

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
January 16, 2017

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

Corbin King, town attorney, was also present.

Jeff Lipinski called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

Minutes from the December 2016 meeting were approved.

The meeting began with the election of officers for the council. Rob Hewitt made a motion to have Jeff Lipinski be the council president. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to have Don Parvin be the council vice president. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, Jeff, and Cindy voting for passage.

Don Parvin closed the nominations.

Mike Kanable with the Plan Commission said he had no new business.

Jeff Lipinski stated that the 10 acres we acquired had been appraised. Also for Functional building – there is interest out there. Craig Thompson asked about cash renting the 10 acres until they decide what to do with it. The council was not sure if they wanted to do that.

Dustin Redding with the Board of Zoning Appeals was present. He stated that they had voted to approve the Dollar General parking variance they asked for. They are also going to look at the ordinance as it reads and maybe change parking on it.

Marsha Berry with the Russiaville Historical Society was here, and gave an update on the progress of the Interurban Station. She also stated they need about \$50K to finish it.

Laura Redding with the Park and Tree Board stated that they had the Arbor Day Resolution # 2017-01 ready, and would like the board to look at it. Rob Hewitt made a motion to accept Arbor Day Resolution # 2017-01. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

They had results from the survey they had done recently.

Jeff Lipinski asked about the volleyball coach at Western who was going to build a sand court in the past. Laura stated that she had moved away, so she will not be doing it now. The Park board is still open to this if anyone is interested.

They will be working on budget and election in the next month.

Rob Hewitt stated that he thought that the council/park board need to look at lowering rates at the Community Center to get people to use it more. Rhiannon Thompson said we should look into google ads for advertisement.

Marsha Berry added that the acoustics are terrible and the sound system needs some help. Anyone who has other input to make it better, would be great.

Rhiannon Thompson with Summer Fest stated they had an awesome turnout for the Christmas celebration. It went really well, but they think for next year they will need to do something because they need more space.

They are in the early planning stages for Summer Fest this year. They are getting all the material rounded up and ready to redo the pavilion in the park. They are thinking they may get risers to use during Summer Fest, and are pretty confident it will be completed by Summer Fest time this year.

They are also working on the 2 signs that will go at the East and West ends of Russiaville. They have what they want it to say and the designs, Rhiannon will bring it to the council soon.

Craig Thompson present for streets and wastewater said he had nothing new to report.

Josh Cox and Mike Ward were here from Indiana American Water to give annual report on all their updates in town. \$500K had been spent to get things in town the way they need them to be. They cleaned the water tower. They also stated they helped sponsor Summer Fest and the K-9 program. Randy Vannatter said when Kayos (our police K-9) got sick, IAW were one of the first ones to help with donation for his treatment.

They also talked about an environmental grant coming up that they urged us to apply for. Sent literature on this.

The Council expressed their appreciation for everything Indiana American Water had done and continue to do in our town to update everything and make things work smoothly.

Roger Waddell for the Marshal's Department said they had redone the bathroom at the Police Station. New toilet and vanity and some plumbing had to be done. Randy Vannatter did all the work on this. Roger also said that his wiper motor on his truck had to be fixed and they got it done at Erik's Chevrolet.

Rob Hewitt said there was a lady who approached him that walks on 775 West early in the mornings, and the cars on that road at that time are going very fast. Rob asked would Roger look into this.

Megan Reel gave Treasurer's report. There was question in a previous meeting when Megan asked if she could close the Water Sale Utility Account and put it into General Account to pay for Kieser. Megan has since talked to State Board of Accounts, and they told her that "yes" she could transfer the money into the general fund under the statute number 8-1.5-2-6D. SBOA said that no resolution or special account would be required.

Also in a previous meeting, the council told Megan to take the money for the radios, in the amount of \$14,260.70 out of the Riverboat fund. However, there was not enough appropriated in that fund, it only had \$6,481.00. The State Board of Accounts said that we could take the money from CEDIT for the rest. That account had \$7,000 appropriated. Essentially, after transferring those 2 amounts, \$779.70 was still needed to cover the total amount, Megan let the computer transfer this amount on its own.

The council said all this was fine as long as SBOA was good with it, and it sounded like they were.

TIF – Corbin King is still working on this. Mark Fulk asked about a report that was due in April for this. Corbin said we don't have to do it because it is not established yet. Megan Reel said there was a report on Gateway, but it was just one she did that said we didn't have one established.

New London Grant – Ethel Morgan was present to talk about the progress on this. Resolution # 2017-02 was presented for Authorized Representative to submit the application to State Revolving Fund (SRF). Rob Hewitt made a motion to accept Resolution # 2017-02. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Don, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage. Jeff Lipinski signed the Application for the SRF and gave it back to Ethel Morgan to submit. Ethel stated that Tina Henderson had sent the report to OCRA. After we hold a public meeting this can be approved.

OSHA – Mark Fulk has been working on this for the Town. He gave a report with recommendations for training that we should do.

Claims on storm damage – Corbin finally heard from Regions on this. They said they need more info. Megan told Corbin everything was given to them and Corbin had a list of what they were given originally. It was all correct.

Emergency Storm Damage – Mark Rice was present to discuss what we could do if we ever needed to have trees cut and disposed of in the event of fallen trees again. The council and Mark decided there should be an agreement between them. Don Parvin will get with Mark to handle this.

Melinda Antell was here from Waste Management. She gave an update, and expressed how seriously they take safety. Don Parvin said that our 3-year contract would be up with them at the end of 2017, and would go to bid. Melinda agreed with this, and said hopefully we can continue to serve the Town going forward.

Drainage – Don Parvin stated the drains on North Union and Kinsey Drive and also on West Street are in need of a camera to look at drainage issues. Don asked if it was ok with the council to get this done. Council all agreed this would be fine.

Trina was present from the Russiaville Library to give an update on the Nature Explorer center. She said she had asked the Park and Tree Board to sponsor a section. They were doing this with organizations to raise money.

Functional Devices parking lot rent needs to be determined for Steve Jones. They asked Steve what he was paying to Ken Rittman? He said he really was not sure, but he would check with Kristy and let us know. He also stated that he had a verbal agreement with Ken Rittman on the rental of his parking lot. He would have 30 days to get to move his trailers if we would decide to sell Functional.

Jeff Lipinski said there will be a public meeting on January 25th at 5:00 pm to talk about Functional Devices and the 10 acres we have acquired.

With there being no further business to bring before the council, the claims were presented and approved. Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kyle Parvin seconded, and the meeting ended.

Jeff Lipinski – President

Megan Reel – Clerk Treasurer