

October 10, 2023

This is a report of the regular meeting of the Rossville Town Council on Tuesday, October 10, 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 Robert Shaffer, Chad Colby, Ed Underwood, Stan Cox, Sue Rodkey, Chester Bankes, Shawn Morris, Ben Kellogg, Adam Adrian, Tasha Carrie, Steve and Sue Bowman, Elaine Mellinger, Stephen Rinehart, and Gwin Hanna.

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

Stephen Rinehart appeared before the Council to request approval of a special exception to rezone 14 N. Plank St. to allow for the building to become two-one bedroom apartments. Questions were raised concerning adequate parking. After continued discussion and consideration, Bill Croto made a motion to give a favorable recommendation to proceed with the special exception process, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

Rossville Baseball Association appeared before the Council to continue discussion of leasing baseball field #3 from the Town. A letter will be sent to neighbors soliciting public input. Suggestions to be included in the lease is a yearly contract to be updated each year at a cost of \$1.00 per year, no lights on field #3, and times of play on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to sunset and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to sunset.

Ed Underwood gave a service report for the past month. There were 18 service calls. He also informed Council both the 2017 and the 2014 police cars have been sold. They have also started foot patrols around businesses.

Chad Colby reported the old tower at the park has been taken out of service and all fire hydrants have been flushed. There was a meeting with Iseler Demolition and Dixon Engineering concerning the demolition of the park tower. It was stated it would be January, 2024, but could be sooner if an opening happens to take the tower down. Some additional valving will need to be completed when the demolition is completed. Leaf pickup has begun. Sewer line cleaning progressed with assistance from Eco Infrastructure. The truck that was being refurbished has finally been returned. Additional upgrades will be completed by Town employees. BF & S Engineers and Midwest Paving have come to an agreement on a punch list needing to be completed. It was suggested it should be completed while school is on fall break. The Duke Energy pole has been pulled. Quotes for a Grasshopper mower to replace the current Woods mower will be made available at the next meeting from Outdoor Power and New Holland Logansport. Crenshaw has begun widening Catron Lane and hopes to be finished before the incoming rain. There is some maintenance needing to be completed on Shawn's truck. Quotes will be available next month.

Ordinance 2023-06, an ordinance for appropriations and tax rates, was presented to Council for review 2024 Budget. After review, Bill Croto made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06, an ordinance for appropriations and tax rates, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. A roll call vote was completed:

David Severt-yay
Jack Fingerle-yay
William Croto-yay

Voucher Register and Allowance Dockets were presented to Council for review and approval.

In other business, Sue Rodkey questioned whether the Council was going to send an opinion to the Clinton County Commissioners regarding the proposed solar overlay east of the Town's corporation. After discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to oppose the creation of the solar overlay east of the Town's corporation, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. Robert Shaffer was instructed to draft a letter to Area Plan and the Clinton County Commissioners to oppose the solar overlay. It was also questioned whether information could be posted on the Town's website.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rossville Town Hall.

David Severt, President of the Council

Attest: _____

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