

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Town Hall
December 21, 2020

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. Pat Reel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

647 E. Kinsey Dr. – Mr. Baird (Ken Dunnuck's lawyer) (Ken is the owner of this property) was present to ask the council if they were in favor of or not in favor of granting an access to this property off of 4th Street. They would like to know this as the Hale's/Dunnuck's (647 E. Kinsey Dr.) are getting ready to go to trial with the Ricci's (645 E. Kinsey Dr.) about the shared driveway that these two properties have.

Mr. Vandenbosch (Vincent Hale's lawyer) (Vincent Hale lives at this property) was present and said Mr. Hale did not want to lose the easement that he had. Mr. Vandenbosch also stated that Mr. Dunnuck said he had never had a problem with this issue when he lived there, but when the Hale's moved in it became a problem. He had concern about the width of the road (4th Street), people parking on the road, water lines, sewer lines, there is a lift station there.

Don Parvin said his opinion on this matter has not changed from the beginning. He is against granting an access off of 4th Street for the 647 E. Kinsey Dr. property. He said the road is narrow and he has utilities there, and a lift station. After further discussion, Pat Reel made a motion that the town will NOT grant access off of 4th Street. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Mike Kanable said that the Ricci's contacted him and said the post office wanted them to move their mailbox because they could not turn around in their driveway any longer because of the "decorations" that were put close to the road and driveway. Mike said he talked to the post office about this and they told him the Ricci's would either have to move their mailbox or move the stuff from the edge of the driveway/road.

Ken Dunnuck asked why couldn't the Town tell the Ricci's to move the stuff they have put there as it is in the Town's easement. There are big rocks and yard ornaments there. Deputy Swan was also at the meeting, and stated the Ricci's have put these items there so that Mr. Hale could not get his trailer around there. Mr. Hale has struck those in the past trying to get around there.

Don Parvin asked Corbin King about the stuff that is in the Town's easement. Corbin said the Plan Commission would send a letter to the Ricci's for them to move it out of the easement. Corbin will look into this and let Mike Kanable know about the letter to be sent.

Don Parvin made a motion to send a letter to the Ricci's to remove the "yard/ornaments/rocks, etc. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report a driveway permit for Brad Healton, and a driveway permit and fence permit for Jeff Hoover. Mike said that had talked to Steve Jones (owner) about a manhole within the fence. Mr. Jones said he would leave a key with the town or give us the code for the lock.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No business to report

TIF Board – The TIF Board met on December 1st.

Historical Society – No business to report

Park and Tree Board -Jill Newby sent a written report as follows:

Park and Tree Board

December 2020 Report to Town Council

This past month, the Park and Tree Board had a virtual meeting on December 1st. The Shepherd brothers completed the Iron Wheel Sculpture and also made a sign warning people to not climb on and to keep off of the structure. It is made of steel and will rust to look like the wheels in time. The Shepherds were paid out of the park

fund from the Community Foundation Grant. The total project including material and labor was \$1620. The wheels were donated by local citizens.

The Russiaville Disc Golf Course was supposed to have been completed, but the wrong size clamps were sent to attach the signs to the posts. As soon as the new clamps come in, Tommy Ray will attach the signs and the project will be completed. The total bill for this project was \$2665 and has been paid. Tommy and his friends designed and installed the course at no charge.

We would like to put up the following people for members and officers for the coming year.

Jill Newby	Chair/President
Rick Homkes	Vice Chair/Vice President
Janna Hyman	Secretary
Erica Parvin	Treasurer
Reba Casler	Member
Suzy Landrum	Member
Beth Davis	Member (replacing Matt Johnson)

As always, we thank the Council for their support and hope to accomplish more for our community in the coming year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a better New Year.

Jill Newby

Streets & Wastewater – Written report was given. Pat Reel asked about them shoveling the police department, town hall, and the porch at the community center. Don Parvin said he would take care of this. And also getting the alley's plowed after the roads.

Don Parvin said there is not a street sign at the corner of Honey Creek Blvd. and Circling Hawk Dr. Don said Craig thought he had one and would get it up.

Don also reported: Bartley is getting the lights on the 2020 Ford. The Town decals are on the trucks. 5 street lights were called in to be repaired. We will deal with properties and fences in disarray in the spring.

Don Parvin said Bruce Sumner is concerned about the new telephone poles that went in on his property. Don said there is nothing we can do about this. Mr. Sumner also asked about paving the easement that is his driveway too. He wants the town to pave this or close it as an easement.

Marshal's Dept. – Carl Swan was present and said he did not have anything. Pat Reel said Josh Fulkerson had text him and said the only thing he had that was pressing was the SOP's. He needs them to move forward and be approved so he can get them to ILEA, so that we are good for grants. He would also like to know about Blake Armfield being an intern at the Department.

Jeff Lipinski asked Carl Swan about this internship. Carl stated that he had talked to Josh Fulkerson about this, and the only thing they were thinking was that the call load was low at our department, but they are going to try to make it a good experience for him. It will be good.

Jeff Lipinski gave kudos to Carl for helping the lady that need it recently, it was a nice gesture.

Don Parvin had a question on the liability insurance in the SOP's. Corbin was unsure on this. Carl said he thought it was just the coverage that we already have.

