

## FORTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The Fortville Town Council met Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by President, SEAN SIMMONS. Those present or absent:

Council Present: SEAN SIMMONS, RON STAFFORD, PHIL SCROGHAM, and JEFF RATLIFF

Council Absent: TAMMY GILBERT

Others Present: JOE RENNER Town Manager and GREGG MORELOCK, Attorney

The April 5, 2010, minutes had been distributed to Council Members prior to the meeting. A Motion was made by RON STAFFORD to approve the minutes adding JEFF RATLIFF did not finish reviewing the vouchers before the motion was made to approve. RON STAFFORD, SEAN SIMMONS, and CYNDI MITCHELL remained after the meeting was adjourned allowing JEFF RATLIFF to finish reviewing the vouchers. Second by JEFF RATLIFF; Motion carried 3-0. (SCROGHAM-abstained)

BEN KIPHART – reported 9 hours of department Special Response Team training. Officer MARK LYONS attended an Emergency Vehicle Operation Instructor course.

The council discussed adopting a Golf Cart Ordinance and further discussion will be at the May 3, 2010, meeting.

The implementing of a Special Response Team by the Police Department without council knowledge and approval was discussed.

MIKE DALE – Hancock County Planning Commission – The Comprehensive Plan has been revised to include current zoning. MR. DALE will attend the meeting on May 3, 2010, with those changes highlighted for the council to review.

CLIFF OWENS – Fortville Optimist Club- announced that Ball Day will be June 5, 2010, with a parade at 9:00a.m. The mobile speed sign is to be placed in the park as speeding has become a problem.

SARAH BROWN & JOSH BROWN- requested permission to use Landmark Park for a job fair on May 1, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. They will provide a Certificate of Insurance to the Town by April 29, 2010. The rain date for this event will be May 15, 2010.

A Motion was made by JEFF RATLIFF granting permission for a job fair to be held in Landmark Park hosted by the Browns. Second by RON STAFFORD; Motion carried 4-0.

A Motion was made to pass Ordinance 2010-4A, An Ordinance to Vacate a Public Way on first reading by JEFF RATLIFF. Second by RON STAFFORD; Motion carried 4-0. The public hearing will be May 17, 2010 at 7:00p.m.

JOE RENNER- Town Manager-

1. The cost to rehab our existing water tower is \$451,000.00. The contractor stated a new tower could be built for this price; however, IDEM requirements, further engineering, tear down and other additional charges makes it cost prohibitive.
2. The Indiana State Department of Health is now charging to administer water test. The Department of Health does not accept credit cards or bill for these charges. A Motion was made

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by PHIL SCROGHAM to pay the water test fees that are required by the State of Indiana as they are needed and to consider this payment as a utility payment for the purpose of the Clerk paying this charge in advance until other arrangements are made. Second by RON STAFFORD; Motion carried 3-1. (RALIFF-nay) SEAN SIMMONS is to contact BEVERLY GARD to express the concern of the Council regarding this charge.

RON STAFFORD suggested a meet the candidate on April 24, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

A Motion was made to have the meet the candidate on April 24, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall by RON STAFFORD. Second by JEFF RATLIFF; Motion carried 3-0 (SIMMONS-abstained)

JEFF RATLIFF-did not receive the police car lease of November 16, 2009, until February 20, 2010. The lease states five 2010 Dodge Charger Cruisers were authorized; however, the Town received four Dodge Chargers and one Dodge Truck. JEFF RATLIFF questioned who authorized the change in vehicles. BEN KIPHART stated the lease was not completed until February 2010. When the lease was received it had several mistakes including what vehicles were actually ordered. BEN KIPHART stated the council made the motion to approve him to go forward with the lease for five vehicles. JEFF RATLIFF feels he has been misled and information is not easily obtained from the Police Department.

PHIL SCROGHAM – in Helmcrest holes are being dug for the water meters and the contractors are leaving them uncovered at night. This needs to be addressed before someone gets hurt.

Public Comment – SARAH BROWN would like to implement a Farmer’s Market on Main Street every Saturday from July through September. She was advised to submit her request in writing to the council.

A Motion was made by RON STAFFORD to approve the vouchers. Second by PHIL SCROGHAM; Motion carried 3-1. (RATLIFF-nay)

A Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23p.m. was made by RON STAFFORD. Second by PHIL SCROGHAM; Motion carried 4-0.

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SEAN SIMMONS, President

ATTEST:

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CYNDI MITCHELL, Deputy Clerk