

Town of Fortville

04.06.2026

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

Not Present:

Missy Glazier, Clerk Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's, April 6th, 2026, Town Council Meeting. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve March 16th, 2026, council meeting minutes. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries, passed 5/0.

Old Business:

- a) The Council will consider the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-3B, Amendment #2 to the Mercho-SC Bodner PUD regarding Area B with recommended changes including prohibiting gas stations and requiring a traffic study.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-3B, Amendment #2 to the Mercho-SC Bodner PUD regarding Area B. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- b) Representatives from GRW and Reynolds Construction will discuss the additional work necessary to complete the water plant. Engineers Joe Tierney from GRW and Dan Clark from Reynolds Construction presented a recommendation to implement a permanent polymer system at the water treatment plant to improve water quality and reduce backwash frequency. During the initial testing period, ammonia levels in groundwater had increased significantly, rising four times the original level in one well. The proposed

system, costing approximately \$139,000, would replace the current temporary polymer system and meet IDEM compliance requirements.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the \$139,000 needed to implement a permanent polymer system. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

New Business:

- a) The Council will **consider approving the 2025 RDC Annual Report**. Michelle Davis from OW Kronin Associates presented the 2025 RDC annual report to the council. She highlighted key financial information, including \$1.7 million in TIF revenue and \$132,000 in facade grants distributed to various community projects.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve the 2025 RDC Annual Report**. Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

- b) The Council will consider the **Special Event Request for Kammy's Kause**, scheduled for Saturday, August 29th, 2026. Jared Hiner, BeKause Inc presents.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve the Special Event Request for Kammy's Kause on August 29th, 2026**. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 5/0.

- c) The Council President will read the Arbor Day 2026 Proclamation. Tanya Davis proclaimed April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day in Fortville, highlighting the benefits of trees in combating climate change and enhancing community beauty
- d) Sharon Beatson, Chair of Fortville Action Inc., discussed Beautification of The Alley & The Patio, as well as questions concerning "Adopt a Main Street Bump Out." Fortville Action requested permission to plant flowers in the patio and alley, as well as additional electrical outlets for safer Christmas tree displays. The group also discussed adjusting the height of a sign in the alley for safety reasons and requested information about the perennials in downtown bump-outs to help maintain and enhance them. The discussion revealed uncertainty about who is responsible for maintaining the bump-outs and whether businesses have adopted them, with guidelines only recently being distributed. The group debated the logistics of watering, maintenance responsibilities, and liability concerns, ultimately agreeing to revisit the topic after more businesses confirm their participation and specific guidelines are clarified.
- e) The Council will **consider the 1st Reading of Resolution No. 2026-4A**, the Town of Fortville Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2026-2031. Heath Luther, Parks Manager, explained that while the plan is adopted, it will be reviewed annually to update capital improvement projects and add new initiatives as funding becomes available. The plan, which was completely rewritten from the previous 2001 version, will be sent to the DNR for final approval after the meeting. Heath announced plans for Arbor Day, including the distribution of 400 trees, and reported that the town was not awarded a DNR ITP trails grant but is pursuing a Ready 2.0 grant instead. Heath also mentioned plans to organize

senior activities at the community center starting in October and outlined adjustments to this year's Summerfest due to construction, which is set to begin mid-July. Improvements to bump-outs, with a suggestion of replacing mulch with stone and perennials to reduce maintenance and withstand vehicle traffic. The group agreed that if businesses want to adopt and add additional features like hanging baskets, they should do so after the town completes the base installation. There was consensus to move forward with a stone and perennial approach, though some concerns were raised about implementing this in narrow bump-out areas. The discussion concluded with a request for pricing options and design proposals, after a landscaper had already begun approaching local businesses about the project without formal council approval. They agreed to compile 3-4 different options for review before the next council meeting rather than making an immediate decision.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

Joe reported that water quality is improving at the water plant, with crews flushing hydrants, which may cause temporary discoloration.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski

No Comment.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther

No Comment.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton

Upcoming police commission meeting is open to the public to attend. Police chief agreed to add farmer's market security to the extra patrol list, though couldn't guarantee dedicated officer presence due to staffing constraints.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill

No Comment.

Clerk-Treasurer: Missy Glazier/Adriana Krueger

Absent.

Public Comment:

No Comment.

Council Members:

Tonya Davis

No Comment.

Ryan Rummell

No Comment.

Libby Wyatt

Wished to celebrate the local basketball team's recent championship win.

Fritz Fentz

No Comment.

Sean Morgan

No Comment.

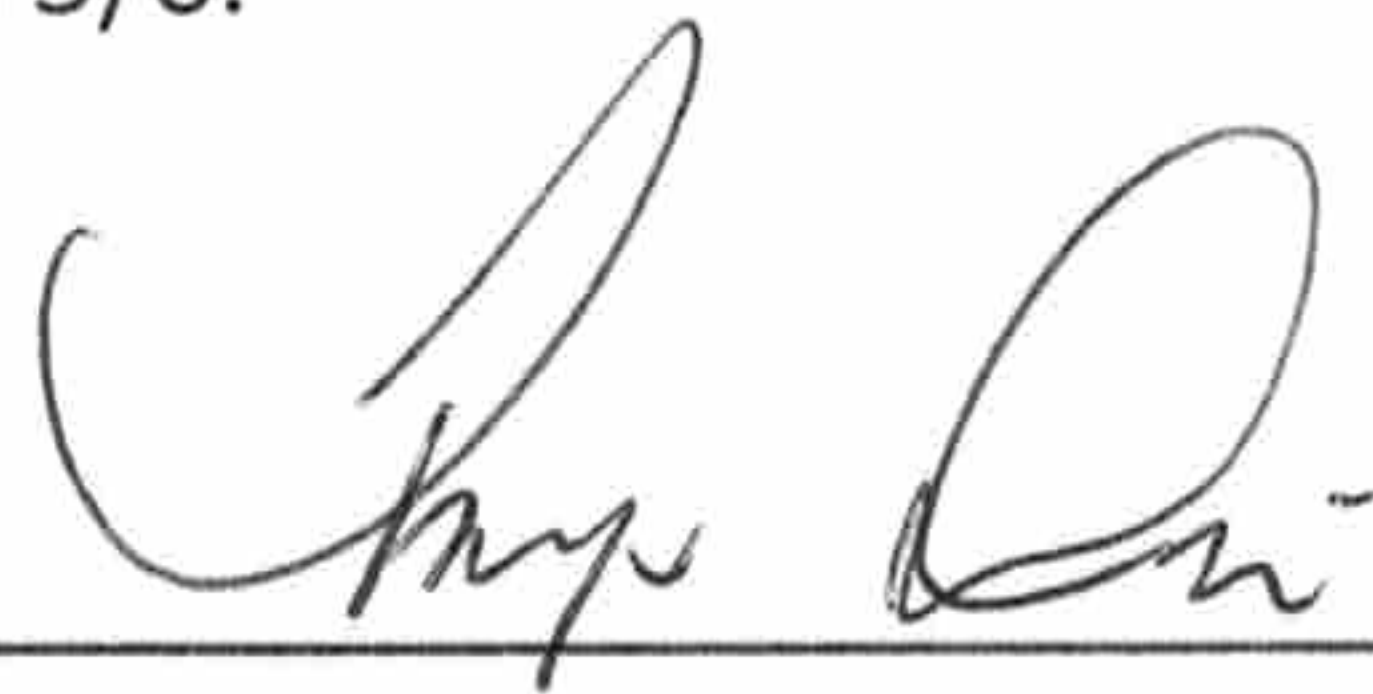
Approve and Sign Vouchers:

Ryan Rummell makes the motion to approve and sign vouchers, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

Adjourn:

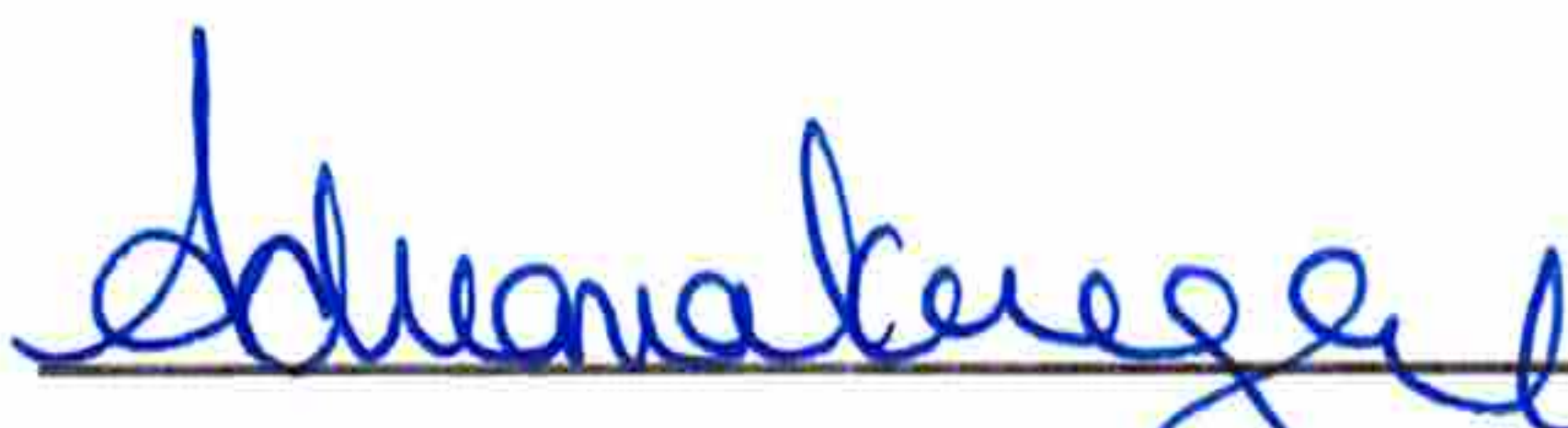
Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm, Sean Morgan seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 5/0.

President: _____



Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: _____



Adriana Krueger