

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Hall  
June 21, 2021

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

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Jeff Lipinski said prayer. Pat Reel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from May 2021 were approved.

Plan Commission – Megan Reel stated that Mike Kanable had left her a report of one permit issued to Dave Britton for a room addition.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business

TIF Board – Jeff Lipinski addressed Rick Homkes and said the council may be approaching the TIF Board soon with some ideas that they have within the next 30-60 days possibly. Jeff knows they have some things they are thinking about as well.

Historical Society – Megan Reel said Jan Koloszar had called her and said she had nothing new to report on.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby said they had finished sorting all the bottle caps, saying they are about 10 pounds short of 1200 pounds. They have ordered six 4-foot benches, one picnic table, and 1 toddler picnic table. They are hoping to get all these hauled to the place and have them done in July.

Jill said Travis Wunderlich Landscaping had given them the best estimate of \$8,880.00 for doing the brick project in the circle by the iron wheel sculpture, and they liked his design. This can be done by the end of July.

Rick Homkes said there is about \$385.00 left from the Art and Signage Grant. They will be spending this on signage and dedication plaques for the iron wheels, crane soul, train, and pavilion. That should use it up, but if there is any left, they

will use it for the stone that would go into the brick circle project. This will get the grant done and they will be able to get the final report sent in to the Community Foundation.

Rick Homkes said there was an issue with the older kids and their language, therefore it is hard for people to bring their little kids there because of all the swearing, etc. Rick said that the park rules do not have anything about language in the park. He would like to amend the park rules to include bad language. Josh and Carl said that it is an issue. They feel there is not as much for the older kids to do. There is not a lot that can be done at this point.

Jeff Lipinski said that the council received an email from Darlene Homkes in representation of the Russiaville Lions Club. They are working on trying to renovate the bathrooms, and have reached out to the town for financial support. Jeff said he was going to meet with the county in the next couple of days to see if they would possibly be able to support some of the project as well.

Don Parvin asked about a time frame on this. Rick said they were still waiting on some other bids for it so there was not a huge hurry. Don Parvin talked to Dave Kieser about this, and has sent the one bid and design they have received to him for a possible grant.

Streets and Wastewater – Paul Sattler was present and did not have anything to report. Don Parvin said when Craig is back, they would do some spraying and painting the curbs. Pat Reel said he has noticed some low hanging limbs that are blocking street signs. He would like them to drive around and see if there are any that could be trimmed. Pat Reel told Rick Homkes there was a limb at his house hanging down right in front of the 20-mph speed limit sign. Rick said he would get that one taken care of tonight. There are also some street signs that could use some repair. Don Parvin said he had talked to Craig about the signs and they are going to have to look at some different type of brace for some of them.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and said the new Durango was outside if anyone would like to see it. They are still waiting on the equipment. Josh introduced "Max." Max is a dog that was given to Carl by an older lady that felt that she could not take care of him. He is 10-month-old Belgian Malinois, and very high energy. Carl has been working with him for the past few months and he has come a long way. Marshal Fulkerson would like to propose to allow Carl to