

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Budget Public Hearing for 2023 budget
Russiaville Town Hall
September 26, 2022

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Pat Reel, and Greg Landrum.
Corbin King, town attorney, was also present.

Ned Sutherland gave prayer. Pat Reel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the public hearing for 2023 Budget.

Jeff Lipinski read the figures for the 2023 Budget. Total unit total for the budget is \$1,288,900. Pat Reel made a motion to accept the 2023 budget figures as read. Greg Landrum seconded. Jeff Lipinski voted in favor, therefore the motion passed with Pat, Greg, and Jeff.

There were no comments from the council or guests.
Jeff Lipinski closed the 2023 Budget public hearing.

Jeff Lipinski – Council President
Megan Reel – Clerk Treasurer

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Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Pat Reel, and Greg Landrum
Corbin King, the town's attorney was also present.

Minutes from August meeting and a special meeting on August 31st were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan stated that she had been being audited by SBOA (State Board of Accounts).

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and had a written report. Craig said he would like to order some new Christmas banners. He had quotes. Jeff Lipinski asked if they were ready for the winter months. Craig said they had some salt and were getting everything ready.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present with a written report. Pat Reel said they were attending Seara Burton's funeral today.

Greg Landrum asked about the man that walks everywhere around here, he is concerned about his safety. Pat Reel said his name is Terry and all the deputies are aware of him, he just likes to walk, but he understands Greg's concern.

Corbin King said he looked at a data sharing program that Josh approached him about and he told the council that he thought it looked fine to proceed with.

EMA Advisory – Pat Reel said they hired someone new for second in command.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said he looked at the Gene Park money we receive from the Community Foundation every year that goes into the Park Fund. Rick Homkes had asked previously if that money could go into the donation fund for the playground and shelter. Corbin said it was written that it was at the town council has full control over the funds, so it is at the council's discretion as to where the money is receipted.

Corbin said he is still working on the Community Center agreement language. Corbin said the closing on the property on 775 W. occurred. He said we needed to have a vote to allow Roger Carter to be able to farm the 5 acres for 2023 (spring and fall). Pat Reel made a motion to allow Roger Carter to plant and harvest the 5 acres the town purchased in 2023. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Jeff voting for passage.

Corbin said he was asked about Western Heights section 1 between the library and the property of 312 N. East St. There is a small section of land that is not owned by anyone (it says unknown on the parcel report). Corbin suggested to ask

the library and the other property owner to see if they want it and exchange quit claim deeds.

Pat Reel said he thinks we need to replace the wood lath with some steel posts on the 5 acres on 775 W. that way we don't have to look for survey stakes again and wonder where the line is. Craig Thompson said they would get it taken care of.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present and said he had written 3 permits. A fence on N. East St., a fence on E. College St., and a shed on Carter St.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Roger Waddell was present and said the next meeting is scheduled for October 27th.

Pat Reel said the lighting project on Main Street that the TIF board is funding will be about \$18K more as Duke Energy will need to do the boring because of the number of utilities that are ran through there. If we have it done with a different contractor like before to save money and they hit something, it could cost us more in the long run.

Historical Society – No new business to report

Park and Tree Board – Rick Homkes was present and said the Jim Dandy fundraiser was held last Thursday, and the playground will receive 15% of the total gross from that night. Not sure on the amount yet.

The gift basket raffle will be at this Friday's football game at Western. Janna Hyman has put this together as a fundraiser for the playground as well. Rick said they are hoping to get some cleanup of the pollinator gardens, etc. done yet this fall.

Dave Kieser – Still working on projects

Honey Creek Ditch – tabled

Solar Speed limit signs – tabled

Nuisance Ordinance – Megan Reel said she made the changes and sent it to everyone, but hadn't heard what to do with it from there. Jeff Lipinski said he is ready to act on it. Corbin King said since we had a meeting and made changes to it, even though it was a new ordinance number, we could pass it tonight as we are just amending the current ordinance. Pat Reel made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-05 Amending Ordinance 2022-02 Public Nuisance. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Jeff voting for passage.

Lions Club Update – Darlene Homkes thanked the council for the support on their recent bathroom project. They are pretty much complete and they are beautiful. Please come to check them out. This weekend is the fish fry. October 8th is the craft fair that will be at the Lions club and the Community Center. Also, on October 13th there will be an open forum for the contested positions on the school board. There will be a new furnace installed too, it was as old too.

Banners – Pat Reel made a motion to purchase the new Christmas banners for \$1,232.00. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Jeff voting for passage.

There were no comments from guests.

Council Comments – Pat Reel said the Cemetery clean off will be October 1st. Megan Reel added that the 1st was also the fall trash cleanup.

Megan Reel said the Turnabout open house and ribbon cutting was Sept. 25th. Myrna Claar said a few words representing the town, and there was a nice turnout. A wonderful resource for our community to have.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Don Parvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer