

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Town Hall
May 17, 2021

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

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Jeff Lipinski said prayer, and asked to keep Corbin in our thoughts as his brother has just passed away. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from April 2021 were approved.

Permit for Ricci's – 645 E. Kinsey Dr. – Mr. Ricci was present and said they are at the point of waiting to see if the other parties will agree to the changes he would like to make to his property, that were submitted to the town in permit form, to resolve the issue with the driveway. Vincent Hale (647 E. Kinsey Dr.) was present and stated this issue was tied up in court, lawyers were involved, they have a court hearing coming up. Kelley Hale said if they want to put in another drive way they can, but they cannot take away the access for ours because it is tied up in court. Jeff Lipinski asked when their hearing was. Mr. Hale said it was June 21st and 22nd. Mr. Dunnuck (owner of 647 E. Kinsey Dr.) said they would like to have the drive way back. Myrna Claar asked if we need to wait until their court date to say anything about this. Jeff Lipinski said he is unsure what to do as our legal council is not here to advise on the matter.

Mr. Ricci said he agrees that it is up to the court to decide on the access. His question still stands as to whether he can put in the drive way that he applied for. He is not denying the Hales/Dunnucks access on this new drive way. Jeff Lipinski asked Mike Kanable if they had asked him for a permit, Mike said they did submit one but he was waiting on direction from the council and to see how all this turned out before he wrote it.

Don Parvin said they have looked at what the Ricci's would like to do for a drive way off of Fourth Street, and feels there needs to be some things done. Don Parvin asked Mr. Ricci if the court decided either way on the matter at hand,

would he still want the access off of Fourth Street. Mr. Ricci said yes, he wants to put in the drive way in off Fourth Street no matter what.

Don Parvin said he would like to move forward and would like Mr. Ricci to do the following to be able to do the driveway:

Get a survey, have someone to do this for them to dig and not run into any lines, to get rid of the trees and stumps that would be in the way, this will be done and paid for by Mr. Ricci, Pat Reel added that he needed to have a pipe under the drive like they had talked about for drainage.

Don Parvin reiterated: get a survey, give a detailed plan, cost estimated with depth and width of the gravel, take out the trees and stumps, put the pipe underneath for drainage, and get the ingress/egress that Corbin said was needed.

Don Parvin does not see an issue with granting a permit for Mr. Ricci to put the drive way on his property. If all of this is met.

Mr. Dunnuck said there was a cable line in there. Don Parvin said that would be part of the detailed plan to have that approved/moved.

Megan Reel asked for clarification on this having any bearing on what the court decided. This drive way permit that the Ricci's are asking for is a separate matter. This, at this point, has nothing to do with the Hales/Dunnucks. This is Mr. Ricci wanting to put an access to his property from Fourth Street.

Jeff Lipinski said it would be a contingency permit as long as the permit met the requirements of the plan commission and the town.

Don Parvin made a motion that if the Ricci's get a survey, have the utilities marked and moved if necessary, cut all the trees and remove the stumps, get the easement of perpetual ingress/egress, and the things necessary to have this done as stated above, then from the towns standpoint he would grant the permit for the driveway to the Ricci's from Fourth Street. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried and with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable said he wrote a garage permit to Benny Hillis and a service building permit to Factory Direct.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one present to report.

TIF Board – Rick Homkes was present, and said they did have a meeting on April 20, 2021. Rick said they talked about possible town signs on the edges of town. Also, possible help with resurfacing of the parking lot at the shopping center up

town. Jeff Lipinski asked how we would do that. Rick said it would have to be a public/private, they are looking at a few different ways of possibly doing this.

Russiaville Historical Society – Jan Koloszar was present, she said she didn't have anything to report on. Jan asked about the trail project from Kokomo to Frankfort. Jeff Lipinski said he and Don and Megan had met with the guy from the Cloverleaf Trail committee. Jeff stated that it is quite a way off, but one day it would hopefully come through Russiaville. They are working on it.

Jeff Lipinski said that he had talked to Dave Kieser and was told that he was hopeful about the Interurban grant that was applied for again this year.

Rick Homkes asked what the grant for the interurban was for. Don Parvin said it is for the restoration, to get it closed up, walls, floors, etc.

Mike Kanable asked if the railroad was leased from farmers a long time ago. Pat Reel said there is a right-of-way through there, he is sure.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby said that they had postponed community day from the May 18th to the 19th. Jill and Reba had called everyone and let them know. Jill said there were about 50 less seniors this year than normal as that many were virtual. Jill said the First Baptist Church is feeding them again this year, that is always very kind of them to do that.

Rick Homkes said he had talked to the cub scouts (K-3rd grade) this evening at the park about ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). He said these kids were very different than college students, they had a lot to say and had some good ideas about a playground at the community center park someday.

Jill said there was a bit of an issue with the cleanup at the Community Center and Rick had found cleanup list in his paperwork. Rick had given this to Megan, and Megan said with Vonda Carter's help they had tweaked it a bit so that the cleanup was getting done by the renters that needed to be. Megan said she would hand it out to the renters when they pick up the key, and hopefully they will do better with cleanup and texting Vonda when they are done.

Rick Homkes planted a tree that was donated in the park a few days ago to replace one that was lost.

Jill said a survey will be coming soon for the 5-year plan that they have to do.

Jill said they are working on getting some small dedication plaques done for the iron wheel sculpture, crane sculpture, pavilion, train, and the interurban. Rick said they would be 8"x8" signs.

Greg Landrum asked about the bricks that were purchased by people. Jill said they were hopeful that would get to be put in about July.

Megan Reel said she had a small list for the park board/council to address. There is a lady at 150 W. Lions St. that would like the disc golf basket moved that is behind her back yard. The resident said there are people coming into her back yard to retrieve their discs while playing disc golf. Megan stated that she had talked to Jill Newby about this previously, who in turn had discussed it with the park board, and Jill had told Megan that they had thought about putting up a row of trees through there so it would block that area from this happening. Megan said she had talk to the resident, and was told she did not want the trees there as it would block her view of the sky.

This resident also said her bench was moved by someone from the town closer to her house and then they mowed. She did not understand why her bench was moved.

This same lady is having a wasp issue. She has asked if the town would ask the community if they have issues with wasps, so that we could possibly find out where they are coming from and get the issue fixed.

Don Parvin said as far as the disc golf basket, it is on our property, and it sounds like the park board has tried to resolve the issue with the trees. She cannot tell us what we can and cannot do on our property.

Don said for the bench, if the town workers moved it, there was a reason. Pat Reel said that is not a real deep lot, he does not think it goes back to those trees.

Don said on the wasps, no we are not doing that.

Don Parvin made all the above on what he said about the disc golf basket, and the wasps, saying "no" we were not doing the things requested in the form of a motion. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Streets and Wastewater – A written report was given. Don Parvin said he had talked to the town workers about getting the mulching done and moved around for the community center park during senior day.

Don Parvin said the Sensaphone needed to be replaced and Craig and Don were working on getting this done. Megan Reel said she was working on getting all the paperwork to them for this, it will cost \$979.20.

Don Parvin made a motion to purchase the Sensaphone for the wastewater department. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said the wastewater plant was in need of a new incubator. It will cost \$2,800.00, and come out of the wastewater fund. Don Parvin made a motion to purchase the incubator. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said the train would probably be too wet for the seniors to stain while they are here. Pat Reel said there is a few pieces of wood that look like they need to be replaced on the train. Don said he would look at it.

Don also said the curb paint was not able to get here by the time the seniors came. So, these 2 projects will be done by the town workers this year.

Don Parvin asked what we were going to do with all the mattresses and things that were not picked up by the trash company during the cleanup that were around town. Myrna asked how we notify the customers of what they will not pick up. It was stated that it is on the town website and posted on the door at the town hall. Possibly this could be handled by the Marshal's Dept.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and had a report. Josh stated that he had drafted a letter to be approved by our attorney to enforce ordinance 2010-03 which is the junk/nuisance ordinance. Josh said there are some people that he feels will just not pay if they were to end up getting a ticket for this type of thing. The council asked if we could lien the people's property and attach it to their property taxes like we do for sewage bills. Megan said she did not know but would ask Corbin, the towns attorney.

Josh Fulkerson said that he had a complaint about there not being a stop sign at the corner of Seward and Grant Streets. After some discussion, Pat Reel suggested they put a stop sign on the south side of the intersection by the pole and the hydrant. There is just not a real good place to put it. Rick Homkes asked about painting it on the road. Don Parvin said it does not last very long there. Pat Reel made a motion to put a stop sign where he suggested. Don Parvin seconded

but said he would look into this more. The motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Megan Reel said there was another complaint about there not being a stop sign as you come out of the "mall" by Subway onto Grant Street. The council said there does not need to be a stop sign there.

