

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Public Hearing for 2019 Budget
Russiaville Town Hall
September 17, 2018

Council present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, and Kyle Parvin
Town attorney, Corbin King, was also present.

Jeff Lipinski gave prayer, and Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the public hearing for 2019 Budget.

Jeff Lipinski read the figures for the 2019 Budget. Total unit total for the budget is \$960,130.00. This is with the \$63,000.00 that was cut out of it.

There were no other comments from the council or the people present.
Jeff Lipinski closed the 2019 Budget public hearing.

Jeff Lipinski – Council President
Megan Reel – Clerk Treasurer

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Corbin King, the town's attorney was also present.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable reported he had written one permit to Clifford Signs for a new sign at Waddell’s IGA.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one present to report.

Russiaville Historical Society – Jan Koloszar was present to report. She stated that Megan Reel and herself had an appointment at the bank this coming Friday to transfer the money from the Russiaville Historical Society to the Town.

Jan said she is meeting with some old and new people Wednesday evening of this week to see about some old things to wrap up and maybe get some new things started. They are getting some people that have an interest in the Historical Society. That is what their goal is.

Dave Kieser was present and said he had an agreement for Jeff to sign to be able to apply for the feasibility grant for Indiana Landmarks. The agreement is not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Kieser Consulting to do design and project management for the Interurban building to be finished. Don Parvin made a motion to allow this agreement. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, and Rob voting for passage. Mr. Kieser said he and Jan are working on the by-laws for the Historical Society by October 1st.

Jeff Lipinski said he appreciates Jan Koloszar’s efforts. He knows she came into a potentially bad situation, and he said she has handled it well.

Park & Tree Board – Jill Newby was present to say there are 2 eagle scout projects going on that will be completed by October. Sean Childers will be working at the Interurban Station and Ben Carter at the Community Center.

The P&T Board has decided to switch their efforts from the community center playground to a shelter after the walking trail is completed.

The signs for the parks have been ordered, and should be completed soon.

They are planning to plant trees in the park, just in case the 3 ash trees do not make it. This will give them some growing time.

As far as the recreational trail – Don Parvin said he had talked to them and they are going to start removing the dirt and putting the stone in tomorrow.

Don Parvin also said he had taken Dave Kieser down to where the horse shoe pits were going to be by the community center. Dave stated there does not need to

be a handicapped accessible ramp to them and he feels it is in a very good location.

Rick Homkes said for the feed a bee grant there will be some fall planting at the community center parked. They are marked so that 811 can be contacted for locates. There will be bushes and trees planted around the pollinator gardens they have. Some of these have already been purchased and they are looking at getting the trees possibly from Salsbery's. Don Parvin asked what kind of trees Rick was planning on getting for this. Rick replied, Red Oak as long as they were pre-dug as they do not transplant well in the fall.

Rick Homkes also brought forth a grant application that he would like the council to consider. The proposal is due on Friday and if it accepted, it would go in, they then would turn it around in a week, if it is approved then we submit a full grant application. The only thing that would go in Friday is the proposal and an estimated budget of between \$5,000.00 and \$7,500.00. He stated they set it up that no money would come from the Town, since their money is going into the trail. This grant would be for legal amenities on the trail, mile markers, informational signage, and some artwork such as sundials and compass mosaics to try to make it more attractive. This would be the Community Foundation of Howard County.

Don Parvin made a motion to support the grant application for trail amenities with no financial liability to the town. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin said it has been pretty outstanding to work with Rick and Jill on the trail project. It is moving along really well and they have communicated really well. He thinks the communication between the Park Board and the Town board has improved dramatically. Jill Newby agreed.

Jeff Lipinski said he really liked the horse shoe pits. Don Parvin added that it was in a good location too as it did not need ADA.

Scott Sipes was present and said that it had been a pleasure to work with the Park Board and the Town to accomplish something that he thinks is going to be great for our community. He is glad he had a part in it and be able to see it become a reality. Someday down the road he would like to have bathrooms considered for the trail.

Scott Sipes said he had one more month on the ball park president. Don Parvin said he would like a round of applause for Scott as he did an outstanding job keeping the ball park clean and nice.

Jill Newby said they had been doing some fundraising. They had the donation boxes out at the businesses here in town and have raised \$370.27. They are selling bricks that will be engraved and put in the community center park. They are also sending a letter out to chamber members, Ashley Wyrick is heading this up, to try to get donations for the trail.

Don Parvin said he had talked to Junior O'Neal about doing some concrete work for the horse shoe pits. He said it would be a minimal amount, and he will work with the Eagle Scout who is working on the project. Don Parvin made a motion to allow Junior O'Neal to do the concrete work for this project, even though we don't have a fixed cost yet. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Summer Fest – No one was present to report.

Streets and Wastewater – There was a report given. Mike Collins was present and added that they had been working on New London. They have had problems with the return line clogging up. They have been jetting them and hauling sludge back to Russiaville. They will have Merrell Bros. out on Wednesday to pump off some sludge so they can get the bottom clarifier cleaned.

Rob Hewitt asked Mike why there is such a difference on the miles driven on the dump truck and the 2008 Dodge. Mike said it is because he has been going to classes to be able to pass his class II test. The classes have just finished so the mileage should get back to normal. Rob asked if he would take his test soon, Mike said yes.

Jeff Lipinski asked about the paving. Mike said they had milled East Kinsey today, also 3rd street, and Cooper St. Don Parvin said they had been on Nashville too. As soon as the milling is done they will start paving this week.

Don Parvin said there was a small correction in front of the Baptist Church and on Kinsey street they are having it milled instead of the overlay, it will be at the same price.

Don Parvin said the street sign for Hollingsworth was put up and it looks good. They have the Daniel Jones sign but not sure where they are putting it. Don will talk to Kirk Smith and then decide. Don Parvin read a thank you note from Peggy and Helen Hollingsworth and Alma and John Pierce and family for putting up the sign in honor of Ike Hollingsworth.

Jeff Lipinski said he won the Sagamore of the Wabash and then had a street named after him. (Memorial street sign put up with the existing one at Grant St.)

Marshal's Dept. – A written report was given. Randy Vannatter was present and had nothing to add.

Treasurer's Report – Reports were given. Megan Reel had nothing to add.

Dave Kieser – RBDG sidewalk and lighting project he is working on the plans and specifications. The Stormwater project he is working on the drainage calcs and environmental study. Community Trail – John is reviewing the equipment submittals that they are getting from the contractor.

Don Parvin said we got the grant for \$97,500.00 for the sidewalk and lighting grant. This is the first of a four or five phase project. This part will be done in the spring.

Jeff Davidson – Corbin said he is still waiting on abatement paperwork

New London Grant – Ethel Morgan is present and said there is a new requirement to have an AMP (Asset Management Plan) done for the grant. The SRF has a grant of up to \$25,000.00 they are giving us to cover the cost of this. The requirement for this program came out in late August and the grant funding came out about the same time, so Ethel has been working to put together a team to get this completed for the \$25,000.00 grant. It is required for the wastewater utility. The whole utility has to have this in place.

Ethel has brought with her Mike Novak. The program consists of financial, managerial, and technical areas. You have to have an inventory of all your assets, you have to have job descriptions for any employee that works for the wastewater utility, you have to have a plan for secession. Ethel said the goal of this program is that the utility be run more like a business. This is implemented through senate enrolled act 362. It is state law. Mike Novak is from Indiana Community Assistance Association, RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Program). They are a not for profit that does asset management plans for other communities around the state. RCAP will cost \$12,000.00, and Steve Brock doing the financial part for \$7,500.00, and Ethel would have a part providing the information she has available about the wastewater plant for \$5,500.00. Ethel

has 3 contracts with her for the 3 different people to do the 3 different parts. This needs to be in place before the closing on October 10, 2018.

Don Parvin made a motion to allow Steve Brock to do the financial part of the AMP for \$7,500.00. Kyle Parvin seconded. Rob Hewitt was opposed. Dave Kieser said he had already done an asset management plan for the whole Town. Ethel asked if it met SRF guidelines. Dave Kieser was unsure, but he is questioning because he has had to have an AMP for other grants we have gotten. Ethel said we could authorize it, with the understanding that Dave can get clarification from SRF whether what he has already done meets the program requirements. After some discussion, Rob Hewitt withdrew his opposition, and voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed with Don, Kyle, and Rob voting.

Don Parvin made a motion to allow Ethel Morgan to do the assistance of information for managerial and technical parts of this for \$5,500.00. Kyle seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, and Rob voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to allow Jeff Lipinski to get with Dave Kieser and Ethel Morgan to clear this up to make sure Mr. Kieser has not already done the AMP to the specifications of the SRF before we hire someone else to do it. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Jean Good, a resident of New London, has a question about where the new sewage line will run. Ethel said the pipe will start at the lift station on 750 W. at the South-end of New London to the Russiaville wastewater plant through the county roads. We are not connecting any houses, existing connections are staying where they are. If someone who is not connected, and they want to connect then they would need to get with someone from the Town. We do have a price in the bid that allows for homes along the route to connect if they want to. If they don't they don't have to.

Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Love were present, they live between New London and Russiaville, they wanted to know if the Town would force them on to the system. Ethel said no. Mr. Love asked will it be a force system of a lift system. Ethel said it would be a pressure system. It will utilize the existing lift station and the pumps will pump the flow. Mr. Love asked what side of the street it would be on. Ethel said it would be on the East side of 750 W. to the North side of 330 S. to the East

side of 775 W. The pipe will be directionally drilled, so the only place there will be any surface disturbance will be where the bore pits are. There will be one at the lift station, one where they have to turn on to 330, and one where they have to turn onto 775. Jeff Lipinski said, so their land will not be interrupted other than that. Ethel said no. Mr. Hewitt said you will not tear my driveway up? Ethel said no, everything will be bored under the ground. Mr. Love asked how long it will take once they start? Ethel said they would probably start in early November, and depending on the weather, it would take about a month to bore all the pipe. They will have to do work at the lift stations, and they will have to do some work at the New London plant to abandon it. They are anticipating that all the work will be done by June 2019.

Mr. Hewitt asked if Russiaville would force the people between New London and Russiaville to hook on to the new sewer line. Ethel said Russiaville will not force you to hook on. Mr. Hewitt said, what about the State of Indiana? Ethel said she did not believe they would either. Jeff Lipinski said we own the system, we are not in the business of forcing anyone who is not currently on the system, that doesn't live within our parameters on it. Mr. Hewitt said when all this originally transpired with New London, the State came in and said if they were in 300 ft. of the line they had to tie on to it. Don Parvin said that was because all those systems were failing, and the county was part of that process. Corbin said this was why we got involved and have tried to change it. We are working very hard, and have for decades, so the State will stay out of this area. We are on everyone's side and not letting it fail. If this goes kaput, the State will come and we don't want that to happen. What has happened here has been a great thing, Corbin is very proud and happy of all the hard work everyone has done. We looked at this as a community, we did not leave New London hanging out there. Our opinion has not changed, and we are doing this for the good of the community.

Mr. Hewitt is just frustrated and wants to know if he will have to tie on next year will he have to hook on to the Town's sewage. Ethel said anyone that is along the path of the new line, if any of their septic systems fail then, yes they would have to tie on as they would not be able to get a permit to put in a new system through the county. Don Parvin said they will not issue a permit through the county for them to put in a new septic, he would have to tie on to the Town's line at the point his system failed.

Mr. Love asked how much it would cost to tie on to the Town's sewage? Ethel said it would be a little over \$3,000.00 this included the curb stop and the valving, but this does not include the line, any of the lateral from your house to the connection, or the grinder pump. If anyone is interested, Ethel could provide the information of what type of pump it needs to be and the conditions for it.

Don Parvin asked if Ethel knew if there were any grants available to homeowners to help with the cost for this type of thing. Ethel did not know of anything. Dave Kieser looked it up online as we were still discussing, and said there is a rural development grant for homeowners under section 504. It is a 75/25 grant. If you are 62 years or older, and there are some other specifications.

Tornado Siren – Randy Vannatter said he is working with Jeff Davidson on getting a pole. Jeff Lipinski said as far as the siren, it needs to be pulled out and power washed and painted right? Randy agreed. Jeff L. said Randy doesn't really do that stuff like Roger did, so who is going to help him get that done. Jeff L. thought the town guys could possibly do it. Randy told Mike Collins that we need to get it out of there and pressure wash it, set it on a skid on a dry day that is not windy, and get it spray paint it after it has dried good. Randy said that Mike said that Craig doesn't want to do it. Jeff L. said they would take care of that. Rob will take care of it.

Jeff L. said once we get that done and we get the pole we can get it up. Randy said yes.

Ordinance 2018-08 – Don Parvin made a motion to suspend the rules to be able to pass ordinance 2018-08 creating a new historical society fund (#235) on the second and third readings. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

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Don Parvin stated that when he wrote ordinance 2017-08, it does allow dogs in the parks. They thought we passed it to say they were not allowed but they are as long as they follow the rules specified. Therefore, no changes or amendments need to be made for this.

Ned Sutherland was present to discuss the community outreach. Darlene Homkes is working on a senior health fair. They also designed an online survey to assess the need for a shuttle bus from Russiaville to Kokomo.

Don Parvin made a motion for the Town to donate \$500.00 to the community outreach program since we are partnered with them for the better of the community for them to obtain a 501c3. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims were presented and approved.

Kyle Parvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer