

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Town Hall – 5:00pm
August 28, 2023

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, Greg Landrum, and Jake Gibson.

Corbin King, the town's attorney was also present.

Myrna Claar said a prayer, and Greg Landrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Lori Seaman was present from the Russiaville branch library, to discuss the small strip of orphaned property west of the library with Corbin King. Lori said from the title search it looks like Loyd Bean owns it. She thinks maybe that little strip was left off of the transaction when the whole piece of property transferred from Linda Downey to Loyd Bean. Lori said that Rick and Darlene Homkes have went in and cleaned it up. Megan Reel said she had talked to Craig (wastewater), asking him about utilities in there. He said wastewater and water run through there, down behind all those houses. Lori said they are envisioning another natural space for the community to enjoy. Corbin asked if there was an actual title search. Lori said yes and she would send it to Corbin. Corbin said he would look at it and direct further as to how to proceed.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan said she is looking into this at the bank. There have been several things come up that we have to have a credit card for. She thinks our Ordinance covers it. The council discussed, and Jake Gibson made a motion to get a credit card for the town. Greg Landrum seconded. Pat Reel abstained. The motion carried with Jake, Greg, and Myrna voting for passage.

Megan also asked about ACH alert and positive pay through the bank. It is \$720.00 per year for both of them. The council wanted to ask the bank more questions before they decided.

Streets/Wastewater – Don Parvin said there isn't anything new to report.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson Was not present but had left a written report. Pat Reel read Josh's notes saying, 323 Carter St. was noted, so apparently Josh has made contact with them regarding complaints about his yard. Durango has been fixed. The food truck and bonfire extravaganza event is being worked on and will be held September 22nd. Sounds like a good time to have some supper out by the police department and then head to the library for a band and bonfire.

EMA Advisory – Pat Reel said they received a few new cars from the Sheriff's Department.

Fire Department – Jake Gibson said he has still never received any reports from them.

Health Department – There are no new updates.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said he had talked to Myrna Claar about the Park Rules. Myrna said the sign would reference the park rules ordinance for a full list of the rules. She asked where people could get the ordinances. Megan said we don't have them online, but they were available through the office and the Marshal's Dept has them too. A question was asked if they could be put online. Megan said she could try to get them scanned in and see if Rhiannon could create another tab on our website to put several of them in. Corbin said "or you could hire it done." Megan said we did several years ago, but the people hired to do so, never did. After some more discussion, Myrna read the park rules and they were set. Myrna Claar made a motion to accept the park rules to be on a sign in the Russiaville town park. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Myrna, Greg, Pat, and Jake voting for passage.

A sign was discussed for the pond as noted on the paper with the park rules. Jake Gibson made a motion to get a sign for the pond too. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Corbin King said he had read the changes on the Peddler's Ordinance for the penalty, making a \$50.00 fee for each offence if you do not get a peddler's permit after being told to do so. Pat Reel made a motion to suspend the rules to be able to pass Ordinance 2023-02 on the second and third readings. Myrna Claar

seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, Greg, and Jake voting for passage. Pat Reel made a motion to pass Peddler's Ordinance 2023-02 on the second and third readings. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Corbin King reviewed the agreement from Ladd Engineering for the new wastewater plant. He said there are 3 phases of service to pay for, \$18,000.00, \$8,000.00, and \$7,000.00 for the final. Corbin brought up the scope of services and design and bidding phase. He was unclear about the environmental indemnification is and what it is for. Pat said it is that IDEM wants to see where we are putting our outflow, and to make it is suitable to do it in the same area with the new plant. Pat Reel said there was a meeting with Gary from Ladd Engineering, Dave Keiser, Don Parvin, Craig Thompson and himself on the new proposed wastewater plant. It was a very general meeting with some ideas on paper as to what was wanted for the new plant. Pat said Gary does wastewater plants. Pat added Gary would like Craig to go look at a couple in other towns that he is working on now to see the new upgraded equipment and set up of these newer plants. The way they do some of these now they can add onto the capacity if the need arises, it can be done in steps if they lay it out right. Pat said the 2 tanks that we have are a 1965 and a 1995, he said the steel in them is starting to flake. Pat said if we approve this agreement then Gary will start laying it all out with what we would like and what we need to have. There was some further discussion. Greg Landrum made a motion to accept the agreement from Ladd Engineering. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Greg, Myrna, Pat, and Jake voting for passage.

Corbin King said he is working with Seth from 40th Parallel and John at Kieser Consulting on the right of ways for the sidewalks on Union Street.

Megan Reel asked Corbin about the mowing letters for 2 properties that were sent out. One of them signed for their letter but the other one did not. What should she do about this one knowing he never got the letter. Corbin said to have the Marshal's Dept. to hand deliver or leave in his door at the very least, wait the 5 days and take action.

Animal/Chicken Ordinance 2023-03 was brought up. This ordinance will allow people to have 12 chickens, no roosters, and a \$25.00 one-time coop permit fee. Pat Reel made a motion to suspend the rules to be able to pass Ordinance 2023-03 on the second and third readings. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Myrna, and Jake voting for passage. Pat Reel made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-03 on the second and third readings. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Myrna, and Jake voting for passage.

Don Parvin asked Corbin about the new C-Store process. He said their plan has been submitted and Dave Keiser has reviewed it and we are waiting to hear back from them on his review. He verified with Corbin that this would go before the Plan Commission and then the Plan Commission would recommend to the council and the council would then be the approvers. Corbin said yes, that is the way it would work.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present and said he had written a fence permit at 180 N. East St., a shed at 360 E. Main St., a deck and a shed at 4029 Pebble Lane, and a new house at 355 E. College St. (Mike also created an address for this property as well as it was just a lot).

Board of Zoning Appeals – There was no new business.

TIF Board – There was no new business

Historical Society – Don Parvin said they are almost done with phase 1 at the Interurban building.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present and had info on picnic tables. She had a quote from Tree Top Products for 3 6-foot tables and 3 8-foot tables for \$6,004.00 + shipping of \$474.56. One of the 8-foot tables has a handicapped end on it so that a wheel chair could get up to it. They are thinking green for the tabletop color. Jill was asked where they would put them. She said under the pavilion is the way she understood it. Greg asked what was wrong with the ones under there. Don said they have been repaired many times and the wood is starting to rot. There was some discussion about the color. Several people didn't

like the green color. After some discussion, Pat Reel made a motion to allow the tables to be ordered in blue and use the Town Maintenance and Improvement Fund to pay for them. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Myrna, and Jake voting for passage.

Jill Newby said there is a wooden swing structure in the Russiaville Town Park, they would like to replace this. Currently there is a handicapped swing and a toddler swing on the structure. They would keep the 2 swings and put them on the new structure and add a saucer swing to it. The quote she had was for \$13,433.18. They would like to use Park Rehab of about \$4,600.00 and the rest would come out of the Park Fund. Jill said they may have to extend the edge of the park by about 3 feet because of the fall zone. Pat Reel made a motion to allow them to spend the money and get the new swing structure. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Myrna, and Jake voting for passage.

Greg Landrum said he has been asked why we don't have the Summer Fest anymore. Don Parvin said Rhiannon had trouble getting the carnival to come and volunteers to do the work. Greg asked if we were thinking about bringing it back. Pat Reel said Tiffany Fulkerson has taken on the Winter Fest and you never know what the future will hold, so maybe someday.

Jake Gibson brought up Flock Cameras. They are a license plate camera, and they use them a lot at the Sheriff's Dept. They are through Axon, which is in car cameras and body cameras we use. Law enforcement uses these a lot. These are good for the civil side of things as well. Jake said they start at \$150.00 per month. Unfortunately, we are a one plate state and it would be best if we had 2 cameras, one going east and one going west. Pat Reel said that is \$3,600.00 per year for 2 cameras. Maybe the county could put one in Greentown and Russiaville. Jake said whoever has licenses to them would be the ones with access to them. Jake said possibly there could be a grant out there for some of this. He asked everyone to think about it and he would get some more information.

Darlene Homkes was present and said the Lions Club and RCO were going to start a morning coffee, tea, and conversation time at the Lions Club on September 18th

at 9:00 am. They will do it every Monday morning at that time going forward. Everyone is welcome.

Ned Sutherland was present and said the Turnabout banquet would be at Crossroads Church this year on September 24th, doors open at 4:30 pm. There will be a meal and concert. He appreciates the towns support for Turnabout.

Pat Reel said he is still working on the 2 street lights on College Street. We have to get paperwork signed for overhead easements for Duke Energy.

Pat Reel said Cemetery clean-up is October 7th.

Megan Reel added that the Town-wide fall trash clean-up is also October 7th.

Don Parvin thanked everyone for the thoughts and prayers for his wife Kelly. After all her treatments she is cancer free.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Myrna Claar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jake Gibson seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 6:45 pm.

Don Parvin, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer