

Town of Fortville

04.21.2025

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; (via Zoom) Vanessa Battaglia, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager; Alex Intermill, Town Attorney.

Not Present:

Adriana Krueger, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the agenda for April 21, 2025, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 7, 2025, town meeting. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

New Business:

- a) The Council President will read & consider signing the Proclamation for Tree City, USA's Arbor Day on Friday April 25th, 2025. Tonya Davis signs the proclamation. Heath Ledger reports that he will be picking up the trees on Tuesday, April the 22 and they will be available for the public to pick up, for free, on Friday. This has been posted on Facebook and the website.
- b) The Council President will appoint a citizen member of the Plan Commission to fill the seat vacated by Mike Siebert. Tracy Bills will be filling that seat.

- c) The Council will review annual Tax Abatement compliance forms. (CF-1s)
 - i. 700 W. Broadway: expansion will be abated over the 10-year period.
 - ii. Light Industrial parks: 2 Building abatement approved in 2022
 - iii. Taxman: abatement approved from 2016
 - iv. Commerce Industries: 3 abatements approved in various years starting in 2014, 2018, and 2022.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve and sign all of the CF-1's presented today for consideration. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, 5/0.

Old Business:

- a) Council will consider approving a 1st reading of an Ordinance for Sidewalk Maintenance.
 - i. Alex Intermill presents the changes that have been requested during the writing of the Ordinance. Clarity of language has been addressed. Council discusses in depth all the changes and clarification of language.

Vanessa Bataglia made a motion to not vote on this and wait until everything has been corrected. No one seconded the motion. Motion fails. No vote.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance for Sidewalk Maintenance with the changes to A1. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, 3/2.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

120 Water CO is a company working with Dave to get an inventory of Lead and Water sampling and update the community of the health of our water system. \$13,479.70 needs to be approved for this expenditure. Dave is asking council to consider approving this expenditure.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the expenditure. No one seconded the motion. More information needs to be provided for next meeting.

Last payment for Reynolds Construction will need to be made for the completion of the wastewater system. It was due end of last year but was not made until there was confidence that everything was completed by contract. This has been met.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the final billing and payment to Reynolds Construction in the amount of \$72,427.50. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, 5/0.

Pricing for a smaller snowblower is pending.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

No comment.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

No comment.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

The quarterly report is available at the back of the room for the public to review. It has been submitted to Council.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No comment.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Adriana Krueger

Absent.

Public Comment:

A question was brought up about what is going on behind the liquor store on Garden Street? There is a parking lot going in.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis:

No Comment.

Ryan Rummell:

No Comment.

Libby Wyatt:

No Comment.

Fritz Fentz:

No Comment.

Vanessa Battaglia:

No Comment

Approve and Sign Vouchers:

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

Adjourn:

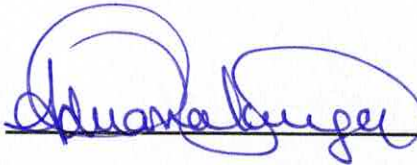
Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm, Ryan Rummell seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

President: _____



Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: _____



Adriana Krueger