

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Budget Adoption Meeting for 2021 Budget
Russiaville Town Hall
October 26, 2020

Council present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, and Myrna Claar

Jeff Lipinski gave prayer, and Pat Reel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the budget adoption meeting for 2021 Budget.

Jeff Lipinski read the figures for the 2021 Budget. Total unit total for the budget is \$816,349.00. With a levy of \$347,170.00, and a tax rate of 1.31. Home ruled funds were also budgeted for \$12,500.00.

Don Parvin made a motion to accept the 2021 budget as read. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, and Pat voting for passage.

There were no other comments from the council or the people present.
Jeff Lipinski closed the 2021 Budget Adoption meeting.

Jeff Lipinski – Council President
Megan Reel – Clerk Treasurer

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Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Jeff Lipinski said we were skipping to new business on 647 E. Kinsey Dr. – Mr. Vandebosch was present, he represents the Hale's at this address who are buying the property on contract. He stated there is a civil litigation that is working its way through the courts about the shared driveway issue. Mr. Vandebosch stated that they would like the Town to deny access to the property from Fourth Street, and allow the Hale's to continue to use the driveway that has been in use since the 1960's (from Kinsey Dr.)

Mr. Dunnuck, who owns the house at 647 E. Kinsey Dr. (selling it to Hale's on contract) was present. He stated this had not been a problem before when he lived there.

Don Parvin said he had not changed his position on this from when it was talked about months ago, he said Mr. Hale said he would not use the driveway, and there is just not a good place to put a driveway as there are water lines underground and the lift station is right there. He would deny it.

Jeff Lipinski said our attorney is not able to be here tonight, and he feels we need to get him involved with this, and give his legal opinion on what the Town should do.

Pat Reel said he has seen that Mr. Hale has driven across town's easement into his property from Fourth Street but that may cause an issue with the water lines, etc. that are below the ground. He understands that there have been times where he couldn't get into the regular driveway from Kinsey Dr. and why he did this, but he is worried about issues down the road.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable reported 2 new shed permits. Joe Smith and Zach Parvin.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – No new business to report.

Historical Society – Jan Koloszar was present. She said she heard they did not get the grant for the Interurban, and needs to make an appointment with Dave Kieser to find out what the next steps are. Don Parvin said he had talked to Mr. Kieser,

and there is another application process for this grant that is due by March 2nd, and he will try again.

Jeff Lipinski said the trail from Kokomo to Frankfort is moving forward, and Russiaville is right in the middle of that, so maybe there is a possibility of the Interurban being a stopping spot along the trail. Jeff thinks there will be positivity with this in the future.

Park Board – Jeff read the report from Jill Newby as she could not be here tonight.

PARK AND TREE BOARD UPDATE

Sorry this is the second Town Council meeting in a row that I have a conflict attending. I have a special school board meeting that is scheduled for the same time tonight that I cannot miss. If you have any questions on anything, please let me know. Thanks. Jill

1. The Merry Go Round was finally delivered on Friday. Thanks to Pat Reel and Junior O’Neal for getting it off the truck. Junior has already done preliminary work getting the site ready to install the merry go round. He will finish it up soon.
2. We have four cement projects that need to be completed. Junior is going to complete those yet this fall. They are the base for the merry go round, the Iron Wheel Sculpture pad, the Disc Golf Pad and a base for another art sculpture.
3. The disc golf baskets have all been installed by Tommy Ray. He is working on the signs for the course now. They will designate the holes and the distance from starting point to the hole. Tommy and his buddies will also install those for us. Tommy said we should leave the baskets up year-round because some people like to go out and play the course in the snow.
4. We have contracted an artist to sculpt a crane to complete our Community Foundation grant. It is going to be placed in Community Center Park in the middle of one of the gardens. It is a modern sculpture and yet should look as though it is in its natural habitat. We are excited about it.
5. The Park and Tree Board members trimmed trees at Community Center Park and spread mulch around the disc golf baskets. We will also be

spreading mulch around the disc golf signs when they are installed. The trees and baskets look nicer and will hopefully be easier to mow around.

Thank you, Town Council, for supporting us and our projects. It is a labor of love for our community that motivates us.

End of report.

Don Parvin said Jill called him and asked if it would be ok for Junior O'Neal to install the merry-go-round. He has done over half of it already, and said he would finish it. Pat Reel said the merry-go-round company were charging us \$750.00 to come to supervise from what he understood anyway, so that was fine with him. Pat Reel made a motion to pay Jr. O'Neal \$750.00 to install the merry-go-round. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, and Myrna voting for passage.

Don Parvin asked about a grant that Jill tried to apply for but it didn't work out. Don said he did not know about a grant, and would like the Park Board to get council approval before applying for grants.

The Park Board would like to replace the vacancy they have on their board with Suzy Landrum. Myrna Claar made a motion to fill the Park Board vacancy with Suzy Landrum. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Myrna, Pat, and Don voting for passage.

