

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Russiaville Town Hall  
October 28, 2024

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Jake Gibson, and Roger Waddell  
Corbin King, attorney, was also present.

Myrna Claar gave prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from September 23, 2024 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan said she is still being audited, but has been told it should wrap up soon.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and gave a written report. Paving is finished on College St. and a few small areas around town.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and had a written report. Josh had an almost complete quote for a new Tahoe that he gave to the council. He said we may only be able to do one instead of two as they are pricey fully outfitted. Don Parvin said to ask the Howard County Prosecutor and Commissioners with help with a new police car as we help out where we are needed on this end of the county. Josh asked the board to think about the car(s) and figure out what is best to do.

EMA Advisory – Josh Fulkerson said they would be present during Halloween.

Public Safety – Jake Gibson said there is still a burn ban in effect, and may be extended past the 10/25/2024 date.

Health Department – Rick Homkes said Chistina Sommers from the Howard County Health Dept. was present at the Lions Club on the 21<sup>st</sup> to talk about crisis ready plans. The 2025 tabletop exercises have been set. There will be one topic per month and 4 trainings.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report he had a shed permit at 360 E. College St. last month, and a garage permit at 185 S. Union St. this month.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said he is working on annexations. Corbin also said he talked to the property management group for the doctor's office about putting sidewalk on the north side of 330 S. on their property to connect the sidewalk going in on the south side of 330 S. to make it safer for people who are going to the doctor's office via the sidewalk. Megan added that she tried as well, sending an email to them asking them to email back that it was ok to do so. They said it would take up to 60 days to "complete the request" to see if they would allow this. With that leg of the project starting in 2 to 3 weeks from the date of the email back to us, it could not be done in time.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Myrna Claar was present and happy to report the permits from the state had been granted for the east and west signage on State Rd. 26.

Rick Homkes was also present and said TIF 2 maps and parcels had been given to Dave Kieser some time ago and they are still waiting on him. Rick said Mr. Kieser says he is working on it.

Rick Homkes asked about the crosswalks and if there was anything he needed to do. Don Parvin said for him to call Josh at Kieser Consulting for options as he is the engineer on the sidewalk project. Don said he would help if Rick needed.

Rick Homkes added that their November meeting would be on the 21<sup>st</sup> as Thanksgiving was on their normal meeting date.

Josh Fulkerson asked about the speed signs that were discussed previously that were not purchased due to the cost. He said is it a possibility of the TIF Board to help with the cost of these and put them in the area of the crosswalks on South Union to help with safety and help slow people down in this area, as it is a problem through there anyway. Rick Homkes said this could be talked about at their meeting and then Josh could work with them on this.

Historical Society – The interior of the Interurban is being worked on.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present and said the DNR has postponed the grant decision because of unforeseen circumstances. Jill said they would like to upgrade the “Keebler House” in Brady Park. Jill had a quote for “Happy Hollow” for \$5,885.00. This includes shipping and installation, and it is on sale. Pat Reel made a motion to allow the purchase and replace this in Brady Park. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, and Jake voting for passage. This will come mostly out of Park Rehab, and the rest out of the Park Fund.

Jill Newby said she had talked to Tommy Ray who put in the disc golf course about hole #4 signage. It is just completely gone. Mr. Ray said they would get it fixed.

Dave Kieser – Don Parvin said the North and South Union Sidewalk projects will be done very soon. Phase II of the Interurban is being worked on.

School Cornerstone – Roger Waddell said he called Calwell Monument about doing something with the cornerstone that had been acquired. He said on the memorial that is currently outside, put in by the Bourff Family, it says 1898 the school began. However, on the cornerstone it says, 1904. Upon doing some research he found the reason to be that the school was dedicated in 1904, and that is why the date is different on the cornerstone. Roger had 3 different ideas for the layouts of how we could incorporate the cornerstone into a memorial of its own. After some discussion, Pat Reel made a motion to use layout #1. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, and Roger voting for passage.

Cameras at Community Center – Megan Reel had gotten a quote for \$6,570.01 from Jordan Buckley to fix and upgrade the cameras and system at the Community Center. Megan also said we really need to get better internet out there to help with the viewing of the cameras. She has an email in to BerryComm to ask when they might be putting a line through here. After some discussion, Jake Gibson made a motion to allow the cameras to be upgraded at the Community Center. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Roger, and Pat voting for passage.

Roger Waddell said in the salary ordinance it says the employees can get a bonus. Roger Waddell made a motion to give bonuses this year as stated in the

ordinance and he would like to pay them in November on a date of Megan's choosing. Jake Gibson seconded. Pat Reel abstained. Don Parvin voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with Roger, Jake, and Don voting for passage.

Josh Fulkerson said he would like to thank Russiaville Community Outreach for their \$500.00 donation to the K-9 Fund for Max. This will help out a lot.

Rick Homkes reported that the Lions Club recently adopted a portion of State Rd. 26. Several volunteers gathered this past Saturday to pick up trash for a 2-mile stretch. 14 bags were filled.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roger Waddell seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 5:46pm.

Don Parvin, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer