

September 8, 2020

This is a report of the regular meeting and public hearing for the 2021 budget for the Rossville Town Council on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rossville Town Hall.

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

Also present were Chad Colby, Robert Shaffer, Barbara Ward, Jerry Gaylor, Joseph Mink, Barth Mink, and Mark Timmons.

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

Barbara Ward and Jerry Gaylor appeared before the Council to lodge concerns about several areas around Rossville. The concerns included un-mowed yards, cars that are not properly plated and/or flat tires, unsecured overflowing dumpsters, and unkempt properties, especially those at the entrances to town. Jerry also stated the drive exiting the baseball diamonds (township property) onto N. Delphi Road needs to have brush and bushes cut back. Council advised to file a complaint with the town marshal's office.

Joe Mink, RCSD Resource Officer appeared before the Council to discuss the traffic flow in the first block north of the school on N. Gaddis St. He requested making this section of the street no parking due to the congestion before and after school and due to the length and width of the buses as they enter and exit this area. Jack Fingerle made a motion to make S. Gaddis St. between Egly Dr. and W. South St. no parking, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

Barth Mink appeared before the Council to explore the possibility of adding a K-9 to the police department. He discussed the many benefits of having a K-9 on the force. The K-9 training and selection would be from FMK9 of Berrien Center, Michigan. Bill Croto made a motion to authorize the Town Marshal's office to proceed with developing a K-9 program, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

Chad Colby discussed the upcoming water audit. There is a leak in front of the ambulance garage at the fire hydrant on E. North St. The hydrant would cost \$2982.00 and a quote from F&K Construction in the amount of \$2050.00 to install. Jack Fingerle made a motion to have F&K Construction replace the hydrant, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council. There is also a leak near 13 W. North St, which Chad thinks is a service line. This will be repaired in house. The shop camera system has failed and needs to be replaced. Bill Croto made a motion to accept the proposal from M.P. Baker in the amount of \$1,439.23 to replace the camera system, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. The rain gauge at the WWTP has developed issues. An estimate from the George E. Booth Co., Inc. in the amount of \$4750.00 was presented to the Council for review. This expenditure would allow the plant to be in compliance with the CSO operational plan. Jack Fingerle made a motion to approve the quote from the

George E. Booth Co, Inc. in the amount of \$4750.00, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

The final application and certificate for payment and final contract adjustment for the LTCP WWTP Improvements to Bowen Engineering in the amount of \$\$39,522.03 was signed for payment.

There was continued discussion of the old shelter house and whether to continue renting in 2021 due to the numerous repairs needed to bring it up to code. After discussion, Jack Fingerle made a motion to permanently close the old shelter house effective October 31, 2020, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council. Options will be discussed at a later date.

Ordinance 2020-05, an ordinance amending the current ordinance pertaining to golf carts and all-terrain vehicles, was presented to Council for third reading. Jack Fingerle made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-05 on third reading, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

Ordinance 2020-06, an ordinance amending the current trash ordinance, was presented to Council for second reading. Jack Fingerle made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-06 on second reading, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council. Jack Fingerle made a motion to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance 2020-06 on third reading, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

Robert Shaffer discussed the COVID-19 paid leave policy by the federal government. He stated he would develop a form to be filed out by the employee in the event it is needed.

Voucher Register was approved and signed.

There being no further business to come before the Council the regular meeting was adjourned to the public hearing for the 2021 Budget.

The Public Meeting for the 2021 Budget was opened for review. There were no comments from the audience. After review by Council, Jack Fingerle made a motion to close the Public Meeting for the 2021 Budget, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

There be no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rossville Town Hall.

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David Severt, President of the Council

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