

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Hall  
February 22, 2021

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. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from January 2021 were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report writing a permit for a walk-in cooler addition at Fire Pizza.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one present to report.

TIF Board – No one present to report

Russiaville Historical Society – Megan Reel said Jan Koloszar had contacted her earlier that day, and had nothing new to report.

Park and Tree Board – Megan Reel said Jill Newby had contacted her earlier that day, and said the only thing she had was that they were looking for a date for senior/community day in May. They would let council know when as soon as they knew.

Streets and Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and had a written report. Craig thanked Greg Landrum for bringing his snow blower down to the Community Center and doing the walkways. Don thanked Greg and thanked the guys for doing all the plowing during the recent snow.

Marshal's Dept. – Jeff Lipinski read a letter from the FOP recognizing Marshal Joshua Fulkerson for his presence and assistance 2020 cops for kid's charity program this past December. Council thanked Josh for volunteering to do this. This (including 2 picture) will get put on the bulletin board for a while for anyone who would like to read it.

Josh Fulkerson was present and had a written report.

Josh stated that with the recent snow he had slid into the fence post at the wastewater plant and got stuck. There was some damage to the bumper and side of the 2016 Tahoe. He documented what happened and got quotes to fix the vehicle. Megan Reel had the quotes as read: Erik's Chevrolet \$4,434.46 and Misfit Towing \$4,330.04. Josh and Megan will work on the this with the insurance to get it fixed.

Josh said he ordered the radar that was talked about last month, it should be here soon.

Josh asked about some training for him and Carl they would like to do. He said it would be close to \$1,400.00. This would come out of the police budget.

Josh wanted to talk about bringing the K-9 program back. He said he recently talked to Carl, and feels that Carl has lost some steam on it as he feels the council is not on board with it. Jeff Lipinski said he feels that the timing on this is not the best, stating that we are just getting past the last issues with the K-9 and doesn't want to jump in to another program just yet. He wants to do what is best for everyone in bringing a program back if that is what we decide to do. Don Parvin said there are a lot of things to be discussed and also the costs involved with this that we need to make sure of before we do it.

Josh said he would reword/add some things to the policy for the K-9 if it needed to be per the mandates.

Josh agreed that everyone needs to be on the same page and on board with this to make it work as it should.

Pat Reel said he is not sure we are in the right spot at this time but maybe in the next year or so. Myrna Claar agreed saying that she feels they are doing a good job building the PD team, and feels it is not time to add another facet to it at this time.

Josh also added he is working on the Durango that was talked about last month. He wants to take his time and make sure everything is in order before he proceeds.