

September 12, 2023

This is a report of the regular meeting and public hearing of the 2024 Budget of the Rossville Town Council on Tuesday, September 12, 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, Ed Underwood, Shawn Morris, Stan Cox, Gwin Hanna, Mike Rowan, Dave Buck and Colin Sullivan of BF& S, Deb Bowman, Sally McGill, Andrew Meek, Gwyn Meek, David Meek, Ben Kellogg, Cody Chaplin, and Seth Pendleton.

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

The public hearing for the 2024 Budget was opened for discussion. There were no comments from the audience. Jack Fingerle made a motion to approve the published 2024 Budget as presented, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. Bill Croto made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

David Meek appeared before Council to give an update on the second Hotel Rossville. He stated he was waiting for State approval before he can finish. He discussed plans for the old Gingerbread Shop. The current building would be demoed with hopes of saving the front wall. The plan is to construct an outdoor venue called "The Venue".

Cody Chaplin and Seth Pendleton discussed the improvements that the Rossville Summer Recreation League had made this year. They want to move forward with additional improvements that would include lighting, press box/concession with bathrooms, covered seating, enlarging field 3 to allow 14U teams to play. There was discussion of obtaining exclusive rights for field 3.

Ed Underwood gave a police update for the past month. There were 25 service calls. There no major issues during the Summer's End Festival. It was requested to move the speed signs to St. Rd. 26. He also stated he should hear by Thursday whether the Explorer with the dog cage would be taken as trade to up fit the new police vehicle. Dave Severt requested that a letter be sent to Patrick Burns due to the overgrown vegetation.

David Buck and Colin Sullivan, BF & S, gave an update on the progress of completion of S. Gaddis St. They are to meet with Midwest Paving on Thursday to develop a punch list of corrections to be made. Chad Colby stated the ADA ramp at St. Rd 26 and the two at W. South and S. Gaddis St. do not drain. Pay Application #2 was presented to Council for review for S. Gaddis St. in the amount of \$163,376.04. Bill Croto made a motion to approve pay application #2, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

Chad Colby reported sewer cleaning is progressing. Eco Infrastructure has been contacted to assist with some problem areas our equipment can't clean. Water hydrant flushing has been scheduled for September 26th through the 28th. The white truck which is now blue should be on site by Friday. There has been no communication regarding whether the grant application for the Community Matching Crossing Grant has been approved. The playground equipment has been moved in preparation of the Catron

Lane project. Replacing the sewer line from the public bathrooms needs to be completed before Catron Lane can be widened. A lead service line report needs to be completed within the coming year. The Wellhead Protection Plan needs to be updated no later than September 3, 2024.

There was discussion of extending the Summer Sprinkling Credit past August 20, 2023 due to the dry conditions. Jack Fingerle made a motion to extend the Summer Sprinkling Credit through September 20, 2023, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

An agreement with the Clinton County Election Board to provide election administration services for the fall election was presented to Council for review and approval. The agreement is in the amount of \$3750.00. After discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to a public meeting to discuss the solar field located on St. Rd. 26 east of Rossville on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rossville Town Park Pavilion located at 2 Catron Lane.

David Severt, President of the Council

Attest: _____
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