

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Town Council Meeting
January 20, 2014

Council President Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 p.m. Also present for the Council were Vice President Don Parvin, Council Members Don Parvin, Cindy Aeschliman and Rob Hewitt and Town Attorney Corbin King. The election of Town President and Vice President for 2014 was the first item on the agenda. Motion was made by Don Parvin for Jeff Lipinski to remain in the position for President for 2014. Rob Hewitt seconded and the motion carried. Congratulations to Jeff on his appointment as President. Motion was made by Rob Hewitt and seconded by Cindy Aeschliman to appoint Don Parvin as Vice President for 2014. The motion carried. Congratulations to Don on his appointment as Vice President.

The minutes of the December meeting were presented and approved. No reports were presented from the Plan and Zoning Boards. Josh Welch was appointed to the vacant position on the Zoning Appeals Board. No report was presented for the Historical Society.

Josh reported for the Tree and Park Board. Travis Wyrick stepped down from the Tree Board. There are currently three openings. Josh recommended Erica Parvin, Matt Johnson and Beth Davis to fill the openings. On motion made by Cindy Aeschliman and Rob Hewitt, Erica Parvin, Matt Johnson and Beth Davis are the new members of the Tree and Park Board. At the Council's recommendation the Tree and Park Board will vote on their recommendation concerning the status of the Community Center Committee and bring that recommendation to the Town Council. Corbin King has reviewed and approved the contract for the Community Center web site and with the Council's approval Jeff Lipinski will sign the contract. Josh also announced that he had received verbal confirmation from the Department of Natural Resources that the grant Park Board had applied for had been accepted. They are anxiously awaiting written confirmation. The Council thanked Josh and the Board for all their hard work.

Craig Thompson was present with the report for Streets, Water and Wastewater. Serv Pro is drying out the areas of the Community damaged when the sprinkler system and furnace malfunctioned. There is a problem with the installation of the furnace. The size of the duct work installed is smaller than the specifications requested which causes the furnace to not function properly. Matt Armstrong requested \$5,000 to \$6,000 for lab equipment, replace or repairs of digester, a crane to pull lift station pumps as some areas of need for the monies remaining from the Wastewater Project. Any remaining monies will reimburse the Town for professional services of Millennium Environmental. On motion made by Don Parvin and seconded by Cindy Aeschliman the projects were approved by the Council. Matt also stated that the skimmer arm fell off on the west tank and there is a broken tooth on the sprocket. Don Parvin thanked Craig Thompson, Matt Armstrong and Ryan Williams for their help during his medical emergency. He also appreciates their dedication during the many snows. Don also requested that the Town reimburse Jr. O'Neal and Gale Schwarzkopf for their assistance. They will be contacted to see what they would want concerning reimbursement for their assistance.

Marshal Roger Waddell was present with the Police Report. The radar in the reserve unit is not working. The funding for a new unit can be taken from the Department's Continuing Education Fund. On motion made by Cindy Aeschliman and seconded by Rob Hewitt the purchase of the new radar unit was approved by the Council. Don Parvin would like to do what is necessary to prepare the Community Center to be used as an emergency . He would like to see the center have a generator that can

operate lights, heat and kitchen and to begin the purchase of cots and blankets. He would also like to make contact with the area churches to verify their interest in using their facilities during emergencies. The County is in the process of working up a new County wide emergency plan. The aim is to be as prepared as possible in the event of an emergency. Roger Waddell reported the State is in the process of preparing a unified tornado warning system. They are looking at exactly what does the siren mean. Some discussion has centered on making the warning sirens intermittent. Our system would not qualify if this was done. Roger stated that there are many areas that have systems like ours and the hope is that this will be taken into consideration when the decision is made.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Don Parvin stated he was not able to attend the meeting presented by Duke Energy. He had hoped to be able to attend and get some answer concerning our street lighting. The engineer that has always worked well with Russiaville is back in our area. Don would like to contact Tina Henderson to see if there are grants available for street lighting. Duke Energy may also sponsor programs that assist communities with lighting changes.

Jeff Lipinski will be meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss what would be necessary to include New London in our trash removal contract with Waste Management.

The Council will arrange a meeting in February to discuss employee concerns and to look at adjusting the 2014 budgets to meet state specifications.

Corbin King stated the process for the sale of the water system to Indiana American Water is progressing. A public hearing will be held before the March 17 Regular Council Meeting. A new resolution was presented and quotes will be updated. The Council can vote concerning the sale on March 17th the night of the Public Hearing. Resolution 2014 01 was presented on motion made by Cindy Aeschliman and seconded by Rob Hewitt. The motion carried.

A question was asked concerning who was responsible for an outdoor light near Larry Grider's residence. Roger stated that the light was not the Town's. He suggested that someone contact Duke Energy to see who has been paying the bill.

Jeff Lipinski discussed the potential that the state will revoke the personal property tax. This will cause a hardship on communities and especially the school systems. Randy McCracken would be the person to contact to make your opinion concerning this known.

There being no further business to come before the Council, claims were presented and approved and the meeting adjourned.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Linda Downey, Clerk Treasurer