

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
July 16, 2018

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, Kyle Parvin,
Corbin King – Town attorney was also present.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting. Kent Milburn gave prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the previous council meeting and one special meeting stand approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report he had written 2 permits. One for a new home at 525 Chaparral Dr. and another for improvements at 407 S. Union St.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one was present to report.

Russiaville Historical Society – No one was present to report. Jeff Lipinski asked Corbin King how to proceed with this. Corbin said she needs to talk to Dave Kieser. Kent Milburn will get a message to Jan Koloszar to get a hold of Dave Kieser regarding Historical Society status.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby reported the swing mats were here and 3 of them had been put down by Rick and Darlene Homkes and a couple of people Rick recruited. Everything is now done from the inspection that was done. Jill was unsure about the ash trees in the park. Don Parvin said they had been trimmed. Megan Reel said the girl was supposed to come out and do it this past weekend but as of now there is no indication that she had done it. Jill will try to find out more on this.

Russiaville Summer Fest – Rhiannon Thompson was present, and stated it went well. Don Parvin spoke of his adventures on the big slide. He is a little skinned up

from going air born over the first hump, but his grandson was happy papaw went on it with him.

Jeff Lipinski asked about more food vendors. Rhiannon stated they didn't have as many food vendors because of the Fire Department. Jeff said he mostly meant the ice cream and elephant ears. Rhiannon said both of those people that usually come had conflicts and could not make it this year. The elephant ear lady will be back next year. If we know of any ice cream vendors please let Rhiannon know. Don Parvin asked about the parade route being changed. Rhiannon said it should be have been the same, something must have got messed up and they routed it incorrectly.

Streets and Wastewater – A written report was given. Craig Thompson was present to add that Jansen's had sealed the parking lot at the Community Center. Crenshaw's said they would try to start paving the first week of August. They are waiting for E&B to get done with the 31 project. School starts August 8th so Craig will contact Ryan Williams at Western so they know which ones are being paved when the buses start running.

Rob Hewitt asked if Fluid Waste found anything when they used camera on Seward Street. Craig said there was some root ball but other than that the line looked good.

Rhiannon Thompson said since they started using the pavilion as their main stage area they have sort of a disconnect. They need to keep the food by the entertainment. They are not sure to move the stage or do another panel to have the food vendors by the park. If they move the food they may be able to get more rides in the space they are in now. They are just trying to weigh their options at this point.

Craig Thompson said he filled out the water tap for Indiana American Water to put in for the drinking fountain for the walking trail. It will be \$1,300.00. When they do it, Craig will get water line and we find out where the drinking fountain will go, they will run the water to the drinking fountain.

Jeff Lipinski asked how much this would cost. Craig reiterated that the tap is \$1,300.00. Jeff said he thought that his acting skills that he recently did for Indiana American Water could offset the water tap fee. Craig said he did try to get the tap fee waived, but they do not waive tap fees.

Don Parvin said he talked to Josh at Indiana American Water about the spots in the roads where they had done road cuts. Josh told Don within the next 2 weeks they would get these fixed.

Marshal's Report – A written report was given. Randy Vannatter was present. Rob Hewitt said he sees Randy has several comp hours, and he would like Randy to start using them. He has been using his vacation first as he cannot carry over his vacation. Don Parvin said that is 8 weeks of comp time, he cannot take off 2 months. Randy said he will try to use a few days but it is hard when he needs to be and council wants him to be at work.

Randy Vannatter said he would like to discuss bringing on another reserve officer. Council said they would be having a meeting soon about some other things and Randy could bring the potential new officer at that time to talk to him and Randy about bringing him on.

Randy asked about replacing the windows at the police station that was previously talked about. Randy asked if he could possibly do the siding at the same time as the windows if money would allow. He is getting a quote to do this, as it would be easier to do the windows with the siding off.

There was discussion about the budget. Jeff Lipinski said we could just do an additional appropriation to use more money for this. Megan Reel said this is the reason we do a budget, so that we could budget for things that we wanted to do and plan things. We need try to stick to the budget so that we were not upside down on it because we spent too much. Jeff was specifically talking about CEDIT and the balance in it. Megan said we have appropriated \$50,000.00 in CEDIT this year and we have already spent it, so let's appropriate the money for next year to be able to do this. Don Parvin tried to make light of the discussion by trying to explain both sides. Don then added this was the first time he had heard anything about the siding. Randy Vannatter said that is because this is the first time he has said anything about it. Don said this should have been brought up at the budget meeting we had last week. Randy said he realized that but he is trying to budget for this and then Jeff Lipinski said for him to bring it up at a regular council meeting like he was going to do it this year. Randy is trying to do the budget the right way so, he thought maybe the council would go for the siding and windows from next year's budget since Jeff wanted to do the windows this year, and Randy wanted to do the siding next year, maybe we could just do it all next year and

budget for it the way it is supposed to be. Corbin said he is understanding that Randy would like to do it all as one project so that the windows can be wrapped appropriately and then put the new siding on as it will need to be done in the near future anyway. Council said for Randy to get the quote for the siding and we will look at it, and we will see what we can do.

Treasurer's Report – She had given the written report. Megan Reel had nothing to add.

Dave Kieser – Dave said the RBDG grant submittal had been signed by Jeff Lipinski. Dave presented a proposal from them for the environmental for \$4,000.00. Dave said it had to be done, it is part of the grant. The engineering part will be done later on, but the environmental has to be done right away. Don Parvin made a motion to allow the environmental for \$4,000.00 to be done. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Storm water preliminary engineering report – they are working on the drainage calcs. The environmental study is pretty much complete on this.

Community Trail project – schedule is attached to the paperwork given to the council and to Jill Newby.

John from Kieser has picked out 3 different types of water fountains and he is evaluating those.

They are working on the National Registry of Historic Places for the Interurban building. Dave will get with Jan to find out their status for the historical society. Dave is also working on the demolition order for the garage at 345 E. College St. The public hearing will be August 14th at 6pm here at the Town Hall. Megan will send the notice out tomorrow certified mail to WRI Property Management. Rob Hewitt made a motion to approve the demolition notice for 345 E. College St. and public hearing. Kyle seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Don voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski asked Randy Vannater could possibly get the guy he wants to bring on as a reserve to come the night of the public meeting for the demolition. This way they could get that done at the same time. Randy said he would get a hold of him and let council know for sure.

Steve Jones easements/Jeff Davidson – Corbin King and Don Parvin are still working on these issues. Corbin has paperwork for Jeff Davidson.

Renaming Grant Street - Jeff Stout has asked to have Grant Street renamed Ike Hollingsworth Lane. Corbin is working on this, he will get more information.

New London grant – Vincent McAninch and Mark Rudd, residents from New London, were present to find out information about the New London sewer project. Don Parvin gave some history about the project. Council apprised them of the rates that the residents of New London could have to pay, when this project took place, best and worst-case scenarios. Don said they do not have control over this. The total cost of this is \$1,325,000.00.

Jeff Lipinski said he hopes the state sees the dire need of this and funds the bond to be able to keep the residents bills low. He understands they cannot afford it to be much higher than it is right now.

Jeff Lipinski said that residents of New London should come to the next meeting that Steve Brock attend because he would be the best person to talk to about all this. Megan will let them know if he is coming to a meeting, and they should check back incase she forgets.

Tornado Siren – Randy Vannatter is waiting on Adam Waddell to see if the one we have works.

Budget – there was some discussion – nothing in particular.

Crossroads grant – Don Parvin said there is an additional \$36,000.00 that is needed for 2019 paving. This means we would have to come up with an additional \$9,000.00.

Don Parvin made a motion to pay Jansen’s \$5,795.00 for the sealing of the Community Center. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Marsha Berry was present. Don Parvin said the 501C3 needs to be in place for us to be able to get certain grants to be able to finish the inside of the Interurban Station. Marsha said she does not want to be part of the

Russiaville Historical Society if the 501C3 is in play, as she does not want the legalities of it. She does want to be part of the Society though. Marsha wants to be able to keep a viable spot in the community to volunteer to do whatever because she feels it is falling apart. She has several people contact her that are potential donors that wanted to look at it. No one from the board as it stands was willing to go down there. She, with Don Parvin's approval, went down there and said that there were cobwebs and dust and no toilets had been flushed. She said it was awful. Marsha doesn't want it to fall apart, as she has put a lot into this. She would be willing to work with whoever to donate her time to be able to do things for this, but she does not want to be part of the 501C3. She just wants to be a volunteer. She does not want to be on the board. Dave will talk to Jan and they will discuss all this at the next meeting, then decide what to do.

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

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

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer