

Town of Fortville

06.16.2025

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; Vanessa Battaglia, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager; Alex Intermill, Town Attorney.

Not Present:

Fritz Fentz, Council Member: Adriana Krueger, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve changes to the agenda for today June 16th, 2025; Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 5th, 2025, Executive meeting. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0/1.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 2nd, 2025, town meeting. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0/1.

New Business:

- a) The council will consider adopting Ordinance No. 2025-6A amending the rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks system.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-6A amending and restating the water rates. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0

- b) The council will hear a modification concept plan of Landmark Park. Heath Luther, parks manager, introduces Doug Tischbein from Reynolds Construction who will present. Things that were already accomplished in the 2020-2022 project.
 - i. Basketball courts were resurfaced. Took some trees out.

- ii. Community center: Air conditioning systems were replaced. The roof had tornado damage, so it was replaced and coated in white to reflect at max. Solar Panels were installed for renewable energy sources.
- iii. Shelter House had a significant remodel and update performed.
- iv. Tennis courts were fully resurfaced and new lighting was installed.
- v. Verkada Surveillance was put in place at the garages and Town Hall.
- vi. Dog park entry system was put in place.

Rabecca Mahoney: Landmark needs to be refreshed. Playground needed to be updated. A few gazebos will be replaced. Master plan was explained for all future work that is needed. Wider sidewalks were discussed for wheelchair accessibility. Concept plan showed 8-foot-wide paths. Bigger gazebo for future events/weddings. Full comprehensive planning was discussed and presented to council.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to proceed with the RFQ and advertisement for the procurement of the BOT. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0

- c) The council will hear a presentation from Branden & Christine Ferris to allow them to raise and tend chickens in their backyard. There have been a number of dietary issues within the household. They need to raise them for eggs which make up a major part of their household diet. They have notified neighbors and would like council approval.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the request for chickens for the Ferris family as an exception to the code: 93-20 section A subsection 9. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0

Old Business:

N/A

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

No Comment.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

No Comment.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

The rough draft for the Community parks survey will be available sometime in the next week. It will be posted for the town to participate soon. Renewal of the Sharks contract will be coming up soon. Tree work will continue around the parks.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Officer Grimm resigned last week, and a replacement is actively being looked for. He would like the council declaring surplus for the Dodge Durango and for that money to be allocated for outfitting new vehicles.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to determine the two Dodge Durangos as surplus and allocate that money to outfit new vehicles. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No Comment.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Adriana Krueger

Absent.

Public Comment:

Rich Case: Fortville Action recently approved a grant for the Vernon Township library for a story walk. A location is being looked for. They are looking for additional funds through the community foundation to add that to our parks.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis:

No Comment.

Ryan Rummell:

No Comment.

Libby Wyatt:

No Comment.

Fritz Fentz:

Absent.

Vanessa Battaglia:

No comment.

Approve and Sign Vouchers:

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

Adjourn:

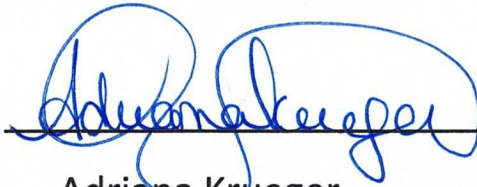
Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm, Ryan Rummell second the motion.
Motion carries passed 5/0.

President: _____



Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: _____



Adriana Krueger