

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
May 21, 2018

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, Kyle Parvin, and Cindy Aeschliman

Corbin King, Town attorney, was also present.

Jeff Lipinski called the meeting to order. Kent Milburn gave prayer, touching on the recent school shooting in Texas where more of our children lost their lives. Every one stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from last month's meeting were presented and approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report he had written 2 permits. A shed for Tim Larimore, and a fence for Jerry Shuck. Mike had nothing further to report.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one was present to report.

Russiaville Historical Society – Jan Koloszar sent a letter as she could not be present this evening. The letter stated they would know more at the June meeting.

Park & Tree Board – Jill Newby reported that she felt the seniors at community day did very well. They had a good group of kids this year. Jill expressed her thanks to the Town council and supplying the meat for lunch, and to the Baptist church for making lunch for everyone. She thanked Kent Milburn for putting a cheer in the newspaper about the seniors. She thanked Erica and Zach Parvin for being in the park and taking charge of the jobs to be done there.

She said the Interurban station looks awesome and they stained the train down there too, which makes it look much better.

Jeff Lipinski said his neighbor had the seniors do work for him and he said they were the best workers and got a lot done. He was pleased.

Rick Homkes said they would like to use the \$2,500.00 donation that they previously received from Indiana American Water for signage for the parks. Rick gave a picture of what they would look like. They are boulder type signs, for 3 of them it would cost \$2,445.00. Cindy Aeschliman made a motion to take the signage under advisement at this time. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Cindy, Rob, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

Rick Homkes also brought up that there are 3 ash trees in the park that are infected with the ash boar. There are 3 different things we could do. We could do nothing with them and eventually have to take them out and plant something else. We could do ground treatment or spray, but because it's a park there is safety considerations because it is a pesticide. The last thing we could do is tree injections. We had an arborist from True Cut Tree service that would do this, this would need to be done every other year.

Jeff Lipinski asked how much time we had to decide what to do if we decided spraying or injecting would be the method to use. Rick said we would need to do something like that no later than June. Don Parvin thought we should consider taking them out and replanting a different species, as there is no guarantee if we spray them or inject the trees. Don Parvin made a motion to take this under advisement and figure it out. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Ashley Wyrick is here to present their requested budget for 2019. The tree maintenance they would like to stay the same as last year at \$3,450.00, Park Rehab they would like to stay the same at \$5,000.00, Community Center they would like to stay the same at \$15,000.00, and they would like to add a new Community Center Park at \$25,000.00. They would like to start working on the Community Center Park in the future.

Summer Fest – No one was present to report.

Streets and Wastewater – Written report was given. Mike Collins was present and said he wanted to add they had been busy mowing etc. He also said he and Craig thought community day went very well with the seniors. They swept roads – adding “they had a bunch of girls” but they were a really good group and did a good job.

Rob Hewitt stated that he had request. Rob's dad bought a house on College Street and the sewer was plugged. Rob said that Mike Collins had come down and checked the lines on College Street figuring that is where it was tied in. In return Mike told Mr. Hewitt there was nothing plugged on our end, that it must be plugged on his end. Therefore, Mr. Hewitt hired a plumber who still could not find the plug. Craig Thompson went down and found the sewer in the back of the residence where the house actually ties into, and it was plugged. We took care of the plugging, however Mr. Hewitt would like to request reimbursement of \$90.00 for the service call he had to pay to the plumber, as we should have found it and fixed it in the first place. Don Parvin asked Mike Collins if this was indeed our fault. Mike said yes it was. Don Parvin made a motion to reimburse Pleamon Hewitt for the College Street sewer error for \$90.00. Kyle Parvin seconded. Rob Hewitt abstained. The motion carried with Don, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski asked about the speed limit signs in the alley behind the park. Mike Collins said they would get the speed limit signs in that alley and the stop sign behind the IGA put up before Summer Fest.

Mike also added the County Highway would be bringing the barricades for Summer Fest out the Wednesday or Thursday before.

Erica Parvin would like the timber to be put back at the entrance of Brady Park, but they would like it to be cut for the entrance. Erica said she would handle cutting it. Don Parvin told Mike Collins to get the timber and cut it, so this would be the end of the issue. Mike Collins said they would take care of it.

Marshal's Dept. – Written report was given. Randy Vannatter said he did not set the big siren off as they think the bearings are going out in it. He did not want to keep running it for tests and risk it doing further damage. They want to see about getting the bearings fixed. It will be costly if it breaks when they are running it, as opposed to not running it until they possibly fix it. Randy said Huston Electric has a division over in Lafayette that repairs this. It will have to have a crane to get it down to get it over there, but we need to be able to get an estimate to see what it will cost to do so. Jeff Lipinski said this is the time of the season that we may need it and people rely on it. There was some discussion on how much this may cost, it could be costly. Dave Kieser said there are grants out there for tornado

sirens that we may be able to look into. Randy asked if we should “limp by” with it until we find out if there are grants we could get to get a new one, and then decide what to do.

Jeff Lipinski said get an estimate to fix it and get a crane etc., and also get an estimate for a new one.

They decided to not run it for the Sunday tests for now. If there is a real tornado Randy will run it until the warning goes off or until the siren breaks. Randy will let council know as soon as he knows something about fixing or new siren. Pat Reel said this siren gets all the weather being so far up there and has different workings than the other sirens. Pat Reel also said that the bearings starting to go bad more than likely are what caused the motor starter to go out last year.

Jeff Lipinski said that he has gotten 100 complaints in the past about how the police were never patrolling in Russiaville! And now, he has gotten 100 complaints that we are pulling everybody over! Jeff loves it – he thinks the police are doing a great job. He likes the police presence. Council and everyone at the meeting agreed.

Randy excused himself as he was dealing with paperwork on them just stopping a vehicle that had a drunk driver, he also had possession of cocaine, paraphernalia, whiskey, and an AR-15.

Jeff Lipinski asked when the street paving would be done. Mike Collins said it would be sometime in June after Summer Fest.

Don Parvin said we need to have another hump in the alley. Dave Kieser said we could not put in another hump because the distance is not long enough for 2. It is against the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) ruling.

Mike Collins said they are coming to paint the lines in the Marshal’s parking area.

Don Parvin said they are doing this for free.

Don Parvin said Davidson’s are taking care of the drainage. It will be done on Nashville Street before the paving.

Treasurer’s Report – Written reports were given. Megan Reel had nothing to add.

Health Insurance – Ashley Wyrick was present to answer any questions about the quote she gave to the council to possibly switch health Insurance to Anthem vs. United Healthcare that we have currently.

Mike Collins said he and Craig don't mind to pay a little more for better insurance.

After some discussion, Don Parvin made a motion to accept Anthem policy 2TTR 80/20 health insurance plan for \$5,049.42. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Dave Kieser – Garage and tree at 345 E. College St. is being worked on. The property manager will be taking the garage down within 30 days.

Dave also talked about the RBDG, it will be reviewed tomorrow. We are one of the 12 that submitted to this grant for the lighting and sidewalks.

Storm water preliminary engineering report – they are working on drainage calculation and the environmental study.

Interurban Station – Dave said he received something from John Russell saying that it will cost approx. \$85,000.00 to finish the inside of the station. Dave said he would add 10-15% to that so it will still be a \$100,000.00 project.

Recreational Trail project – they received 1 bid that came in at \$144,220.00. They were able to work it down to remove trees and the water fountain to get it to \$122,926.00. We received \$119,640.00 from the grant. This is \$3,286.00 difference. Dave is looking for approval to award the bid to Davidson's to do the Recreational Trail project for \$122,926.00.

After some discussion, Don Parvin made a motion to accept the bid from Davidson's. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to take money from the rainy-day fund to pay this and get reimbursed 80% from the grant. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Don Parvin said we can get the sidewalk at the park done for \$1,600.00, and the Russiaville High School memorial footer and sidewalk for \$1,300.00.

Don Parvin made a motion to get this done for these prices. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, Rob, and Cindy voting for passage.

Corbin King reported that he looked up the easement that Duane Carter had asked about previously on the West side of West street by the sewage drying beds. Corbin stated the easement was 20-foot instead of 30-foot like originally thought. The auditor told Corbin this information, to which Corbin said the drying beds are not on Carter's easement. Duane Carter, also present, said he did not agree with this and thinks the drying beds are on his easement. Mr. Carter thinks the drying beds are over the easement, and Mr. King said the way it was explained to him by the auditor, the easement is to the North of the drying beds. Mr. Carter wants paperwork on this. Corbin said he could go to the auditor and talk with them about this matter.

Steve Carter's field – Corbin King stated that Steve Carter owns the field in question right up to the street off the North side of Kinsey Drive by Third street. Don Parvin asked Mike Collins to get with Steve Carter and make sure he knows that is where he needs to enter the field and we will put stone in there so it helps to not break down the new pavement right there.

Jeff Davidson Abatement – Corbin King is working on this and they will revisit this in August. Corbin is still working on Steve Jones for this and for the easements for him too.

New London Grant – Ethel Morgan was present to report they only had 1 bidder for the project. Davidson Excavating for \$981,807.50. This is about \$300,000.00 over the estimate that she had. She talked to all the bidders that she thought would bid to see why they didn't, and most of their responses were that they were just too busy. Ethel stated the pipe that they are using is a high price, pipe pricing is driven by oil prices and that is why it is high as the cost of oil is rising. The price per foot on the quote is about \$20.00 higher than she had quoted as her pricing is from about 6 months ago or so. There were also a couple of other things in their bid – the air release valves were priced at the wrong size so there will be a deduction there. Also, the North and South lift station cost are quite a bit higher than she planned may have some issues that they are looking at. Ethel said when she talked to Tina Henderson, she said if we have any changes in the bid because of the way the OCRA Grant program works we would need to award the whole bid amount and reduce with change orders after everything is signed. Ethel said she anticipate there will be a deduct on this cost but not very

significant. She thinks if we rebid it would possibly be worse. Ethel said the state fiscal year starts July 1st, and right now this project will be the first project in line for additional subsidies from the SRF program. If we rebid we lose that positioning. Ethel recommends we do not rebid and accept the bid. We can tentatively award the bid to Davidson's and maintain our position. We can put a funding package together, with the idea that we can get full grant money for the project.

Don Parvin said if we do accept this bid the people of New London are looking at having to pay for the additional \$300,000.00. Ethel said the rates for New London will not go over \$100.00 per month, she can tell us this almost assuredly. Don Parvin said he told Ethel that she went back too far to get the pricing of the pipe and now the bid is over what she said it would be. Ethel said she could not get anyone to give her a price for the pipe today. Don Parvin said they have to pay this on top of the un-callable bonds that they have to pay. Ethel said we already have a \$500,000.00 grant from OCRA. Don wanted to know if she had figured in that the bonds are not callable on this. Ethel said Steve Brock does all the financial work on this. Don wanted to know how Ethel thinks New London's bills will not go up over \$100.00 per month. Don said the way he has it figured, the New London bills would go up to \$150.00 per month unless they don't get the subsidies to buy down the rate. Ethel said the state revolving fund loan program looks at \$85.00 as the maximum bill, and they will generally provide additional subsidy on project to buy rates down to \$85.00. Ethel is saying potentially \$100.00 because they have a lot of demand right now. Don Parvin asked what if this falls through and she doesn't get the additional. Ethel said there is a wastewater plant that will have to have something done with it. Don asked if Ethel had talked to Steve Brock to see what the numbers would be, as we have been waiting and have not gotten them yet. She did not have them as of yet. Don Parvin said if we don't do this the cost of the pipe will go up. Ethel agreed. If we do a tentative award, nothing is final until the funding is in place.

Jeff Lipinski asked what the county has in this. Ethel asked cost wise? Jeff asked who the lead applicant was for this. Ethel said Howard County is the lead applicant on the OCRA Grant, and Russiaville is the lead applicant on the SRF Grant. 2 different funding agencies.

Jeff Lipinski asked the council what they want to do.

Mark Fulk asked about where the project is going. The last time he was at the meeting he was told it was going down the West side of 750 West. He received a

letter from IDEM about a permit for come down and he found out that it will be coming down the East side of 750 West. He wants to know how they are going to come down the East side with no easements through there. Ethel said the County has identified there are easement down the East side of the roadway. Mr. Fulk asked to what point. He said according to his maps it only goes to the telephone poles and that's it. Ethel agreed with this. Mr. Fulk said they had just spent a bunch of money down there to fix the drainage. He is concerned that when they bore it will be tore up. Also, at some point he thinks they will have to set their equipment in his field and he is concerned about crop loss. Ethel said until they move forward with the project they do not know exactly where the boring will actually be. Ethel said they have always intended on putting the line in on the East side, because all of the underground utilities are on the West side. Don Parvin said that wasn't true, that originally it was going to go down the west side. Mark said they only have between the telephone pole and the asphalt and that's it.

Mr. Fulk also asked about crop loss, asking if that was figured in. Ethel said if we have to get on property outside of that area, then we would need easements to do that. Mr. Fulk said "we are not gonna grant no easement, I can tell you that right now!" Ethel said, if there is crop loss they will figure it in at that point.

Don Parvin asked Ethel, if we don't get an easement, where does that leave this project. Ethel said she thinks it can still be done in that area. Mr. Fulk said, "You can't get an easement, I'm telling you now!"

Rob Hewitt made a motion to accept the bid. There was no second. The motion died for lack of a second.

Ethel Morgan asked what we wanted to, is the project dead? Don Parvin said, he does not have the numbers like he should have, he has a 45 % increase in cost, the price of the pipe is going up. If we don't do anything what's going to happen. Don feels uncomfortable not knowing the numbers from Steve Brock. Don doesn't know the bond rating or anything. Ethel said it is a 2% interest rate. If there is any loan it will be 2%. Rob Hewitt asked if we could tentatively accept the bid, knowing that we can back out at any time. Ethel said yes. Rob asked if we tentatively accept will it stop the prices from going up. Ethel said yes it will stop the prices from rising if we do this.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to tentatively accept the bid from Davidson's providing we get all the numbers from Steve Brock. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Don, Kyle, and Cindy voting for – passage.

Ethel said Steve Brock will be at the June meeting. Don Parvin said he hates to put that amount on the 63 people of New London without knowing exactly how much it will be. Ethel will send Davidson's a letter that there was a tentative award pending final resolution of funding and rates.

Employee policy – Don Parvin said to remove this from the agenda as he does not have time right now to work on this.

Ambulance – Rob Hewitt said he called the ambulance the other day when he had a wreck here in Russiaville. He asked the medics when they showed up where Russiaville's ambulance was, to which the medic told him Russiaville hardly ever shows up. Rob would like to get with Dustin Redding, the head of the ambulance service, to figure out why they are not making runs. Don Parvin said he had talked to Dustin and Kevin Redding about this, and Don was told at the time that there was no one who wanted to volunteer anymore to be on the ambulance service. Rob Hewitt asked about getting a class together for out here. Jeff Lipinski said for Rob to see if we can set up a meeting with them and the council.

Jeff Stout – Jeff wanted to be here tonight but got called away. He wants to talk about pros and cons of putting carpeting in the community center, and he wants to see if the council would consider renaming a street. He hopes to be at next months meeting.

Ordinance 2018-06, Creating New Town Maintenance and Improvement Fund (Fund 230) was introduced. This is a fund to move the money out of the water utility and the water utility sale fund as there is not a water utility owned by the Town any longer. Don Parvin made a motion to suspend the rules to pass ordinance 2018-06 on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, Rob, and Cindy voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to pass ordinance 2018-06 on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, Rob, and Cindy voting for passage.

Megan Reel stated we need to move the \$250,000.00 CD to the new fund that was just created (fund 230 Town Maintenance and Improvement Fund). Don Parvin made a motion to move the \$250,000.00 CD from the Water Utility Sale

Fund to the Town Maintenance and Improvement Fund. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Megan Reel stated we need to move the 2 CD's in the amounts of \$2,025.00 and \$11,875.00 from the Water Utility Operating to the new fund that was just created (fund 230 Town Maintenance and Improvement Fund). Don Parvin made a motion to move the 2 CD's from the Water Utility to the Town Maintenance and Improvement Fund. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Megan Reel Stated we need to move the remaining balance in the water utility operating fund in the amount of \$8,574.38 plus any interest that may accrue, to the new fund that was just created (fund 230 Town Maintenance and Improvement Fund). Don Parvin made a motion to move the remaining balance of \$8,574.38 from the Water Utility Operating to the Town Maintenance and Improvement Fund. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, Rob, and Cindy voting for passage.

Dennis Schermer expressed his concern about their being people dumping cabinets and couches at the yard waste dumping site at the wastewater plant. There was some discussion about this as some of the council members had noticed this also. They will try to work on this issue.

Megan Reel stated the CD's were coming due at the bank, she wanted to know if they wanted to redo them for the same 182-day term as before. Council all agreed that would be fine. Megan will get this done.

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

Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the meeting came to a close.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer