

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
March 10, 2026

Council Present – Pat Reel, Greg Landrum, Jake Gibson, and Roger Waddell

Pat Reel called the meeting to order.

Janna Hyman said a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pat Reel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from February 10, 2026 meeting that were sent to the council. There were none. Jake Gibson made a motion to accept the minutes. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Roger, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Pat Reel stated there was an executive session held on February 26, 2026.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan added that she is being audited right now by SBOA.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and had a written report. Pat asked if Lucas was doing good. Craig said he was. Pat asked if mowers were ready to go, and Craig said they were.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and had written report. Josh made sure council received the letter from Officer Carl Swan regarding K-9 Max's lease agreement. Josh then read a letter he had prepared ending the lease agreement between Carl Swan and the Town, and retiring K-9 Max from the Russiaville Police Dept. effective March 1, 2026.

Josh stated the Gene Parks run would be coming up on April 11th and the Opening Day Parade is April 18th both starting at 9 am.

Tornado sirens – Josh said the Lions Club siren is failing consistently, and the one at the Town Hall fails randomly. There was some discussion, and Greg Landrum made a motion for Josh to call ERS to investigate and see if they can be fixed.

Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Greg, Jake, Pat, and Roger voting for passage.

EMA Advisory – Josh Fulkerson said there was nothing new to report.

Public Safety – Jake Gibson said there is nothing new to report.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present and said we are going to get to start the restroom and pavilion soon, as they were approved by the DNR. If the weather is decent, it should take a couple months to complete. The playground has been pushed back to about May 1st as we are waiting on a TOPO survey. They had a meeting for excavation with Davidson Excavating and Marsha from Sinclair Recreation.

Jill said Community Day this year would be April 23rd, with a rain date of April 24th. Please think of any jobs that the seniors can do.

Also, the park board will help with the tree giveaway at the library to celebrate Arbor Day on April 24th.

Rick Homkes said the Lions Club sponsors SR 26 between mile marker 70-72. The spring cleanup for this is April 4th.

Health Department – Rick Homkes was present and said there will be a health fair at the Carver Center on April 15th from 4-7 pm. They will do sports screenings and vaccinations, etc.

They will do a crisis ready meeting at KHCPL South branch this year, watch for dates.

TIF Board – Rick Homkes was present to report. The signage application for INDOT was submitted to be able to place the Western championship signs on 26. They have asked for some additional information, and we are waiting to hear back from them before they are able to be installed.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present and had a written report.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one was present to report.

Historical Society – No one was present to report.

Library – Lori Seaman was present and said there is a kite festival the same day as the Gene Parks run on April 11th.

There is a library trivia scavenger hunt involving our town businesses between April 6th and April 11th.

America Committee 250 is working on things, this will be incorporated into the June 6th R-town days.

Lions Club Fish Fry is coming up on March 21st.

Carl Koontz Memorial and Carnival will be March 14th. This supports Turnabout and the Carl Koontz scholarship.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King was not present.

New Employee Process – This is still being worked on. There are changes being made to the Personnel Policy, Megan hopes to have them to everyone before the April meeting for review. Roger Waddell made a motion to table the new employee process. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Jake, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Ordinance 2026-01 – Pat Reel said at last meeting we passed Ordinance 2026-01 for LIT Public Safety fund on the first reading. He would like a motion to suspend the rules to pass it on the second and third reading. Jake Gibson made a motion to suspend the rules to be able to pass ordinance 2026-01 on the second and third readings. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Roger, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Jake Gibson made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-01 for LIT Public Safety on the second and third readings. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Greg, Pat, and Roger voting for passage.

Kole, Konnor, and Johnny from WM (Waste Management) were present. They would like us to extend our contract with them for 2 more years. Pat Reel asked what the prices to extend would be. Megan said she had talked to Dave at WM, and he was going to try to get something together soon for us on that. Pat said he knows they are working on all the broken totes in town, and all the non-WM totes switched out as well. The new driver seems to be doing better.

