

Town of Fortville

07.21.2025

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; Vanessa Battaglia, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager; Alex Intermill, Town Attorney; Adriana Krueger, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Not Present:

Fritz Fentz, Council Member

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the agenda for today July 21st, 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 16th, 2025, town meeting. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

New Business:

N/A

Old Business:

- a) The council will consider an appointment to the Redevelopment Commission for the seat vacated by Amy Lawson. New applicant, Zachary Fager, spoke about his experience and desire to join the commission. One of the previous applicants, Agnese Kaulina-Feldmanis, has withdrawn.

Ryan Rummell nominates Mike Kelty. Libby Wyatt second the nomination. Nomination confirmed, passed 3/1/0

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

Updates: Paving in Timer Ridge started today. Identification of several feet of curbs that need to be repaired. Information on Maple Street/ Maple Street that needs to get milled down and resurfaced. As soon as those quotes come in, the streets that need to be repaired will be addressed. Merrill Street will be part of another community crossing project.

BP: In touch with the contractor, they were supposed to have gotten it done last week. He is not communicating with anyone. INDOT is trying to get it resolved as soon as possible. INDOT has the responsibility to hire the contractors to put the entrance in. The contractor has been paid but then disappears without finishing the job.

The tree that had fallen was removed last Saturday, along with some other trees. Clearing of the building was also done.

Joe requests the council to appoint a committee to select the consultant for the BOT for the Landmark Park Project. All quotes are due August 1st. We need a committee to review the quotes and select the company. Heath Luther, Libby Wyatt, and Tonya Davis will be the members of this committee.

Joe requests that an increase in his spending limit. It has not been updated in 20 years. Some of the new purchases have been lost because they exceeded the \$10k limit and by the time he can bring them to council, the purchase has been lost.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to raise the spending limit for the Town Manager from \$10k to \$20k. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried 4/0

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

No Comment.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

Update: the numbers for the concrete to finish up around the playground is still coming in. He will bring those in when they are fully available. The basketball goals need to be replaced. He is requesting the funds \$14,200.00 to purchase and replace 4 full basketball goals that include acrylic backboards, breakaway rims, commercial grade materials. Price includes removal and installation of everything.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the \$14,200.00 to purchase the 4 new basketball goals. Libby Wyatt seconds. Motion carried 4/0

The Parks department and the Town did not have as much to do with Summerfest as in the years passed. The Mainstreet Business Association did a really good job handling this event.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Reminding the Town and businesses that participate in DORA that cups must have the identifying stickers for them to be considered part of the DORA project. Many cups were out there this past weekend without them. Please follow the ordinance and the laws to avoid penalties. Public reminder.

Quarterly report: It is all posted and available in the back of the room for anyone to review. Police officers had a lot of training this past quarter. Firearms, K9 training, physical tactics. Emergency vehicle operations, school resource officers went to the conference in Northern Indiana. Close quarters combat and entrance techniques were worked on.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No Comment.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Adriana Krueger

No comment.

Public Comment:

Dave Beatson: Thank you to Chief Bratton for clarifying about the DORA as it was not necessarily clear to the general public what this was and what the particulars of this initiative were. Please explain what the DORA is. Chief Bratton: It is designed so that all the participating businesses can sell a to-go (alcoholic) drink in the correctly identified cup. That way everyone knows that this person purchased their drink in a participating business, and they can walk around town, where allowed, without issue. You cannot just take your own drinks from home and walk around town. This is specifically for designated businesses. There will be stores that prohibit drinks inside their businesses, and those will have the appropriate signage.

Sharron Beatson: Summerfest was really nice; however, some safety hazards were identified. There is a difference in elevation near the train tracks where there is a step down. There needs to be some type of colored paint or reflective paint to identify the step down.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis:

No Comment.

Ryan Rummell:

No Comment.

Libby Wyatt:

No Comment.

Fritz Fentz:

Absent.

Vanessa Battaglia:

Really enjoyed the fireworks during Summerfest.

Approve and Sign Vouchers:

Ryan Rummell made the motion to approve and sign vouchers; Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carries passed 4/0.

Adjourn:

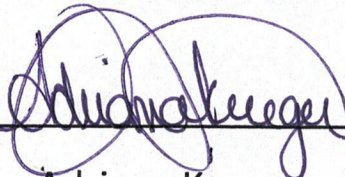
Tonya Davis made the motion to adjourn at 7:09 pm, Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carries passed 4/0.

President: _____



Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: _____



Adriana Krueger