Town of Fortville
07.06.2026
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; 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 amended agenda for tonight July 06th, 2026**, Town Council Meeting. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

: Remove the Old Business 2B line item listed on original agenda and replace it with New Business 3A.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Rummell made a motion to **approve the meeting minutes from June 15th, 2026**. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

Old Business:

A. The council to consider an additional request from Jared Hiner for the 22nd Annual Kammy's Kause set to be held on Saturday, August 29th, 2026. Approved.
B. The council to consider Resolution No. 2026-7A, a Declaration for the Month of August from here on.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to approve the Resolution 2026-7A, a Declaration for the Month of August from here on. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

C. The council will consider the appointment of a New Police Commissioner. Candidates include:
    i. Cory Munsell
    ii. Thomas Robinson
    iii. Chris Sears
    iv. Theresa Werking

Council met and spoke with each candidate and was able to ask questions to help them consider the open position and the Commission's recommendation. Ed Brand and Gene Akers presented their recommendation to the council.

Ryan Rummell made a motion to appoint Cory Munsell (Commission's recommendation) for the open position on the Police Commission. Libby Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried, passed 4/0.

New Business:

A. The council to consider the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-7A, an Ordinance Establishing a Registration and Inspection Program for Rental Housing Units Located within the Town of Fortville, Indiana.

Discussion on the merits and suggested changes to the ordinance was held at length. Please see recoding for more information. Public was encouraged to speak about any concerns.

i. Definition of terminology within the ordinance was requested.
ii. Changes to the required notice dates
iii. Addition of rules for tenant pets
iv. Increase in penalty amounts
v. Addition of suspension requirements and definitions.

Alex advised that he would take all the requested modifications to the ordinance, research and make any necessary changes to the wording and have it ready for the next council meeting. Council agrees to table for future meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Town Manager: Joe Renner

Update on trails project to the school. Phase II, that goes down from Fortville Pike to the school campus, will have to be pushed back 12 months. The money from the NPO is limited and if it is not used within the calendar year, it will be lost. Bid requests are projected to go out in January or February. We have limited time frames to work with and make sure all permits can get submitted.

Demo of the Park is supposed to start the first week of August. Heath is working with us to include some additional projects that are already included in the Parks budget. We have contacted the cable company to bury the cable and power lines from Merril Street to Leland Street.

The design for the 925 North lift station is just about complete. Easements and right-of-ways are being added to the drawings and will be available. We have a potential agreement written with the Town of Fortville and AI Innovations south of 234, so the council can get it and consider.

Bid documents for Helmcrest Water Service are still in the works with the engineers. With the added manpower and resources needed, we need to start to bid the work out to 3rd party vendors. We will bring it back to council for approval before a decision is made.

Reimbursement for the unofficial detour has been submitted to INDOT. They have agreed with the estimates.

The roof in the street department's out building will need to be replaced. The damage was noticed the other day. It is thought to have been caused by last winter's snow loads.

Planning & Building Director: Adam Zaklikowski
No Comment.

Parks Manager: Heath Luther
Absent.

Police Chief: Chief Patrick Bratton
The Hancock County Career Center is opening on July 28th. All four school districts will be using them to bring back shop class and welding class, and they will be adding a criminal justice program for them as well.

Town Attorney: Alex Intermill
No Comment.

Clerk-Treasurer: Adriana Krueger
Advised to the town council of the new legislation passed by the Indiana state congress making changes to the Access to Public Records Act, effective July 1st, 2026. The new request form has been modified to reflect the changes, to clarify terminology, and to help process each request in a more efficient manner. The new form is now available online.

Public Comment:
No Public Comment.

Council Members:
Tonya Davis
No Comment.

Ryan Rummell
No Comment.

Libby Wyatt
No Comment.

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 4/0.

Adjourn:

Tonya Davis makes the motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm, Libby Wyatt seconds the motion. Motion carries passed 4/0.

President: _____

Tonya Davis

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: _____

Adriana Krueger