

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
February 28, 2022

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

Jeff Lipinski gave prayer. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Minutes from last month's meeting and one special meeting on February 23rd were approved.

Greg Sheline was present from the Howard County Plan Commission to discuss the Multi-Hazard Plan. This is updated every 5 years. This is a system that Howard County EMA uses, and is important for them to get grants.

Don Parvin made a motion to accept the County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution 2022-02. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel had reports. She added she had gotten the Annual Report submitted and published in the paper this last Friday.

Streets and Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and had a written report. Craig stated they had gotten all the sewer issues fixed at the plant. There was a return line plugged on the west tank. They were finally able to get it drained, and unclogged.

They fixed a sewer line today on N. Union St. Duke Energy had run a ground rod through it and caused it to backup. This happened when they put in the new poles down Union St. Don Parvin said he had contacted Donnie from Duke Energy and was waiting on someone to call him back to deal with this issue.

Craig said the sprinkler heads had been put back in at the Community Center after the issues of them leaking had been fixed. While they were there, they found that the furnace condensation line was leaking and were repairing that.

Craig also said they had gotten a quote on fixing the driveway at the Wastewater Plant. Merrell Bros. comes in with their tankers to get sludge out and with the driveway being so narrow it is hard for them to get in there and the yard has become a mess. Crenshaw Paving quote is for \$29,250.00. This will include a stone shoulder across the street. Pat Reel made a motion to allow Crenshaw Paving to fix the driveway with the quoted price and for the money to come out of wastewater. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Don, and Myrna voting for passage.

Don Parvin would like to commend Craig and Paul for dealing with the recent sewer plant issues day and night.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present, and had a written report. Josh was donning the new Class A uniforms that the council approved.

Stalker radar detector is on the way.

The Durango is in the shop, no updates on it yet.

Josh said he would like the council to ok them doing a community event partnering with the library. They were all fine with it.

Josh would like to get "leadsonline." This is a tool for them to use if there was a theft and they tried to pawn the items, it would put info out to all departments.

Don Parvin made a motion to allow Josh to get this. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Josh is working on addresses for residences for emergency services (#6 old business). He is working his way around town to deal with the ones that need a more visible address on their houses.

Josh said he is working on a Hazard Plan for Russiaville. Compiling numbers and anything that would be needed if there was an emergency catastrophe.

Jeff Lipinski said that Josh recently spoke at the Lions Club as a community event. Jeff said Josh did a real nice job representing the town and answering questions.

Pat Reel said that EMA received another tanker, so that is great support for the county as far as being able to haul water with another fire truck.

Corbin King said he is good with the Dunnuck/Hale driveway. Megan said they got a permit and have guidelines to be able to put it in.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable reported he had written 2 permits. One for new signage at the Friends Church and the other for Ken Dunnuck for a new driveway at 647 E. Kinsey Dr. Megan Reel stated that the address of 647 E. Kinsey Dr. had been changed to 202 N. Fourth St. as they had requested since their driveway will now be on Fourth St.

Don Parvin said there are 2 members that need to be replaced on the Plan Commission board, Derk Hopwood and Pam Gullion.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Jeff Lipinski said he would like to set up a meeting with the TIF Board and hopefully get some of the ideas rolling that were previously discussed.

Historical Society – Jan Koloszar was present. She doesn't have anything new, but wanted to make sure there wasn't anything she should be doing at this point. Council said not yet.

Jan said she did receive a letter from Sara Wheeler that said she inherited the Glen Fisher farm house at 4511 S. 650 W. outside of Russiaville and John Russell was doing some renovation and they found a closet that has no reason for being there. After more investigation they are pretty confident that this was part of the underground railroad. She is going to talk to a few people and try to find out more info.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby is present. She said the swing set replacement parts are here. Jill said Community Day will be coming up in May. She does not have an exact date yet but would like to be thinking of projects for them to do. Jill said the 5- year plan has been resubmitted with the issues fixed from the first submission. Jill said one of the suggested things on there was to have an agreement with the school to have their playgrounds open to the public. She gave the literature for this the assistant superintendent at Western. Rick Homkes said this was a national movement to have more playgrounds open, and when they can be used and who by, etc.

Rick said there is a grant through Indiana American Water that is about \$2,000.00 and he was thinking this might go toward a possible leaf vac. It would have to be done by the end of March and spent by fall of this year. Rick asked if the council would like him to move forward with this. After some discussion, it was decided to not go after this grant at this time.

Jeff Lipinski said the Community Center is nice after the new floor and painting has been done. Don said he feels we need to hold people accountable for damages that are done since we have done all this work in there.

Megan Reel said she got an acoustics quote from the Sound of Music in the amount of \$14,538.11. Jeff said it does need something. After some discussion, the council will think about this, and think about the acoustic curtains that were previously discussed.

Jeff Lipinski said while we are talking about this let's skip down to #7 on old business (Community Center Agreement). Don Parvin would like to see the changes that we previously talked about be implemented. There was a question about allowing alcohol at the Community Center. Corbin will look into this. He thinks it is a council decision but will find out. Megan Reel asked if we could change what we have previously discussed on the agreement so that if there are damages that occur, we can hold people accountable if the agreement says not to do certain things. Jeff Lipinski asked Corbin how long it would take him to look into this. He said not long. Pat Reel made a motion to change the agreement with the changes we discussed at the last meeting and then if we decide to allow alcohol, we can amend it again. After quite a bit more discussion, the motion died for lack of a second.

EDIT Fund Ordinance – Corbin is working on this.

Nuisance Ordinance 2022-02 (amending Ordinance 2010-03) – Don Parvin made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-02 on the first reading. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Darlene Homkes was present for the Lions Club to discuss funding for the bathroom. Darlene thanked Josh Fulkerson for coming to speak at the Lions Club recently. It was a good turnout and he answered questions and did a nice job. They will have vision screening this Friday.

On the 3rd Monday in March their guest speaker will be the Western Superintendent, Dr. Reckard.

Don Parvin said he has been thinking about the bathrooms since the last meeting. Don made a motion to give the Lions Club \$5,000.00 toward the bathroom renovation. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg voting for passage. Jeff Lipinski said they would look into where to take the money for this from. After discussing with Corbin, Don Parvin made a motion to take the \$5,000.00 from Cedit (fund 444). Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Withdraw motion for ADA – Don Parvin withdrew his motion from the previous meeting to accept the verbiage that needed to be put on the website for ADA. Everything that was needed was found in ordinances and resolutions we already had. Pat Reel withdrew his second on the motion from the previous meeting also, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

The RBDG grant has been applied for and submitted with the exception of the Resolution 2022-03. This is for the North Union Street sidewalk project. Pat Reel made a motion to allow Resolution 2022-03. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Ordinance 2022-01 for the Capitalization Threshold for the assets. This will set it at \$5,000.00. Don Parvin made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-01 on the first reading. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Mike Kanable said he has a new member for the Plan Commission Board. Kent Milburn will take one of the 2 vacancies.

Don Parvin said the 2 lights that were missing from the original around the town lighting that was missed will be put in around the end of March by Duke Energy. Don Parvin has also been dealing with Duke Energy since 2019 trying to get a yard fixed. It has been a challenge but he will continue to be diligent and try to get this resolved for the homeowners.

Ned Sutherland was present and said they had put in to rent the Community Center on April 24th for a community event for the Turnabout Resource Center. They are hopeful to one day be able to acquire the old doctor's office on Liberty Street to be able to put this center in. Until then they will keep raising awareness and funds for this. They do work with Turning Point and Valley of Grace. Ned asked if the town would waive the cost of the rental since this would be a community event. Greg Landrum made a motion to waive the fee for this event. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Greg, Don, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

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

Don Parvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer