

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
May 19, 2014

The Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order on May 19, 2014 at 7:00 by President Jeff Lipinski. Also present for the Council were Vice President Don Parvin, Council Members Rob Hewitt, Greg Landrum and Town Attorney Corbin King. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved.

It was announced that tomorrow, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Western High School Seniors will, as in the past, be in Russiaville for the third annual "Give Back to the Community Day". This amazing group of young people will come into Town and eagerly clean streets, help senior citizens, businesses and churches, plant new landscaping around the Town Hall, spread mulch in the park and do anything else that is asked of them. The hard work of the class and the dedication of their sponsors are fantastic and are greatly appreciated.

The contract with Kemna Restoration for the restoring the exterior of the interurban was signed by the Council on motion made and seconded by Don Parvin and Rob Hewitt. There will be a public meeting discussing the project hopefully sometime in June.

It was reported that a permit was issued for a new home in Honey Creek Hills.

Josh Welsh was present to report that the tree planting at the new park grounds by the Jeff Stout Community Center went very well. Sixty five trees were planted, mulched, watered and most of them staked by 80 to 100 volunteers. Ten more trees will be planted around the interurban when the construction is completed. Thanks to a generous donation by Jeff Stout, the Town Hall will receive new landscaping to be planted tomorrow by members of the Senior Class at Western. They will also complete the staking of the newly planted trees. The Fire Department will be contacted to see if they can water if necessary. Zach Parvin also said he could help with watering with the Town's vac truck. The Community Center's new web site is up and running. The park has equipment that needs repair and replaced. Benches are needed at the basketball court. A new picnic table is also needed. The equipment that needs replaced in Brady Park needs to be commercial grade. It was noted by Corbin King that only the monies from the farm ground of the Parks Estate are to be invested. The monies from the sale of the residential properties can be used for anything that benefits the youth and senior citizens. The display case for the Community Center that was purchased by Rick and Darlene Homkes needs to be put up. A group of trained Purdue students will be in town doing an inventory of all trees on town property. This is all part of the DNR Grant that the Park and Tree Board received. Greg Landrum will consult with the Ball Park officials concerning parking at the Community Center. A resolution to the problem will be addressed that will accommodate both parties. The placing of products from the ball park property onto the park property will also be addressed. Karen Hale remembers that it was said a fence will be put up behind her property. The Clerk will check minutes.

Marshal Roger Waddell presented the Marshal's Department Report.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

Jeff Lipinski reported that he and Corbin King met with Paul Wyman and others and it looks as though the County may offer to apply for the grant for the New London extension project. Jeff was pleased that they seemed to be on board to do what is needed.

Concerning the investment of the monies from the estate of Gene and Wilma Parks, the type of investment allowed can be flexible. It must be modified through the Court.

Josh Welsh asked if matching funds are available to submit a grant request to the Howard County Foundation. Mr. King stated that if the benefit was to seniors and youth there are some funds that will be accessible in the near future.

On motion made by Don Parvin and seconded by Greg Landrum, Ordinance number 2014-02 An Ordinance for the Control of Animals within the Town of Russiaville was passed.

Don Parvin stated that changing lighting in town is a costly process. Tina Henderson will be contacted concerning grants.

Motion was made to approve the Prayer Meeting in the Park on July 26 by Rob Hewitt and seconded by Greg Landrum. The motion carried.

The Council recognized Jr. O'Neal for all his volunteer work for the town this spring and last winter.

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

Jeff Lipinski, President

Linda Downey, Clk. Treas