

November 14, 2023

This is a report of a public hearing for an additional appropriation and regular meeting of the Rossville Town Council on Tuesday, November 14, 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, Robert Shaffer, Stan Cox, Deb and Steve Bowman, Sue Rodkey, Chester and Betty Bankes, Jeff and Terri Sarine, and Brooke Meek.

Sue Rodkey, representing Citizens Against The Solar Farm, requested if the Town Council was still opposing the solar farm and when a letter would be sent to the County Commissioners. Robert Shaffer spoke with Area Plan and stated the solar company has not filed anything as of yet, with the deadline being November 15, 2023.

Dave Severt opened the Public Hearing for the Additional Appropriation Resolution 2023-08. There was discussion of using the funds from the sale of a police car to up fit the new police vehicle. After discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation Resolution 2023-08, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. Bill Croto then made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

A letter sample to be sent to residents near the town park regarding some possible changes if approved was presented to Council for review. The proposed letter was tabled for further review.

Ed Underwood gave a service call update for the police department. There were 17 calls for service in the past month. The new police vehicle should be finished and placed in service within the next couple of weeks. Ed stated there needs to be an ordinance in place per the State mandating how many reserve officers the Town could have at any one time. After discussion, the maximum number will be three (3). At the current time, the Town has only one (1) reserve officer. Bob Shaffer was instructed to draft an ordinance. The lease for the cameras and tasers will expire at the end of the year. Ed is searching for other vendors.

Chad Colby stated he did not have an update for the demolition of the park tower. Some modifications need to be made to prevent the pumps from surging when they turn on. A water main break was repaired last Friday near East St. and Delphi Rd. The cost of repairs is estimated at \$4500.00. The VacAll is having some issues. Chad has received a quote from Green Light Lawn to assist if needed at a cost of \$110.00 per hour for a minimum of two (2) days. The Christmas lights have been put up. There were a few minimal repairs. Sewer cleaning is done for the year. The utility truck is slowly being put back together as personnel and time are available.

A pay application from Midwest Paving for S. Gaddis St was presented for approval. Bill Croto made a motion to approve the pay application in the amount of \$14,312.60, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. A quote to replace the Wood's mower and presented and reviewed. As the manufacturer no longer produces Wood's mowers, a quote for a Grasshopper from Outdoor Power Unlimited was presented to Council for review. After discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to approve trading in the current Wood's mower and purchasing the Grasshopper at a cost of \$11,100.00, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council. Catron Lane is now a

2-way road in and out of the park. It was determined that parking spaces need to be extended to prevent incoming vehicles from hitting parked cars. Shawn Morris's truck needs new tires and modifications need to be made to the light bar due to leaking. Bill Croto made a motion to approve a quote from Move Over Outfitters in the amount of \$1734.00, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

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

Resolution 2023-10, a resolution to transfer funds from MVH Allocated and Unallocated Funds and Local Road and Street Fund for the match for the Community Crossing Match Grant, was presented to Council for review. Bill Croto made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

Bill Croto made a motion to delegate legal authority to sign on behalf of the Town of Rossville, David Severt, Town Council President, any INDOT LPA contracts, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

Resolution 2023-09, a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Rossville, Indiana concerning authorization for execution of INDOT agreements, was presented to Council for review. Bill Croto made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

A software addendum from Boyce/Keystone Systems for the current software agreement was presented to Council for approval. After discussion, this was tabled until the December meeting.

Salary Ordinance 2023-05, an ordinance implementing compensation and benefits for employees for the 2024 calendar year, was presented to Council for review. Jack Fingerle made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2023-05, seconded by Bill Croto, and passed by Council.

The Town of Rossville Employee Handbook was presented to Council for review and approval. After discussion, Bill Croto made a motion to approve the revised Employee Handbook, seconded by Jack Fingerle, and passed by Council.

Dave Severt stated he had been in contact with a vendor to place a rapid reflective light at the crosswalk at Gaddis and St. Rd. 26. This would not replace the crossing guard. He is continuing to pursue a vendor.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rossville Town Hall.

David Severt, President of the Council

Attest: _____

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Clerk Treasurer
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