

Town of Russiaville, Indiana

Regular Council Meeting

June 16, 2014

The Regular Town Council Meeting was opened by President Jeff Lipinski. Also present for the Council were Vice President Don Parvin, Council Members Cindy Aeschliman, OB Hewitt, Greg Landrum and Town Attorney Corbin King.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved.

Mike Kanable, Executive Secretary of the Planning Commission reported issuing two new permits. One is for a new house in Honey Creek Hills by Majestic Homes, a contractor out of Lafayette who has purchased the seven vacant lots in Honey Creek Hills. A permit was also issued for a new deck for Don Parvin. Mike also requested the Council consider some new wastewater rules.

There will be a special informational meeting on June 24 at the Community Center on the construction starting at the interurban. The contractor and architect will be present to provide information and answer questions.

The Park and Tree Board asked if the funding available from the sale of the houses of the Gene and Wilma Parks Estate could be used for landscaping? Corbin King stated that was not included in the list of uses. Jeff stated that maybe other revenue sources could be found.

A representative from Waste Management was present to state that the contract was up for renewal the end of this year and was interested in beginning the renewal process.

Brett Cain was present with the renewal of the Town's All Business Coverage Insurance coverage. The Council approved the coverage with Regions.

Jeff Lipinski reported that he and his family attended the circus and he stated it was great and he hoped it continued. Some different arrangements must be made for the area to hold it. It was held on the Little League property because there was not enough room for it in the park area. The League will have a new ball field in that area next year.

The Wastewater testing was discussed. Rob stated Jason Lawson, our new employee, has learned the testing. The drainage ditch on Chandler Street is full and has a bad odor. Zach Parvin, a former employee who is helping out on a part time basis stated that the vac truck was not capable of clearing the tightly packed ditch. Fluid Waste may be needed to clear it. The dump truck was parked at the Wastewater plant and had a rock thrown through the windshield and a light broken. Elwood Fire has certified all the town's fire extinguishers. Davidson Excavating repaired the draigage on South Liberty Street. The properties at 340 and 350 Marshall Street would like to know what would be involved to get them on the water system instead of a well. Zach stated the main was on Cooper Street. A double meter pit could be set on the property. He also stated that street patching would be completed. The

wastewater line that was nicked with a ditch witch by Duke Energy was discussed. Don noted that weight limits for our streets need to be considered.

Marshall Roger Waddell presented the Police Department's report. Rob noted that he would like remote control cameras in the park.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

Resolution 2014 – 2 was presented. This resolution is the request to place the sale of the water plant on the ballot in the November county election. Rob asked why this needs to be handled by the County when we have always handled our own. Corbin stated that because it is a referendum the County must be involved. Don stated he wants the distribution of information concerning the sale to be handled internally and not by outside sources. Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1 was made by Cindy Aeschliman and seconded by Rob Hewitt. The motion carried.

Corbin King will petition the court to change the investment opportunities for the monies from the Gene and Wilma Parks Estate.

Waste Management will investigate offering the service to New London and residents of New London will be contacted about their interest. It was noted that Don Parvin is our representative for the contract renewal. The Council thanked Mylinda for attending.

Jeff thanked the people involved in the Senior "Giving back to the community day". It was another very successful event with much being accomplished.

The request to change the date of the Prayer Meeting in the Park to July 19 was approved by the Council.

The date for the budget meeting was set for July 8th at 7 p.m.

Brett Cain was present for Regions Insurance stating that it is renewal time. There are very few carriers in the market to cover municipalities. There is at 8% inflation rate on property. Motion to accept Regions Ins. Proposal was made by Don Parvin and seconded by Rob Hewitt. The motion carried.

It was noted that spraying needs to be done at the Community Center. The pond in Western Heights needs to be maintained. The backhoe is leaking fuel.

There will be a Public Hearing on a wastewater rate increase at 7 p.m July 21st just before the next regular town council meeting . The increase could be 35%.

Claims were presented and approved and the meeting as adjourned.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Linda Downey, Clerk Treas.