

April 13, 2021

This is a report of the regular meeting of the Rossville Town Council on Tuesday, April 11, 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 Robert Shaffer, Barth Mink, Rhonda Valentine, Kat Bell/Area Plan, and Debra and Steven Bowman.

David Severt called the meeting to order and previous minutes from March 9, 2021 were approved as presented.

Steven and Debra Bowman appeared before the Council to thank the Town Marshal's office for attempting to slow the traffic using N. Delphi Rd. as a detour due to the construction on St. Rd. 26. It was suggested possibly installing temporary speed bumps.

Kat Bell, Clinton County Area Plan, gave an update on the Dollar General. She stated the State remodel permit had been issued. A variance is not going to be required as they are moving the sign from the current location. There were complaints heard regarding the lighting around the building due to being too bright at night. Kat stated Area Plan would check to make sure the lighting is in compliance.

Barth Mink stated there has been a significant increase in service calls. Traffic stops have also increased due to the detour on State Rd. 26. Vehicular and semi traffic are using town streets to avoid the detour. There have been numerous complaints and traffic stops.

Robert Shaffer presented to Council amended Salary Ordinance 2021-04. After review, it was determined some minor revisions still need to be made. This was tabled until the May meeting.

Ordinance 2021-05, an ordinance to amend the waterworks ordinance, was presented to Council for review. This ordinance proposes a 10% water rate increase effective July 1, 2021. There was discussion of also increasing the current NSF fee from \$18.00 to \$27.50. Bill Croto made a motion to amend Ordinance 2021-05 on first reading to include increasing the current NSF to \$27.50, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. There will be a public hearing at the May 11, 2021 Town Council meeting.

Ordinance 2021-06, an ordinance to repeal §31.02 concerning Materiality Level for Variances and Losses, was presented to Council for review. Bill Croto made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-06 on first reading, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. Bill Croto made a motion to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance 2021-06 on second and third readings, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

Due to hiring a new Deputy Town Marshal, additional funding in the amount of \$3,688.32 needs to be appropriated. Council approved proceeding with the additional appropriation.

A sample ordinance was presented to Council pertaining to establishing an ARP Coronavirus Grant Fund in preparation of receiving the funds. Robert Shaffer will prepare for the May 11, 2021 meeting.

The Rossville Volunteer Fire Department is requesting additional funding above the current contract. After discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to increase the Town's portion an additional \$1441.00 contingent on if the other three entities approve their increase as well, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. There was continued discussion of the request to provide a donation for a fire training facility in Frankfort. This was tabled for possible discussion at a later date.

There was discussion of the old kitchen sink in the old shelter house. An individual has expressed interest in the sink. It was suggested contacting Geoff Smith to decide the value.

Voucher Register was reviewed and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rossville Town Hall.

David Severt, President of the Council

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Patricia McIlrath
Clerk Treasurer
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