

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
November 28, 2022

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar and Greg Landrum.

Corbin King, the town's attorney was also present.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan said she would be going to Keystone training on December 1st.

Jeff Lipinski asked if we were transferring any money into Rainy Day this year.

Megan said we would not this year due to budget constraints.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson gave a written report. Jeff Lipinski said they would not be pursuing bringing West Middleton to Russiaville. We will not have to take this into consideration while trying to get funding for the new wastewater plant.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson left a written report. Josh said they received their PBT's and Max (k-9) will hopefully be certified by the December meeting.

EMA Advisory – Pat Reel said nothing new that he knew of.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said he is working on redistricting the wards. Jeff Lipinski said he feels we need to stagger the election. As of right now the whole council comes up for election the same year for the same term. Corbin said yes it was a good idea to do and he would work on this as well.

Megan said the library is interested in the piece of property to the west of them, Corbin said he would look into how they should proceed.

Corbin said he is working on the piece of land for Bob Rutherford.

323 N. Carter St. – Greg Landrum said this property is a mess, and it makes the places around it look bad. Pat Reel said we have discussed this place before, and

he has cleaned it up some. Josh Fulkerson said that he has addressed this with the homeowner and it is better than it was, he will work on it in the spring again since we have the new ordinance in place now.

Don Parvin said since we were talking about properties that were a mess, he would like to add the property to the south of the cemetery to next month's agenda.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present and said he had one permit for a fence at 430 E. Main St.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Roger Waddell was present. Jeff Lipinski said he wanted to see them spend some of the money.

Historical Society – Nothing new to report.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present and said Beth Davis has resigned from the Park Board. They now have 2 vacancies, and hope to have some replacements by the next meeting.

Some swings (on the wooden frame swings) need to be replaced in Brady Park and the Russiaville Town Park.

Jill said they have 3 fundraisers going right now. Jim Dandy, they are waiting on final amount and will go get the check. The basket raffle they have going on and will draw the winner at the Western game on December 9th. Marie's Carwash, they are still selling cards for this.

The trees were trimmed at the Community Center Park, and the pollinator gardens have been cleaned up.

Rick Homkes talked briefly about the grant for the playground, saying that they had to have ½ of the money raised before they could even apply.

Dave Kieser – He said they are ready to bid the Interurban project. Dave will get it put together to be due January 20th. They will be turned in to his office, and we will open them on the 23rd.

Dave said the next sidewalk project will be from Union Street to Mesa Drive along the north side of Kinsey Drive. Don Parvin made a motion to apply for the grant

to do this. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Dave said we would bid the North Union and South Union sidewalk projects together in January.

Honey Creek Ditch – Off of the agenda until spring.

The December meeting will be on the 27th, due to the holiday, and it will be held at the Community Center.

Alli Lee with the Hoosier 4-Her's 4-H Club was present and is looking for small projects her group could do here in town.

Ordinance 2022-07 an Ordinance authorizing procurement card/credit card or charge account use and authorizing electronic funds transfers was read. This is something the SBOA (State Board of Accounts) said we needed. Don Parvin made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-07 on the first reading. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Ordinance 2022-08 an ordinance fixing salaries for 2023 was read. Jeff Lipinski said we cannot approve a budget and change that budget before the calendar year. Don said before we have had to pass the salary ordinance before January to have the changes be effective for the next calendar year. Jeff said to get with Corbin on this, and make sure we are doing this correctly.

Meeting Dates and Holiday Schedule for 2023 – Pat Reel made a motion to accept these for 2023. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion passed with Pat, Greg, Don, and Myrna voting for passage.

Don Parvin said the LED project will change out 63 lights and will make our cost \$410.74 per month. This is a dramatic savings per month and we will also get a rebate for doing it. This took so long to get the paperwork in order as the previous person left Duke Energy and a new person is doing it.

Don Parvin said the additional 14 lights down 26 will be \$119,022.87 with a monthly charge going forward out \$155.54. Duke Energy is doing the boring and this will be a TIF project.

Don Parvin said he finally had the Waste Management (WM) contract with the verbiage that business customers will be included to some extent. Business customers will have to call WM and set up an audit of their service to get a better rate, they will still pay WM directly. Megan has this number.

Don Parvin thanked everyone for the work they have done through the holidays.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Myrna Claar seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President
Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer