

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
March 19, 2018

Council Present – Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, Cindy Aeschliman, and Kyle Parvin

Corbin King, Town attorney, was also present.

Don Parvin opened the meeting. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Kent Milburn gave prayer.

Minutes from last month's meeting were presented and approved.

Roger Waddell was present. His name was added to the Linda Downey Outstanding Community Service Award for 2017 in the February meeting. Roger graciously thanked everyone, he was honored to have his name on this plaque.

Streets/Wastewater – written report was given. Mike Collins was present and stated he had finished his wastewater class and would take the exam soon. Mike also said Crenshaw's would be paving the alley behind the park would be paved sometime in April.

Rob Hewitt said he would like Mike and Craig to list their comp time on the report they give the council each month.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present and said that he had written a permit for a new house at 545 Chaparral Dr. for Majestic Homes. Megan Reel stated, however, the permit had not actually been issued yet because they had not brought the permit fee and picked up the permit.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one was present to report.

Russiaville Historical Society – Jan Koloszar, from the board, was present. Jan has been on the RHS board for 3 years. She stated that Marsha Berry had resigned, she had her letter of resignation. The building and grounds have gotten over their heads and they are running out of money and will not be able to finish the

building. They have come back to the Town, as the Town owns the building, to turn this back over to the Town to finish. The concern is that the board being part of a non-profit organization, they are responsible for any overages. Marsha Berry didn't want to be part of this. Jon Russell has done good for the work so far. RHS does have some money that will come back to the Town to maybe be able to use these funds for leverage on any grants that may be out there for the Town to get to be able to finish the Interurban building.

Dave Kieser stated that he and Megan Reel had attended a meeting with the RHS to provide some guidance to them. Mr. Kieser said that the Town could take back over the building to be able to finish it. Dave would like to see the 501C3 stay in tact to be able to have a better chance to get grants. It would be beneficial for grant purposes, to partner with the Town. Dave thinks that it would cost about \$120,000.00 to complete the building.

Don Parvin asked Jan Koloszar if the RHS would partner with the Town and keep the 501C3 to be able to do this. Jan said if they could get enough people to be on the board, they would be able to do this.

Don Parvin said he would like to see the RHS that is left to have a meeting to work on this.

Rob Hewitt made a motion for the Town to partner with the RHS so we can get a grant to finish the building.

Corbin King said the Town can take over the lead role and RHS will be on the side to help with things.

Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin stated that the eaves on all 4 corners needs to be repaired or replaced.

Megan Reel will get with Jan Koloszar to get the money transferred from RHS to the Town.

Megan Reel asked about the utilities at the Interurban building.

Don Parvin stated RHS will need to maintain the insurance for the contents that they have in the building.

After some discussion, Rob Hewitt made a motion for the Town to take over the interurban utilities as of April 1, 2018. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Park & Tree Board – Jill Newby was present and stated the slide in the park needed to be repaired or replaced. Jill said she called the manufacturer of the slide and got in touch with someone that said a replacement of the slide would be close to \$1,200.00. Jill asked about a warranty on the slide. After the company looked into this, they found that the slide was under warranty, but they would charge for the parts package for the slide. Jill told her that she didn't think we would need the parts package, we could use the existing one. The company then said they would put that as a warranty item also. Jill then asked them about a shipping cost on this, and they told her they would ship it for free. In the end, the replacement of the slide will cost us nothing. We will not receive this for 6-8 weeks.

Don Parvin said there were a few things at the park that need to be fixed. Jill said she did get some estimates for some swing mats.

Mulch is needed in the park. She has talked to Hollingsworth Lumber about this and will get a price.

Community Day is May 8, 2018 for the senior class. She does need jobs for them to do. Mike Collins said he and Craig were getting a list together for them. Jill said they had some safety vests for seniors to wear. Mike Collins said the ones that were purchased previously were in the maintenance building in a tote.

Don Parvin said he was working on carpet for the Community Center to see if we will be able to do it.

Don Parvin also talked to Reba Casler about the window tinting being fixed. The company that originally did it will either fix it, or we will find someone else who will. The company has not been paid.

Rick Homkes stated they had received the "feed a bee" pollinator grant for \$2,500.00. He met with the Purdue Master Gardeners and they are working on a design and plant list for spring delivery. They will be planted around the walking trail, so when they get an idea of where the trail will be laid out, they will know where to put the flowers.

Summer Fest – No one was present to report.

Marshal's Dept – Written report was given. Randy Vannatter stated that Carl has been working very hard getting Jeff trained. They are hoping to be able to have Jeff be on his own by the end of April.

Randy said the tornado siren tests had started March 1st. Tomorrow is the statewide tests for tornado/severe weather awareness. They may not set them off tomorrow though if the temperatures are below freezing. This could be bad on the motors of the sirens.

Randy Vannatter said he would like to have a shooting range for police use on the wastewater treatment plant. Right now, to do their shooting they have to drive to Greentown. They have been talking about this for some time. Davidson's would do the excavation work that would need to be done. Don Parvin would like to check on the insurance for this. Rob Hewitt said he would talk to Ashley at the Insurance office.

Rob Hewitt made a motion that providing the insurance company was ok with this, that we allow them to proceed with putting up the shooting range at the wastewater plant. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Rick Homkes asked about dumping brush back there. There will not be able to be dumping during the times that the shooting range is in use. There will be signage up if there is shooting in progress.

Don asked Randy about the Little League parade. Randy said "yes" it is April 21st at 9:00am, and he has lined up people to help with it.

Cindy Aeschliman said she would like to propose a raise in salary for Randy Vannatter. Cindy would like to raise it to \$22.50 per hour, but she said she thought there was enough money in the budget to raise it to \$21.00 per hour. She would like the council to consider this for him to be more in line with other towns our size in Indiana.

