

Russiaville Redevelopment Commission (TIF Board)

Regular Board Meeting

1/21/2025

Present: Myrna Claar, Mark Fulk, Rick Homkes, Kevin Johnson, Donna Shepherd, Ned Sutherland (late)

Absent: None

Guest(s): None

Start: 18:00 (sharp)

Topics

Welcome

- The meeting was opened by President Mark Fulk.

Minutes

- Mark asked if everyone had received the minutes, then asked for corrections. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Myrna, second by Rick to approve as presented. Vote unanimous to approve.

Finances

- No financial report.

Town Signage

- Mark reported that Amy from Clifford Signs had contacted him with a possible outside starting date in February. Clifford is currently doing the inside preparation work.

TIF Allocation Area (TIF 2) and EDA Changes

- Nothing new to report. Dave Kieser is working on this. He said that he had to work on closing out the Union sidewalk project final draw. He will also check in with the attorney on progress.

Sidewalk Crosswalk on South Union

- Mark has been unable to talk to John Sarber of IUK regarding the High-intensity activated crosswalk beacon (HAWK) they had installed on Washington Street in Kokomo. Dave Kieser is planning to submit a Safe Streets for All grant for this project. It is an 80/20 grant and is due in March 2025. If we were to get this grant it would greatly reduce our expenditure.

Community Center Park Picnic Shelter / Pavilion

- Rick spoke to Dave Kieser today regarding Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant submitted by the Town / Park & Tree Board. The state has missed their 10/15 announcement date for the grant request. Unfortunately, any money spent before a grant award would no longer be eligible for use as a match. Therefore this project is on hold until further notice.

Community Center

- Mark expressed concern that any state funding cuts would mean increased requests for TIF funds. This led to a discussion of the Community Center, its income and expenditures, a possible increase in rental rates, and the Community Center Fund. There will be a special meeting of the Town Council tomorrow to discuss these issues.

Possible change in Western School Representative

- Discussion that the Western School Board is deciding tonight as to whom to recommend to the Town Council president for appointment to the RRC/TIF Board.

Change in Meeting Day

- Since the Town Council had changed their meeting date, discussion as to what to do with the RRC/TIF Board date. After some discussion motion by Rick, second by Ned to move the meeting day back to the 4th Thursday of the month. Approved unanimously.

Officers

- After some discussion, motion by Ned, second by Myrna to have Mark as president, Kevin as vice-president, Rick as secretary for the new year. Approved unanimously.

Closing

- Having no other business, motion by Rick, second by Kevin to end the meeting. Approved unanimously.
- Meeting ended at 19:15.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be the fourth Thursday of February, 2/27/2025, at 18:00.

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