

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
January 18, 2016

The Council meeting opened with a prayer from Kent Milburn. Corbin King then swore in council for the new term for Jeff Lipinski, Rob Hewitt, and Megan Reel as Clerk Treasurer.

Also present were Vice President Don Parvin and council member Kyle Parvin, who were previously sworn in at the Clerk's Office at the court house by Kim Wilson. Cindy Aeschilman was not present at the meeting, and will need to be sworn in before she participates in any meetings this year.

In electing a new President for the Russiaville town board, Don Parvin made a motion to keep Jeff Lipinski as President, it was seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion was carried with Don, Rob and Kyle voting for passage.

In electing a new Vice President for the Russiaville town board, Rob Hewitt made a motion to keep Don Parvin as Vice President, it was seconded by Jeff Lipinski, and the motion was carried with Jeff, Rob, and Kyle.

The Planning Commission and The Board of Zoning Appeals had nothing new to report.

Historical Society also had nothing new to report.

The Park and Tree Board announced that their new President is Laura Redding, and new Vice President is Rick Homkes. Laura Redding asked if it would be ok to replace Erica Parvin. They are unsure by who at this time.

The Park and Tree Board gave a list of projected plans. Rick Homkes said that their plan is to plant grass seed in spring of 2016, with seed bought in 2015. They plan to apply for grants for a walking path/trail and more trees. Also, more talk of a sand volleyball court at the Community Center. It was stated that they also need to get the fence fixed at Brady Park, and the airplane removed.

On the walking trail – it was said that the Howard County Commissioners have delegated \$15,000.00 to this project within the next 2 years. There was

discussion of how wide the trail should be. Nothing decided at this time. Don Parvin also asked about lighting for the trail. There is no plan for that at this time due to funding, so Rick Homkes said it may just be a daytime trail for now. The Park and Tree Board are also looking at planting 6-10 more trees on Railroad Street, contingent upon approval of the land use agreement with Norfolk Southern RR.

Sasha Burkett, head Volleyball coach at Western was present to talk about a new sand volleyball court. She stated that Western is doing better than past with volleyball. She thinks that a sand court would be good for conditioning purposes. She does camps with 1st through 8th grade. The estimated cost for this project is \$7,000.00. Jeff Lipinski has voiced that he is all for this, to keep kids more active and hopefully help keep them out of trouble. Josh Welch said they may be able to raise \$3,500.00. With this being said, Don made a motion to give them the other \$3,500.00, it was seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski made a motion to get someone on the Park and Tree Board. All council members were in favor.

Streets and Wastewater was not present at the meeting, but left a quote from BBC Pump and Equipment for the board to look at for a new pump for New London. The cost of the pump is \$5,825.47. Don Parvin made a motion to get the pump, it was seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin also made a motion to get 2 new tires for the backhoe, it was seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to pay Mike Collins \$15.00 an hour, it was seconded by Don Parvin, and the motion carried with Rob, Don, and Kyle voting for passage. New pay for Mike will start for week of 1/25/2016.

Roger Waddell had nothing new for the Marshal's Department, but produced a monthly report.

Don Parvin inquired about the timing on the radios. Roger Waddell said it was unsure at this time.

Megan Reel had nothing to report for the Treasurer's Report. Linda left one final note for the board, basically saying "thank you."

In old business:

Waiting on cell tower people, we have sent them all that they need and requested.

There is a conference call on Wednesday 1/20/16 at 2:30 pm about the TIF District.

Don Parvin made a motion for Kyle Parvin to be on the Park and Tree Board. It was seconded by Rob Hewitt, motion carried.

Don Parvin made a motion to keep all members on the Board of Zoning Appeals the same. It was seconded by Kyle Parvin, motion carried.

Don Parvin made a motion to keep all members on the Plan Commission the same. It was seconded by Rob Hewitt, motion carried.

Corbin King has contacted Indiana American Water about the contract, there has been no response yet.

In new business:

There was discussion of the 2 year CD for water B&I for \$11,875.00, and the 90 day water sale fund CD for \$250,000.00 that have expired. It was decided to just leave them be at this time. Until the TIF District is complete.

There was also some chatter about changing the monthly council meeting from 7pm to 6pm. Nothing voted on at this time.

Lori and Trina were present from the Russiaville Branch Library. They stated that they would like to be part of the community and help any way they can.

Kent Milburn, who was present, commented that he would like the walking trail to be wide enough for bicycles.

Ned Sutherland from the First Baptist Church, Russiaville, to extend his support.

Rick Homkes inquired about the cell tower, asking will we own the from the cell tower north to the well head? It was stated from the Board that SBA will own the cell tower, but the town will still own the land.

Pat Reel from the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Dept. reiterated that they are working with the tractor pullers to host one of the events.

Jeff Condo commented that the drains are nice that were put in at Honey Creek Hills Subdivision. He asked if there was a possibility of getting a few holes out there filled at the beginning of spring.

Don Parvin asked if we could get a hold of Tina Henderson about the grant for lighting.

Don Parvin made a motion for Linda Downey to fill in for Megan and get paid \$11.00 an hour beginning February 1st. Seconded by Rob Hewitt, motion carries with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Megan Reel – Clerk/Treasurer asked if she could change the lock on the office door. Don Parvin made a motion, seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to get 2 new office chairs, seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

There being no further business to come before the council, claims were presented and approved, and the meeting adjourned.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer

