

April 9, 2024

This is a report of the regular meeting of the Rossville Town Council on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rossville Town Hall.

On call of the roll: Stan Cox, Sally McGill, and Ben Kellogg.

Also present were Robert Shaffer, Chad Colby, Deb Bowman, Chester and Betty Bankes, Ed Underwood, Timothy Eller, Nancy Rodkey, Sue Rodkey, Jeff Sarine, Shawn Morris, and Dave & Mary Severt.

Stan Cox called the meeting to order. Sally McGill made a motion to accept last month's minutes. Ben Kellogg seconded. Motion was approved by council.

Stan brought up the previous months discussion regarding Stop signs at Rainbow Drive and Crestview Drive and if there should be changes made or not. Tim Eller spoke against the proposed change. Ben Kellogg spoke that he would prefer to make no changes to the intersection's stop signs. Ben made a motion to make no changes, Sally seconded and passed by council.

Town Marshal Ed Underwood presented monthly statistics to the council. Marshal Underwood informed the council that he found some older radios and is able to reduce the amount of sharing his deputies have to do. There was no update on the installation of radio console in the Durango as he is still waiting on an installation contractor. Marshal Underwood stated he would like to bring on a new deputy marshal to replace the one he recently lost. The council advised him to proceed with the replacement.

Chad Colby presented Utility, street, and Park updates. Chad gave updates on the water tower demolition completion and said we are currently awaiting the pay application from Dixon Engineering to close out the project. Chad informed the council of an issue with the roof on the tallest building at the Wastewater Plant. Chad advised he has received a quote from Hinshaw Roofing to install a roof hatch where one of the current skylights are for easier and safer access for future roof repairs. Chad was uncomfortable with proceeding until he completed more research. The council suggested speaking with another contractor and Chad stated he would come back to the council once he had more information and spoke with another contractor. Chad stated that he would be attending the Indiana AWWA conference on Wednesday April 10th to receive more contract hours to renew his Wastewater license. He also stated that he will have to attend more classes before June to have enough hours to renew his license. Chad informed the council that a pre-construction meeting took place with Rieth Riley on March 27th. He said that he expects construction to begin around April 15th. Chad let the council know the town had received a Clinton County Community Foundation Grant for the fence along Catron Lane but he had some questions regarding the orientation of the fence. Ben Kellogg and Sally McGill wanted to go to the park to visualize before giving directions. Chad asked the council to advertise for a Skilled Part-Time Position paying up to \$22/hr. based on qualifications as Blaine Yaggie has submitted his resignation and he also expects Kaden Harshbarger to be resigning soon when he goes to college. Sally made a motion to advertise the position, seconded by Benn and passed by the council.

Bob Shaffer presented a draft lease agreement between the Town and the Rossville Rec Baseball/Softball League. The council will take it under advisement. Bob also stated he was unable to find any evidence of the purchase of the additional park property from the early 2000's. Tim Eller had concerns about the remaining Gray property east of the park being sold and potential drainage issues with housing developments. The council took the concerns under advisement.

Stan Cox asked Bob Shaffer about the potential of expanding the Town of Rossville's "Urban Growth Boundary" to a 2 mile radius surrounding the Town of Rossville through the County Area Plan Commission. This was regarding potential solar farms that could propose construction close to Rossville. Bob recommended contacting all property owners affected by this to help them understand the purpose behind the proposal.

Chad Colby let the council know that Brooke Meeks would like to rectify the previously discussed MVH payroll issues. Brooke intends to take the percentages of Chad, Brooke and Shawn's salaries that cannot be taken from MVH and instead pay those from the General Fund. The council saw no issues with this and will await Brooke drafting a salary ordinance for consideration at the May council meeting.

Ben Kellogg requested more information regarding the ordinance of chickens being allowed in town. Bob Shaffer read the most recently adopted ordinance that referenced this. (Ordinance 2019-07 passed 12-26-2019.)

Ben informed the council he had been contacted by Healthy Communities of Clinton County about placing a box in town for Narcan emergencies. Marshal Underwood stated he would get in contact with them to help find the most appropriate place for the box.

Attest: _____
Brooke Meeks
Clerk Treasurer
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Stan Cox, President of the Council