

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Hall  
August 16, 2021

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

Corbin King, town attorney, was also present

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Jeff Lipinski said prayer. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from July 2021 regular meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report he had issued one permit to Haley High for a garage, and a chicken coop permit to Erica Parvin.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business

TIF Board – Rick Homkes was present and said there was nothing new. Jeff Lipinski said the council had some potential uses for the funds, he asked Megan to set up a meeting for the TIF Board and the council.

Historical Society – Megan Reel said she had talked to Roger Waddell recently and he had said that Gary Chandler (Ray Chandler's son) had donated a refurbished wooden telephone switchboard to the historical society that was identical to the one that was used at the Russiaville Telephone Company and it was at the Police Dept. Roger said he agreed to store it until the historical society was ready for it. Myrna Claar stated that the switchboard was now down at the Annex building. Kent Milburn said the Telephone Company was in a building above the bank upstairs on the corner where Fire Pizza is now. Myrna said her grandmother Waddell worked up there.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present said we have finally received the recycled benches. This project has to be child originated, so it went under the

Western Environmental Club's name. We had 1200 pounds of caps. We received one picnic table, one toddler picnic table, six 4-foot benches.

Jill said the circle project at the Community Center Park is underway. Travis Wunderlich is doing this. They have 59 engraved pavers, and are hoping to get the rest of the plain ones in soon so he can finish the project.

Jill said they are going to replace a few mats around the cement where the ladder is for the slide.

Rick Homkes said they received the plaques from Tate Engraving for the iron wheel sculpture and the crane soul sculpture. We are waiting for a time when people can be there along with the sculptor and Kokomo Mayor, as his 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather is the last civil chief of the Miami.

Rick said the 5-year plan expires 1/15/2022, we have to have this in order to apply for a number of grants. They will start rewording and will have to do a new community survey. This will have a quality-of-life part and parks and recreation part. Rick has sent the drafts of these to Greg Landrum and Don Parvin for review, and also to Greg Bielfuss from the DNR. He does the approval of the 5-year plans so it is good to include him.

Myrna Claar asked Rick about weeding the flower beds at the Community Center Park. Jill said Rick and Darlene mostly did it but if anyone would like to volunteer that would be great. Rick said 3 of the beds out there are natural pollinator gardens, and they are meant to look that way. The bees and butterflies love it. He would take care of those.

Streets and Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and had a written report. Craig stated he received the quote from BL Anderson for the north lift station in New London for \$3,620.00 for the drives. This with a few other needed things will total \$3,915.00. After discussion this will not be turned into insurance for a claim. Pat Reel made a motion to have the New London lift station fixed, and pay it out of New London. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, Don, and Greg voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski asked about traffic control during the boring for the Main Street lighting project. They did not block traffic. He said it was pretty bad. Jeff was stressed because we hired this company. Corbin King said the boring company was liable for this situation.