

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Town Hall
January 23, 2023

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar and Greg Landrum.
Corbin King, the town's attorney was also present.

Myrna said a prayer, and Greg Landrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the December meeting and a special meeting on January 17, 2023 were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan added that she had received a call and watched a demo from textmygov about texting app for the town. The quote for this was \$3,250.00 for the set up and \$2,000.00 per year. After some discussion, Pat Reel made a motion to not do this at this time. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Myrna voting for passage.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby said they changed their officers up just a little for this year. Jill said she would remain as president, Reba Casler is vice president, Janna Hyman is secretary, and Rick Homkes will be treasurer.

(#2 – new business) Jill asked if anyone had questions on the accomplishments and goals report that council were given before the meeting. Council all said they were good with them.

(#3 – new business) Arbor Day Resolution 2023-01 – Don Parvin read the Resolution and Arbor Day will be April 28, 2023. Pat Reel made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-01. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Jill Newby said she and Rick had met with the DNR to discuss the requirements for the playground grant. They have been working on raising money, but they need 50% before they can even apply. They spoke to a man named Rick Johnson about raising the funds on a bigger scale as there is a lot to raise. He will try to help and advise them on this.

Streets/Wastewater – Don Parvin said he didn't think there was much to report. Craig Thompson could not be here tonight. They did get more salt and are ready for the next snow.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson gave a written report, along with an annual report. Josh brought up the ongoing speeding issues on South Union. Don Parvin said he has seen both he (Josh) and Carl out there and appreciates their effort on this matter. Don said they cannot be out there 24/7 to deal with this issue.

EMA Advisory – Pat Reel said he wanted to report from the last meeting, EMA logged 17,000 man-hours for 2022 saving our town/county/the city \$500,000.00. Pat said it is great that we have them, and appreciate all they do.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said he was still looking into the land for Mr. Rutherford in New London. He is looking into the statute to see if we need an appraisal, etc. We will need to get it surveyed. Pat Reel made a motion to get this property by the old New London plant site surveyed. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Property at 3949 S. 775 W. (#2 – old business) – Greg Landrum asked about cleaning it up. He asked Corbin where we should start. Corbin said we could contact her and maybe invite her to a meeting and discuss her intentions for the property that would be beneficial to all involved.

Myrna clear asked Corbin about the population and the council at large. She said is that something where the town could do its own census. Corbin said no this is done by statute, and it has to be the census that is done every 10 years. This is a law. Corbin added that they are encouraging the towns under 3,500 to not have districts any longer.

Ordinance 2022-09 was drafted by Corbin King's office to Abolish the Town Legislative Body Election Districts and Elect all Members of the Body at Large. This Ordinance was passed on December 27, 2022, signed by the town council, and filed with the Howard County Clerk within the 30 days that was required to get it done.