

October 8, 2019

This is a report of the regular meeting and public hearing for the 2020 Budget of the Rossville Town Council at the Rossville Town Hall on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

On call of the roll: David Severt, Jack Fingerle, and William Croto.

Also present were Chad Colby, Travis Harris, Robert Shaffer, Heather Wiggins, Kathryn and Gene Mellinger, Sue Gochenour, Don Hinesley, Charlie Wiggins, and Dawn Layton.

Dave Severt called the meeting to order and minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Owners of the Friendly Gas Station did not appear before the Council to seek approval for a special variance.

Heather Wiggins, president of the RAT Van, and Anthony Fattori, representative for Area IV, appeared before the Council to discuss the future of the RAT Van. The grant funded 5311 Rural Transportation Service Program through INDOT and administered by Area IV is transitioning to a need based paid driver program. The RAT Van program in Rossville had originally been grandfathered in by the State. INDOT is now ruling there can no longer be two 5311 programs in the county. Clinton County currently has two. The second program is located at the Paul Phillippe Resource Center in Frankfort. The Paul Phillippe Center will become the sole 5311 Program in Clinton County. A proposal is forthcoming from INDOT for the Town to possibly take over the current van program in Rossville separate from the 5311 Program.

Travis Harris discussed the issue of chickens within the Town limits and whether the Council wants to consider amending the current ordinance. Jack Fingerle made a motion to amend the current ordinance 90.11 to remove "fowl in first part of the ordinance and include in the second portion of the ordinance "chickens, fowl, and water fowl", seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council. Barth Mink will be leaving soon for the Academy. Funding will need to be provided for his evening meals Monday through Thursday. Jack Fingerle made a motion to allow up to \$15.00 for the evening meal, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council. Receipts will need to be turned in on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> to be reimbursed.

A park informational planning meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with the Summer Baseball League, Fall Soccer League, and Township Trustee.

Chad Colby informed the Council the master meter at the pump house needs to have some modifications completed in order to complete an accurate water loss report. He received word that the tower painters should be here very soon. The reconstruction of W. North St. and N. Gaddis St. is continuing. An additional \$25,000.00 of sidewalk and curbing will be needed to complete the upgrades. The project should be nearly completed by the end of October. There was a request to replace winter coats and bibs for utility employees. Bill Croto made a motion to purchase 3 pairs of bibs and 4 coats not to exceed \$500.00, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. The remaining light in front of the park will be replaced soon. The water meter agreement (TAC Rentals, LLC) and compost agreement (Silverthorn Thorn) were reviewed and approved; however, both need to have minor amendments.

The public hearing for the 2020 Budget was opened. There were no public comments. After continued discussion, Jack Fingerle made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

Ordinance 2019-05, an ordinance amending ordinance 2000 code §11-11 recodified as 52.017 adding an ordinance partially avoiding sewage rates and charges for water used in the summer but not discharged into the sanitary sewage system, was presented to Council for review. After discussion, Jack Fingerle made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-05 on first reading, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

There was discussion of the drainage issue on N. Otten Rd. and HEA 1347.

Resolution 2019-05, a resolution to transfer in the CEDIT Fund \$6224.00 from CEDIT/Building Upgrades to CEDIT/New Equipment, was presented to Council for review. Jack Fingerle made a motion to suspend the rules and approve on all three readings Resolution 2019-05, seconded by Bill Croto, and approve by Council. There was discussion of compensatory time.

Voucher Register was approved and signed.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the 2020 Budget.

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David Severt, President of the Council

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Patricia McIlrath  
Clerk Treasurer  
Rossville, IN 46065