

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