Don Parvin made a motion to accept the police department's SOP's. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to accept Blake Armfield's internship. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Pat Reel said Carl Swan has talked to Hollingsworth Lumber, and has got the ok to move the "watch your speed" sign down to that area.

Don Parvin commented on this sign by saying, he thinks it was a great idea to have this sign brought to Russiaville. It is there to make you aware of your speed coming through town, there are several complaints of cars going too fast and there are several kids out there. Hopefully it will slow people down. Don Supports this sign being out there and thanked Pat Reel for getting the sheriff's department to bring it out here.

Treasurer's Report – A written report was given. Megan Reel said she had recently called Keystone to see if they could fix the minimum calculation on the billing program so she would not have to go in a manually do this every month as she has been since she has been here. After talking to Keystone Megan found out that they had never received the newest rate ordinance, and if they changed the program to reflect the most recent ordinance (2015) people's bills would more than double from what they are now. Megan stated she did not want to do that and thought that the council probably would not either. Megan has talked to Steve Brock and he told her that the wastewater was doing ok with what we are charging currently. He suggested we do an amendment to the ordinance showing a scrivener's error and reflect the sewage rates that are actually being charged. Steve Brock said he would redo the ordinance for us. Corbin King said that he agrees with this and it could be done easily with the scrivener's error since it was our error. Megan asked the council how they would like to proceed. Don Parvin said he is happy with what we have done, we are not in the red with this at this time.

Don Parvin made a motion to amend the ordinance to charge what we are currently charging. The bills will stay the same. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Dave Kieser – Don Parvin reported:

Sound Baffles for the community center will be about \$15,000.00

They will try for the interurban grant again in 2021

Wastewater project and phase 2 of the sidewalk project is being worked on

Greg Landrum asked about water usage for flowers, grass growing, pools etc. Megan Reel said if there is someone filling their pool, or watering new grass then there can be a credit given for wastewater as this water is larger amounts and not going into the sewer. If you just like pretty flowers and are watering them then there is not a credit.

Setbacks on properties – Don Parvin read an amendment to the zoning ordinance for the R-2 and R-3 districts for setbacks. This ordinance will be 2020-06.

Don Parvin made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-06. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage. There will be a public hearing on this amendment on January 25, 2021.

Personnel Policy – tabled for now

New London Hookups – tabled for now

Kokomo Humane Society – There was some discussion about the Howard County doing a countywide ordinance for animal control. Don and Jeff have both been to meeting about this. Don Parvin feels there is no advantage to us to be a part of this. We are our own entity. After some further discussion, Pat Reel said if there is going to be no difference if we have our own contract or go with the county then why don't we just have our own. Jeff Lipinski said this is not going to happen quickly with the county anyway. Don Parvin added that we pay for the Humane Society to come out and get an animal, and then when someone adopts that animal or comes and claims that animal the Town does not get any of our money back that the Humane Society gets from the adoption, and they should.

Pat Reel made a motion to accept the contract between the Kokomo Hume Society and Russiaville. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Resolution 2020-05 to transfer money to the Rainy-Day fund for 2020. This will transfer \$60,000.00 from the General Fund and \$10,000.00 from the MVH Fund to the Rainy-Day Fund. Jeff Lipinski was very pleased that we are able to do this. Don Parvin made a motion to allow Resolution 2020-05. Myrna Claar seconded. Pat Reel abstained. Greg Landrum voted in favor. The motion carried with Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Resolution 2020-06 to transfer money from the CARES act Grant Fund to the General Fund. This will transfer \$35,590.00 from the CARES act Grant Fund to the General Fund. Don Parvin made a motion to allow Resolution 2020-06. Greg Landrum seconded. Pat Reel abstained. Myrna Claar voted in favor. The motion carried with Don, Greg, and Myrna voting for passage.

Rick and Darlene Homkes 2020 – Don Parvin made a motion for Rick and Darlene Homkes to receive the “Linda Downey Outstanding Community Service Award” for 2020. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage. Their names were added to the plaque. Jeff Lipinski

read a letter from Rick and Darlene that thanked the council/town for putting them on this award. They were sorry they could not be present tonight.

Don Parvin made a motion to give the town employees a bonus this year. Myrna Claar seconded. Pat Reel abstained. Greg Landrum voted in favor. The motion carried with Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to give the town employees a Waddell's gift card this year. We normally have a meal from them but could not this year because of COVID. Myrna Claar seconded. Pat Reel abstained. Greg Landrum voted in favor. The motion carried with Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin thanked everyone for a good year with all the trials that we faced.

Greg Landrum thanked Megan for doing the behind the scenes "dirty work" for the town.

Myrna Claar thanked everyone, this was an eye opening first year for her, it was a good one.

Don Parvin made a motion to give raises according to the salary ordinance effective for the first pay period in 2021 (payable 1/15/2021). Greg Landrum seconded. Pat Reel abstained. Myrna Claar voted in favor. The motion carried with Don, Greg, and Myrna voting for passage.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, and no more comments from council or guests, the claims were presented and approved. Greg Landrum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Parvin seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President
Megan Reel, Clerk-Treasurer