

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Town Council Meeting
October 20, 2014

The Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p m with prayer by President Jeff Lipinski. Also present for the Council were Vice President Don Parvin, Council Members Cindy Aeschliman, and Town Attorney Corbin King. Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and accepted. Ashley Wyrick was present for the Park Board to announce that The Howard County Community Foundation had approved a \$3,000 grant but a match of \$3,000 was needed. Jeff stated he would check to see if the some of the funds received from the sale of the houses in the Gene & Wilma Parks Estate could be used for the match. The five year plan that the Park & Tree Board is working on was discussed.

Rhiannon Thompson, Chairperson for the Summerfest was present to say that over \$3,000 was raised for the medical bills for the Sanders Family whose daughter is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Jeff Lipinski stated he attended the tractor pull and many of the people in attendance want to see it continued. He would like to see a written plan. It may be possible that the funds received could go to benefit different things. There was some discussion on finding a different location but Jeff stated he would like to see this hashed out and happen within the next few months. Don Parvin also stated he would like to see a positive resolution soon. Jeff asked if the mounds of soil could be used to form a landscaped barrier. Don stated he is not in favor at this time because of the efforts of the Board. He enjoys the tractor pull but there is a time and place. Ashley asked about the possibility of another location. Jeff asked if the water plan property could be used. Craig Thompson stated there may be room for the track but parking could be a problem. Leasing the property to the north of the park ground was discussed. A meeting of the Boards was set for November 3rd at 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

Craig Thompson & A.J. Humerickhouse were present with the Utilities Report. Craig stated a pump to recycle the water used at the wastewater plant costs about \$905 and would be very beneficial in regard to reducing water costs. Don Parvin made motion to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Cindy Aeschliman and carried with Don, Cindy and Jeff voting for the purchase. The sprocket on the clarifier is broken and the wastewater main west of North Liberty behind the Collins residents required jetting. An abandon lateral was cut out when the system was lined. This created the problem. Potholes have been filled. The staff would like residents to call is any were missed. A. J. Humerickhouse Wastewater Superintendent was present with a question about the cell phone service the town provides. His personal phone is with A T & T and he asked if he could use his personal phone and get reimbursed \$30 or \$40 a month. This would require a change in the service the Town currently carries with Verizon. After a discussion, Jeff asked Cindy to figure out the best plan for the Utility Staff. Don asked the staff to get with him to figure out which streets are in the worst condition and need on the list for paving. The County as offered to match us up to \$7,000 for a needed project.

Allen Girton, from Indiana Farm Bureau, was present with a proposal for life insurance for our employees. It is an accidental death policy of \$100,000. Employees can continue with policy even if they are no longer employed with the Town. Total benefits increase to \$200,000 in twenty years and the cost would be \$100 per month for four employees. Jeff stated that it sounds like a nice, affordable product and the Council will take it under advisement.

The increase in the wastewater rate was discussed. It will be an across the board increase with each customer's rate going up \$16 per month. The number of vacant houses we have and have had over th

past few years dictates the need to increase in this manner instead of a percentage rate. The Ordinance will be presented next month and a public hearing will be held during the regular meeting at 7 p.m. on December 15th.

Adding the Town of New London to our trash service contract was again discussed. An amendment can be made to the rate ordinance that allows the service to be offered to New London. Don would like some hard numbers to give potential bidders and as yet we do not have those figures. It was determined that the best number we have is a possibility of sixty four customers.

Corbin King is to petition the court to ask for the opportunity for the funds given to the Town through the sale of the Gene and Wilma Parks farmland to be invested into something that would give a higher interest yield than the current Certificates of Deposit rate. He also talked with the Council and Ashley Wyrick about the Howard County Community Foundation's suggestion that we may house the funds with them at a four or five percent interest rate.

Don Parvin stated he is withdrawing the Ordinance Regulating Golf Carts that he prepared. Jeff stated he thought we were going to discuss it tonight. Jeff stated that we have come to the point where we have to regulate golf carts. Jeff and Don both believe it could be a liability for the Town if someone is hurt. Jeff stated again that we need to deal with it.

Ordinance No. 2014-7, an Ordinance pertaining to Flood Plain Management was presented. Don Parvin made a motion to pass on the first reading. Cindy Aeschliman seconded and the motion passed on the first reading with Don, Cindy and Jeff voting for passage.

The 2014 Budget Ordinance was presented. Don Parvin made a motion to pass the ordinance. Cindy Aeschliman seconded and the motion carried with Don, Cindy and Jeff voting for passage. Jeff also noted that the County Council didn't approve Russiaville's budgets as published.

Using the County Sheriff's Department message system for emergency messages and information was discussed. It will be up to the individual resident to sign up for the serviced. The Sheriff's Department will be asked to attend a meeting with information on the process.

Kurt Smith has requested we obtain the old Russiaville school's corner stone from and prepare a monument with it as the centerpiece in front of the Town Hall. The Town Hall and park property was the location of the school before the tornado.

Jeff Lipinski noted that the public meeting for discussion of the sale of the water system to Indiana American will be held at the Community Center tomorrow night October 21st at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is the answer questions and present information so town residents can make an intelligent decision on November 4. Don Parvin stated that if it does not sell, we need to get on meter repairs.

There being no further business, claims were presenting and approved and the meeting adjourned.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Linda Downey, Clerk Treas.