

Town of Fortville

11.03.2025

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; Sean Morgan, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager; Alex Intermill, Town Attorney; Missy Glazier, Clerk Treasurer.

Not Present:

Libby Wyatt, Council Member; Fritz Fentz, Council Member; Adriana Krueger, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the agenda for today November 3, 2025. Sean Morgan second the motion. Motion carried, passed 3/0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 20th, 2025, Town Council Meeting. Sean Morgan second the motion. Motion carried, passed 3/0.

Old Business

N/A

New Business:

- a) Carole Stevens & DeAnn Harmon, President of the Hancock County Business & Professional Women's Club, joined Council President Tonya Davis in proclaiming November 2025 as Indiana Working Women's recognition month.
 - i. Tonya Davis reads the proclamation to the public.

- b) The council will consider the 1st reading of Ordinance 2025-11A which assigns zoning designations to the newly annexed Stokes Property located at US 36 and 300W. A public hearing is scheduled during the Plan commission meeting on November 25th at 6:30pm.

- i. Adam presented: The 120 acres voluntarily annexed as residential 1.0 with various zoning districts will need to be addressed. The intent had been to make the area more attractive to buyers as this annexation will now give that property the ability to tie into Fortville water and sewer lines. This property will need to be rezoned to go with the comprehensive plan, but it will need to go through the formal rezoning process. Proposed: four different zones. 1) parcel on the west of 300N will be light industrial. 2) 13-acre parcel right along the SW corner of 300W/Broadway for commercial use, such as grocery store. 3) 14/15-acre parcel on the east side of 300 would be multifamily zoning. 4) the balance of the property on the east side would be residential 3.5. The town is working with VS Engineering to provide boundaries of this area.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2025-11A, assigning zoning designations to the annexed property. Sean Morgan second the motion. Motion carried, passed 3/0.

- c) The Council will consider the rough draft of the Parks Plan for submittal to DNR, with a deadline of November 15th, 2025. The final draft will be ready to be adopted by April 2026.
 - i. Heath Luther presents: This 139-page draft will need to be submitted for review of the DNR. They indicated that they most likely would not be able to look at it until mid-January and provide us with edits or recommendations. Heath asked the council if they had any questions or concerns.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the submission of the draft Parks Plan to DNR for their edits. Sean Morgan second the motion. Motion carried, passed 3/0.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

INDOT walkthrough of Broadway project. There is a punch-list of little things that need to be corrected.

Cross walks along Broadway: INDOT will be adding additional signage. According to the state of Indiana, it is not a law that requires vehicles to allow pedestrians to get the right-of-way on crosswalks.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

Nothing at this time.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

Nothing at this time.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Quarterly report for the council to review. A couple things to note, Officer Simpson has been cleared to resume duty. There is one position to fill for 2025 and then one more for 2026. We are almost fully staffed. This is a busy time of year so statistics will be increasing soon.

E-bike scooters: Fishers is getting an ordinance ready. We will be looking at that and adapting it to us and our needs. We will be doing a large push on this to educate the public about what is required, what is lawful/unlawful. This continues to be a big problem. We want to increase education to our general population, especially for our younger generation. Lots of towns across the state are communicating as they all have seen an increase in issues with these motorized scooters and bikes.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

Nothing at this time.

Clerk-Treasurer: Missy Glazier

Nothing at this time.

Public Comment:

Bob Sterrett: 1) Is there any update on the Carve Market. The RDC has approved additional funding for public parking for longer period of time. 2) Madison project? This too is moving forward as planned. 3) Erlewein project: RFP is on November 12th and on the agenda for the next RDC meeting. 4) Can a town make its own ordinance for crosswalks? Alex: It is complicated as it is a state road. The lights really need to be red not yellow. INDOT would have to make those changes as we will not really be able to enforce that.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis:

No Comment.

Ryan Rummell:

No Comment.

Libby Wyatt:

Absent

Fritz Fentz:

Absent

Sean Morgan


No Comment

Approve and Sign Vouchers:

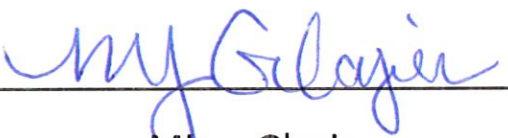
Ryan Rummell made the motion to approve and sign vouchers, Sean Morgan second the motion. Motion carries passed 3/0.

Adjourn:

Tonya Davis made the motion to adjourn at 7:11 pm, Ryan Rummell seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 3/0.

President: 

Tonya Davis

Clerk-Treasurer: 

Missy Glazier