

October 13, 2020

This is a report of the regular meeting of the Rossville Town Council at the Rossville Town Hall on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present were Travis Harris, Robert Shaffer, Rhonda Valentine, Jerry Gaylor, Arielle Sabol, Mark and Beth Newhart, Bob Hinesley, Lori Sabol, Janet Blackburn, and Melissa Herrin.

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

Arielle Sabol appeared before the Council to introduce her husband, Alex Sabol, in his absence to discuss his political platform. He is running for State Representative for District 25.

Bobby Hinesley and Jerry Gaylor appeared before the Council to thank the police department for the increased patrols on N. Delphi Rd. Jerry Gaylor stated there needs to be more individuals on the force. Travis Harris stated also by amending the current grass ordinance will address the tall grass issue at a residence on N. Delphi Rd. The dumpster location at the Meek apartments on St. Rd. 39 was discussed. It was questioned whether it could be moved to a less conspicuous place or dumped more frequently. Jerry also expressed concern of making the alley east of the old laundromat one way north and the alley north of Treece's one way going west from St. Rd. 39.

Rhonda Valentine discussed the property located behind their homes that is currently owned by David Meek. She expressed concerns of traffic issues in and out of the property at 303 W. Main St. Due to the controversy of developing it into a 50 unit complex, Janet Blackburn stated he has opted to sell the property. She has interest in purchasing the property for a home. Council stated David Meek will be contacted to discuss his updated plans and possibly have the property rezoned to low density residential.

Travis Harris presented to the Council an activity report for the month of September, 2020. He also discussed amending the current grass and junk vehicle ordinance to make the process easier to enforce. He wants to change the warning from fifteen (15) days to seven (7) days, receive one warning in a calendar year with action and no warning for each subsequent occurrence, change the wording to grass and weeds instead of identifying what type of grass and weeds, and include Good Samaritan wording to protect an individual should they enter a property to mow.

Dave Severt reported F&K Construction will be at least 2 weeks before they amend the drainage on N. Otten Rd.

Ordinance 2020-07, an ordinance to amend the current sign ordinance, was presented to Council for review. This was tabled as there are other possible changes that may occur and be included with this ordinance amendment.

Council signed their annual nepotism certification involving direct line supervision and policy relating to contracts.

There was discussion of a piece of property that is adjacent to the park south of the basketball court. It is 66' X 132' and is going up for tax sale. After discussion, Bill Croto

made a motion to have Dave Severt go to the tax sale and if needed spend up to \$1000.00 in an attempt to purchase for the park, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

The 2021 Budget was presented to Council for approval. Jack Fingerle made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

There was discussion of possibly increasing the water/wastewater deposit. This was tabled till the first of the year.

Voucher Register was approved and signed.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at the Rossville Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

David Severt, President of the Council

Attest: _____

Patricia McIlrath
Clerk Treasurer
Rossville, IN 46065