Don would like to table this for next month. There was more discussion on this. Rob Hewitt made a motion to raise Randy Vannatter's salary to \$21.00 per hour. He would like to have an executive session to discuss raising it further. Cindy Aeschliman seconded. Kyle Parvin opposed. Don Parvin voted in favor of raising Randy Vannatter's salary to \$21.00 per hour, but we need to make a plan as to where the money will come from. The motion passed with Rob, Cindy, and Don voting in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Written report was given. Megan Reel added to this stating she had added 2 new bank accounts for the wastewater bonds that we had, per the SBOA directive.

Dave Kieser – An update was given. Corbin and Dave are working on the perpetual easement for the trail project. Plans and specs are almost done, the DNR will then review, and they will get it out for bid next week.

Sidewalk and lighting project will be about \$129,000.00. We will get \$100,000.00 and match with \$29,000.00. It is due before April 30th.

Storm water preliminary engineering report is about 95% done.

Dave said he inspected the garage at 345 E. College street. He contacted Harrold Chandler Realty, and told them to advise US Bank that they needed to demolish the garage as it was unsafe. If they do not we will demo and send them the bill.

Dave also has worked on the “horse and chicken ordinance” that has been revised to allow people to have horses if they have 4 acres instead of 5. This will be talked about later tonight officially.

Dave Kieser also report on the ADA accessible sidewalk and ramp. Dave would like to make this part of the grant that we will try to get for the interurban building. Don said we cannot do that since we already committed to do it. Dave said it is ok, we can just save the receipt from JR O’Neal so that we can count it as local match for the grant.

Jeff Davidson – Corbin has the lease for the new truck. Corbin is looking into the abatement for him. He may get an abatement by accident, through the real estate tax that was messed up in the sale of the functional property. They are releasing the funds to us soon on this.

Emergency Storm Tree agreement – Cindy Aeschliman made a motion to have this contract with Rice Tree company. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Cindy, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

NL Grant – Ethel Morgan sent an email with update that she will be at the April meeting, at that time she will be looking for authorization to bid the project.

Easements – Corbin King tried to get all the paperwork done for the easement for Steve Jones. The ones he has left Megan and Rob will get these papers signed and notarized, and get them back to Corbin.

Ordinance 2018-01 Establishing advisory park and tree board. This is the third and final reading. Rob Hewitt made a motion to pass ordinance 2018-01. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Ordinance 2018-02 Establishing the planting and maintenance of trees. This is the third and final reading. Rob Hewitt made a motion to pass ordinance 2018-02. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Employee policy is tabled.

Ordinance 2018-05 Amending the control of animals. This is the first reading. Rob Hewitt made a motion to pass ordinance 2018-05. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 2018-05 on the second and third reading. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Steve Carter's field – tabled

Ordinance 2018-03 Unregistered and unlicensed vehicles. This is the first reading. Rob Hewitt made a motion to pass ordinance 2018-05. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 2018-03 on the second and third reading. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Ordinance 2018-04 Flood plain. We already have an ordinance for this. It is the same ordinance as 2014-07. Rob Hewitt made a motion to suspend ordinance 2018-04 and not use it. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Alley behind park – Crenshaw's gave us quote for this that we approved last month for \$15,250.00. The signed copy was missing. Don stated this will have 3 speed bumps in it. Rob Hewitt made a motion to approve the quote again. Kyle

Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage. Dave Kieser said he was not sure you could do a speed bump in a public right of way. Randy Vannatter said we need to paint them yellow so they can be seen at night. Dave Kieser said you may be able to put speed humps in instead of bumps. Don Parvin asked Dave Kieser if he could meet with Crenshaw's to make sure the legalities are done correctly.

Health Insurance – tabled until next month

Wastewater plant Comcast – Comcast said they could put a phone line and internet at the wastewater plant for \$135.00 a month. Rob Hewitt made a motion to go with Comcast at the wastewater plant. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage. Megan Reel stated Comcast would run the lines for this new service at no cost to us, it is costing them about \$13K.

Community Crossings grant for 2018 – Don Parvin read the list of roads they would like to do if we get the grant this year. Rob Hewitt made a motion for Don Parvin to have authority to go after the road grant this year. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Shad Smith was present about the fence that Bob Hill wants to put in between their properties. Shad feels the fence is not being put down the middle like was stated Bob was supposed to in the previous meeting. After some discussion, it was stated that Rob Hewitt will get together with Mr. Smith, Mr. Hill and Mike Kanable about this issue to get it resolved.

Dwayne Carter was present about the easement that is his just to the north of our wastewater plant. The Town has since put drying beds on the easement. Dwayne gave paperwork to the council. The council stated they would look into this matter.

Mr. Carter also asked about the easement that is his that is across 330 South from the Dr.'s office to the south. We will look for the paperwork and get back with Mr. Carter on both of these issues.

Mark Bourff was present. He would like to put up a Russiaville High School memorial out front of the Town Hall. Rob Hewitt made a motion to allow Mr. Bourff to head this up and put in the memorial. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don would like to have an agreement for CPR first aid training with the Red Cross. At least see what this would entail and maybe have this for the Town. Rob Hewitt made a motion for Don to pursue this and look into this. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Cemetery cleanup will be April 7th

Ned Sutherland was present and working to do community outreach. They are having a meeting soon to discuss this.

April 4th there will be a meeting at the community center at 6:30 on the opioid epidemic. There will also be a meeting May 2nd given by Jeff Newton on poverty.

Don Parvin would like to reserve the park pavilion for Saturday, July 28, 2018, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. For the Masonic Day in the park. Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks open to the public.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims were presented and approved.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the meeting came to a close.

Don Parvin, Vice President
Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer