

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
August 21, 2017

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Cindy Aeschliman, Rob Hewitt, and Kyle Parvin

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

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting with a prayer, mentioning the eclipse that happened today.

Kyle Parvin gave Jeff Lipinski his resignation from the Park Board advisory committee.

Minutes from last meetings/special meetings were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report he had written one fence permit to Wendy Clark.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one present to report.

Historical Society – No one was present, however, Marsha Berry sent an email with updates and a wish list that was requested from the council at the previous meeting.

Park & Tree Board – Rick Homkes presented the council with a quote and 2 items that the park board would like to put in the park in place of the previous white structure that was there. The quote is for \$7,880.00. They would like to take \$2,500.00 from the park rehab appropriation and the \$2,500.00 from the park fund. If the town workers can put in together, this would take away the \$2,800.00 for installation on the quote. This would get them very close to their budget of \$5,000.00. Mike Collins, present, stated that they really needed to see the plans to put the new equipment in before they committed to doing it, to make sure they could without equipment they didn't have.

Cindy Aeschliman made a motion to allow them to spend this money and get the 2 new structures for the Russiaville Town Park. There was no second, and the motion died. Rick Homkes thanked them for their consideration on the matter.

Scott Sipes was present and asked if he could speak as his issue dealt some with the recreational trail and the park board. The RYBL (Russiaville Youth Baseball League) would like to put up some more bleachers on the park/town property on the left minor league field. Rob Hewitt made a motion to allow them to do this. Cindy Aeschliman seconded. Rick Homkes asked about negotiations with RYBL to plan where things will be going as we put together the recreational trail. Mr. Kieser said he would be talking to the girls' softball league and the RYBL about spacialization with the recreational trail, this will be discussed early in September. Jeff asked Mr. Sipes if they planned on using the new bleachers for any fall leagues. Mr. Sipes said, no, his intent is to have them ready for next spring. Jeff said he thought it could be worked out. Don Parvin was concerned about the trash from these extra bleachers. Don also asked about the batting cages. Mr. Sipes said the batting cages are not in the same area as where they are wanting to put the bleachers. The motion from Rob Hewitt and the second from Cindy Aeschliman were taken off the table. They will work this out further with Dave Kieser and then come back to the council for approval.

Russiaville Summer Fest – Rhiannon Thompson was here to report that Summer Fest at the beginning of June went very well this year. The newly enforced smoking ban and the new ordinance that prohibited dogs at the Summer Fest were the only 2 issues. They had designated smoking areas and if there was a dog they explained the ordinance to the people, all in all it was not too bad. Rhiannon said there is going to be a tractor pull on October 28th. They are working on the annual Christmas Celebration.

Don Parvin asked Rhiannon if the rest of the materials came in to finish the pavilion. She said there was an issue with it coming in damaged, they reordered the materials, and they just got them. They will get it finished soon. Don told Rhiannon they did a great job on the pavilion.

Wastewater and Streets – Mike Collins was present and gave a written report. He stated they had to out in a new pump at the South lift station in New London and

a rebuilt pump in the North lift station at New London. They got a new Dodge truck and it is in Crawfordsville at the moment getting the dump bed put on it. Other than that, they have just been mowing.

Rhiannon Thompson asked if the dog ban was in force at the ball park. People have asked her and she wanted to have an answer to give to them. Don Parvin said that it is private property. Jeff Lipinski said it is the Lions Club property.

Marshal – Randy Vannatter was present and gave a written report, with an inventory attachment. There is a gun that is missing and has been missing since before Roger Waddell became Marshal.

Randy also reported the motor starter on the big tornado siren on top of the water tower is bad. The original quote was for \$3,300.00. We can now get a new one for \$1,350.00, Randy asked if we can take this out of the Riverboat Fund. Don Parvin made a motion to get the motor starter and take the money out of the Riverboat Fund. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Randy also brought up that there was an incident with a dog ordinance violation. Kimberly Wilson (lives on Carter Street), the dog's owner, was present to ask that her violation amount of \$250.00 be reduced or forgiven. Her dogs went into Jeremy Lipinski's garage and got his rabbit. After some discussion on this matter, Rob Hewitt thought it should be at the Marshal's discretion whether to reduce it or let it stand as written. Most of the council agreed. Jeff Lipinski said, if we are not going to follow the ordinances why do we have them.

