

February 8, 2022

This is a report of the regular meeting of the Rossville Town Council on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rossville Town Hall.

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

Also present were Ed Underwood, Chad Colby, Kenneth Cree, Kat Bell, Seth Pendleton, Eric Shuttz, Steve and Deb Bowman, Chester and Betty Bankes, and Mitch Powell.

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

Eric Shuttz with the Rossville Baseball Rec League appeared before the Council to ask permission to place an electronic score board and flag pole on Field 3 at the Rossville Town Park. After discussion, Council gave approval to proceed with the project.

Kenneth Cree appeared before the Council to request a favorable recommendation to rezone property that is east of The Living Church parking currently zoned R3 to B2. This would then allow the property to be used for a parking lot. There were several questions expressed. Following discussion, it was the Council's opinion to table this decision until the March meeting to give the Council time to investigate further.

Council was informed the current BZA appointee, Gary Gangwer, has resigned and a new appointee needs to be named. Contacts will be made and a decision will come before the Council at the March meeting.

Ed Underwood discussed the accident that occurred on January 29, 2022 which resulted in the loss of two Carroll County Sheriff employees. He asked that we keep the families and department in our prayers. The issue of making the alley north of Arni's and the alley west of Hotel Rossville one way was approved by the businesses. The truck on E. South St. that had been using the sidewalk as a parking area has been moved. Oaths for the newly hired part time deputies were signed.

Chad Colby discussed the specs for the maintenance of the W. Ramey St. water tower from Dixon Engineering. Bids will be accepted and opened at the March, 2022 Council meeting. There was discussion of the water main break near the corner of St. Rd. 26 and 39. The radio read meter project is on track. There was continued discussion of a water rate increase. Council wanted it to be understood that this increase would only affect the water portion of the municipal utility bill. Per discussion, it was decided the water rate ordinance should be amended to address a 10% increase effective July 1, 2022, a 10% increase effective July 1, 2023, and a 10% increase effective July 1, 2024.

Mitchell Powell appeared before the Council to be considered for the part time skilled laborer position. After discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to approve Mitchell

Powell to fill the part time skilled laborer position, seconded by Dave Severt, and passed by Council.

A quote was presented to Council from Rapley Specialty Products, LLC to supply petroleum products for consideration. After review, Bill Croto made a motion to accept the quote for the purchase of petroleum products, seconded by Dave Severt, and passed by Council. A quote from Rusty's Remodels to replace the current door on the women's restroom at the park was presented for consideration. Bill Croto made a motion to approve the quote from Rusty's Remodels to replace the restroom door, seconded by Dave Severt, and passed by Council. The roof quote for the Town Hall was tabled for further review. A logo quote for signage at the Agrico from Aidex was reviewed. Bill Croto made a motion to approve the purchase of signage, seconded by Dave Severt, and passed by Council.

An ordinance to amend the current street sign ordinance was presented to Council. Due to an addition being added to the ordinance, this was tabled until the March meeting. The ARP resolution was also tabled until the March meeting due to the absence of a Council member.

Council was informed the tax rate for the CCD Fund needs to be re-established for 2023. Approval was given to proceed with the process.

Chad Colby informed the Council he had spoken with Steven Ray with the North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council. He will be at the March meeting to discuss doing an income survey to see if Rossville would be available for grants to assist with water/wastewater upgrades.

Voucher Register was reviewed and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rossville Town Hall.

David Severt, President of the Council

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