

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
March 28, 2022

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, and Greg Landrum

Jeff Lipinski gave prayer, sending up a special prayer for Ukraine. Jada Sceggell, a member of the local Boy Scouts, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Minutes from last month's meeting and one special meeting on March 9th were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports.

Streets/Wastewater – Paul Sattler was present. He reported of several repairs, including painting, that had been done at the Community Center. They have also cleaned the contact tank at the wastewater plant and the chlorine is fixed and ready to go. Myrna Claar asked if he had to paint again. Paul stated that he had because they had to repairs knicks in the walls, so had to paint over those. Pat Reel asked about the mowers, Paul said they are ready to go.

Marshal's Report – Josh Fulkerson was not present, but had left a written report. Pat Reel said the Durango is back in service, it had to have a new engine. All warranty.

Attorney Report - Corbin King said if we had opted out of the opioid settlement. He said they changed legislation and Kokomo had opted back in, so we may want to do so also. Megan Reel said she had filled out something online about this. She will check on it and send what she had to Corbin. Pat Reel made a motion to opt back in if we had indeed opted out. We would just need a resolution. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present and said he written 4 permits. A demolition at 645 E. Main St., fence and shed at 533 Chaparral Dr., new sign at Stout Funeral Home, and a shed at 495 Mesa Dr.

Don Parvin said there is still one vacancy that needs to be filled on this board.

Board of Zoning Appeals - #1 on new business – 113 W. College St. This building is for sale and the realtor has asked Megan about possibly rezoning it as residential. Corbin King said he is not sure why the owner would want to do that as it would be more valuable as commercial. He said that it could be done as the council would so choose. They would have to set up a meeting and approach the Board of Zoning Appeals as to the reasons why they want to do that, and then it would go to the council to make the decision to grant it or not.

TIF Board – Mark Fulk was present. He said the board had a meeting last Thursday and they had several things to approach the council about. The need clarification on a few things by legal counsel so they don't do it wrong. And also, who is the Economic Development Board. Corbin said he would get them a number to attorney that set up the TIF to begin with.

Mark asked about the \$1,758.12 that the town will pay to Duke Energy over the next 5 years, what is this for? Megan said that is the monthly amount they will pay over the next 5 years for the Main Street lighting. Mark also asked about how we obtain the funds. Megan Reel said it is just any other of our funds, it is in our account and part of it has been appropriated for this year.

Mark also said they would like to include more areas in town in the economic development area, if it can be done. Don Parvin said he thought it could only go so far, each way.

Their main ideas that they have is for signage and street scape at the center of town.

April 28th at 6pm will be the next TIF Board meeting.

Don Parvin asked about Linda Downey. He never sees her name on any of the meeting minutes. Mark Fulk said he has tried to email her and tried to call her numerous times about the meetings and she does not respond. Don asked if he wanted to replace her. Mark said they could use another member that would come to the meetings. Ned Sutherland was present and said he would be willing to serve on the TIF Board. Pat Reel made a motion to replace Linda Downey with