

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
November 27, 2023

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, and Greg Landrum
Corbin King was also present.

Myrna Claar gave prayer. Greg Landrum led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved. Minutes from Board of Zoning meeting on November 17, 2023 were approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan said the few repairs that were approved have been started to be done here at the town hall.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and gave a written report. He also had a drawing of the new proposed wastewater plant, maintenance building and lab. This is a drawing as a starting point for the project for the council to see.

Marshal’s Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and had a written report. Josh said the Durango is in the shop to be fixed. It is being covered by warranty. They are waiting on parts to get this done.

EMA Advisory – Nothing to report.

Fire Department – Nothing to report.

Health Department – Rick Homkes was present and gave the following report. The Howard County Emergency Development Network group conducted an Active Shooter tabletop exercise on 2 November. Some statistics for the training are:

76 participants were present (include exercise staff)
35 Organizations/Agencies represented Including K-12 schools, higher education, churches, long term care homes, government organizations, school resource officers, etc.)

The exercise was very well received with many compliments to the volunteer planners from several community partners on how it was run and the positive impact it had in their planning and response efforts. An After-Action Report (AAR) has been written to help with specifics. It was disappointing, however, that no one (including myself) was able to attend from Russiaville.

Looking forward, there were requests for more training on emergency response for various scenarios, and the planning group will be working on that. In addition, Zach Rudolph the 911 director is going to record a Public Health Minute video that will be shared on the Health Department's video series.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said that Mr. Salsbery's attorney asks him from time to time about tearing down the old elevator at the end of Liberty. Pat Reel said Dave is working on this to see if anything can be done.

Corbin said Mr. Bean will have to deed the small piece of property to the library, as he owns it. Lori Seaman, from the library, was present, and said she would relay this to library attorney so they can move forward.

Corbin is still working on the South Union Street easements. Don Parvin asked when would this be done for bidding purposes. Corbin said he would keep working on it and hopefully be done by the end of the year.

Don Parvin also asked about the floodplain manager paper that we received a few months ago. Corbin said that anything for this would be handled through the county.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable had 4 permits. She-shed at 372 Yellowstone Dr., shed/fence at 455 N. Union St., house addition at 520 S. Union St.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Dustin Redding stated they had a meeting on November 17th regarding a use variance request on N. Union St. (Lot # 1) for Anthony Daugherty. There are utility easements on the property. They voted in their meeting to approve the variance for the duplex to be build, pending the easement issue to be resolved. Whether he doesn't build on the towns easement or takes steps to vacate it. Mike Kanable asked about writing the permit. There was further discussion about the utility easement. Roger Waddell clarified by saying there is a utility easement on paper but doesn't look like there are any utilities in the easements next to the property lines. Don Parvin said but if it's a utility easement he would still have to go through the process of vacating the utility easement with a lawyer. Or don't build in the easement.