

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
December 20, 2021

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

Jeff Lipinski gave prayer, and Pat Reel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting. Jeff brought to everyone's attention that we have a new agenda. It has been changed around some.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel had reports. She added that she would like to thank Janna Hyman for cleaning the cobwebs, etc. off the front porch and decorating.

Streets and Wastewater – Don Parvin reported that Craig and Paul had fixed the Santa mailbox so that it is a little heavier and will not blow around. Craig came up after the wind we had and cleaned up some trees and cleaned some of the drains. Pat Reel asked if there was anything that Paul needed while Craig was out to let him know.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present. He said they received 260 books from the book drive. They received the radios back from the county that were previously talked about, they are the same radios. There is an issue with the pit bar for the Durango. They sent the right pit bar with the wrong directions for it. Passive Security (company this was from) is making this right. Josh would like to ask about the part-time police pay. Right now, we pay part-time police to come out and help with events \$18.00 per hour. Josh has found out that this is very low and has a hard time getting the county to come out and help on their off times for this pay. He would like the council to consider raising it to \$25.00 per hour for next year. Don Parvin asked if Josh and Carl would be okay with this as it is over what they make. Josh assured him that he and Carl had

talked and they were okay with it so they could get the help they needed if they do. After some more discussion, Don Parvin made a motion to change the part-time police to \$25.00 per hour for next year. Greg Landrum seconded. Pat Reel abstained. The motion carried with Don, Greg, and Myrna voting for passage.

Greg Landrum asked who was doing the testing for the wastewater while Craig was out. Don Parvin said that Paul pulled all the samples and took all the results to Craig for him to sign off on them. Don Parvin said this is a requirement for when the Superintendent is out.

Corbin King is not present tonight.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable reported he had no new business.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – No new business to report.

Historical Society – No new business to report.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present and said they had the hog raffle and had 2 winners each for ½ a hog. They brought in \$1,963.61 from this fundraiser for the playground and shelter at the Community Center Park.

Jill said they had put the Santa mailbox out here for kids to be able to mail their letters to Santa. Thank you to Craig and Paul for making it sturdier.

They need to replace a couple of the swings in the Russiaville Park, there is someone coming to look at this to see what it needs.

Jill Newby presented the Parks and Recreation 5-Year Plan. Jill said there was a public survey and the top things that people said they wanted in Russiaville were trails, picnic areas, water/spray parks, and playgrounds. They are going to concentrate on the picnic areas with the shelter at the Community Center Park and the playground. She said since we are a small town and don't have unlimited resources, the spray park is going to be too expensive to try to do right now. The Park Board is made up of volunteers and they have limited town resources as well, and they realize there are a lot of other things to do.