

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Hall  
August 17, 2020

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

Corbin King, town attorney, was also present.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Kent Milburn said prayer. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report he had three new permits, a fence at 325 E. Main St., a fence at 360 E. College St., and a garage addition at 190 N. Cooper St.

Mike asked about looking at the setbacks for building on a lot. The side setbacks are currently 15' on the sides. He thinks it is too much. Council said they would have to look into this.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No business to report

TIF Board – No business to report

Historical Society – Jan Koloszar said 3 of them met last week and talked about things to catch up. Jan said she appreciated the mowing, etc. that the town does at the interurban. Jan said they had to keep the historical board in tact to be able to apply for grants, she asked about the grants that were applied for. Don Parvin said we would need to talk to Dave to find out about the grant and the status of the historic registry.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present they decided on the disc golf name to be “Russiaville Disc Golf Course.” The baskets have been ordered, and the signs are being made. Jr. O’Neal will do the cement pad that is need for this. Jill

said they would mark off where the pavilion, playground, volleyball court, etc. will go and then layout the disc golf course.

Jill Newby said the merry-go-round has been ordered. It is red. Craig and Paul will take out the old cement, and Jr. O'Neal will dig the hole and put in the new cement. Play Pro will provide a backhoe and will have a supervisor to place the post to put the new merry-go-round on.

Jeff Lipinski asked what we were doing with the old one. Jill said they were thinking of making a piece of art out of it.

Jill said the iron wheel art sculpture to honor agriculture in our community is moving forward. They have 20 wheels. Some are large (5' in diameter) on down. They need more bricks.

They plan to trim the trees at the Community Center Park this fall.

The boxes from RCO are out this month for the merry-go-round.

They are planning a carwash this Saturday (22<sup>nd</sup>) to raise money, and they have a go fund me page set up.

Jill Newby then said they had been collecting bottle caps, and have tons of them. They were going to raise money to be able to put toward getting them made into a bench. The factory that does this burnt, so now they are waiting to see what is going to happen.

Greg Landrum said he was at the park board meeting and it was brought up that all the signs that people put on the corner takes away from the Carl Koontz memorial that was put on that corner. He said it does look trashy. Jeff Lipinski said to talk to Paul Wyman, that is where they decided to put the sign.

Don Parvin would like a decision to be made that people cannot put signs up on the pole or in that corner. Corbin said it should be in the zoning ordinance. Greg Landrum would also like to see the corner maybe have some plants, landscaping. Pat Reel made a motion for no signs to be put in the South-East corner of Union and State Rd. 26, so that respect is paid the Carl Koontz memorial. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Greg Landrum said if you haven't bought a brick for the trail, please do so for donation.

Streets and Wastewater – A written report was given and Paul was present.

There was discussion about when the guys would go back to 5 days a week, 8

hours a day. Don said he thought it should be the week of Labor Day. Council was good with this.

Marshal's Report – Josh Fulkerson was present with his report. Josh said our body cams are failing and we have borrowed Greentown's old ones for now. Josh said he had reached out to several different companies, and after talking to them and to the county he thinks we should go with Axon. This is who the county has, and it makes sense to have the same software for these as surrounding places. Josh had all the info for the Axon cameras. The quote for these is \$11,738.00 over the next 5 years. We would receive 2 cameras now, 2 cameras in 2 years, and 2 more cameras 2 years after that, we would have a total of 6 cameras, and this would be with upload capabilities. We would need to come up with \$1,000.00 up front and can apply for grants to help with the costs of this and apply it to what we owe. If we don't get grants, we would divide the rest out over the next 5 years. There was some more discussion and questions about this.

Don Parvin made a motion to pay the \$1,000.00 and go with Axon, and have Josh try to get grants to offset the costs for the rest. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Josh said he and Carl had done the qualifying they needed to.

Josh said they were getting things in the department the way they needed to be and he thanked his wife, Tiffany, for her help with working and cleaning up the Police Department.

Josh ordered new uniforms and vests. The vests are the lightest, strongest on the market. He and Carl were very impressed with them.

Audience member asked about how long they are good for. Josh said they need to be replaced every 5 years.

Myrna thanked Josh and Tiffany, appreciating all their hard work.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel had written reports. She said the DLGF fully funded our budget, we did not have to cut anything for the second year in a row.

Dave Kieser was not present, but Don Parvin said the sidewalk project is wrapping up.

Sterling Johnson memorial – Don Parvin had a quote for this of \$3,110.00. There is a \$275.00 delivery fee but Don said they guys could go get it. It would be similar to the Carl Koontz one, but smaller. Pat Reel made a motion to allow this. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, Don, and Greg voting for passage.

Fireworks Ordinance# 2020-02 amendment – Don Parvin made a motion to pass ordinance 2020-02 on the second reading. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

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Personnel Policy – Everyone has the policy in rough draft. They need to have their changes ready and we will have a meeting in September to be able to get this worked on and finalized. We will set a date soon for the first part of September. Then they will be able to approve it at the regular September meeting.

Ordinance 2020-03 Annexing the Community Center - Don Parvin made a motion to pass ordinance 2020-03 on the second reading. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

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Mike Vary's driveway – Council had 2 quotes from Baumgartner. Pat Reel said this driveway hold a lot of water. \$15,266.00 for the first quote, and the second quote for \$6,711.00. Pat Reel said he talked to Crenshaw Paving and they were not interested in giving a quote, and neither was E&B Paving.

Pat Reel made a motion to allow Baumgartner to fix Mike Vary's driveway for \$6,711.00, taking the money from LRS. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Resolution 2020-04 to reduce current year appropriation – this resolution will reduce the CEDIT appropriation by \$40,000.00. Given our appropriation is \$40,000.00 will spend no money out of it in 2020. This will help our 2021 budget. Don Parvin made a motion to allow Resolution 2020-04. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Sean Smith asked if there were defibrillator's here at any town buildings. Pat Reel said there is at the fire dept, the Community Center and there is one in Carl Swan's police car.

Tiffany asked about where the new Sterling Johnson sign might be put. She would like to work on the landscaping in front of the PD, and wanted to make sure of the placement of that so she could work around it.

Myrna Claar asked about the weeds all around the Lions Club. Megan Reel said she had just talked to Darlene Homkes about that, and she said there was to be an Eagle Scout taking care of this as a project sometime soon. Myrna said she would get a hold of Darlene about this to find out.

Pat Reel said there was a complaint about a large brush pile that looked bad down by the library. Pat said he would contact the fire department to see if they would be willing to do a controlled burn to remedy the situation.

Don Parvin said he had the agreement with Rice Tree Co. for any emergency storm damage they may occur that needs to be cleaned up. Don Parvin made a motion to keep the agreement for another year. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he would like to look at the alleys here in town. It has been brought to his attention that some places between fences and in back yard by alley are not being taken care of. Don asked Corbin what recourse we have for this. Corbin said it would fall under our weed nuisance ordinance.

Megan Reel said fall trash cleanup will be September 19<sup>th</sup>. She has checked with Waste Management and they have assured her they are doing it.

Don Parvin asked about the Covid-19 policy. What are we doing if an employee gets it? Jeff Lipinski stated that we would use Howard County's policy until December 31, 2020.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, and no more comments from council or guests, the claims were presented and approved. Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Parvin seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk-Treasurer