

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Town Hall
April 19, 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.

Kent Milburn said prayer. Pat Reel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from March 2021 and 2 special meetings (3/18 and 4/7) were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable said he wrote a fence permit and a shed permit.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one present to report.

TIF Board – No one present, but Megan Reel stated there was a meeting scheduled for April 20, 2021.

Russiaville Historical Society – No one was present to report.

Park and Tree Board – Rick Homkes was present, he said the quality-of-life survey is being worked on, this is part of the 5-year plan.

Rick said the artist sculpture, done by Greg Steel, has been installed by himself and Greg and Brett Berry in the pollinator garden at the Community Center park. It will be called “Crane Soul.” It is one of the sacred animals for the Miami Nation. It was named by Mayor Tyler Moore, as he is a direct descendant of the Miami Civil Chief.

Jeff Lipinski said he, Don, and Megan had met with a gentleman about the Cloverleaf Trail. Looks pretty promising about the trail moving this way, the state and county will have a part in getting it funded. We expressed we would like to have the portion from 680 West to 775 West paved. Jeff thinks it is moving fairly quickly, but he does not have a time frame.

Jeff stated that hooking it to our trail was talked about. Rick Homkes said the "Around the Town Trail" had been approved using surface streets, and when the Cloverleaf is done this will hook the two using the streets in town, making it a 3-mile trek or bike ride around our town. This just consists of painting and signage. Rick asked about Norfolk Southern Railroad. Jeff said they are in negotiations with them right now to buy it.

Rick Homkes said we acquired two recycled benches from bottle caps, they were placed at the trailer court for the kids or whoever would like to sit on them.

Streets and Wastewater – Craig Thompson was not present but left a written report. Megan Reel said she made copies for every one of the Sensaphone subscription that is the alarm system at the wastewater plant. It needs to be upgraded as they are doing away with the program that we currently have. The pricing is included, we need to get something done with this in the next few months. It will be tabled for this month.

Marshal's Report – Josh Fulkerson was present and had a written report. Josh had the numbers for getting a 2021 Dodge Durango that was previously talked about. There is a quote for the car, one for the equipment for it, one for the radar system, and one for the dash cam. Pat asked if we had dash cams in everything now, and Josh said yes.

Josh said we are now certified with the DOJ (Dept. of Justice) for compliance with our SOP's. This will allow us to get grant money from the DOJ.

Jeff Lipinski asked how long the quote was good for on the Durango. Josh said he would imagine 6 months, but would get with them to check.

Josh said that Jim Skinner had donated a light bar for the 2016 Tahoe to us, he said Carl would put this on soon.

Pat asked the total for the car with everything. Josh said \$51,513.53.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel had written reports.

Dave Kieser – Pat Reel said he had talked to him today. ARP (American Rescue Plan) is being worked on. Pat said he asked about the wastewater plant upgrade, and said Dave told him they should know something in May or June.