# Russiaville Redevelopment Commission (TIF Board)

**Regular Board Meeting**
**08/28/2025**

Present: Myrna Claar, Mark Fulk, Rick Homkes, Kevin Johnson, Ned Sutherland
Absent: Cindy Hurst
Guest(s): Megan Reel, Pat Reel
Start: 18:02

**Topics**

Welcome

- The meeting was opened by President Mark.

Minutes

- Rick reviewed how the minutes had previously been sent to all board minutes and asked for corrections and omissions. Motion by Kevin to accept the minutes as read, second by Ned. Accepted as read 4-0.

Finance

- There have been no transactions since last month. The balance in the TIF Fund is ~$376K and the remaining budget for this year is ~$80K. Myrna asked about the appropriation for 2026 and Kevin stated the Town Council had set it at $100K.

TIF Allocation Area (TIF 2) and EDA Changes

- Mark reported that Rick and he had met with Dave Kieser the previous day to go over the maps and implementation process. Mark went over the process step-by-step. Financial and legal counsel have been selected, but each will need a contract. Rick is responsible for asking the county for an AutoCAD version of the town map with parcel numbers. A public hearing is required. Planning commission approval may be needed, but Mark does not believe that it is in our ordinances. It was thought that since Mr. Brock, the financial advisor, was already working for the Town on the new waste water treatment plant that he would not need a new contract. However, Dave Kieser told us that since this is a new project and a different fund, a separate contract is required.

Town Signage

- Quotes for Western Schools Championship signage have been received from three vendors, and these were reviewed. The fourth vendor had additional questions which has delayed the quote. Discussion of prismatic surface and the desire to see what the fourth vendor proposes. Motion by Kevin, second by Ned to allow Mark and Rick to work on this project and select the vendor. Myrna and Mark asked questions to clarify the project. Motion modified by Kevin, second by Ned to add that three signs be authorized, one on the east side of town (location to be determined), one at the west side, and one at Western Schools. Motion carried 4-0.

South Union Crossover Project

- Mark asked Kevin to get more information about what to install to make the town more walkable.

Portable Vehicle Speed Display Project

- Mark reviewed two proposals from All Traffic and Traffic Logix. Town police officers could download data using Bluetooth from the signs. Using the Cloud would cost more and be a yearly charge (e.g. $500/year). Mark is looking at a 15" display. Both are solar powered. One vendor quoted $29,957 for four of them including software. Purpose is traffic control and determining driving patterns. Mark mentioned that we already have a non-operable radar unit on a trailer that could have a new traffic radar and speed display mounted on it. Burlington is using a radar / speed display system that also includes the ability to add a positive message if the vehicle is under the limit. Dayton has a system with different colors. Motion by Ned, second by Rick for Mark to get quotes for three units from both these companies with Bluetooth only. Kevin will look at the brand used by Burlington. Motion carried 4-0.

CC Park Picnic Shelter

- Rick wanted to make sure that everyone knew that the Federal government has approved the $325K matching grant to the $325K raised in donations and pledges by the Park and Tree Board. This totals $650K for the inclusive playground, picnic shelter, and restroom at Community Center Park. This board had pledged to build the picnic shelter and allocated $60K for it last year in this year's budget. Rick would like to move money from the TIF Board fund and move it into the playground fund. Myrna asked that a restriction could be put in to make sure that the money was used for the picnic shelter. Kevin reminded everyone that we had pledged to build the shelter and it may take more money when it is actually build. Motion by Rick to move $65K from the TIF account and move it into the Playground account, contingent upon that money being used to pay for the shelter. This should show the expense in this year so that next year would have more flexibility. Second by Ned. Motion carried 4-0.
- Note: the Community Foundation of Howard County was the big donor to this project with the pledge of $100K towards the inclusive playground – Thank you CFHC!

Closing

- Motion made by Kevin to close the meeting, second by Ned. Motion carried 4-0.
- Meeting ended at 19:15.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be the fourth Thursday of September, 9/25/2025 at 18:00.

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