

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Special Meeting
August 22, 2017

Council present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, Kyle Parvin, and Cindy Aeschliman

Immediately following the New London Wastewater Improvement Project public hearing, Jeff Lipinski had to leave, and Don Parvin called the special meeting to order.

Ryan Gilbert was present and asked about how Russiaville gets paid for the services they do for New London. Kyle Parvin said we don't get paid. Don Parvin said that we couldn't even pay Mr. Brock to do the work he did for New London out of New London. It took 2 years to pay him for his services, because there wasn't enough money in the fund, or enough money generated.

A question was asked about how things get paid for New London. Ethel Morgan who was present stated that there was a separate account, and Megan Reel took care of all the bill paying for it.

Don Parvin said just to be clear, this is not a rate increase for New London. Mr. Brock concurred, stating that this was just making the rates neutral for everyone. This will just change everyone from paying an amount based on how many people are in the household to everyone having the same rate. The total amount of revenue will not change, everyone will just pay the same now.

Don Parvin said when the Conservative District cashed the bond check, they now cannot negotiate to a better rate. We just have to pay until it is paid off.

Don Parvin said there are 11 people who are delinquent to the amount of \$8,943.79 – if we had that money today we still could not pay the wages that need to be paid to the town workers that take care of the plant or the clerk that does all the billing and paying of the bills for New London.

We had a pump go down and Russiaville had to pay for the guys to be there to fix it, because New London can't.

Don Parvin also stated in Russiaville we can shut your water off, however in New London we can only put liens on the 90-day past due amount, and then it can take up to 18 months to get that money through people's property taxes.

Ryan Gilbert asked how that could be prevented in the future, Mr. Brock said you just can't. There was more discussion on how to rectify this issue.

2 years ago, we had \$20,000.00 in delinquent sewage bills in New London, so we are working on it and it is down considerably from what it was. 2 people's debt's that we put liens 2 years ago, and finally got paid was over \$8,000.00. Ryan Gilbert also asked about the debt New London has. Mr. Brock stated our debt (on our bond) that is owed is \$116,000.00 at 6%.

After some discussion, it was clarified that with this rate change, the people of New London are not paying for the people in New London that don't pay.

Don Parvin said "it is frustrating, I know." Sooner or later if you don't generate the cash, we will have to raise the rates.

Don Parvin said he would recommend to the board to leave the rate for the church the same as it is now at \$97.70. Rob Hewitt made a motion to leave the rates for the church at the current rate of \$97.70. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Someone asked when the next regular council meeting would be, it will be September 18th, the 3rd Monday of every month.

There being no further business to be discussed or brought before the council, Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjourn. Kyle Parvin seconded and the meeting closed.