

Town of Fortville
09.15.2025
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; Missy Glazier, Clerk Treasurer.

Not Present:

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the agenda for today September 15th, 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 September 2nd, 2025, Town Council Meeting. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

Old Business:

New Business:

- a) Council will hear the presentation of the 2026's Proposed Budget from Beth Marsh of Bookkeeping Plus. Proposed increases were discussed and opened for feedback. None was offered.

- b) Ryan Rummell made a motion to recess the regular town council meeting at 6:48 pm and open the Public Hearing to discuss the Landmark Park build-operate-transfer (B.O.T) proposal. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0. Public was asked if there were any comments on the third reading of the annexations, but no one came forward.

- c) Ryan Rummell made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Council Meeting at 6:56 pm. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

- d) Council will consider the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-9A, a text amendment to the Mercho-Lauth PUD, to seek council feedback. A Public hearing is scheduled for the Plan Commission on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025, at 6:30 pm.
 - i. Michael Garvey with SC Bodner: presented their project. Class A development that contains 205 units with full amenity offering. Discussion in depth about the two-fold plans is discussed.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-9A. Libby Wyatt second the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

Just a few updates. We had an employee resign recently to follow another position that offered more money. We also had the most recent hire involved in a bad accident. He will be laid up some 10-12 weeks. Retry employment with us at that point.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

RDC Tiff revenue: The county let us know that we have been capturing more TIFF revenue than we should have been. So, there isn't as much money going to be coming in to us in the future. This has been a software issue that has affected almost all jurisdictions in Hancock County and in other counties across Indiana.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

There is a surplus of items that will no longer be used in the parks. We need a vote from the council to deem them surplus: a fiberglass turtle, the 10ft straight metal slice and the 16ft spiral slide. At that point we can move forward to open up bids.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the surplus of the fiberglass turtle, both slides and the 2017 Ford explorer. Libby Wyatt second motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

We need approval for companies to hang sponsorship banners on the baseball outfields. Basketball hoops are done. A Firebreak is being cut out along the south end of the park. Clean up the underbrush and make them more accessible.

Park's Plan Public meeting will happen during the next council meeting.

We had a brief conversation about Fortville taking over the large parkland area in Mt. Vernon North. The developer would like to turn over that land to the Town. In the coming weeks we will discuss this further and provide a full package for a vote.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Needing the 2017 Ford Explorer - 1FM5K8AR7HGA13032. Motion within the Park's motion to surplus. Officer Freitas was awarded the officer of the month by the Central Indiana Police Foundation. They came out and gave him a gift basket and award.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No Comment.

Clerk-Treasurer: Missy Glazier

No comment.

Public Comment:

No comment.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis:

No Comment

Ryan Rummell:

No Comment.

Libby Wyatt:

No Comment.

Fritz Fentz:

No Comment.

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 7:14 pm, Ryan Rummell second the motion. Motion carries passed 4/0.

President: _____


Tonya Davis

Clerk-Treasurer: _____


Missy Glazier