

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Budget Adoption for 2022 Budget
Russiaville Town Hall
October 25, 2021

Council present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, and Greg Landrum
Town attorney, Corbin King, was also present.

Jeff Lipinski gave prayer, and Pat Reel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the budget adoption meeting for 2022 Budget.

Jeff Lipinski read the figures from Ordinance 2021-05 for the 2022 Budget. Total unit total for the budget is \$980,118.00. With a levy of \$362,345.00, and a tax rate of 1.2547. Home ruled funds were also budgeted for \$415,140.00; this includes \$252,640.00 for the ARP Coronavirus funds. Total budget for 2022 is \$1,395,258.00.

Pat Reel made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-05 and adopt the 2022 budget as read. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, Don, and Greg voting for passage.

There were no comments from the council or guests.
Jeff Lipinski closed the 2022 Budget adoption meeting.

Jeff Lipinski – Council President
Megan Reel – Clerk Treasurer

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

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable reported he had no new business.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – No new business to report. Don Parvin said he would like to have a meeting with the TIF Board before the end of the year.

Historical Society – Dave Kieser was present and introduced Mark Dollase, Vice President of Preservation Services for Indiana Landmarks. Dave stated we had a PIP Grant to get the Interurban Station on the national registry. In Indiana you are allowed a couple of tries to do this, before another professional to take it over. We were denied getting it on the national registry. Dave said Mr. Dollase needs to close that grant out, and he has a gentleman in Marshall County that can do what needs to be done for \$2,000.00 to get it on the national registry. The town would fund ½ of this and Indiana Landmarks would fund the other ½. Dave said this is important to get done is there is a Historic Preservation Fund through the Indiana Department of National Resources that would provide additional funding for the interurban station project.

Jeff Lipinski asked Mr. Dollase how long this would take to get on the national registry. Mr. Dollase said about 18-24 months. He said that is if we turn in a brand-new nomination, he does not know if the work that Dave had put into it would be able to be considered to shorten that time or not. If so, it would still be at least a year. Mr. Dollase gave the council a proposal from Kurt (the person that

will help the town get on the registry), he has done over 200 national registry nominations for historic districts and individual properties in Indiana. The cost is \$2,000.00 for him to do it. We do not have to go with this person that Mr. Dollase suggested but he has worked with him in the past and knows he would do a good job for the town. Mr. Dollase said that because of the way they previously funded this nomination for us was through a program called Partner In Preservation (PIP), it said if the applicant agreed to the national register nomination and paid 50% of the cost of the consultants fee, Indiana Landmarks would pay the other 50 %. Mr. Dollase said they are willing to stand by that. The Indiana Landmarks, through the PIP program, funded hundreds of national registers for properties in the last 15 years throughout Indiana. The Interurban Station is the last one left to get on the national registry so they would like to get it done and close it out. It is our choice to get this done or not but it would help with grants in the future. He said we have come a long way with it already, and as a historian himself would like to see the building be finished.

Pat Reel made a motion to have Kurt to put in a nomination to get the Interurban Station on the National Registry and take the money (\$1,000.00) from the Historical Society Fund. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Don, and Myrna voting for passage.

Park Board – Jill Newby was present and said they had the dedication for the Iron Wheel Sculpture and the Crane Soul sculpture. There was a nice turnout, and thanked the council members that were able to attend. She said Jet Sundheimer was there, she designed the Iron Wheels Sculpture. The artist Greg Steel was there, he designed and made the Crane Soul Sculpture. Kokomo Mayor Tyler Moore, and his brother, and mother and father were also there as they are descendants of the Miami Indians. Tyler Moore was also responsible for naming the Crane Sculpture “Crane Soul” (in Miami it is “Cecaahkwa Ciipaya”). They were very appreciative of this sculpture. David Foster, a descendant of our founding fathers was also present. Jill Newby said she was very thankful to everyone who came.

Jill Newby said the “Keep the Light Shining Walk” will be on November 13th from 5-7 pm. It is a luminary walk, and luminaries can be purchased for \$2.00. Of course, they will take donations too, to go toward the fundraising. The proceeds will go to raising money to put in a playground and shelter at the Community center Park.

Jill said she had a student from Western High School contact her about raking leaves as a community service project for the Student Council for senior citizens in town. Jill said she has about 8 houses lined up so far for the kids to come out and rake leaves at. Jill expressed that she was proud of these kids to take initiative and come help someone else in our community. She said they would also help with the luminary walk.

Jill said somebody knows somebody, etc. that took the park board's letter to Mr. Irsay of the Colts secretary. The Colts players do build playgrounds, and they thought what do they have to lose.

Jill said that Diana Tenbrook from Solidarity is interested in the playground project and Jill will meet with her about it.

Jill Newby said they are working on the surveys they talked about a couple of meetings ago. They have received more than in the past as they had them at the craft fair and several people filled them out there. They will tally them soon to get them ready for their 5-year plan.

Jill said she ordered some solar spotlights for the Iron Wheels Sculpture, the tree in the circle, the welcome signs in the community center park and the town park, and the crane sculpture.

Jill also said the Kokomo Tribune contacted her, and Rick spoke to them and they are doing a story on the sculpture dedications.

Streets and Wastewater – A written report was given. Paul Sattler was present. Don Parvin said he, Craig, and Paul fixed the leaking water fountain at the Community Center. The drainage for it just went down to gravel which caused the drain to leak.

Don told Paul they needed to reset the lights in the pavilion at the town park. Don also said they need to get the water fountain in the town park winterized. Don also said they had to purchase a Halloween decoration for a resident that was tore up while they were trimming trees.

Snow removal for the cemetery - Pat Reel said that Marty Stout asked him if the town would be willing to plow the snow from the cemetery when need this winter. The council were all ok with it. Pat said he would have Stouts contact Megan at the town hall if they needed it plowed and it wasn't already done.

Marshal's Report – A written report was given and Marshal Josh Fulkerson was present. The push bumper is all they are waiting on to finish the Durango.

Josh said they had over \$500.00 in donations for Halloween this year.

Josh said they are having some complaints that our radios are coming through the system badly (sounding badly). Josh is working with the county to get this issue resolved. They may have to, for officer safety, switch to the new Kenwoods that the county got.

Josh said Seward Street issue is now cleaned up.

Myrna Claar wants to have at least the mattresses and the trash along the road cleaned up at 3949 S. 775 W. (the house just south of the cemetery), she said it is a disgrace for the families that have to go by there for the funeral processions. Council agreed it looks bad. Josh said he would work on this. Don Parvin wants to start the process to condemn this property.

Jeff Lipinski asked about all the calls to police again at the trailer court. Corbin King said he looked up the landlord nuisance ordinance on the City of Kokomo website. He will send it to Megan.

Corbin also will send the alarm permit ordinance from the City of Kokomo to her as well for the Subway alarm that goes off all the time.

We can look at these and possibly write a couple new ordinances for these issues.

Jeff asked about the radios – Josh said he had turned in 6 radios to the county, and we received 2 Kenwoods back so far. Josh said he did not realize at the time that we bought the 6 radios, and we own them. After talking to the county, they said they would make it right and give us back the rest of the radios that were ours. 6 for 6.

Josh said he will start a trial period on the new radios before they switch because of the issues they are having.

Treasurer's Report – Megan gave written reports. Megan said she would submit the budget tomorrow.

Dave Kieser – They are under design on the Interurban Station. There will be one unisex bathroom to help with space issues and everything will be ADA accessible. The South Union Street sidewalk plans are done, we will bid it this winter for spring construction.

We will work on the grant for North Union Street sidewalks next year if the council so desires.

Will put in again for a grant for the wastewater expansion project.

They are working on the feasibility for the Town Hall and Police Department.

Dave Kieser said they received letters from INDOT that said we had to have the following resolutions to be ADA compliant, this will help keep us eligible for INDOT grants that may come up.

Resolution 2021-04 to adopt the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility guidelines for standards for accessible design and guidelines for pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way. Pat Reel made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-04. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Don, and Myrna voting for passage.

Resolution 2021-05 to adopt the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ADA coordinator and procedures. Greg Landrum made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-05. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Greg, Myrna, Don, and Pat voting for passage.

Dave Kieser said he was working on the sound baffles for the Community Center, and getting a cost estimate together.

Floor at the Community Center – Jeff Lipinski said a few of them met with the people about the floor on October 11th. Don Parvin renegotiated the price from \$29,000.00 to \$26,500.00. Jeff thinks this will be a good thing, and would like to give it a shot. This will include the main room, foyer, kitchen, bathrooms, and the hallway, not the closets or front office. Megan asked where the money will come from. Council said Rainy Day. After some more discussion, Pat Reel made a motion to have Adpro to do the floor at the Community Center for \$26,500.00. Don Parvin seconded. There was more discussion. Jeff Lipinski called for a roll-call vote. Pat Reel and Myrna Claar voted in favor of the motion. Don Parvin and Greg Landrum voted against the motion. Jeff Lipinski voted in favor of the motion as the deciding vote, therefore the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, and Jeff voting for passage.

Tax Abatement for Jeff Davidson – Corbin King said to do this we would need to do a forgivable loan. He is working on this. Don asked for clarification. It would

be a loan that would need to meet statutory requirements, and SBOA requirements. It has to be structured as a loan but it would have the ability to be forgiven. We could do it from EDIT Funds he thinks. He is waiting on a phone call to be able to proceed.

Fire Contract for 2022 – Don Parvin made a motion to accept the fire contract from Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department for 2022. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Don Parvin talked to Donny from Duke Energy about the Main Street lighting project. They will start putting in lights very soon.

Don Parvin said he talked to Rice Tree Co. about a tree on N. Liberty St. and one on Main St. that need to be trimmed. It will cost \$600.00. Pat Reel made a motion to have Rice Tree Co. trim the trees for \$600.00. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Myrna, Don, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he would like to bring the nuisance ordinance to the meeting. Corbin asked how this would relate to our current ordinance. Don said this would be an amended version.

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

Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Landrum seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer