

Town of Russiaville
Regular Council Meeting
April 18, 2016

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, Kyle Parvin, and Cindy Aeschliman came at 7:45.

The meeting opened with a prayer from Jeff Lipinski, followed by the review and approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Mike Kanable reported for the Planning Commission. He wrote one new permit for a fence at 360 E. College St.

Roger Waddell spoke for Dustin Redding with nothing new to report for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Historical Society had nothing new to report. It was stated that by the council that they are working on the inside of the interurban building, and Don Parvin got a dumpster for them to use.

Laura Redding for the Park and Tree Board reported that there is a Purdue student doing a project at the pond at Western Heights. It is a solar powered aerator, he is watching it and checking oxygen levels and algae.

The community Center is going to be seeded soon by Matt Scott and Rick Johnson.

Senior Day is May 17th with a rain date of May 18th. Jill Newby is head of this and is still looking for projects for the seniors to do.

Laura also said they are getting estimates for mulch for the park, so this could be a project for the seniors. Just getting enough to fill in bad spots at this point. Rick Homkes added that the mulch should be fluffed up. Rob Hewitt said maybe we could just do it as a regular maintenance. Jeff said, still get a quote for approval.

Russiaville Park Board is applying for a Recreational Trails Program grant which is a state program funded by federal money.

Rick Homkes met with Recreational Trails Program staff at IDNR in Indy about the walking trail grant. Rick stated that for every \$20.00 we put toward it, we can apply for \$80.00. Rick also stated the program staff would like us to put more into consulting and design and ask for more money. Council asked what the max grant amount was. Rick said it was \$200,000.00, in which case if we wanted this we would have to come up with \$40,000.00.

The Park Board would like a resolution signed to be able to get the grant.

Rick asked, to verification purposes, that the county would be putting in \$15,000.00 for this walking trail. Jeff Lipinski said yes, but he will get written commitment from the county for this.

Park Board also asked if there would be any money the Town could put toward this project. After some discussion, Rob Hewitt made a motion to give \$5,000.00 toward the walking trail project. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carries with Rob, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

It was also stated by Rick that the Park Board would also try to come up with some in-kind money from the Lions Club etc.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to pass resolution 2016-2 to apply for a grant for the walking Trail. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carries with Rob, Kyle, and Don voting for passage.

Craig Thompson reported nothing new for the street and sewer departments.

Dave Wagner was here to talk about updating sewer use and rate & fees ordinances. 1983 was the last time rates and fees was updated. If we update the rates and fees, and the town had work to do, the ordinance would allow us to recover costs. Right now, we eat those costs. We could charge for permits.

Sewer use ordinance will be pretty much the same.

For both ordinances we need 30 days before passing. Corbin will go over these and ok them first.

Don Parvin made a motion to pass ordinance 2016-2 for wastewater fees and surcharges. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carries with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin also made a motion to pass ordinance 2016-3 to update the 1983 sewer use ordinance. It was seconded by Rob Hewitt, and the motion carries with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Roger Waddell presented the Marshals report. He stated that Randy's new truck was finished and on the road. The only thing that needs fixed is on the rear window where it says "caution K-9" it is on the bottom of the window. It should be on the top of the door under the window. When you roll window down it disappears. Graphics guy will fix it.

It was asked in a previous meeting if it would be ok to donate EZ's truck, 1999 Tahoe, (since he is driving Randy's old one now) to EMA. Roger asked if this was still what the council wanted to do with it? Rob Hewitt made a motion to donate the 1999 Tahoe to EMA. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carries with Rob, Kyle, and Don voting for passage.

Roger also state that on 3/22/2016 we participated in the state wide tornado drill. Everything went fine, nothing failed.

Roger asked about a 9500-watt generator that was purchased in 1999 by police. It is the town's generator, but they have one and do not need it. Roger fixed it and wondered what the town would like to do with it. Jeff implied that maybe we could use it at the Community Center. Roger said he would get together with Craig, and discuss if it would be a viable fit.

Megan Reel stated that she had some checks that she needed direction on where to put the funds. The Community Foundation money. After some discussion it was decided to put this \$1,146.00 into the parks fund, as it was intended for beautification purposes.

Also, there was a check from SBA Towers for the sale of the cell tower in the amount of \$69,666.33. After discussing this, Rob Hewitt made a motion to put this money on the MVH fund. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carries with Rob, Kyle, and Don voting for passage.

The council decided on the people for the TIF Board. Jeff Lipinski who was to choose 3 members, appointed Mark Fulk, Pat Reel, and Linda Downey. The other 2 members who are chosen by the council were decided as Kevin Johnson and Rick Homkes. Rob Hewitt made a motion to accept this TIF Board. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carries with Rob, Cindy, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

Jeff added that the new TIF Board should get together and decide who will have what position within the board. Also, these are paid positions. Each member gets \$750.00 per year. As for 2016 though, this amount will be prorated for the 7 months this board is in effect.

When the New London grant was brought up, Jeff Condo from HCH began by asking questions, and after not letting anyone interject, began arguing that Russiaville was going to have to carry New London, in turn he thought making rates go up for Russiaville customers. He said he represented HCH and no one wanted their rates to go up any more than they were. Don Parvin corrected him by saying that he was not that sector of towns representative, that it was Cindy Aeschliman. Corbin King finally told Mr. Condo that if he would listen to the answers to his questions he may understand further. Corbin stating that this is not something we decided overnight, that it had been in the works for 9 years. Mr. Condo refused, and got up to walk out. And at that, Mr. Condo walked out.

Corbin King said he talked to Mike at Indiana American Water again about the agreement to take water bills here. It is still not done, but being discussed.

Megan Reel sent the delinquent list to Corbin King for him to look at and decide what action to take.

OSHA is being worked on, may take some time.

Don Parvin said that Randy Waddell told him that the Lions Club is getting a grant for \$16,000.00 to put toward their new roof. They would like a donation from us, but the remaining amount is \$17,000.00 and the Town cannot donate the whole amount. We will check with SBOA to make sure it is ok to give them something as a donation since we are both not for profit.

Don Parvin stated that since Townsend left the tree at the interurban station looking so bad, they said they will come back and take it all the way down.

Dog Ordinance – Don Parvin said he had a complaint about dog feces smell. There is an ordinance number 2002-05 about such matters. Corbin King will review this and bring it up at the next meeting.

Megan Reel asked where to take the money from the Russiaville Vol. Fire Dept. payment from. After council discussion, Rob Hewitt made a motion to make the payment from CEDIT fund. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carries with Rob, Kyle, Don, and Cindy voting for passage.

Health Insurance – Jeff Lipinski stated that he is working on this, and it will be close to the same as before.

Jeff Lipinski asked Corbin King about getting something that states who lives in each individual unit in the mobile home park and apartment buildings. Corbin said in section 160 of the Kokomo ordinance there was a written portion about this. We can do the same.

Roger Waddell added that we must take Russiaville off EZ's vehicle before donating it to EMA.

Claims were presented and approved by the council. There being no further business or comments from the council or guests, Jeff adjourned the meeting.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer