

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
April 21, 2014

The Town Council Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Lipinski. Also present for the Council were Vice President Don Parvin, Council Members Cindy Aeschliman, Rob Hewitt and Greg Landrum and Town Attorney Corbin King. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved.

Jill Newby and Kendra Metcalf were present to say they are preparing for the Western Senior Class "Give Back to the Community Day" set for May 20 with May 21 scheduled as the rain date. This is the third annual Give Back to the Community Day. The Western Senior Class comes into Russiaville for a morning and helps senior citizens who have signed up with work around their homes, clean and paint curbs, paint and clean for area businesses and churches and clean up around the Town Hall and park. It is very impressive to see such a large group of our youth come into town and work so hard and so efficiently together. We are extremely grateful to Jill and Kendra and all the seniors for the excellent way they give to the community. Once again thanks to the members of Russiaville First Baptist Church who will prepare lunch for the group at the Jeff Stout Community Center as they have in the past.

Marsha Berry, director of the Russiaville Historical Society, was present to say that Ratio Architects recommended Kemna Consulting as the contractor for the restoration of the outside of the interurban. After a short discussion the motion was made by Don Parvin and seconded by Cindy Aeschliman to accept the bid by Kemna Consulting. The motion carried. Marsha stated a town meeting to discuss the project is planned as soon as everything is cleared. Tree trimming is needed before construction starts and a utility pole needs to be moved. On motion made by Don Parvin and seconded by Greg Landrum, Rice Tree Co. was approved to trim the trees. Marsha Berry and Patrick Williamson expressed their appreciation to the Council for all their efforts with this project. Marsha stated there is still an opportunity to donate funds for one of the nineteen window replacements. For more information you may go to [russiavillehistory.org](http://russiavillehistory.org) or [russiavillehistory@gmail.com](mailto:russiavillehistory@gmail.com).

Erica Parvin was present for the Park & Tree Board. Their website will be up and running soon. The circus has been booked for June 5<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Greg Landrum and seconded by Rob Hewitt to hold the circus on the park property near the community center. The motion carried with Greg Landrum, Rob Hewitt and Cindy Aeschliman voting to approve the motion and Don Parvin voting to not approve the motion. Over sixty trees will be planted at the new park area on the north side of town near the Jeff Stout Community Center as a result of IDNR Grant and donations from area businesses and residents. Many volunteers from Chrysler Corp. will also help with the planting.

Matt Armstrong presented the report for the Streets, Water, and Wastewater. There is still a problem with the wastewater lateral at the Main Street Christian Church. The State, GradeX or E&B Paving cut the line at some point in time during the State Road construction. The bills we have to this point need to be turned over to the State. Main Street is in the process of obtaining permits before repairs can be made. The rains have not a significant effect on the wastewater plant. Ethel Morgan of Hometown Engineering was present to state the Wastewater Project is complete. The town will be reimbursed within a month a sum this is over \$18,000 for payments made to Millennium Environmental. Tina

Henderson will be notified concerning potential grants to send New London's wastewater directly to Russiaville. Ethel Morgan stated most of it may be covered by grants from OCRA and the State. Corbin King will arrange a meeting between the County Commissioner and Jeff Lipinski to discuss the County picking up the local match on the grants. The current plant has maybe seven to ten years of service remaining. Demolition of the old plant could be covered under a grant. The new line will be run in the county easement. The County may be the governmental body to apply for the grant for wastewater.

Trash service for New London must go through the County Commissioners because it is a separate entity.

Concerning the Gene & Wilma Parks Estate financial gift to the Town, Mr. Granger, a representative from Edward Jones, Inc. stated that the return on a Certificate of Deposit as is required in the will be minimal. It was suggest that Corbin King petition the Court to request a deviation from the letter of the will that will allow a more profitable return on the investment. At the time the will was written CDs were a good investment. On motion to have Corbin King and Jeff Lipinski handle to investment of the funds from the Gene & Wilma Parks Estate was made by Don Parvin and seconded by Cindy Aeschliman. The motion carried.

The sale of the water utility was discussed. A special election will be held probably the end of June. It will be just the one question with a yes or no response. Don stated we need to take that time to prepare mailings and meetings to inform the residents. The resolution to hold the election was passed on the first reading on motion made by Don Parvin and seconded by Rob Hewitt.

Ordinance 2014 -2, A Dog Ordinance, was passed on the first reading on motion made by Don Parvin and seconded by Rob Hewitt. The ordinance will be finalized next month.

Tori Tripp with Bunnell Land Surveying and Engineering was present to inform the Council on the new regulations prepared by the Americas with Disabilities Association (ADA). An assessment of our current situation especially with reference to town owned facilities and a time frame to complete what needs to be done must be prepared. It can be a self inventory and, once again, grant monies may be available to help offset the cost. Her firm will prepare the plan for a cost of \$4,900. The Council thanked Ms. Tripp for the very useful information and will do research and contact her with any questions.

Jeff Condo was present to encourage the Council to get the word out about the sale of the plant. He is concerned that most of the residents do not know the facts. The Council stressed that getting the information out to the residents if a priority.

Greg Landrum reported that he had received information from a resident of Town that flooding is a concern at the end of North Liberty Street.

Claims were presented and approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Linda Downey, Clerk Treasurer