

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
July 14, 2026

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Greg Landrum, and Roger Waddell
Corbin King, attorney, was also present.

Don Parvin called the meeting to order.

Don Parvin said a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Don Parvin asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from June 9, 2026 meeting and a special meeting on July 7, 2026 that were sent to the council. There were none. Pat Reel made a motion to accept the regular minutes and the special meeting minutes. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, Greg, and Don voting for passage.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel was present and gave written reports. She added that she was working on the budget and would meet with the DLGF next week.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and gave a written report. He added that he would like to thank Scott from Howard County Highway for helping with the new sign posts.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and had a written report. He added that the bike rodeo is coming up on July 25th at the library.

EMA Advisory – Josh Fulkerson said there was nothing new to report.

Public Safety – Nothing to report.

Park and Tree Board – A written report was given to council. Jill Newby was present and said they are hopeful the playground will open toward the end of August.

Jill said the second annual youth fun fest at the Russiaville Town Park will be July 22nd from 5:00-7:00pm. They will have hot dogs and ice cream and games.

Health Department – No one was present.

TIF Board – A written report was given to the council. No one was present.

Plan Commission – A written report was given. The plan commission held a public hearing and after a 5 to 0 vote they would like to recommend to the council to amend the zoning ordinance with ordinance # 2026-02. This will amend the text creating a Mobile Home (MH) district within our zoning ordinance. Pat Reel made a motion to pass ordinance 2026-02 on the first reading. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, Greg, and Don voting for passage.

The plan commission held a second public hearing and after a 5 to 0 vote they would like to recommend to the council to rezone the property at 380 W. Chandler St. from R-3 to MH. Pat Reel made a motion to rezone the property at 380 W. Chandler St. from R-3 to MH. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Roger, and Don voting for passage.

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

Historical Society – Don Parvin said they are currently working on the interurban building.

Library – Lori Seaman was present and said they had over 20 bikes donated and 70 helmets from Ascension for the bike rodeo on July 25th at the library. Main sponsors this year are Russiaville Police Dept., Walmart, and Ascension. We have several local businesses and other businesses in Howard County who have donated to this bike rodeo. It is important to teach bike safety to our kids. Ascension is actually going to have a trauma table and talk about the head trauma that can occur. Lori said she was talking to them and they told her they are seeing e-bike accidents that are as bad as motorcycle accidents now, because of the lack of head protection. She wants to help our kids be safe and make the bike rodeo a great success like it has been in years past.

Don Parvin said we need to back up to the Plan Commission for a moment as we currently have a vacancy on that board. If you know anyone who would like to serve on this board, please let Megan know.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said quite some time ago there was an alley vacation and part of it went to Don Parvin and pert to the town. The auditor has contacted the town and Don Parvin that this wasn't up to their specifications. Corbin said he has a quitclaim Deed to rectify this and since this has to do with Don Parvin, he would call for a motion to have Pat Reel sign it instead of Don. Roger Waddell asked where this was located. It is adjacent to 430 S. Union St. (south side of lot 3). Roger Waddell made a motion to approve the quitclaim deed and to have Pat Reel to have the authority to sign the paperwork. Greg seconded. Don Parvin abstained from the vote. Motion passed with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage. Davidson's will need to sign this as well to clear up the title.

Interurban Phase II – Don Parvin said the gas line at the interurban is going to be moved by Nipsco so that it will be where we need it to hook up.

Cement for playground – Megan Reel said at the last meeting we were struggling a bit as to where to take the money from for the cement that was wanted to put in at the playground. After the fact it was brought up to her about possibly taking it from the economic development money and have the county match it. Megan said she asked the county commissioners if they would be willing to match \$5,000.00 for this, so that it would give us \$10,000.00 toward the cost of \$15,200.00 for the cement. The county agreed so Megan asked the board if that is what they would like to do. Roger Waddell made a motion to pay \$5,000 out of credit funds to be matched with \$5,000.00 from the county economic development funds to help with the funding of cement for the playground project, as it was an unforeseen part of the project that needed to be done. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Pat, Greg, and Don voting for passage.

Curb on Nashville Street – Pat Reel said he talked to Mr. Roe from A.R Custom Concrete about this, and was told once the playground cement is completed (which will be very soon) they will get that curb done.

Property next to the cemetery – Megan Reel said she had someone ask her if the town would be interested to sell the property south of the cemetery and if we would sell it on contract. There was some discussion, and Pat Reel made a motion to not sell the property on contract. Greg Landrum seconded. Don Parvin said we haven't really decided what to do with that property, and if we were to sell it there is a process that we would have to go through to do so. The motion carried with Pat, Greg, Roger, and Don voting for passage.

Corbin King said Don is correct, he believes it would require a couple of appraisals and there are other statutory requirements that would have to be met.

