

Town of Fortville

05.05.2025

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:

Tonya Davis requested a change in the agenda's sequence so that the Special Event Request could be heard prior to having the budget & finance update. Ryan Rummell made a motion to make the requested change to the agenda and approve; 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 21, 2025, town meeting. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

New Business:

- a) The council will hear a Special Event Request from Angelica Rangull for Mother's Day Worship and Father's Day Worship in Landmark Park.
 - i. We request the use of the Pavillion for Sunday's Mother's Day Worship on May 11th and Sunday's Father's Day Worship on June 15th.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the Special Event Request for both Mother's Day and Father's Day Worship in Landmark Park. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0

- b) The council will hear a budget & finance update from "Buzz" Krohn of O.W. Krohn & Associates, CPA.
 - i. Refinancing needed for the 2022 B.A.N water bond anticipation note. Water rates will need to be changed to achieve the proper debt ratio. They have not been raised in sixteen years. Discussion was held in depth about the prospective increases, comparison of neighboring towns, requirements for new bond, discussion about action plans for Town Council going forward. HB 1459 Requires Utility Asset Mgmt. Plan.
 - ii. In depth discussion was had on: Property tax Levy growth for next year. Business personal property tax reform, and other significant tax topics.

Old Business:

- a) The council will hear the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance for Sidewalk Maintenance.
 - i. Redline copy was distributed for review to include all changes requested from last council meeting. Additional comments were made about language.

Vanessa Bataglia makes a motion to address change of language in Ordinance. Fritz Fentz seconds motion. Motion defeated, 2/3.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of the Ordinance for Sidewalk Maintenance. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/1.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

Kudos to Andy for the HeyGov reporting website. It is very user friendly and has been working really well. He has acquired a concrete planner to help with some repairs. He will be on vacation for next meeting.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

No comment.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

Absent

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Absent

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No comment.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Adriana Krueger

Absent.

Public Comment:

No comment.

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:

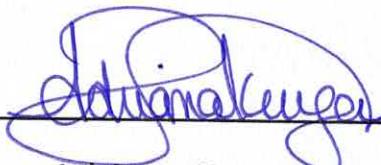
Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm, Ryan Rummell seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

President: _____



Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: _____



Adriana Krueger