

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Public Meeting for Additional Appropriation
Russiaville Town Hall
December 18, 2017

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

Jeff Lipinski opened the public meeting. He read the resolution # 2017-09 for the additional appropriation for \$55,000.00 in the Rainy-Day fund. Rob Hewitt made a motion to accept the resolution 2017-09 for the additional appropriation for the Rainy-Day fund. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

This concluded the public meeting for additional appropriation.

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Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present and stated there was no new business.

Board on Zoning Appeals – No one present to report.

Russiaville Historical Society – Marsha Berry was present to give an update on the Interurban Station’s progress. Josh Cox was here from Indiana American Water to present the Historical Society with a donation for \$2,500.00. Jeff Lipinski said when we made the decision to sell the water, he heard good and bad about Indiana American Water. All of his experience up to now has been good, and he appreciates the fact that they have done a nice job. Jeff is happy with Josh Cox being on the forefront, appreciates his efforts, and that they are giving back to our community.

Don Parvin thanked Josh Cox for the donation, it was well received.

Dave Kieser was present to state we received a PIP (partners in preservation) Grant for \$1,100.00 to be matched with \$1,100.00 for a total of \$2,200.00 from Indiana Historic Landmarks. This pays for the cost of the consultant to come in and get the Interurban building on the National Registry of Historic Places, and this will allow it to qualify for other grants. Now we qualify for federal and state historic preservation funding.

Park & Tree Board – Laura Redding was present to report that the new piece of playground equipment had been installed. She thanked Jill Newby, who was also present, for coordinating and dealing with installers, etc. for this to be put in.

New officers for 2018 are:

President – Jill Newby

Vice President – Rick Homkes

Treasurer – Ashley Wyrick

Secretary – Erica Parvin

There are 3 other members.

Jeff Lipinski thanked Laura for her hard work as president, and the rest of the P&T Board as well.

Jeff Lipinski said the playground equipment looked really nice. Mike Collins asked if we could get some more mulch to put around the new structure, as there was quite a bit of mud there. Don Parvin said that since the installation was not smoothly run and there were some issues that should not have been with AAA State of Play, they were supposed to give us a break of \$500.00 and pay for the dumpster that they said we had to have and could have done without. He said we could get some mulch with that money. However, Jill stated, AAA State of Play took \$500.00 off our bill but did not pay for the dumpster, so we only have

\$200.00 left for mulch, being that the dumpster was \$300.00. Don Parvin expressed his displeasure with the company, they did not follow through with what Devon said he would do from AAA State of Play. Don was displeased with all the Chaos that took place with this company.

Council said they could get enough to make in un-muddy for now. Don Parvin interjected to make sure we get the double fine mulch for the playground.

Jill Newby said that she learned, if we ever use them again, we could go straight to the installers and not have to go through a middle man next time and it would be cheaper.

Don Parvin asked about the tinting repair at the Community Center. Laura Redding said that Reba Casler told her the community center had been rented about every weekend, so they haven't had a chance to get it scheduled to get it fixed.

Summerfest – No one present to report.

Streets & Wastewater – report was given. Mike Collins was present to report the heat in the main hallway of the community center was not working, they have someone coming out to look at it on Wednesday. It is not kicking it on at all. Jeff Lipinski if we they had went through Randy's guy. Mike said no, they called Quality Plumbing and Heating because they were the ones that came out before for service work. Jeff said to get it fixed.

Rob Hewitt told Mike Collins to make sure when IDEM inspects at either plant, they are to send a report to the council. Mike said they had not gotten the report back yet, but they would make sure everyone gets a copy.

Marshal's Dept. – Written report was given. Jeff Lipinski asked about the training for the new guys. Randy said that Jeff Davidson had started pre-basic class. He is just waiting on a for sure start date with Carl Swan.

Don Parvin said the Carl Koontz memorial is up at the corner of Main and Union streets. He was unaware of the ceremony, and is disappointed that the Town of Russiaville and the council was not notified of this ceremony. He would have liked to be present for it. He thought it would have been appropriate that the town board be notified.

Treasurer's report – written reports were given. Megan Reel stated that Dave Kieser had written Resolution# 2017-08 to encumber \$3,900.00 from Local Road and Street (LRS) fund to be able to use it in 2018. Don Parvin made a motion to accept resolution 2017-08 for encumbrance of LRS Fund. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski said that he had talked to Corbin King and he will be bring Megan a check from Jeremy Peelle for some of the wastewater collections he has been working on. Megan Reel stated she got a letter from Jeremy Peelle about one of the people she sent to him for collection. This person has gone to jail, and Mr. Peelle will no longer pursue it. Don did not agree with this, and wanted a lien filed on the property. Megan stated she had talked to Mr. Peelle and he said it could not be liened since it was not in the property owners name. It was in the renter's name.

Jeff Davidson – Jeff Lipinski said there was nothing new on the tax abatement at this time.

TIF – TIB Board first meeting is December 21, 2017 at 6pm.

New London – Nothing new at this time.

635 N. Union St. – Tabled till a later date.

Dave Kieser - had a letter of agreement to put the Interurban on the National Register of Historic places. Don Parvin made a motion for this to take place. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, Cindy, and Rob voting for passage.

Mr. Kieser said he is working on the storm water drainage project.

Mr. Kieser also said the community park trail is progressing. He said they had comments from Rick Homkes on the environmental and INDOT. They got the resubmission of the category exclusion done, they will wait to see if INDOT has any other comments. They will try to get this out for bid this spring. Rick Homkes said he was hoping more for February for the bidding, Mr. Kieser said yes they can probably make that happen.

Mr. Kieser said they could submit the grant application for \$100,000.00 for lighting and sidewalks.

Jeff Lipinski asked Josh Cox, from Indiana American Water, whom was still present, if he had other business he would like to address since he was still here. Josh said he did. Josh presented the Town Park's Department with a donation for \$2,500.00.

Josh Cox also gave a donation to the Russiaville Twisters for \$1,000.00 for the 2018 Summer Fest.

Don Parvin said he really appreciated all IAW has done.

Salary Ordinance 2017-12 was read. Don Parvin made a motion to accept the salary ordinance 2017-12 for the 2018 year. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Cindy, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Ordinance 2017-11 for the fee schedule on zoning was read for the third reading. Don Parvin made a motion to accept ordinance 2017-11. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Cindy, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Easements – tabled

Rob Hewitt – Comp Time – Rob wants to have the 2 town workers work 36 hours if they have plant checks coming up, and get the extra 4 when they do their plant checks. This way they will avoid getting a whole bunch of comp time built up. He would also like them to get approval when they need to incur comp time. Unless it is plowing or an emergency. Rob said this will be for the utility guys only, not the Marshal's Dept.

The rest of the council was unsure, and would like to take this under advisement.

Hume Society Contract – Don Parvin made a motion to accept the Humane Society Contract for 2018. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Rick Homkes asked how much it costs to pick up feral cats. After looking at the contracts fee schedule it was decided it would cost \$37.50.

Laura Redding asked about the lighting on North Liberty street. Don Parvin stated he was working on this.

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

Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the meeting came to a close.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer