

June 13, 2023

This is a report of the regular meeting of the Rossville Town Council on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 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, Shawn Morris, Ed Underwood, Robert Shaffer, Barbara Ward, Deb and Steve Bowman, and Kevin Hufford.

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

Barbara Ward appeared before the Council to file a formal complaint concerning a home close to her residence. The said home has multiple junk items around the property and loaded on a trailer. She expressed the concern of rodents moving into the property and neighborhood. Council instructed Robert Shaffer to send a formal letter of complaint to the homeowner with a deadline of cleaning up the property. Barbara expressed thanks for being able to continue placing her trash container in the alley adjacent to her home.

Ed Underwood stated the department had had a busy month with service calls and extra patrols due to the detours. He received notice the new police car is scheduled to be delivered next week. He was also questioning whether the State and INDOT would provide funding for additional patrols. Robert Shaffer stated he would contact Sheriff Rich Kelly for a possible contact. The oath of office was signed for Brett Woodard as a part-time deputy.

Chad Colby informed the Council bids for demolition of the park tower has been delayed until the July 11, 2023 Council meeting due to a discrepancy in the advertisement. An addendum is to be published. When the tower is demolished, a valve or cap will need to be installed. Catch basins have been cleaned and sewer cleaning will begin soon. The white utility truck is still at the body shop. The hook lift truck has been repaired. Trees have been removed on S. Gaddis St. in preparation for the street reconstruction project. There was discussion regarding the ADA ramps in the project. The AGRICO is nearing completion. The garage doors still need to be installed. There are some guttering and downspouts to be replaced. There is also a drainage issue on the north east corner of the building. There was discussion of applying for another Community Crossing Matching Grant for N. East St., Delphi Rd, and W. South St. The sewer line for the park bathrooms was obstructed again.

Robert Shaffer stated a court case is ongoing with the City of Carmel and Duke Energy. The City of Carmel has an ordinance requiring utilities to be underground. He suggested the Council pass a similar ordinance.

Pat McIlrath informed the Council the crossing guard at Gaddis St. and St Rd 26 has resigned. Don Walker has agreed to cover the morning shift and Keith Woollen will cover the afternoon shift. Additional Appropriation Resolution 2023-04, a resolution to appropriate MVH funds for equipment repair, was presented to Council for review. Bill Croto made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. There was discussion of having an executive work session to begin working on the 2024 budget. Voucher Register and two Allowance Dockets were presented to Council for review and approval.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to Monday, July 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for an executive work session.

David Severt, President of the Council

Attest: _____

Patricia McIlrath
Clerk Treasurer
Rossville, IN 46065