

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Special Meeting  
Russiaville Town Hall  
December 12, 2019

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, and Pat Reel.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Dave Kieser was present to discuss the upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant. He had a presentation to show where the new tanks may go. There is an 8" sanitary sewer pipe, the areas are located between College and Kinsey Streets is one of the areas, and 775/West St and Chandler Streets. This cost is around \$25,000.00. They are looking at doing sump pump survey. Their thoughts are that a considerable amount of inflow from this is coming in to the collection system. Don Parvin asked about the survey. Craig Thompson was present and said there would be an actual survey done, they would mail a letter to every home. Don said could we do this ourselves to save money. Mr. Kieser said they would do it with Fluid Waste, they would look at the sump pump, and find out what the capacity of their sump pump is and how much inflow is coming in. The lift station will need to have a third pump added. The plant will go from 200,000 gallons per day to 300,000 per day. There would be 2 new tanks. Mr. Kieser gave more details of the new proposition. There was some discussion between Mr. Kieser and the council about the details.

Mr. Kieser stated that Tina Mendenhall would have to do an income survey, as currently the town is not 51% low to moderate for OCRA.

Dave Kieser said the cost of this project would be \$1,523,000.00. Jeff Lipinski said we currently have a million dollar in debt on a previous wastewater bond. He said without a grant there will be no way we can do this. Mr. Kieser said hopefully we can get a nice amount of grant money to be able to fund this. Jeff said we cannot pass this much debt on to our customers. Mr. Kieser said Steve Brock is going to work on the numbers for this. Pat Reel said we can include New London in this also.

Craig Thompson said this was the project that we could have done in 2012, but we opted for something different at the time to keep costs down, and we did what had to be done at the time.

Mr. Kieser said they would like to get the best of SRF and Rural Development. We can apply for an OCRA grant for up to \$700,000.00, and an RBDG grant for \$100,000.00. We need to try to get as much grant as we can to keep cost low. Craig Thompson said hopefully we are at the top of their list because our flows right now are at 95%.

Jeff Lipinski asked about regionalization. There was some discussion on this. The council does not want the bills to go up, the last rate increase was in 2015. Dave said the bonds from SRF are 20 years and RBD are 40 years. Jeff said we cannot go out 40 years. We have never done that. Mr. Kieser said it is just an option. Jeff Lipinski said we have about a million-dollar debt right now. Would the bonds be callable to add to the new bonds? Don thought they would be, but not the New London one. Mr. Kieser said that would be a good question for Steve Brock. Mr. Kieser said he would like to see us master metering New London's flow. The council agreed.

Don Parvin asked about the sump pump letter. Craig Thompson said he did not think it was going to hurt to wait another year to do the letters and survey, and this way we would save the \$25,000.00 and when we are ready, we can include the survey in the project.

Don Parvin made a motion to move forward with this project at this time. Pat Reel seconded. Rob Hewitt abstained. Jeff Lipinski voted in favor of the motion, and it carried with Don, Pat, and Jeff voting for passage.

Don Parvin had a listing of the 2020 meeting dates and the 2020 approved holidays. Don Parvin made a motion to approve both of these. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Rob, and Jeff voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski signed the Tree City 2019 paper.

Resolution 2019-03 was brought forth to transfer monies from the Park Fund, General Fund, and MVH Fund to the Rainy-Day Fund. This is 10% of the budget amount. Don Parvin made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-03. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Pat voting for passage.

Megan Reel asked of any changes to the salary ordinance that was presented in the November meeting, so that she could have it prepared for the December meeting. No one had any. Don Parvin made a motion to pass the 2020 salary

ordinance # 2019-04 on the second reading. Rob Hewitt seconded. Pat Reel abstained. Jeff Lipinski voted in favor of this too. The motion was carried with Don, Rob, and Jeff voting for passage.

Megan Reel said she needed to pay the TIF Board members. She asked if it was of that she paid them out of TIF funds. Jeff Lipinski said yes that is where it is supposed to come from.

Megan Reel said the Western Band sign was removed when the McClure station was built. The State said they would not allow them to put it back up there in their right of way, and there isn't a place to put it otherwise as everything else is cement. Megan has had several people ask her about this as to why it is not up. She has learned that the sign is at Western School at this time. Jeff said we will find a place and get it back up. The council will look into this further, and get it taken care of.

There being no further business to discuss, Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk-Treasurer