



## Town Council Special Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2020

Town Hall and Zoom– 6:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

- President Barry Wood did roll call and called the McCordsville Council meeting to order.  
McCordsville Council Members: Barry Wood, Greg Brewer, Branden Williams, Larry Longman
- President Fred Fritz did roll call and called the Fortville Town Council meeting to order. Fortville Council Members: Fritz Fentz, Robert Holland, Tonya Davis, Becky Davis, and Libby Wyatt
- President Gary Sharett did roll call and called the Vernon Township meeting to order  
Vernon Township Board: Gary Sharrett, Marybeth Sears, and Tim Plank

### **Public Hearing for Vernon Township Fire Territory**

- Vernon Township Trustee Florence May started the presentation Option A, Option B, and Option C which is the Fire Territory.
- Fire Chief Chad Able did a presentation of the apparatus, equipment, and manpower availability.
- Paige Sansone, Baker Tilly, talked through the Financial Impact Analysis to the taxpayers and the participating units.
- Copies of all presentations and meetings are available on the Vernon Township webpage and Facebook page.

### **Public Comments**

- Robert Holland, Fortville Councilor, liked the last slide. He also appreciated the presentation as it has an assumption for possible impact of the COVID-19 also.
- Bill Bolander, Hancock County Council, stated the County has estimated a 20% decrease in revenue from COVID-19. Ms. Sansone stated Baker Tilly only used a 15% decrease, but both are estimates.
- Larry Longman, McCordsville Councilor, asked where the presentation was posted online. Ms. May stated she would make sure the presentation would be posted later.
- Ryan Crum, McCordsville Planning Director, asked after the last slide of the presentation, what happens after 2023? Ms. Sansone stated the change would just be variant on the max levy changes in the taxing districts; it should relatively not be a big change.
- Mr. Abel stated future improvements should increase the ISO rating.
- Dr. Jack Parker, Mt. Vernon Community School Superintendent and Vernon Township resident, stated the mission of the MVCSC is to educate the children which begins with providing a safe environment for students and staff. We believe the need to increase the capacity of the fire department is well founded. The impact projected decreases our annual revenue substantially. MVCSC will continue to update the community in the future of plans to mitigate this impact.



### **Public Official Comment**

- Barry Wood, McCordsville Council President, stated everybody has the same concerns of lost revenue and the unknown impact of COVID-19. McCordsville does see the need for the Fire Territory.
- Fritz Fentz, Fortville Council President, stated Fortville agrees with the need for the Fire Territory.
- Gary Sharrett, Vernon Township Board President, stated he hoped by July 1, 2020 this would all come to reality and we could move forward, build for the future.
- Bill Bolander, County Councilor, stated Ms. May should be commended for taking on this tough situation.

### **Adjournment**

- Motion by Mr. Brewer to adjourn McCordsville Council meeting. Longman. 4-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm
- Motion by Mr. Fentz to adjourn Fortville Council meeting. Holland. 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm
- Motion by Ms. Sears to adjourn Vernon Township meeting. Plank. 3-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm

### **Minutes Approval**

These minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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**Barry A. Wood, Council President**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Staci A. Starcher, Clerk-Treasurer**