (Mt. Vernon Schools Performance Enhancement Center.). No Public comment was heard.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:17 pm and to re-open the Council meeting. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

Old Business:

- a) Council to consider 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-2A, Amending the Twon's Sewer Use Ordinance. Joe Renner presents the red-line version and opens for questions. Alex cleared up a typing mistake made within the Ordinance that he was fixing.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-2A. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

The quality of the water has been questioned. The engineers have been working on some benchtop tests. Everything seems to be working well. IDEM will need to review and approve results.

Waiting on INDOT to approve the repairs to the curbs and sidewalks. Joe met with the contractor that was selected by the council to work on the project. They seem eager to get those repairs going.

The Broadway project that was discussed and approved a few meetings back has been ongoing. The NPO has put together a large scope of work that will need to be done. They have distributed some of the funding awarded to us in the amount of \$46,883.00 to start the process. This is not the full amount, but they wanted to distribute before they lost the funds. Joe Renner is requesting the Council approve the funds awarded now by the NPO and to grant him permission to move forward with, and to process all the additional paperwork and proposals needed, so that the deadline for this project can be met. The fear is that having to bring everything to council, would greatly delay the project and/or create numerous special meeting requests.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the funds received by NPO and to give Joe Renner authorization to move forward with the project. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

Absent.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

As discussed in the last two Council Meetings, Heath has closed the bid request from consultant companies being considered to help work on the Park's Master Plan. Only two companies answered the request for a bid. The work on the Town of Fortville Parks Department Master Plan is very important so that proper plans can be implemented going forward and limits the chances for things to slip through the cracks. Pro's Consulting has submitted the best quote so far for \$13,200 and Heath is requesting permission for the Parks department to move forward with them.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the \$13,200.00 bid with Pro's Consulting to work on the Town of Fortville's Parks Master Plan. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

The K9 vehicle purchased last year has been repurposed and a new one has been procured after the accident that totaled the unit. It will be back in service shortly after the decals are

placed. The two vehicles that had been earmarked from last year's appropriation accounts have been purchased and will be arriving soon. This removes the earmark on that account. Chief Bratton gives a head up on an incoming request for Council approval for him to attend the International Association of Chief of Police Conference in Denver Colorado this year.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No comment.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Adriana Krueger

No comment.

Public Comment:

No Comments made from the Public.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis:

No Comment.

Ryan Rummell:

No Comment.

Libby Wyatt:

No Comment.

Fritz Fentz:

No Comment.

Vanessa Battaglia:


Absent

Approve and Sign Vouchers:

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve and sign vouchers, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 4/0.

Adjourn:

Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm, Ryan Rummell seconds the motion.
Motion carries passed 4/0.

President:  _____

Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer:  _____

Adriana Krueger