Jake Gibson asked what the best process was for someone with a broken tote. They said there is an online option, however they are finding that sometimes these get lost or take too long. If residents have an issue, it is better to just call Megan at the town hall and she will get in touch with one of them to get it fixed or replaced. This works out better for the resident, and for them.

Pat Reel asked about large items that are set out during non-cleanup days. After some clarification, the resident still needs to call WM to initiate and pay for the item, but they will pick it up separately from other trash.

Jake Gibson made a motion to table the WM contract extension for now until we have pricing for 2027 and 2028. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Roger, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Megan Reel said spring clean-up is May 1st this year, so that will go well with community day being before this.

America 250 – Lori briefly talked about earlier.

Salt spreader – Craig Thompson said he would have to wait until spring for pricing on this, so he would have more information then.

Little League Lights – Pat Reel said he was approached about helping with the new lights the little league is putting up. Jake Gibson said he was also approached, and felt a bit strong armed but if we can help the kids he is not opposed. Pat Reel said if we use Economic Development (Cedit) funds of \$2,500.00 the county will match that giving them \$5,000.00 total. Jake Gibson made a motion to allow the \$2,500.00 to be paid from Economic Development (Cedit) funds to be matched with \$2,500.00 from Howard County. Greg Landrum seconded. There was some further discussion, and the motion carried with Jake, Greg, Pat, and Roger voting for passage.

Community Center Internet line - Pat Reel said we installed a box from Elwood Fire for the alarm system, but it works off of cellular and it keeps dropping the signal. It needs an internet to be hooked to it as a backup so that it will work properly. Jordan said he would come look at it and thought there may be an existing line that he could use. If not would need to get one. Jordan said it may cost \$100.00. Jake Gibson made a motion for Jordan Buckley to get it fixed for us,

so that the alarm at the Community Center would have the backup it needs. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Roger, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Greg Landrum said he knows there have been comments about this or that being wrong at the community center, but he recently went to a couple of events there and people say how nice the facility is. Council agreed it is a nice building. Megan Reel said while we are talking about it, she and Craig had just talked about how it needed to be painted again. The walls are pretty scuffed up and need some attention. The outside needs assessed and maybe painted as well. Craig added that we should just put it on a rotation for every so many years to be done.

Performance Evaluation for Lucas – Pat Reel said he had talked to Don Parvin and Craig about how Lucas is doing after 30 days of being here. They both agreed he is doing great, and is deserving of a raise. After some discussion, Jake Gibson made a motion to give Lucas Sceggell a 50¢ per hour raise taking him to \$17.00 per hour starting March 9th. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Roger, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Comments from Guests –

Janna Hyman said our little league is having a 60th anniversary this year. They are looking for pictures of kids that played or memorabilia from the 1960's to now. On their Facebook page it says how to donate.

Janna said they would also like to match the new restroom with the community center if possible. She would like to try to coordinate.

Todd Melloh is the owner of Anna's Acres on Alto Rd. and came to introduce himself and tell the council his plan for 125 E. Seward St. He is in the process of buying it, and plans to turn it into an event center, working in some of the heritage from the first settler that came to Russiaville. He is hopeful to have it open for the June 6th town celebration.

Comments from Council –

Greg Landrum said he heard someone bought the Subway building and plans to open a coffee shop there. He said he hopes it's not just a rumor.

Megan reel said it was nice to see something in the old insurance office already. It is a pop-up quilt shop, check it out.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims in the amount of \$93,782.10 were presented and approved. The receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets for February were signed or initialed and approved. Jake Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Landrum seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 5:47pm.

Don Parvin, President

Pat Reel, Vice President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer



Russiaville Utility Report March 2026

RUSIAVILLE WW:

- Total gallons treated for February 2,962,000.
- Avg. monthly flow was 106,000 (53%).
- Avg. flow for 2024 was 136,000 (68%).
- Avg. flow for 2023 was 126,000 (63%).
- Avg. flow for 2022 was 134,000 (67%).
- Avg. flow for 2021 was 127,000 (63%).
- Avg. flow for 2020 was 133,000 (67%).
- Avg. flow for 2019 was 175,000 (88%).
- Completed monthly report for February.
- Daily WW lab testing and plant operations.
- Wasted to drying beds.
- Put East Tank back in service.
- Replaced flush valve on East Tank.
- Took West Tank out of service.
- Power washed West tank.
- Put West Tank back in service.
- Merrell Brothers hauled 5 loads from the digester.
- Cut up fallen tree at WWTP.

- Called in for sewer issue in NL. Had to jet sewer line.
- Installed Cl2 and SO2 for disinfection season.
- Changed air filter in blowers.
- Had the ARI valves on the NL force main cleaned and inspected.

STREETS AND MISC:

- Performed several locates.
- Read meters.
- Cleaned storm drains.
- Had Elwood Fire Equipment out working on the fire alarm at the C.C.
- Changed oil in the Kubota.
- Worked on the sprayer.
- Graded alleys.
- Put down salt 3-17.
- Completed 1 CEU.
- Fixed siding on the Police Station.
- Cut up fallen tree at 775/Marshall St.
- Replaced 2 outside lights at the C.C.
- Fixed broken conduit at the Park.
- Replaced light at the Park Pavilion.
- Changed light timers at the Park and C.C.

MILEAGE AND MAINTENANCE:

- 2020 Ford mileage – 19,445 miles
- 2017 Dodge mileage – 29,311 miles
- Sewer truck hours – 1 hr. of service
- Backhoe hours – 3833 hours
- 2021 John Deere Z950m – 361 hours
- 2024 John Deere Z950m – 87 hours
- 2019 John Deere 3046r – 479 hours
- 2008 Golf cart - 2623 hours
- Kubota – 1237 hours – Changed oil

Craig – (128 Vacation Hours) (40 Sick Hours) (19 Comp Hours)

Lucas – (0 Vacation Hours) (40 Sick Hours) (15.5 Comp Hours)

Russiaville Police Department Monthly Report

Month of: Mar-26

Calls for Service

Abandoned Vehicle		Domestic Violence	1	Open Door/Window	
Accidents	3	Drug Violation		Overdose	
Accident - Hit/Skip		Emergency Detention Order		OWI	
Additional Investigation	7	Escort		Pursuit	1
Alarm Calls		Fight Calls		Rape	
Animal Calls	6	Fire		Residential Entry	
Armed Robbery		Found Property	1	Shots Fired	
Arrests		Fraud		Special Detail	
Assist Citizen	8	Harassment	1	Suspicious Person	
Assist Motorist	5	Illegal Dumping		Suspicious Vehicle	
Assist Other Agency		Incomplete 911		Theft	
Battery		Investigate For	1	Threat	
Burglary		Juvenile Trouble	2	Traffic Enforcement	23
Building Checks	23	Medical		Traffic Stops	11
City Ordinance	2	Mental		Training	1
Civil	2	Mischief		Trespass Calls	2
Court		Missing Person		Unlock Vehicle	
Criminal Recklessness		Motor Check	2	Unwelcome Guest	
Death Investigation		Neighborhood Disturbance		Warrants	
Directed Patrols	89	Neighborhood Policing		Welfare Check	2
All Other Calls	4			Total	197

Labor

	W	T	C / S / H / V
R1	121.5	8	24.25/40 / 68/ 80
R2	98	8	44.28/24/76/96
R3	0	4	-

(W-Work T-Training C-Comp
S-Sick H-Holiday V-Vacation)

Vehicles

Driven	Fuel	Ending
2025 Chevy Tahoe R1	709	95.5
2025 Chevy Tahoe R2	-	-
2019 Dodge Charger	OOS	-
2016 Chevy Tahoe	1376	95
Total	2085	191

Report

April 11 - Gene Parks 5K
 April 18 - Opening Day Parade
 R2 Tahoe Retrieved
 2016 Tahoe Windshield Repair - With
 Insurance - \$0 no deductible, without
 insurance \$500
 Sirens have been working normally



Russiaville Park and Tree Board

Report to Town Council

March 5, 2026

Actions and Plans

Playground, Shelter, Bathroom - Moving forward with the Restroom and Shelter after receiving permission from the DNR. The playground has been pushed back to construction start date May 1st, 2026 due to a surveying issue.

