

Town of Fortville

02.02.2026

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; Sean Morgan, Council Member; Joe Renner, Town Manager; Alex Intermill, Town Attorney.

Not Present:

Missy Glazier, Clerk Treasurer; Adriana Krueger, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve the amended agenda by changing New Business A from ordinance regulating stop signs to ordinance regulating no parking. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve January 20th, 2026, council meeting minutes. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries, passed 5/0.

Old Business:

- a) The council will consider a **request to allow chickens at 322 E. Delaware Street.** (Timber Ridge)
 - i. Homeowners brought in the signature sheets requested at the last council meeting where neighbors have no issue with adding chickens.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the request for chickens at 322 E. Delaware Street. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

- b) Introduction of Michael Carpenter, applicant for Citizen appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), to fill the seat vacated by Earl Bolander, Jr.'s resignation.

New Business:

- a) The council will consider **1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2A**, Ordinance amending and restating the town's No parking regulations. Joe Renner presents. This is an update to our no parking ordinance. Two items have been added as the town grows; we are in need to keep up with changes needed for new construction areas.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2A**. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- b) The council will consider **1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2B**, Ordinance amending and restating the town's street schedule. Joe Renner presents. This is an update to preferential streets and streets that come to a complete stop and yield the right of way to vehicles traveling those streets.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2B**. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

Noah Nickles has resigned in the street department. We have a new hire; Justine McCabe will be coming on board.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

Pending House Bill 1001: State law that would propose planning and zoning regulations that would remove the control of growth, lot size, design standards, aesthetic values, building materials, etc. from the Towns in the name of lowering residential costs. It is very important to have local control over all these aspects of our towns. This is an interesting bill, and we encourage the public to find out more and to let your legislators know what they think. It is important to make their voices heard.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

Absent.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Levi Chapple was going to be leaving the PD in April to join the Fire Department. He has decided to leave early and has made it effective February 1st. We will be looking to hire someone to fill that spot. The 2025 Annual report has been made available to council and the public for review. Chief Bratton explained some of the details.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No. comment.

Clerk-Treasurer: Missy Glazier/Adriana Krueger

Absent.

Public Comment:

Public member (unnamed) Would like to talk more about the proposed rental ordinance and caps. In 2008 housing crash, which we hope never happens again, caused a huge increase in foreclosures and unemployment where families lost their homes. As a landlord, we tried buying up properties to help prevent conglomerates from buying up land. We need to really look at the code enforcements, registrations, and inspections. They seem to be over the top. We are a welcoming town. These ordinances are overkill. Please keep your eye on it.

Brade Applegate: Also wanted to address the ordinance being proposed for rental caps, registrations, and inspections. We have huge issues with this and wanted to put a face to the name since I sent out an email detailing what we felt about this ordinance.

Council Members:**Tonya Davis**

Also wanted to say the Town did a great job.

Ryan Rummell

Town did a really good job on the plowing during the last storm. Our property owners need to step it up on clearing sidewalks. Many of these sidewalks were untouched. We need to do a little better job with this.

Libby Wyatt

No. Comment.

Fritz Fentz

Echoed the praise for the street department's attention to the storm cleanup.

Sean Morgan

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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:

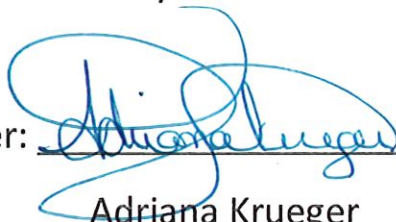
Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 7:09 pm, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

President: _____



Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: _____



Adriana Krueger

Ashley Glasco & Justin McCabe
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January 14, 2026

Dear neighbor,

I am writing this letter to notify you of my request for an exception to the Town of Fortville Code 93.20 section A subsection 9 prohibiting owning and keeping chickens. My request will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on January 20, 2026. In this letter, I hope to explain why I have requested this and answer any questions you may have about how this could affect you or your property.

Our family has lived in Fortville for almost 3 years. We have 3 children that attend Mt. Vernon schools. We additionally have 2 other children so 5 children in total. We have a small garden on our property that we love tending to. This has gotten our children outside more and it has served as an educational experience for them as well growing a variety of fruits and vegetables. The children have learned how to preserve the fresh foods from our garden by canning, freezing and dehydrating. They love preserving and using these in our daily meals. Our oldest daughter is currently obsessed with jalapeño salt that she made this past fall. The obvious benefit of healthy fresh foods was at the forefront of our minds when we decided to start gardening and follows through with chickens. Having a small flock of chickens not only provides fresh eggs but also allows us to educate our children further on animal care and provides experiences that they can use throughout their life.

I ask that the exception would be applicable for as long as we are the owners and occupants of 322 E. Delaware St. The terms that we propose are as follows.

1. A maximum of 8 adult hens would be allowed. No roosters.
2. The outdoor exercise area must be fenced and must not be located in the front yard. The coop and run for the chickens must not be located in a front yard and must meet minimum setback required by zoning. Animals must be confined to the lot at all times.
3. Reasonable care of the animals must be afforded in all aspects including proper handling, restraining, sheltering, exercise, grooming, nutrition, watering, parasite and waste management, and veterinary care for the species of animal kept. Industry or breed standards for the breed and type of animal may be used to determine whether reasonable care is being provided. Poor condition or health in the absence of veterinary supervision is prima facie evidence of a violation.
4. Clean water must at all times be present and available for the animals. Feed must be animal-appropriate and stored in such a manner as to prohibit contamination by moisture, mold and insects and to restrict access by rodents.
5. Odors from the animals must not be discernible at any property line.

Our property is a corner lot. Our next door neighbor has given verbal consent to us owning chickens. Our neighbors behind us are separated by an oversized privacy fence and are rented duplexes.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Ashley Glasco & Justin McCabe

NEIGHBOR CONSENT SIGNATURE FORM

Residential Chicken Permit Application

Applicant Information

Applicant Name:

Ashley Glasco & Justin McCabe

Property Address:

322 E. Delaware St. Fortville

Number of Chickens Requested:

8

Permit / Application Number:

n/a

Neighbor Consent Statement

I acknowledge that I have been informed of the applicant's request to keep chickens at the listed property.
By signing below, I confirm that I am a neighboring property owner or resident and do not object
to the issuance of a residential chicken permit for this property.

Neighbor Name	Neighbor Address	Signature	Date	Phone / Email
Shelley Lioy	314 Delaware St	Shelley Lioy	1/31/26	317-374-9626
Andy Williams	309 Delaware St.	Andy Williams	1/31/26	317-378-5273
Buffy Hays	321 Delaware St	Buffy Hays	1/31/26	317-409-1161
Reagan Arthur	325 E Delaware St.	Reagan Arthur	1/31/26	317-315-3199
Troy Versey	401 E Delaware St.	Troy Versey	01/31/26	317-677-2602

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Neighbor Name	Neighbor Address	Signature	Date	Phone / Email
K. Webster	318 E Delaware	K. Webster	2.1.26	317.789.7676
Cole Webster	3185 Delaware	Cole Webster	2.1.26	Cwebster@gmail
Heather Hart	402 E. Delaware	See e-mail	1.31.26	heather.hart719@gmail.com