

February 9, 2021

This is a report of the regular meeting of the Rossville Town Council on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 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 Travis Harris, Barth Mink, Chad Colby, Robert Shaffer, Jeff Hirsch (DLZ), and Katrina Bell (Clinton County Area Plan).

David Severt called the meeting to order and minutes from the January 12, 2021 and January 18, 2021 meetings were approved as presented.

Joe and Jackie Metzger requested to be placed on the agenda to speak to the Council; however, they did not make an appearance.

Katrina Bell, Clinton County Area, appeared before the Council to present an overview of activity in Rossville and the County for 2020.

Jeff Hirsch, DLZ Engineers, presented to the Council a proposal to develop a long term master plan for the Town Park. The proposal is in the amount of \$18,900.00. It was questioned of how to pay for the plan and whether there would be financial assistance from other entities that use the park. This was tabled for further discussion.

Town Marshal Travis Harris announced his retirement to the Town Council. Bill Croto made a motion to waive the "one month notice" requirement specified in the Personnel Manual. This would provide for Travis Harris being paid one hundred sixty (160) hours of unused paid time off, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. His last physical day would be February 19, 2021 and would continue on the payroll through March 19, 2021. Jack Fingerle made a motion to promote Barth Mink to the Town Marshal position, seconded by Bill Croto. Bill Croto made a motion to amend the original motion to include increasing Barth Mink's salary to the same pay level as Travis Harris effective March 20, 2021, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. Bill Croto made a motion to proceed with the purchase of a new police vehicle, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. It was also mentioned that the current second police vehicle would be kept backup for the volunteer deputies as there is no trade in value. Barth Mink presented to Council Resolution 2021-03, a resolution that would provide for the retirement of Travis Harris' patrol rifle and sidearm in appreciation for his service. Jack Fingerle made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council. Authorization was given to begin the process of hiring a deputy town marshal. Travis Harris also suggested sending Barth Mink to the Chief of Police Academy. It is a week-long academy.

Chad Colby informed the Council there have currently been six water main breaks that have been repaired. He presented information to the Council to purchase a ground microphone. After discussion, Jack Fingerle made a motion to purchase the ground microphone at an approximate cost of \$2000.00, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council. Due to major upgrades required in the waterworks utility, there was

discussion of a water rate increase. This could possibly occur late summer or early fall. Electrical revisions will need to be made due to the eminent demise of the old shelter house. Skiles Electric has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$13,400.00.

Robert Shaffer discussed Mabel Champley's sewer line connection.

Resolution 2021-02, a resolution to remove an old uncashed wastewater check from the bank reconciliation and receipt to wastewater operating fund, was presented to Council for approval. Jack Fingerle made a motion to approve the Resolution 2021-02, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

Dave Severt advised Council a section of property adjacent to the basketball court at the park is coming up for a certificate sale. There was discussion of reimbursing the part time employees for being off due to COVID. Clerk Treasurer was advised to contact the State Board of Accounts for approval.

Voucher Register reviewed and approved as presented.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rossville Town Hall.

David Severt, President of the Council

Attest: _____

Patricia McIlrath
Clerk Treasurer
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