

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
May 23, 2022

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, and Myrna Claar
Corbin King, town attorney, was also present.

Jeff Lipinski gave prayer. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Council addressed # 1 on new business – CD's at the bank are maturing 5/24/22. After brief discussion, Don Parvin made a motion to renew all 3 CD's for a 12-month term. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, and Pat voting for passage.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and had a written report. Craig got a quote to get the alleys behind the bank and in between the tax office and AT&T building fixed from Baumgartner to compare with the quote from Crenshaw that he got last month. The quote from Baumgartner was \$48,162.00. Craig said he talked to Crenshaw and asked if his quote of \$33,314.00 was still good, and they said yes. After some discussion, Pat Reel said he tried this last month and it died for lack of a second, but made a motion to allow Crenshaw Paving to do the alleys for \$33,314.00. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, and Myrna voting for passage.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present with a written report. Marshal Fulkerson thanked Walmart and Clifford Signs for their generous donations to the upcoming bike rodeo that will be held at the library on June 18th.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said he is working on the easement paperwork and offer to purchase for the land for the wastewater project.

Jeff asked Corbin about the Community Center agreement, Corbin said he is still getting the verbiage for possibly allowing alcohol.

Plan Commission – No one present to report.

There is still a vacancy on the plan commission that needs to be filled.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – The next scheduled TIF meeting is June 23rd.

Historical Society – No new business to report. Don Parvin said he met with Dave Kieser and an architect at the interurban. They are getting with Wolfe Insulation to see if it could be foamed in there for insulating. They are working on the interior design.

Jeff Lipinski said he received an email from Mark Dollase from Indiana Landmarks to tell him that the interurban is now on the national registry of historic places.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present. She said community day went well. The board members said they had heard good feedback from residents and business owners. Thank you to the Western senior class of 2022.

Jill said they had a presentation from Justin at Playpros on the possible layout of the playground that they are hoping to put up at the Community Center Park. Jill asked if the council would like to have this presented to them. Don Parvin expressed that they need to do the fundraising on this project first. Jill Newby said they had to get some sort of design in place to be able to show to people to be able to ask them for funding and grants. Jill said that Justin from Playpros would also help them present the project to help them secure some funding for it. Don Parvin asked how much of this playground would be inclusive. Rick Homkes was present and said “all of it.” The theme of this playground is inclusiveness. Not just ADA. It is both. For all kids to be able to play together, no matter what their abilities. Don Parvin made a motion to allow the Park Board to move forward with fundraising for the playground project. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Dave Kieser – Don Parvin said he talked to the residents on the west side of Union Street about the easements for new sidewalks along South Union Street. Don

said they all verbally agreed with getting the sidewalks fixed and were willing to give the town easements.

Don Parvin said he was meeting with Josh Marion tomorrow about more decorative light poles on Main Street.

Ordinance 2022-03 to create a new fund (8976) for community center deposits. This would be a clearing account/holding tank for refundable community center deposits. Don Parvin made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-03 to create Fund # 8976 for community center deposits on the first reading. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, and Pat voting for passage.

Sean Smith, resident on College Street, was present and expressed that he would like some possible ideas to help keep kids, teens especially, busy this summer. He has heard several things from them that they would like more things to do here in town. Jill Newby had a couple of possible ideas and would talk to Sean after the meeting.

Rick Homkes said he would like recommend to have all the town properties surveyed. The interurban, the pond in Western Heights, and the community center park. There is also a right of way on east street, there is a shed on it. Don Parvin said the community center park has been surveyed. Rick is worried about residents doing things on these properties that they shouldn't. i.e., fences, trees, etc. This will help and protect future issues.

Don Parvin said the drain on East Street that was damaged has been repaired. It looks good.

Don Parvin said we need to do something about the summer help. He would like the council to do what they want to; he will not be able to be here on days Jeff said he could.

Don Parvin congratulated Jeff Lipinski on the primary election, and while he doesn't want to see him leave the town, it is to the benefit of the community if he does.

Jeff Lipinski said he spoke to the residents across the street from Dollar General. They said the trash that blows from over there is excessive. While they have had trash previous to this, it has been the worst this year. Don Parvin said Subway is

also an issue. Jeff asked Corbin if we should send a letter or send the Marshal's Dept. down there to address it. Pat Reel said he thought the police might be better as if we send a letter it would go to corporate and take forever to get dealt with. Josh Fulkerson said he would deal with it. We have new ordinance about this. Jill Newby said there were 2 girls from Western on senior work day (community day) that were at Subway that cleaned the whole outside of Subway, and they were back by the trash bins with shovels. Jill Newby said it was really gross back there, but those girls did a fantastic job. With the whole property, but specifically that. Jill said it shouldn't have been that bad to start with.

Alex Amaya, a local scout, was present at the meeting to observe.

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

Don Parvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Myrna Claar seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer