

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Special Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall - 5:00 pm
March 20, 2023

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

Don Parvin opened the meeting.

Pat Reel said he had met with Jada Sceggell about her Eagle Scout project that was presented in the past, for raised beds to be placed on the south east side of the town hall. They would still like to do the project beginning in the spring of 2023. Don Parvin was concerned about the maintenance of this in the future. Pat said he would take care of it.

Don Parvin said that he and Megan had met with Dave Kieser on March 16th about the interurban building and construction costs for phase I and II of the project. We need to vote on accepting Monroe Construction Group, LLC to do the work. They were the low bid. Don said that Dave had suggested accepting the base bid of \$54,906.00 plus Alternate #1 for the electrical work of \$2,650.00, for a total of \$57,556.00. The grant with our match it \$57,500.00, therefore, we will need to come up with \$56.00 to do this much. Dave had left a floor plan outlining the work that would be done with the base bid, with omissions of 6, 7, and 12 at this time. The phase II budget is about \$124,000.00, Dave has applied for a grant of \$99,000.00 for this with our local match of \$25,000.00. We should know if we will get this grant in April. Pat Reel made a motion to accept Monroe Construction Group, LLC base bid and alternate #1 as discussed for a total of \$57,556.00. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said the 14 new lights are up on Main Street and the boring and connections should be done this week. The new lights have a 3k illumination bulb, and are a different color than the previous ones put up. Don said he had spoken to Josh Marion from Duke Energy, who said that they would be a bit different as the existing ones are 4k. Don felt they should all be the same, and

asked what the board thought. After some discussion, they agreed and Pat Reel made a motion to have them change the new bulbs to match the existing one that are the 4k. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, Greg, and Jake voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he had talked to Duke Energy about the change out of the old street lights to LED bulbs and they are supposed to start this the week of March 27, 2023.

Jake Gibson said he had talked to Landen Bartley. He would like to start off by saying Russiaville did a great job with the recent house fire, adding from the time they got the page to when there was water being put on the fire was 7 minutes. That is pretty awesome. Jake talked to the them about communication, and he said that Landen told him that he would be fine with sending a quarterly report. Jake Gibson made a motion to allow the fire department contract for \$20,000.00 for 2023. Pat Reel seconded. Myrna Claar asked about what would be on the quarterly report. Jake said, training hours, run reports, calls, etc. Myrna asked about operation, Pat Reel broke in saying as far as their finances, they are their own business, and we are just contracting with them and that is not something we need to see. Myrna said she asked because they originally asked for more money and was wanting to know why they asked for it. Pat said going forward as discussed at the previous meeting, they need to come to us at budget time and explain why they would need extra money for that next year, and then we would see if we could do it after our budget process and they could make their contract accordingly. Jake said with the communication now between himself and the fire department hopefully all this would go better. The motion carried with Jake, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Ned Sutherland said there was an article in the paper today about volunteer fire departments.

Don Parvin said he is waiting on Corbin King to do a purchase agreement with Amy Clements. There were 2 appraisals done, one for \$18,500.00 and the other for \$18,095.00. The town is purchasing her property for \$15,000.00 plus closing costs. We cannot do anything on the property until closing and then she will have 30 days to get what property she wants out. We are still waiting for the survey to be done. Don said he knows there were several different things this board was