Randy suggested reducing the violation \$100.00 to a charge of \$150.00.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to reduce the dog ordinance violation to \$150.00.

Don Parvin seconded. Kyle Parvin opposed. He said we need to stick to the ordinance. The motion carried with Rob, Don, and Cindy voting for passage.

Going forward whatever Randy writes a violation for will stand, this matter is over.

Treasurer's report – Witten financial reports were given.

Paul Wyman was present. He stated that he had a request from Cassie Koontz to have a historical marker placed in Russiaville to signify her husband, Deputy Carl Koontz's, sacrifice for his community. He was shot in the line of duty while serving a warrant in our town. Mr. Wyman showed a picture of what the

historical marker would look like. Mr. Wyman also stated there would be no cost to the Town of Russiaville, the Howard County government will be covering the cost of the sign itself. Mr. Newlin at Waddell's IGA has offered to put the sign on his property in front of the store. Howard County is looking for support from the Town of Russiaville to place the historical marker herein town at no cost to us, but to certainly give the proper respect to Deputy Koontz. Don Parvin made a motion to allow that to take place in honor of Deputy Koontz. All condolences go to his wife and family, it would be our honor. Also, that we are in agreeance with Mr. Newlin from Waddell's IGA that he is allowing the space and we are allowing the signage. Kyle Parvin seconded. Jeff Lipinski said he would like to vote on this motion as well, he is not supposed to do that but this is a very special situation. The motion passed with Don, Kyle, Cindy, Rob, and Jeff voting for passage. Jeff Lipinski thanked Mr. Wyman and said, it is unfortunate that that event took place out here, but we do appreciate the fact that the County has went above and beyond to recognize the sacrifice that was made. Our Deputy was very much involved that night too, and we really appreciate it.

Mr. Wyman stated that he had had the opportunity to talk to Megan several times in the last 6 months on the phone, and she has always been awesome on a variety of issues. He just wanted to let the council know that she has been fantastic, and Mr. Wyman thanked Megan. Megan told him she appreciated that.

Jeff Lipinski said he would like Mr. Wyman to stay and he would skip to number 4 on old business, being that there were several people here from New London. The county and the Town of Russiaville have done a lot of great things to help the community of New London. This item is for ordinance #2017-4, amending the rates for New London sewage. Jeff Lipinski said there is a meeting tomorrow night about the grant to run the line from Russiaville to New London for sewage. The rates if this gets passed will be \$83.17 for everyone, except the New London Friends Church, and that rate would be \$166.34. Nathan Farlow (9226 W. 300 S.), clerk and trustee from the New London Friends Church, asked about the charge of \$166.34 charge for the church as opposed to the rest. They expressed that they would not use any more water than a regular household. Don Parvin spoke of some of the history of the reason that the rates are changing as they are. He also stated there are several people that are not saying how many people actually live there, so we need an across the board rate so we don't have to worry about how many people live there.

Carolyn Kuhns (2164 S. 757 W.) asked about metering the wells in New London. Jeff Lipinski said he thought the rate for the church could possibly be reduced. Since there is a meeting tomorrow night, he asked all the New London people to come back as Mr. Brock and Ethel Morgan would be here and be able to answer more questions. We would be able to talk further about the rates. Jeff Lipinski also gave a quick overview of New London's issues, and the line being run from Russiaville to New London for sewage. Russiaville has been a good neighbor and helped New London.

Paul Wyman added to this by saying, we ended up here today due to a failing system in New London. The County government got involved and decided to partner with Russiaville, because Russiaville was willing to take the system over, and end up getting the Sewage to Russiaville in the long run. Howard County heads up all the grants for New London, and the Russiaville Town Hall has hosted several meetings for this process. Mr. Wyman said it has been a great partnership (between Howard County and Russiaville) to bring a solution to New London. The challenge with this is paying for it, like with any utility. He stated the people from New London should be here tomorrow night to discuss with Mr. Brock, the fair and equitable distribution of that utility cost. What that really looks like and who's paying what. Mr. Brock will be able to answer all their questions better about what they will have to pay.

Jeff Lipinski said this project is right around \$800,000.00 give or take some money. Jeff also said that Mr. Brock is saying that the state is going to pick up 90% of this. That is unheard of, to get this much paid for by the state.

Bryan Brown (7444 W. 220 S.) asked about the rate on the water usage. New London cannot be worked like that because everyone has a well, unlike Russiaville.

Don Parvin wants to know how New London is going to pay the bond. They can't generate enough money to pay for this. Also, New London owes Russiaville Town Clerk and employees. They have not been paid. This was not supposed to cost Russiaville anything. Don said we have 2 options – to rebuild the plant or bring everything to Russiaville. This has been proven cost effective to bring it to Russiaville.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-04, Amending the rates and charges for the sewage utility in New London, on the first reading with future amendments. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin asked if New London people knew that they were offered trash service through the contract Russiaville has.

Jason Grant (pastor at New London Friends Church) is concerned with the church rate being so much higher. Jeff Lipinski said we will probably change their rate, but this is something that will be discussed at tomorrow night's meeting with Mr. Brock.

TIF – Corbin King has a call in to Dan Gibson at Delk McNally

Ordinance 2017-02 for the Building Standards. 1st reading was passed July 19th and the 2nd reading was passed August 9th. Don Parvin stated Dave Kieser or H&W would be the building inspector. The building Commissioner will be Mike Kanable. Don Parvin also had a couple of wording corrections on page 9, it was just a little redundant.

Don Parvin made a motion to pass ordinance 2017-02 on Building Standards on the final reading, with the minor amendments made that were discussed. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, Cindy, and Rob voting for passage.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to pass ordinance 2017-03 on the second reading, for Subdivision Control. (1st reading was July 19th) Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, Don, and Cindy voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to pass Zoning ordinance 2017-05 on the second reading (1st reading was August 9th). We will set up a work session to go over this and make all the changes necessary. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage. Dave Kieser confirmed that the landscape and lighting were included in this ordinance.

Don Parvin made a motion to accept ordinance 2017-06 for street and sidewalk cuts on the second reading. This amends ordinance 2015-04. (1st reading was August 9th) Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Cindy, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to accept ordinance 2017-07 for Trash on the second reading. (1st reading was August 9th) Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to pass ordinance 2017-08 on the first reading for Town park rules and regulations, with a recommendation to have a carry out session with amendments by the park board. Rick Homkes said they will work on it but have not had a chance to look at it closely. Changes can be made this is only the first reading. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to pass ordinance 2017-09 on the first reading for Peddlers and solicitors. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Don, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Dave Kieser said that Corbin King is working on an ordinance for drugs and renters. Corbin said that there was a problem with this because state legislature passed a new senate bill that restricts municipalities ability to impose penalties against landlords with repeat problem calls from their properties. Corbin just got this and will check on this.

RBDG (Rural Business Development Grant) – Dave Kieser said they would be applying for up to \$100,000.00 for lighting in different areas and sidewalk improvements this fall.

Systemwide Storm water – Dave Kieser said there is a storm water improvement grant possible. He said that he spoke to the Indiana Finance Authority, and they would entertain a grant application from Russiaville to do systemwide storm water improvements to the town. They provide grants and loans for up to 1 million dollars for storm water improvements. Dave just needs to know if we are interested in applying. Jeff Lipinski said we can fill out the application, but he wants to see what they say. We don't want any more debt.

Claims for storm damage – Corbin talked to Josh and he is hopeful they can resolve this matter. It has been over a year now.

Kaleb Hollingsworth – He is supposed to meet with Corbin to come up and sign an agreement with the town, that if he plots or sells or plots off any of his newly bought property, they will be subject to the town's sewage.

Community Center rates – We need to get the agreement and the website changed to reflect the new rates. Megan stated she had been trying to contact "Strong Roots" who did the website and she hasn't been able to reach her. Megan contacted Josh Welch and asked him to please find her so the changes could be made. Don Parvin asked about the contract with Strong Roots, when is it up. Megan said she would check on this.

Functional Devices – Jeff Lipinski said they have met with several different people and hopefully can get something going in September. Corbin has done some negotiations with Gurman and also asked for a written offer from Davidson.

635 N. Union St. – Don Parvin will call Larry at H&W to get it inspected.

655 E. Kinsey Dr. – Corbin will call Michele who owns this property (she was executor of Frances Sanders estate) and/or her attorney.

Steve Jones was present to discuss the sewage on his new property. His civil engineer had originally had a gravity flow from the building to the East to the Bowls Street manhole, and they would be cutting through a 7-acre part of the property that Steve didn't really want to mess with. One of the residents on Liberty Street that has a manhole at the back of his property, has proposed that Steve pay him \$500.00 inconvenience fee to tap into this manhole. The civil engineer said we are not dealing with this, they want to go to the manhole on Chandler Street with a forced main. The initial plan was a gravity feed to the East and this amendment would be allowing us to do an 1-1/2 in forced main that would leave their building and go diagonal to the South-West, basically in the same easement that the Dollar General runs in, and then follow theirs down to the same manhole that they updated when they put theirs in. He really wants to do a gravity feed, but they can do a forced main for half the cost of a gravity feed. Steve would like to know if we will work something out with him, if he should have to give the property owner on Liberty Street \$500.00 inconvenience fee, that we would give him a \$500.00 break on out \$1,000.00 tap fee for sewage. Rob Hewitt stated that Steve should not have to pay the property owner anyway

because there is a sewer easement out there. Corbin stated there was not an easement on the county maps, so we would have to get the easement anyway. Jeff Lipinski said that he was not opposed to helping Steve with the tap fee, being that Steve paid more for the property than fair market value in the first place. Rob Hewitt made a motion to waive the tap fee for Steve Jones, if the gravity feed is done. This is the preferred method. Plan B is also acceptable for the forced main. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, Don, and Cindy voting for passage.

Steve Jones also said the excavator said they should be able to move their inventory to the new site by the end of August. Steve also said they have kept track of all the times they have used the inside of the Functional Devices building, and will settle up on rent payments for that and for the rent on the parking lot they have been using after all the inventory is moved.

Solid Waste – Don Parvin has been working on this for the solid waste bidding, as our contract with Waste Management is up at the end of this year.

ADA Compliance – Side walk plan with ADA compliance and it tells us what sidewalks need to be repaired or replaced to be in compliance.

Thank you notes – Jeff Lipinski read thank you notes from Roger Waddell for his retirement party. Also, one from the Russiaville Cemetery Board for the donation of flags to them. Rhiannon sent one to us too from the Summer Fest.

Cameras – Randy Vannatter stated that these are already bought.

Nominations – Linda Downey nominated Don Parvin to be the first person to be placed on the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2016, that was given to her upon her retirement.

There is a town council plaque that has not been updated since 1999. Megan has all the names to get this updated. Council said that was fine to get done.

Current year budget reduction – Megan stated she met with the DLGF, and they told her that the full 2018 budget could be funded if the MVH appropriation was reduced this year (2017) by \$26,500.00. Don Parvin made a motion to reduce the

current year MVH budget. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Easements – Corbin King suggests a council member should go to the homeowners about this.

Wayne King – asked Megan if he could put a trailer on his father’s property on Chandler Street. Council stated this cannot be done. More than one resident cannot be on a parcel of property and a trailer cannot be on a property. This is why we have a trailer park.

IRS – Megan received a letter from the IRS saying there was an issue with the 941’s not matching the W-2’s from tax year 2014. This also happened in 2015. After trying to reconstruct what happened and not getting anywhere, she wrote a letter to the IRS for tax year 2014 and a similar letter to the Social Security Admin. For the tax year 2015 stating she did not know what happened or how to fix it. And for them to please forgive any penalties that may have been incurred.

Randy Vannatter asked about Community Center rentals for employees. He wanted to know if an employee gets it discounted, or free, or do they have to pay full price for it. After some discussion, it was decided that employees get one free rental per year.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims were presented and approved.

Cindy Aeschliman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kyle seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer