

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
November 15, 2021

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, and Greg Landrum

Jeff Lipinski gave prayer, and Rex Redding led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Minutes from last month's meeting, and one special meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable reported he had written one permit for an electrical upgrade at 635 N. Union St.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Jeff Lipinski said he and the council had met with the TIF Board President, Mark Fulk, and gave him some ideas of the ways they were thinking the TIF funds could possibly be used. Jeff said he read on the Park Board report about hopefully making the center of town on Main Street look better, and making it look more attractive around the businesses. We are finally working on the lights down main street, and some throughout the town. Hopefully we can continue to make the town look better.

Historical Society – Jeff Lipinski said he also read on the park board report that they would like to possibly make the interurban station into a café/coffee shop/restaurant. Jeff said he hopes that can become a reality as the trail that is currently in Kokomo will eventually come through Russiaville where the train tracks are. We hope for the Interurban to become a trailhead, so that is a good idea.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present and said this past Saturday the Western School student council had some of its member here to rake leaves for some of the residents here in town from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. They did a great job, and they had pizza afterward. Jill thanked Pat and Megan Reel for picking up over 100 bags of leaves.

The “Keep the Light Shining Walk” was also this past Saturday; however, the weather was very nasty out, and they ended it early. Pat Reel asked if they would reschedule it. Jill said not for this year but, Janna Hyman, who headed this event up said she would like to make it a yearly event, so probably next fall. Jill said they raised over \$1,700.00 in donations for the walk, and they will continue to do more fundraisers to help with funds to be able to put in the Community Center Park playground and shelter.

They are going to have a raffle for a ½ a hog plus processing coming up and the winner will be drawn on December 10th, that will also help benefit the playground. Erica Parvin is working on this and will have the tickets first of the week.

Jill said she had talked to Julie Newlin about painting a mural on the west side of Waddells. Julie said that they are interested in that being done. Jill also talked to Rhonda Eades about doing it. Jeff Lipinski said that Jon Newlin had mentioned it to him and think it is good idea. Pat Reel said it would fit in nicely with the sidewalk project we are getting ready to do on South Union.

Jill Newby said she thinks we could have a good chance to get a Subaru grant for this project, so they will definitely apply.

Streets and Wastewater – A written report was given.

Marshal’s Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and gave a report. Josh stated he had applied for the IPEP grant, but we were denied.

Josh had a flyer that he and his wife, Tiffany, had made up to do a book drive this year. This would be for kid’s books. Josh would just like the okay to go ahead with this. Pat Reel made a motion to allow the police department to do the book drive. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, Don, and Greg voting for passage.

Josh said he had been looking at the reserve program policy book. He would like to update this and be able to reinstate the reserve program next year. However,