

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
February 15, 2016

The council meeting opened with a prayer from Kent Milburn.

Council members present for meeting were Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, Kyle Parvin, and Cindy Aeschilman.

Residents present at the meeting consisted of Jeff Condo, Kirk Smith, Mike Huffer, Kent Milburn, Pat Reel, Harlee Reel, and Randy VanNatter.

Mike Kanable from the Planning Commission stated there was no new business.

Roger Waddell spoke for Dustin Redding reporting nothing new. However, Jeff Lipinski had someone call him concerning the semi parked just off of Seward St. by Steve Jones store. It was determined that it is not a zoning issue.

Historical Society had nothing new. Kirk Smith was present and states that there may be something in the works for the 100th anniversary of the Howard County Fair that was held in Russiaville. Nothing set in stone at this time.

Laura Redding from the Park and Tree Board stated that they would like to change their meeting time from 6:00pm to 5:30pm still on the first Monday of every month. They also met with Norfolk Southern Railroad. There will need to be insurance regarding the lease agreement for permission to plant trees along Railroad St.

Laura stated they are working on the budget for April.

Laura Redding and Rick Homkes spoke of proposed changes to the walking path. They submitted a picture of the changes they would like to make, they would like it to be 1/3 of a mile and would like it to be 8 feet wide. They are all in agreement and would like to submit paperwork for bids to the council.

The council said they would have to go to the commissioner to get this going.

Craig Thompson reporting for streets and wastewater said that IDEM came in for inspection. Mostly everything was satisfactory. There was some foam, but IDEM said that was a normal amount in the winter months. A report was given by IDEM.

Honey Creek Hills lift station had a leak to where waste was running out on the ground. Craig presented pictures to the council. Boen was called, and they in turn told us that our warranty had run out. Upon further investigation, we found that the pipe fitting underground had been glued, which is not the way it should have been in there. It could not stay that way, so Fluid Waste was called in, and also Davidson Excavating to help fix the problem. It is fixed, but we need to look at all bills associated with this before we pay them, as it was Boen who did not do it right in the first place. Boen told Craig that they felt responsible for this error.

Cindy Aeschilman was sworn in by Corbin King, as she was not present at the first meeting of the year.

Jeff Lipinski met with Howard County about the radio tower. After looking at several different places, they thought on the side of the waste water plant in New London would be the best place for this. It was thought on the south west corner inside the fence would be best. The county and Town of Russiaville would both have insurance on this. Rob Hewitt made a motion to accept to put the tower in New London next to the waste water plant. It was seconded by Kyle Parvin, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, Don, and Cindy voting for passage.

Roger Waddell submitted a report for the Marshal's Department. He did say he was approached about the Little League Parade. Roger asked if it was ok to have the parade on April 30th, 2016 at 9am. Don Parvin made a motion to have the Little League Parade on April 30th at 9am. It was seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin asked about grants for the radios. Roger Waddell said there were none.

When Corbin King was asked about the sale of the cell tower, he said he had heard nothing yet.

Jeff Lipinski stated that we will not need school board members for the TIF District since the school is not within the town limits.

There was a motion by Rob Hewitt to pass the ordinance number 2016-01 to establish the Town of Russiaville's redevelopment commission for the TIF District on the first reading. It was seconded by Cindy Aeschilman, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, Kyle, and Don voting for passage.

Corbin King stated that it was said in an email from Tina Henderson that the public hearing for the New London Grant will be on the 21st of March, the same day as the Town of Russiaville's normal council meeting.

After little discussion about the regular council meeting, the town council decided to keep the meetings at 7pm.

Arbor Day resolution number 2016-01 proclaiming the last Friday in April, April 29th, 2016 to have a celebration by planting and caring for trees in our town was presented. Cindy Aeschilman made a motion to pass this resolution. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Cindy, Kyle, Don, and Rob voting for passage.

The Rescind of Order to Demolish paperwork for the house at 190 W. North St. was signed by Jeff Lipinski and notarized by Corbin King.

Bob Hoch from the Golden K Kiwanis had previously asked about putting a recycling container for cans out next to the recycling container behind the Town Hall. There was a motion by Rob Hewitt to go ahead and let them put it there, with the condition that if it was stolen or vandalized it was not the town's issue. It was seconded by Cindy Aeschilman, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

Megan Reel presented her Surety Bond for \$30,000.00. Don Parvin made a motion to ok the bond. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

There was talk about replacing the airplane, that is broken, at Brady Park with something new. Laura Redding said they would look into that.

The Dog and Cat ordinance was brought up. The council is in favor of keeping it the way it is. They would like to advertise it more so people know they need to do it.

There was discussion of doing an adopt a flag in your area program to help keep and maintain flags on the poles in town.

Don Parvin asked that we look into fixing the “historical society room” in the town hall. You can see daylight under the wall.

Corbin King was asked about the contract for the ability to be able to take Indiana American Water payments, he said he has heard nothing yet.

Rick Homkes asked about bee keeping within the town limits. The council was not sure and it was said that they would check on this issue.

Kirk Smith, the Honey Creek Township Trustee, asked about the Keystone program that the clerk treasurer uses at the town hall. It was asked if he could “piggy back” off of this for the trustee work. If there are no licensing issues. We will need to ask Keystone about this.

There being no further business to come before the council, claims were presented and approved. Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Cindy Aeschilman, and the meeting came to a close.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer