

Russiaville Redevelopment Commission (TIF Board)

Regular Board Meeting

12/18/2025

Present: Myrna Claar, Mark Fulk (late), Rick Homkes, Cindy Hurst, Kevin Johnson, Ned Sutherland

Absent: None

Guest(s): Peggy Hollingsworth (late)

Start: 18:01

Topics

Welcome

- The meeting was opened by Vice-President Kevin with a welcome to all.

Minutes

- Kevin brought up the minutes of the November meeting and asked for additions or corrections. Motion by Ned, second by Myrna to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

Finance

- Rick did a (almost) year-end finance report for the RRC/TIF funds. He reported that we received just under \$103K from the county, and have spent a little more than \$92K. Of that, \$9500 went towards the electronic speed signs, about \$21K went for informational signs (town and school championship), board compensation was \$2500, and \$59.2K was encumbered for the Community Center Park picnic shelter / pavilion.

TIF Allocation Area (TIF 2) and EDA Changes

- Rick reported that there is nothing to report from the town engineer Dave Kieser. A town council member has called and talked to him.

School Championship Signage

- Rick reported that the signs have arrived and are in the town hall waiting for installation by our town employees. Mark arrived. A reminder was made that there are three sets of panels for each sign. Myrna asked if we had received permission to use the previous location on the east side of town. We had not, but a location on SR-26 near the directional sign for Western Schools was brought up. Kevin said that would be a good location for people heading to Western. The Western athletic director had previously said that this would be a good location also. This location would require permission from the state. Motion by Kevin, second by Ned to ask Rick to move forward and contact the state for permission. Passed 4-0.

South Union Crossover Project

- Mark is continuing to investigate options and vendors. He said that he would have more details at the next meeting.

Portable Vehicle Speed Display Project

- Mark reported that he has reached out the town marshal about the three signs that have been delivered. Ned had the trailer title in his name and turned it over to the Josh. Josh had said that the paperwork for the trailer title has been submitted. A title is needed for the trailer to be placed on the town's insurance policy. Installation of the two pole mounted signs will be in the spring after more traffic data is obtained.

Next Meeting

- Kevin brought up the next meeting and said that we have met early these last two months because of the holidays. Should we go back to the fourth Thursday? Discussion resulted and regular meeting set for January 22 at 6pm.
- Rick asked if a special meeting was required to elect the board officers. Mark said that the town organizational meeting would be January 13, and that is when board changes could be done. Rick asked if a tentative organizational meeting could be set for January 15 for election of officers. By consensus this was approved. The meeting will not be held if not necessary.
- [LATER NOTE: Per the "Handbook for Indiana Redevelopment Commission Members and Their Attorneys", the law for redevelopment commissions has been changed to require a meeting "within thirty (30) days after their appointment" and "not on a weekend or holiday." Therefore a special organizational meeting is NOT required.]

CC Park Picnic Shelter

- Rick reported that the Town Council did encumber the cost of the shelter at their last meeting for \$59,200. This is the net amount after in-kind electrical work had been subtracted from the quote. In answer to a question by Myrna, this amount was encumbered in '25, but would actually be spent in '26.

Other

- Mark asked if we had heard any more about sidewalk extensions. No new information.

Closing

- Kevin said that he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Moved by Mark, second by Ned to adjourn. Carried unanimously. Kevin wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Meeting ended at 18:21.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be the fourth Thursday of January, 1/22/2026 at 18:00.

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