

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Russiaville Town Hall  
April 25, 2022

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, and Greg Landrum

Ned Sutherland gave prayer. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. She noted that on the reports, the fund numbers had all been changed from 3 digits to 4 per the SBOA (State Board of Accounts).

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and had a written report. Craig had a quote for \$33,314.00 from Crenshaw Paving to get the alleys behind the bank and in between the tax office and AT&T building fixed. This has doubled since we quoted it in 2020, but it probably will not be any cheaper. After some discussion, Pat Reel made a motion to get this done as these alleys are in bad shape. The motion died for lack of a second.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present with a written report. Josh said he would like board approval for the policy and procedures for the reserve program. Don Parvin made a motion to approve the policies and procedures for the reserve program and the field training officer manual. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Josh said there was a report done on some damage done to a town drain at 312 East St. Don Parvin said he had talked to the homeowner and they have agreed to fix this when they put in their new driveway in June. Josh said he would note the report.

Josh said the baseball parade went well. He thanked the Sheriff's Dept. and EMA for their help.

Josh also stated that Carl Swan has taken on coordinating a bike rodeo. This will be at the library on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Josh has completed the disaster phone list. Pat Reel added if there was a need for an actual plan that we would follow the EMA Howard County plan.

Greg Landrum extended the praises that he had recently heard about our police department, and thanked Josh and Carl for all their hard work.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King stated for the easements on South Union for the sidewalks the council needs to talk to the homeowners to make sure people are on board with the new sidewalk project, and if they will give easements to be able to put the sidewalks in. Greg Landrum asked if having new sidewalks would add to the homeowner's property values, and Corbin said yes. Corbin said once we have talked to the homeowners, then we can draw up paperwork for them to sign. We will have to have new legal descriptions and get it recorded.

Corbin King asked about the land purchase. Don Parvin said that he had asked Roger Carter about purchasing five acres of land for the wastewater plant just to the north of where it is now. Mr. Carter said he may be interested in selling it. Don Parvin said he told him that we would have to get 2 appraisals. The highest appraisal came in at \$49,000.00, so Don said he told him that is all we could pay for it. Mr. Carter accepted the offer, but would like to farm the land and receive the money for the crops until the construction for the new wastewater plant begins. Don told Mr. Carter he would seek the council's approval on this. Don Parvin made a motion to purchase the 5 acres from Roger Carter just north of the existing wastewater plant on West St. for \$49,000.00 and allow Mr. Carter to farm the land until the town was ready to break ground for the new wastewater plant. The money to pay for this will come out of the sewage fund. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Don Parvin asked Corbin King about a purchase agreement. Corbin said yes there would be a closing and title work.

Don Parvin made a motion that all fees for the closing and anything associated with this sale would be paid by the town out of wastewater fund. Myrna Claar