

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
October 22, 2018

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, and Kyle Parvin
Corbin King, the town’s attorney was also present.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Kent Milburn gave prayer, and Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget adoption for 2019 was read as \$901,058.00. Rob Hewitt made a motion to adopt the 2019 budget. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Don voting for passage. Council signed the 2019 budget adoption ordinance # 2018-10.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable reported he had written six permits. Nelson Reams for new porch, 3 to Majestic Homes for new homes, Chris Rust for garage and breezeway, and 1 to Derk Hopwood for a new shed.
Jeff Lipinski asked where the Majestic Homes sites were. Mike Kanable said they were in Western Heights. Jeff asked how many lots were left in Western Heights. Mike said those were the last 3.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one present to report.

Russiaville Historical Society – Jan Koloszar was present to report. She stated the bylaws had been revamped, and have been submitted to Corbin King for his approval. She is hoping to have something to say to the community soon, this will be an information meeting to see if they can get things up and going and to give an update on the Russiaville Historical Society and explain to anyone who wants to come what has been going on. This meeting will be at the Main Street Christian Church Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm, on November 7, 2018.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present to report. She stated the 2 Eagle Scout project had been completed. Ben Carter finished the horseshoe pits at the Community Center. Jill asked Jan Koloszar about the project Sean Childers did at the Interurban Station. Jan said he had done it to the satisfaction of the situation. She was not disappointed. She added that there may be room for another project in the future if another scout wanted to take it a step further. What Jan asked of Sean, he did a good job. Jill Newby added that Sean put down some tracks for the train, put the bench in, and cleaned up a flower bed.

Jill said that Rick Homkes had told her that last of the spring bulbs had been planted for the Feed a Bee grant that was received. They still have a couple of trees to plant, and Salsbery Garden Center had donated 15 chokeberry bushes for planting.

Jill showed samples of the boulder signs for the parks. She said they were supposed to be installed last week, but they have not been as of yet, so they are just waiting on installation.

Rick Homkes came in to the meeting, so Jill asked him if he had anything he would like to say. Rick asked about the horseshoes, and Jill said Ben was not here with them. Rick had nothing else to add.

Summer Fest – No one present to report.

Streets and Wastewater – Written report was given. Mike Collins was present to report. He stated they had dug a trench for the electrical for the tornado siren. Jeff Lipinski said Pat Reel did a tremendous job for the Town getting the siren ready to go, he thanked him for all his hard work on this. Mike Collins added that Adam Waddell would be here this Wednesday to set the siren on the pole and wire it. Jeff asked if it would be running on Wednesday then. Pat Reel said yes. Jeff Lipinski asked Mike about salt for the winter. Mike said we have one whole skid and ¼ of another skid so they are prepared. Spreader has been cleaned out. Rob Hewitt said Mike Collins passed his Class II operator certification test. Jeff said good job on getting that. Mike Collins said he would like the council to think about giving him a raise since he got his certification, more than just a 3% raise. Rob said they would take it under advisement.

Mike Collins added that we had gotten a skid of compost bags. Mike asked Rick Homkes what people who wanted to use them could do with the bags. Rick said they could be taken to the recycling center on Dixon Road, they could take them

to the pile behind the wastewater plant, or they could start their own compost pile. These were given to us by the Howard County Recycling District. Jeff Lipinski said Mickey from HCRD had called him and said we could not sell them, but she would continue to give them to us if we gave them out to people who wanted them.

Marshal's Dept. – Written report was given. Carl Swan was present to report.

Don Parvin backed up to the Park Board – he reported that the walking trail was on the schedule with E&B Paving. The ground and the gravel still drying out.

Now back to the Marshal's Dept. – Carl presented a request for some funds (possibly the Riverboat fund) for some firearms for the police department. Total of the funds needed would be \$2,540.46.

Rob Hewitt said he would like the Police Dept. to have everything they need to be safe and to do their jobs well. Carl said himself and Deputy Everling are both working with their own personal firearms. Carl stated it would be advantageous for Russiaville to go to the same firearms as the Howard County Sheriff's Dept., in case they would need to exchange ammo or whatever. It would all be compatible. The firearms would then be Town property, and they could take their personal firearms back home.

Jeff Lipinski agreed they need the proper equipment to do their job. He thinks the council should act on this proposal.

Don Parvin said he has no issue with this except he would like it stated that all personal property that is brought into the department will be the Town's property. This is for insurance purposes. Carl said he agrees, and this is close to his heart as his squad car was broken into several weeks ago and several of his personal items were stolen out of it. All this stuff was used to do his job, but were his personal things. He turned it in to the insurance to the tune of about \$1,500.00. The insurance only reimbursed him about \$500.00 though because it was not the Town's property. He believes that this request for new firearms is a good idea for liability/insurance purposes too.

Don Parvin made a motion to allow the \$2,540.46 for the purchase of the firearms for the Police Dept. to be spent out of Riverboat, and the firearms will be the property of the Town of Russiaville. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin stated he feels bad that Carl's personal items (including his gun) were stolen out of his squad car, and it was not covered by insurance. Don would like the council to consider compensating Carl Swan for his property that was stolen. The total of the stolen property was \$1,500.00 and the insurance paid \$500.00. Don Parvin made a motion give Carl \$1,000.00 to compensate for the money he lost when his property was stolen, to be paid out of Riverboat. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage. Don added if for some reason Carl's firearm was recovered and returned to him, he would give some money back to the Town for this. Carl agreed and thanked the council for this.

Carl also said the siren would go up Wednesday morning. Next Sunday will be the last test of the season until next spring.

Carl Swan also stated he is trying to get some grant money to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for his squad car. Carl has been an AED instructor since 1995, he has used it numerous times at his old agency, and since he has been on Russiaville PD he has had 2 opportunities to use an AED and not had one at his disposal. He said the ambulance service has an AED but that takes time to get them there. If he had one in his squad car, it would be beneficial. Jeff Lipinski asked what the cost of an AED is. Carl said he was not sure yet, he is thinking around the \$2,000.00 mark, but he is hoping he can get some grant money to help with getting one. Carl is checking into this and wanted the council to know that he may be talking about this more in the future when he has some more information.

Carl said Trick-R-Treat will be 5-8pm on October 31, 2018. They have several people coming in to help this night.

Treasurer's Report – Written report was given and Megan Reel said she had nothing else to add.

Jeff Davidson – Corbin King said he had the paperwork going.

New London Grant – Ethel Morgan was present. The grant and loan have both closed, and the funds have been released. There is a pre-construction meeting this Wednesday (Oct. 24th) at 10:00 am at the Town Hall. Ethel has contracts "very nicely" delivered from Jeff Lipinski from the county. Jeff Lipinski signed them and Megan Reel attested his signature, this is the contract for Davidson

Excavating to do the construction. Ethel also has a rule 5 notice of intent, this is erosion control permitting. This is the last phase of getting the erosion control permit. It needs Jeff Lipinski's signature and there is a \$100.00 check that Megan Reel has provided to IDEM for this. We have the permit from the county, now we have to get the concurrence from IDEM. They charge you \$100.00 and sign off on it. Ethel also needs the proof of advertising from Megan to be able to submit this to IDEM.

Don Parvin made a motion to accept the contract with Davidson Excavating for \$981, 807.50 for the New London project. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion passed with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski asked when the construction would begin. Ethel said they would have the pre-construction meeting this Wednesday, and they would get a construction schedule shortly after that. Ethel would also like to get authorization to issue the notice to proceed once she gets bonds and insurance from Davidson's. If council is ok with it, Ethel will issue the notice to proceed on Wednesday. The notice of intent for the stormwater permit going to IDEM was signed. Don Parvin made a motion for the permitting on the erosion control. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, and Rob voting for passage.

Ethel said, Howard County Soil and Water's Mel Neville will be present at the pre-construction meeting. Mr. Neville requested that the engineer, the prime contractor, the contractor that is doing the excavation and the erosion control, and he needs a representative or the owner that could make decisions. This would be a Town council member. Don Parvin said he would be here. Rob Hewitt said he could be here too.

Ethel said the issue is, after this project there will be no more permanent facility. We are not doing storm drains. All we are doing is the erosion control for the construction. It is all going to go away, so in 3 or 4 years, Ethel does not know what Soil and Water would come back for.

Dave Kieser – RBDG Grant sidewalk and lighting, specs and plans are being worked on. Looking at a spring construction date on this.

Storm water preliminary engineering report, they are finalizing this including the environmental study. They are targeting areas of concern with regard to parallel it with the paving project for 2019. Dave said he hopes this works out, sometimes grants don't match up very well but they will try their best.

Trail was talked about.

Dave said that Corbin King had looked at the Historical bylaws. Rob Hewitt made a motion to pass the revised bylaws for the Russiaville Historical Society as submitted to Corbin King and reviewed by Don Parvin of the Russiaville Town Council. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

Dave stated they were also pursuing 2 grants. The Heritage Support Grant from the Indiana Historic Society for up to \$50,000.00, and the Historic Preservation Grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for up to \$65,000.00. Some other grant in between these, like Indiana Landmarks for up to \$5,000.00. These will help to finish the interior of the Interurban Station.

Dave has also introduced Traffic and Parking ordinance 2018-11 that Randy Vannatter had been requesting. These were submitted for legal review. Don Parvin said he had looked through the ordinance, and there were some changes that would need to be made, but he made a motion to pass ordinance 2018-11 on the first reading. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Pastor Jeff Haill from 225 E. Seward Street was present. He stated he had just moved to town and his truck had been towed. He was very upset about this. It was said that he was parked too close to a fire hydrant, he does not think it was. There are no no-parking signs posted on Seward Street. He said there was a complaint to Mr. Don Parvin that his truck was too close to the intersection and it was blocking traffic his vehicle was towed. He had to spend \$150.00 to have his vehicle returned to him. He stated he had checked with every ordinance with surrounding cities, he said that normally there is a ticket written but the vehicle is not towed. Since then, he has been told there were some painters that had parked in the street and they were told to move their vehicles. He said he realizes that it is a narrow street, but there is no signage that states they cannot park in front of their houses on the street. He asked if there was an ordinance in town earlier that day and found there was not. Dave Kieser said there was, but they were in the middle of getting it revamped at this moment.

Mr. Haill stated that the people from Martin's park behind the store, and there are big trucks that come in and out at the grocery all the time and park there for

long periods of time on the street. Mr. Haill would just like to have it posted if there is no parking on the street.

Don Parvin said it was in the middle of the intersection and he had drove by it several times and it had not moved, so he called our deputy Carl Swan to check on it.

Carl Swan was present and said he was who initiated the vehicle being towed. He gave insight in saying he had measured the distance from the fire hydrant and it was 10 feet. The state law is that it needs to be at least 15 feet from a hydrant. The vehicle was also parked in the intersection. Carl stated that he had asked the businesses about the truck being disabled. He let the truck sit there for his entire shift, and as night approached and the vehicle was still there he decided he needed to tow it being it was a black vehicle and sitting where it was. Carl said he felt terrible but at the same time he was trying to respect the safety of the citizens. Carl told Mr. Haill that his vehicle was not singled out at all. He thought the vehicle was disable being that it was from Elwood and there was no note, so he was not sure what was going on with it.

Mr. Haill asked about the semi's that run up and down that road. There are no speed limit signs on this street. He just doesn't want anyone to get hurt and asked if there was anything we could do about this.

Mr. Haill also asked who owned the sidewalks. Right now, he is parking partially on the grass. Don Parvin said the resident owns the sidewalks, depending on the right-of-way. Dave Kieser said there are many things pertaining to signage that we need to do and we are going to designate this in the new ordinance. He would appreciate people like Mr. Haill to come to the meetings to input on things such as this through a different perspective than his own.

Mr. Haill wants to know if he can remove the sidewalk and put gravel there to park in front of his house. Dave Kieser said no because of the right-of-way. Mr. Haill said he has a shared driveway, so there is an issue of not enough parking for him and the neighbor. He would like to know where he is supposed to park. After some discussion, Dave Kiser said for him to park in the front on the sidewalk until we figure something else better for him to do.

Dave Kieser had an agreement with him to proceed with a preliminary engineering report for the wastewater treatment plant. This is not to exceed \$25,000.00. Don Parvin made a motion to accept the short term of agreement between Kieser Consulting and the Town of Russiaville for this not to exceed

\$25,000.00. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Mike Koloszar was present about a tree limb that fell on the power line during the recent wind we had. It is almost on his house but it is not his tree. Rob Hewitt said he thought it was in the utility easement of the Town. After some discussion, Rob Hewitt made a motion to have Rice Tree Co. to take care of the tree at no cost to the Koloszar's. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

Town will get a hold of Rice Tree Co. to get this taken care of.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims were presented and approved.

Kyle Parvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer