

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
August 22, 2022

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar and Greg Landrum. Corbin King, town attorney, was also present.

Kent Milburn gave prayer. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan stated that she and Don and Myrna met with the DLGF about the budget. They were told the budget could be funded; however, we are getting into our cash balance to do so for the general fund and a little bit on MVH. With Don and Myrna's help the general and MVH was reduced for 2023, and we will be careful the rest of this year and not spend all our appropriations too. With a few other changes that needed to be made our budget will be submitted at \$1,288,900.00. We will not transfer to Rainy-Day this year from General either.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and had a written report. Craig said the new John Deere was delivered and it is really nice. The grapple will not be in until probably November.

Craig had more quotes for solar speed limit signs that he was waiting on. Don Parvin made a motion to table this until at least next month to be able to look at the quotes and see if our budget would allow due to when Megan just reported about us needing to be careful with our spending. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present with a written report. Josh said he was waiting on a quote from Jordan Buckley about another camera.

Pat Reel said he told Josh to check into and get quotes on bullet proof windshields and bullet proof driver's doors. In light of what has happened in Elwood he thinks we should at least consider it.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said they were working on the closing for the property on 775 W. He thought it wouldn't be too much longer for this.

Corbin has worked on the language for a paper the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Dept. requested for their pumper truck refinance. He will give this to Megan to retype and then Jeff can sign it for them.

Corbin said he has a call in to the person that is going to help with the language on the community center agreement.

They are still working on the easements for the sidewalk projects.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present and said he had written 2 permits. A garage addition on Yellowstone Dr. and a pool on N. Liberty St.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Roger Waddell was present and said the next meeting is scheduled for August 25th.

Historical Society – Jan Koloszar was present and had been sent a letter about the grant for the interurban, saying the 6-month extension had been approved. Don Parvin said Dave has run into some snags on the project and therefore had to request an extension. Jan wanted to make sure she didn't need to do something. Don said no, they were working on it.

Jan also said they were given 2 porch balusters and she was told they came from Russiaville Concrete. They came from Pearl Lewis's house.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present to report. Jill said they had a member of the park board resign and need to replace them. She wanted to know if they could just fill it. Jeff Lipinski said yes, when they find someone just bring it to the council to vote in.

Jill asked about changing the meeting time for the Park Board to 5pm instead of 7pm, still on the first Tuesday of the month.

Jill said they had started getting a few donations through PayPal for the new playground and shelter. And they were possibly working on Venmo. They will also take cash and checks too.

Rick Homkes said they are doing a fundraiser for the playground and shelter also at Jim Dandy in Tipton on September 22nd from 4-8pm. 15% of all sales during that time will go toward the playground, some come over and eat. Rick said they also had collected the coin boxes that the RCO (Russiaville Community Outreach) is in charge of from around town, and that money will go into the playground fund as well. It is a little over \$300.00.

Rick said the park has an operating fund and includes tax money so it must be appropriated. The other is a donation fund strictly for the playground and shelter, therefore does not have to be appropriated. Rick would like the Gene Parks money that is deposited into the park operating fund every year to go into the donation fund instead, so it is no restricted by appropriation. Corbin said he would have to look into this to see if it can be put into the playground and shelter donation fund through the Community Foundation.

Dave Kieser – Don Parvin said they are just waiting on several different things to get done to get some of these projects going.

Ordinance 2022-04 – creating a new fund for a Russiaville Cemetery Fund # 8977. Don Parvin made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2022-04 on the second and third reading. Myrna Claar seconded. Pat Reel abstained. The motion carried with Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

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Honey Creek Ditch – tabled

Emergency Storm Tree Removal – Don Parvin said this is an agreement with Rice Tree Company, if there is a storm and we need trees removed, etc. they would come right away. The only difference from the past is that it will continue without doing a new agreement every year, but may be terminated at any time by either party with 30-days of notice. Don Parvin made a motion to allow the new

agreement with Rice Tree Company. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

There were no comments from guests.

Council Comments – Don Parvin said there are a lot of projects going on. Don Parvin also said he would like residents to put trash in bags before they put it in their trash tote. This is the biggest trash issue, as when the trash truck dumps the totes and things are not in bags, the trash goes everywhere. He does not expect the trash people to run around picking up all kinds of trash that has blown out when dumping simply because it is not in a bag.

Don Parvin said he was contacted by Waste Management to extend the contract for 2 years with raises in price of in 2023 to be \$13.06 and in 2024 to be \$13.58 for residences. Don Parvin said everything else would stay the same. Corbin King said he thought we should accept the 2-year extension with Waste Management as we were already in a contract with them. Pat Reel made a motion to accept the 2-year extension with Waste Management. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Don, and Myrna voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he was still trying to get the businesses included in our contract.

Pat Reel said he and Harlee Reel are looking into the Hometown Heroes banners. Not sure on time frame but they are researching a few things now.

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

Don Parvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer