

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Special Meeting  
Russiaville Town Hall – 4:30pm  
January 17, 2024

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Greg Landrum, Jake Gibson, and Roger Waddell

Don Parvin opened the meeting.

Easements were discussed for the North and South Union sidewalk projects. Don Parvin said he met with Corbin King about the easements, and South Union should be done this month. Corbin is also working on the North Union easements.

Dave Kieser was present and said the South Union grant of \$95,000.00 needs to be spent by August of 2024, and the North Union grant of \$98,000.00 needs to be spent by August of 2025. Dave would like both done this year.

Dave Kieser said Phase I of the Interurban is done and we used 2 grants for this totaling \$56,000.00. There is another \$99,000.00 that needs to be spent by August of 2026, this will be used for phase II, and he will get the plans for this done soon, he is hoping by the end of February. There will be a Phase III if necessary, depending on if it can get finished with Phase II or not. Don Parvin said he wants Phase II done by July.

Sidewalk project discussed for the north side of Kinsey Drive. Dave Kieser said the grant is due in February of this year. Jake Gibson made a motion to pursue the grant for this. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Roger, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said the TIF Board said they would fund the grant match and the survey on this project.

The new wastewater plant was discussed. Don Parvin said he was told a TOPO survey needed to be done. Pat Reel made a motion to allow the TOPO survey to be done so we could keep moving with the project. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Dave Kieser said the wastewater plant started as a rehab project, but has changed to a new plant as the oldest tank is from 1965, and the other is not far behind it. This is why the 5 acres was bought just to the north of the existing plant. It will allow for future growth too. Ladd Engineering has been working on the layout with Craig on this. The ARP funds need to be spent this year, and that is what the council has obligated the funds to. The hope is to start the maintenance and lab building with the ARP money, and proceed from there. Dave Kieser said this part of it would cost an estimate of over \$500,000.00. Don Parvin said this needs to be our number one project and would like to have something drawn up by April of this year.

Dave Kieser said he would like to apply for a community-facilities grant through Rural Development because the \$250,000.00 ARP money will not be enough to do this part of it. Pat Reel made a motion to allow Dave Kieser to apply for grants that will help with this project. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Jake, and Roger voting for passage.

Craig Thompson said it would be nice to get blueprints drawn up for it so that we could get quoting and know the cost of it. Jake Gibson agreed saying we could reach out to some people to get a ballpark cost.

Dave Kieser said the plant part of the project will be later on, total project with everything will be \$6-8 million.

Dave also added, that the old plant site would be a nice recycling place.

Roger Waddell asked Dave about the TIF District expansion. Dave didn't really know what he meant. Roger asked if Dave had heard from Mark Fulk about expanding the TIF area, and Dave said no. After some discussion of this, Greg Landrum made a motion to allow Dave Kieser to look into the feasibility of expanding the TIF District. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Greg, Pat, Jake, and Roger voting for passage.

Election of Officers for 2024:

Pat Reel made a motion for Don Parvin to remain as president. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Greg Landrum made a motion for Pat Reel to remain as Vice President. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Greg, Jake, and Roger voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he wanted to change the advisory members for the departments. After some discussion, Don Parvin and Pat Reel will be advisory for the streets and wastewater department. The Marshals Dept. and Fire Dept. and Ems will be combined into Public Safety, and the advisors for that will be Jake Gibson, Roger Waddell, and Greg Landrum. The EMA board will be handled by Jake Gibson. The Park Board will be Pat Reel.

Don Parvin went over the priority projects for 2024, and for future projects and plans.

Exit Jake Gibson.

Don Parvin said Bruce Sumner had stopped in and asked about the easement that runs next to his property that he uses for his driveway. He would like the town to pave it or give up rights to it so that he could own it. There was some discussion about this. We have put stone in there in the past, but the council did not want to vacate or pave it. Pat Reel made a motion to leave it as is, and put some stone in it occasionally. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, and Greg voting for passage.

There being no further business to discuss Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn. Roger Waddell seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 6:00pm.

Don Parvin, President  
Megan Reel, Clerk-Treasurer