

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Town Council Meeting
November 17, 2014

The Regular Town Council Meeting was opened with prayer by President Jeff Lipinski. Also present for the Council were Vice President Don Parvin, Council Members Rob Hewitt, Greg Landrum and Town Attorney Corbin King. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented.

Mike Kanable was present for the Planning Commission. Jeff Lipinski regrettably announced the resignation of Kent Milburn as longtime head of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Kent reported the Milburns are scaling down on their activities. His dedication to the town is very much appreciated and he will be missed.

The Clerk arrived at the meeting as a contract prepared by the Park Board concerning the tractor pull events that Summerfest would like to continue holding on the park grounds was being discussed. Don Parvin stated he doesn't agree with having a contract. There should be a partnership and spirit of cooperation between the Boards. The details can change as time goes on and the park progresses. He sees nothing that should obstruct the current plans for the tractor pull. Until the plans for the trail, shelters and play areas come to fruition we need to progress with the tractor pull. Josh Welch stated he believed it could be worked out. Rhiannon Thompson stated that she thought the tractor pull area would work on the south side of the park area which will not be visible from the community center.

Marsha Berry was present to report the interurban project was progressing well. There is a problem with the roof and the doors cannot be installed in the cold temperatures. A change order will be needed because of an error with the grant writing. The County

Commissioners have expressed an interest in the project which could prove to be a great benefit.

Craig Thompson presented the Streets, Water, and Wastewater Report. The Christmas decorations are up. The new pump recirculating the water at the wastewater plant has been installed. A.J. Humerickhouse has requested \$2,200.00 for some new equipment to use in the testing process which includes a ph meter, d o meter and pipettes. He will get more information to Don Parvin and Don will get with the Council. Joe Scott was present to state he has sold the property on North Union Street and is no longer involved with supplying water or wastewater to the property. The current owner is aware that the service is available.

Roger Waddell presented the Marshal's Department Report.

Corbin King presented to Jeff Lipinski the Flood Plain Ordinance 2014-7 for passage. Motion was made by Don Parvin and seconded by Rob Hewitt to pass the ordinance on the first reading. The Motion carried. Motion was made by Rob Hewitt and seconded by Don Parvin to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2014-7 on the second and third reading. The motion carried.

A draft of the sale of the water plant contract was presented by Jeff Lipinski to the Council. The sale was approved by a vote of about three to one in the election. Indiana American will work in every way possible to accomplish a successful change over. The goal is to have an approved contract before 2015 so they can go before the Indiana Regulatory Commission.

Don Parvin met with three trash bidders who received the specifications needed to bid. Bids are to be turned in at the Town Hall by 4:00 p.m. on December 12th and will be opened at the December 15th meeting. The bidders attending the meeting were Clinton Co.

Disposal, Republic, and Waste Management. They are aware the New London customer number is undecided but could be up to sixty four customers.

The hearing on the wastewater rate increase will be held on December 15th at 7:00 before the regular Council Meeting. The notice of hearing will be published along with the rate increase ordinance.

Jeff Lipinski stated he would like to see a golf cart ordinance in place before spring.

The process of getting signed up with the County which will give residents access to information or emergencies was discussed. A meeting with the Sheriff's Department and the residents is needed to get out the information.

Don has done some hard work investigating where we need to increase our street lighting. He has pinpointed at least fifteen new places where he has identified a need for new lights. He will let the Council know the cost as soon Duke Energy get the information to him.

Don also reported the Committee making preparations to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the Palm Sunday Tornado is hard at work. The members include Erica Parvn, Marsha Berry, Roger Waddell, Kent Smith, Don Parvin and Linda Downey. The day set aside for the recognition is April 11, 2015. It will be held at the Community Center. Don asked the Council to consider if funding may be available to help finance the project. He will have a better idea of an amount at next month's meeting.

Jennifer Khatibi was present to ask that Honey Creek Hills streets be put on the list for paving. Josh Welch would like to see sidewalks continued on North Union Streets. Mike Barger would like to see Kinsey Street

added to that list. There are many streets in Town that are in very bad condition. North and South Union Streets are on the top of that list.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Linda Downey, Clerk Treas