Streets and Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and had a written report. Craig had estimates from Bartley's LED outfitters for the new Ford truck and for the John Deere tractor. Don Parvin made a motion to allow the lights to be put on both vehicles by Bartley's. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Pat Reel said on new business there is trucks lettered. He would like to get this done. Craig Thompson had a sample of what he would like it to look like. The council thought it looked good. Craig said Clifford Signs could do it, it should not be very expensive. Pat Reel made a motion to get the lettering on the trucks done. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, and Myrna voting for passage.

For the lights and the lettering on the trucks, 1/3 of the costs will come out of New London Wastewater and 2/3 will come out of Russiaville Wastewater.

Jeff Lipinski asked about road salt in the previous meeting and asked Craig Thompson where we were at with it. Craig said we have almost 2 pallets to start with this year.

New London hookups – Don Parvin said there is a person between here and New London that may want to hook up to our force main line. Craig Thompson said we need to have a spec sheet for people to do this. Craig said Ethel sent him some info but actual specs. Craig said these particular people had a contractor to do the work, and they would subcontract doing the actual tap. Craig said these particular people asked if they could use their existing septic tank as a lift station and drop a pump in it, and then run a line to our sewer line and connect. Craig said it would not be the best idea since they are concrete and you don't know about cracks or how bad they are, you don't want a bunch of infiltration. The other thing would be making sure that the homeowner cleaned it out very well, you would not want all the old sludge coming in and clogging up a line or something like that. This could save money for the homeowner, but it is not a good idea.

Don Parvin wants to know how much it would cost to get a spec sheet for us to have. This would help Craig to be able to inspect it too. Don Parvin said since it is on the line that came from New London, anyone who hooks on outside the town limits would pay New London's rate.

Craig said he told them to let him know when they were ready to get started.

Don Parvin asked Craig if he could patch the holes in the alley by the bank and Fire Pizza. Craig said he would get it done.

Don Parvin also asked Craig to look at the light at the north end of the maintenance building by the Police Dept. and see what it needs to fix it. Craig said he would do it. Pat Reel said there was a street light at 3rd Street and 26 also.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson gave a written report. Josh asked about having no smoking in the park. He has had 2 kids recently that were smoking in the park. Don Parvin said he would review the rules, and possibly amend them to include that.

Josh has a couple of new maps that shows the town limits and the parcels in town, one that will get hung up here in the Town Hall when it is finished.

Josh is doing chief training this week virtually.

Josh said he is still working on the evidence room and the police station.

Josh asked about using the back of the Town Hall building for the Halloween fun they have planned. The council was fine with that.

Tiffany Fulkerson, who has put all the Halloween fun together, spoke about getting ready for Halloween, the donations they have received for this, and the warm welcome and outpouring of help everyone is willing to give in Russiaville. Tiffany is excited about the activities they have planned.

Trick-r-Treat hours are revised to 4-8pm on October 31st. The county sent out a press release to have all the communities in Howard County to have their trick-r-treat from 4-8pm.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave a written report. She asked the councils opinion about getting a credit card. Megan said there are just some things that a credit card is needed for, and it would be nice. Marie's carwash, where the PD would like to go, requires a credit card for unlimited washes. Council said that would be fine. Megan and Don will go to the bank to talk to Judi about getting a credit card.

Don Parvin gave a quick update on Dave Kieser's projects. There is nothing major to update on.

Personnel Policy – Council will set up a time to get together to go through the policy to finalize it.

Steve Jones – Jeff Lipinski said the lease agreement between Indiana American Water and Steve Jones was terminated. Indiana American Water gave him a date to vacate by.

Christmas Eve/New Year's Eve – This was talked about previously, and Jeff Lipinski said he thinks Town employees should get a full day off on Christmas Eve and a half day off on New Year's Eve. Pat Reel made a motion to give employees what Jeff stated above. Don Parvin seconded. Myrna Claar was opposed. Jeff Lipinski

voted in favor of the motion, therefore it passed with Pat, Don, and Jeff voting for passage. This will start now for 2020/2021.

Setbacks on properties – Don Parvin said the old ordinance said the side setbacks were 3' and 6' from existing structures. Now it is 15' on sides with the new zoning ordinance. This means if someone wants less, they have to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals and then they make their recommendations to the council to make the decision. Don Parvin wants to change it back to the old setbacks.

Don Parvin said Kent Milburn has had problems with Duke Energy getting into his yard and making big ruts. Including part of the edge of the road we just fixed. Don said he talked to the foreman on the job, and we haven't had too many problems before. Usually they are pretty courteous. Josh Fulkerson said he had talked to the investigator from Duke Energy about this, and he is looking into it.

Don Parvin said Duke Energy contractor (Intren) also came in on the easement on Kent Milburn's property and stretched a guide wire from the end pole across the easement, so if the Lee Street right-of-way is ever going to be improved, who is going to be responsible. It's not going to be the Town's responsibility.

Don Parvin said he is looking at the lights on East Street and Fourth Street – this will cost too much at this time.

Don Parvin said the Sterling Johnson Memorial will be installed soon hopefully.

Jeff Lipinski said the county is working on a county wide dog ordinance. There will be some meetings about this coming up.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims 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