Josh Fulkerson said there is a spot in the road on College Street where the water company has cut it and it has sunken in again pretty good. Megan Reel said she had called the water company about this, and they said they would get out here soon and fix it and the one on Liberty that she told them about and any others around town that may have done the same thing.

Josh Fulkerson had a quote from Clifford Signs for a new sign at the police department. One was just the sign to replace the existing one (not including the wood) for less than \$100.00, and the other was for a whole new sign for \$1,250.77. Therefore, on the first one we would have to replace the wood too. Don Parvin asked about having a sign for the police dept. like the community park sign that is out front (he thinks they are about \$2,500.00. Josh said it didn't matter to him, he would just like the sign to be able to be moved in case the building would change in the future. Don said those could be moved. Josh will get a few more quotes on this to give a better view of all the options.

Josh Fulkerson had the lease to purchase from John Jones for the 2021 Dodge Durango. With the equipment and trade of the 2010 Tahoe it will be \$42,948.00. With interest, the payments will work out to \$12,236.00 per year for 4 years. The first payment will not be due until 2022. Josh had all the paperwork except for the bank paperwork, which will not come to us until we sign. Pat Reel said if we want to do this, we need to move forward with it as they have it right now in stock, and in the future due to shortages of everything we may not be able to get it. Jeff Lipinski said County Commissioner, Paul Wyman, would like to partner up with us on a project that will benefit the town. Jeff said this would be a benefit for sure. Pat Reel said it would benefit this whole area of the county. Myrna Claar made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2021 Dodge Durango from John Jones. Greg Landrum seconded.

After some more discussion, Don Parvin said the payments do not come up to what the total price is. It comes up to \$48,944.00. Josh said there will be interest that is figured into this by the bank, he just does not have anything to show it yet until it goes through the bank. Don Parvin thinks this should be broke down a little better, so we know exactly what is going on. Don said this happened before and without the breakdown of what this actually is he doesn't like it. Myrna Claar asked how long we had on this quote. Josh Fulkerson said it was not the quote now that is the issue, it is the shortage of vehicles. Josh said if he were to call them in the morning and say "yes" we want to purchase the vehicle, he could try to request a better breakdown.

Pat Reel asked what the trade in amount on the 2010 would be. Josh replied \$7,000.00.

Don Parvin was opposed to the motion.

The motion carried with Myrna, Greg, and Pat voting for passage.

The money for this will most likely come from the Rainy-Day Fund.

Treasurers Report – Megan Reel had a written report.

Dave Kieser – Wastewater project – Don Parvin said the money for the project that we were trying to get has dried up. Jeff Lipinski said there is potential money from the state for projects similar to what we want to do, it would be an 80/20 grant so hopefully we would not have to accumulate any debt.

Don Parvin talked about possibly using some of the money from the ARP (American Rescue Plan) for a new blower at the wastewater plant for \$50,000.00. Greg Landrum asked about this, wanting to know how Don knew it was going bad. Don Parvin stated it was not going bad, it was going to be a backup. Don said that was the original plan, there are 2 slots for 2 different blowers. We only have 1 and need a backup. It would take too long to get a new one if something were to break so we really need a backup.

Personnel Policy – Corbin has this and will look over the changes that we made.

Street Lighting – This is the clarification from last month. This will be 90-days out to get it done. \$7,030.18 will be the up front that we will pay, the other option was to pay \$83.78 forever. There will be some monthly charges on our bill for this but that would happen either way. Don Parvin made a motion to pay the

\$7,030.18 to Duke Energy to do this lighting project. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Road Repairs & Alleys – tabled, Don Parvin said he is still waiting on this.

Ordinance 2021-02 – This is an ordinance to create new fund #176 to establish the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund. Don Parvin made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-02 on the second reading. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to suspend the rules to be able to pass Ordinance 2021-02 on the third reading. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

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Seal parking lot at Community Center – Don Parvin got a quote for this from Jansen Asphalt for \$5,795.00. Pat Reel made a motion to have Jansen Asphalt seal the parking lot which included restriping at the community center for \$5,795.00. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

CD's at bank – Megan Reel said the 3 CD's at the bank were coming due and she needed to know what the council wanted to do with them. Jeff Lipinski suggested we put the in 3 new CD's for a 1-year term. Don Parvin made a motion to put the 3 CD's in 12-month CD's at the bank. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Rick Homkes asked about the ARP money for possibly helping the non-profits such as the Lions Club. They would like to redo the bathrooms there and cannot afford to do the whole thing themselves.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, and no more comments from council or guests, 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