

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Town Council Meeting
February 16, 2015

Council President Jeff Lipinski opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer. Also present for the Council were Vice President Don Arvin, Council Members Cindy Aeschliman, Robert Hewitt, Greg Landrum and Town Attorney Corbin King.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved.

Marsha Berry presented a report from the Historical Society. The newly renovated interurban will be a site on the County's Garden Walk in April. An electrician is needed to sign the paperwork to do the electrical work as soon as possible. The electrician who had originally agreed to take the responsibility is unable to do so. The outside of the building is finished except for a few items. Jeff Lipinski stated that he has heard many positive comments. It was also stated that there is a leak in the roof of the house on the property. It needs to be determined how to proceed concerning that building.

Rick Homkes was present for the Park & Tree Board. He asked if the new six point project plan prepared by the Park & Tree Board could be considered for passage. After a short discussion, Don Parvin made a motion to pass the plan with a second by Rob Hewitt. The motion carried. Mr. Homkes also asked the status of the new Five Year Plan prepared by the Park & Tree Board and presented to the Council. Don Parvin stated he had a few concerns but reiterated that the Plan has passed. It was also noted that Attorney Corbin King has expanded on and prepared a draft of the Tractor Pull Agreement. Everyone involved is to read the draft and report to the Council.

It was reported that Lisa Bourff, our meter reader, has been unable to read meters the past few months. After a short discussion and because of the short time remaining for the position it was noted that we will be going a different direction.

Craig Thompson presented the Streets, Water and Wastewater Report. The storm drain at the corner of Kinsey Street and Union Street has been repaired. Free spinning flag poles for light posts on Main Street would cost about \$36 each. The plan is to eventually hang fourteen flags as funding is available. Motion was made by Rob Hewitt to purchase the necessary poles. Cindy Aeschliman seconded and the motion carried. Craig Thompson noted that many of the stop signs in town have been covered with stickers from the post office.

Roger Waddell presented the Marshal's Report. He reported that Deputy Randy Van Natter, who has been off work because of surgery, plans to be back to work March 13th. Don Arvin thanked Roger for working the necessary time to take care of business during the time Randy has been off.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

Jeff Lipinski presented Ordinance 2014-5, an Ordinance increasing the wastewater rate an additional \$16 per meter. The Council agreed that this was for each individual unit and apartment. Motion was

made to pass Ordinance 2014-5 by Don Parvin and seconded by Rob Hewitt. The motion carried. The Ordinance will be published and effective with April's billing for March's consumption.

Regulations for golf carts will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department will discuss the procedure for signing up for the reverse dialing system at the special event to be held April 11 at the Community Center.

Don and Jeff will do a survey of the town to determine the placement of new street lights.

Don announced the progress of the plans for the 50th Anniversary Remembrance of the April 11, 1965 Palm Sunday tornado. The event will be held at the Community Center Saturday April 11. From 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm there will be talks from dignitaries, well known weather experts, residents with stories and others. A video will be running and many pictures will be available for viewing. The second book on the stories from folks who went through the storm may be available for sale at that time. There will be outdoor games and events for our young folks. A meal with pulled pork sandwiches, slaw, beans, dessert and drink catered by Waddell's IGA will be served after the program with the proceeds to be used in any one of the very good projects in town. Don Parvin, Kirk Smith, Marsha Berry, Roger Waddell, Erica Parvin have done an excellent job putting together an event to recognize that fateful day fifty years ago.

Jeff Condo talked with the Council about the streets again. He talked again about ranking the streets. Don and Rob noted that the Council has a place a process for selecting the streets in need of surfacing. Don has been involved with the process for many years and it works. For the past several years the funds available for resurfacing have been very limited. Rob assured Mr. Condo that the Council is looking out for the town. Mr. Condo discussed a drainage problem in Honey Creek Hills.

Jeff Lipinski stated that there are appointments that still need to be made to Commissions.

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

Jeff Lipinski, President

Linda Downey, Clerk Treas.