- **Playground Equipment** - Equipment has been ordered. The Vista Tree - climbing sphere will come in last. A shade for the Sway Bench has been ordered.
- **March 3rd, Meeting, Marsha Derbyshire, Jason Buch, Andrew Roe**- Pat Reel, Jill Newby, Rick Homkes, and Janna Hyman met with Marsha Derbyshire at 11:00 am to discuss In-kind from *Davidson Excavation with representative Jason Buch* process and dates, this meeting also included *Andrew Roe* who will be contracted for the playground curbing. Playground sign configuration and wordage was reviewed by Jill, Janna, Rick, and Marsha Derbyshire . Changes made and resubmitted.
- **Duke Energy** - Pat sent a report that the playground lighting project is on track.
- **RCCP Project Construction Site** - On March 3rd discussion was held concerning what types of barriers, and parking lot space will be needed to keep the community safe during construction of the restroom, shelter, and playground.

Future Activities

- **2026 Youth FunFest** - Looking at Wednesday, July 22nd, with time from 5pm - 7pm, for the event.
- **Arbor Day**- Date April 24, 2026. P&TB will work with the Library. 50 White Oak trees, and 50 Button Bushes to be given away. Reba, Cheri, Jill, and Janna will work on bundling April 23rd, and passing out April 24th.
- **2025 Park and Tree Board Accomplishments and Goals** - Rick will post the reports on the Russiaville's website townofrussiaville.com .
- **Tree City USA** - Russiaville has received the 2025 Award.
- **Community Day 2026**- WHS seniors will work on various jobs throughout the town on Thursday, April 23, 2026 with a rain date, Friday, April 24, 2026. Jill asked for volunteers. Janna, Cheri, and Reba volunteered.
- **Highway Pickup** - Date changed to April 4, 2026.
- **Restroom and Shelter Ground Breaking** - Date set April 15, 2026
- **Playground Ground Breaking** - Date set May 1, 2026
- **Russiaville Town Community Day** - Date set June 6th, 2026

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Russiaville Redevelopment Commission (TIF Board)

Report to Town Council

4/14/2026

Activities and Actions

School Championship Signage

- Approval has been granted by the State of Indiana (INDOT) for the sign east of town on SR-26. INDOT would like it on the northwest corner of CR-580W and SR-26 and would also like it away from the highway to reduce visibility issues. They have a technical issue which meant a new application had to be submitted with a different code but said that the approval would stand. The location has been staked, white-marked, and an 811 request submitted.
- The installation of the sign on 250 S (Alto) is waiting for the poles to be straightened.

Portable Vehicle Speed Display Project

- The portable speed sign has been placed at various locations around town and data collected by the town police. These data on traffic volume and timing could also be used for other purposes such as economic development work.

CC Park Picnic Shelter

- This project is waiting on the IDNR for final approvals before starting.

Other

- Other possible projects being investigated by the Board are the South Union Crossover, Resurfacing of B-Ball Courts using a Public / Private Partnership (PPP) model, and the TIF Allocation Area (TIF 2) and Economic Development Area (EDA) Changes.

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RUSSIAVILLE PLAN COMMISSION

MIKE KANABLE

March 2026

26/319 – Haily & Austin Calloni – Yes 3-2-26 Fence – 798 – 500 Mesa Dr.

26/320 – White Oak – Yes – 3-11-26 – Peddlers Permit – 799 – Canvassing.

26/321 – Chadwick Lemay – Yes – 3-25-26 – Fence – 800 – 310 South West St.