

September 14, 2021

This is a report of the regular meeting and public hearing for the 2022 Budget of the Rossville Town Council on Tuesday, September 14, 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 Chad Colby, Barth Mink, Ed Underwood, Zack Kyger, Gary Hathaway, Toni Bluemke, and Robert Shaffer.

Dave Severt called the meeting to order and requested all who may be recording the meeting to declare if doing so. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Toni Bluemke appeared before the Council to inquire whether the Town would consider installing a dog park in the Town Park. She gave several health reasons in favor of the park. She suggested putting the park on the south end adjacent to the compost drive. She has contacted the Boy Scouts as a possible Eagle Scout project. There was mention that signage needs to be posted stating dogs are off limits to the baseball diamonds. Council suggested that Toni investigate the project further.

The Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget was opened. Dave Severt informed the Council the budget workshop went well and the budget should be fully funded. Pat McIlrath informed Council the total budget would increase by 18.26%. The funds with a tax rate would increase by 9.55%. Pat informed the Council that the DLGF field rep stated we would be using revenue that would support the 2023 budget. There were no public comments. Bill Croto made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Jack Fingerle.

Barth Mink presented to Council a formal letter of resignation effective October 15, 2021. It was decided to have further discussion during an executive work session to discuss compensation and positions. If the position of Town Marshal is offered to Ed Underwood, a waiver would need to be issued and attend the Academy. The Academy is currently closed due to COVID and two (2) year waivers are being issued. One of the volunteer deputies is interested in the deputy marshal position. The new police car should be finished in the next couple of weeks. It is being up-fitted.

Chad Colby presented to Council a job description for a skilled part time employee. He gave the Council an October time off schedule for both Shawn and himself. Chad was questioned as to when he thought the old shelter would be coming down. He is anticipating possibly February, 2022. Milestone should be in town sometime after October 4th to complete the resurfacing of several areas. The new skid steer has been delivered. Aidex has been approached about a sign for the AGRICO and a new town patch.

Robert Shaffer conferred with the Frankfort city attorney as to how food trucks are regulated within the city limits. A copy of their ordinance addressing peddlers,

solicitors, and itinerant merchants was distributed to the Council. He will also check with Indianapolis.

Ordinance 2021-08, an ordinance extending employee COVID-19 protection past Indiana mandate, was presented to Council for review. After discussion and consideration, Jack Fingerle made to accept Ordinance 2021-08 on first reading, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council. Bill Croto made a motion to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 2021-08 on second and third readings, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

Dave Severt presented to Council a sample resolution for distribution of the proceeds of the ARP 2021 for review.

A BZA Board appointee has not been determined yet.

Voucher Register was reviewed and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to the Executive Work Session scheduled on Tuesday, September 28, 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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