Police Dept schedule/hour changes – Jake Gibson is not present so this will be tabled for now.

Nuisance properties – Josh Fulkerson said he is sending letters out tomorrow.

Don Parvin made a comment on the trash truck hydraulic leak. He talked to WM and asked them to maintain our streets with the proper protocol instead of us having to call every time and make a complaint. WM is working on this.

Comments from Guests – Mark Fisher said the traffic has increased in the alley behind his house. People go way too fast for an alley and there are fences on both sides of his driveway that comes out into the alley. This is the alley between Main and College Streets. They have almost hit cars and bikes and e-bikes several times. Mr. Fisher wants to close off the alley with a crossbar so you would only be able to come down a little way from each end instead of going all the way through. He doesn't want anyone to get hurt. Mark said there is no enforcement in an alley, asking what the speed limit was. Josh Fulkerson said 5 mph. Mark said we have to slow people down. The council discussed this with Mark and amongst themselves. Corbin said he feels like it is something that should be looked at, and possibly put some speed humps or something to help. The council doesn't feel we can close the alley or have people going down and having to back up. Roger Waddell made a motion to table this for now and let us look at it, and have the police department watch it and see what they think and if they can slow

people down. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Pat, Greg, and Don voting for passage.

No comments from Council

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims in the amount of \$419,251.34 were presented. Don Parvin made a motion to approve the claims. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

The receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets for June were signed or initialed and approved.

Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Landrum seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 5:42pm.

Don Parvin, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer



Russiaville Utility Report July 2026

RUSSIAVILLE WW:

- Total gallons treated for June 3,634,000.
- Avg. monthly flow was 121,000 (61%).
- Avg. flow for 2024 was 136,000 (68%).
- Avg. flow for 2023 was 126,000 (63%).
- Avg. flow for 2022 was 134,000 (67%).
- Avg. flow for 2021 was 127,000 (63%).
- Avg. flow for 2020 was 133,000 (67%).
- Avg. flow for 2019 was 175,000 (88%).
- Completed monthly report for June.
- Daily WW lab testing and plant operations.
- Worked on WW budget.
- Replaced off float at HCH lift station.
- Pulled pump 2 at HCH lift station.
- Cleaned drying beds. Loaded 4 dumpsters from Merrell Brothers.
- Had maintenance done on generator.

STREETS AND MISC:

- Performed several locates.
- Read meters.
- Cleaned storm drains.
- Sprayed weeds.
- Trimmed tree at East St. and Park alley.
- Called in 1 light to Duke Energy.
- Cut down 2 trees at the community center.
- Called in locates for the Park.
- Trimmed tree at Carter/Kinsey St.
- Trimmed tress at bridge on 26.
- Weed eat curbs on North St.
- Trimmed trees in alley North Union/Liberty
- Trimmed trees on 26 sidewalk at Dollar General

MILEAGE AND MAINTENANCE:

- 2020 Ford mileage – 20,355 miles
- 2017 Dodge mileage – 30,215 miles
- Sewer truck hours – 1 hr. of service
- Backhoe hours – 3840 hours
- 2021 John Deere Z950m – 451 hours
- 2024 John Deere Z950m – 148 hours
- 2019 John Deere 3046r – 514 hours
- 2008 Golf cart - 2630 hours
- Kubota – 1259 hours

Craig – (52.25 Vacation Hours) (8 Sick Hours) (3 Comp Hours)

Lucas – (0 Vacation Hours) (32 Sick Hours) (6 Comp Hours)

Russiaville Police Department Monthly Report
 Month of: Jul-26

Calls for Service

Abandoned Vehicle		Domestic Violence	2	Open Door/Window	1
Accidents	3	Drug Violation		Overdose	
Accident - Hit/Skip		Emergency Detention Order		OWI	
Additional Investigation	7	Escort		Pursuit	
Alarm Calls	2	Fight Calls		Rape	
Animal Calls		Fire	1	Residential Entry	
Armed Robbery		Found Property	1	Shots Fired	
Arrests		Fraud		Special Detail	3
Assist Citizen	11	Harassment		Suspicious Person	
Assist Motorist	1	Illegal Dumping	1	Suspicious Vehicle	
Assist Other Agency		Incomplete 911		Theft	
Battery	1	Investigate For	3	Threat	
Burglary		Juvenile Trouble	1	Traffic Enforcement	20
Building Checks	18	Medical	1	Traffic Stops	7
City Ordinance		Mental	1	Training	
Civil	2	Mischief	1	Trespass Calls	
Court		Missing Person		Unlock Vehicle	
Criminal Recklessness		Motor Check	2	Unwelcome Guest	
Death Investigation		Neighborhood Disturbance		Warrants	
Directed Patrols	83	Neighborhood Policing		Welfare Check	3
All Other Calls	3			Total	179

Labor

	W	T	C / S / H / V
R1	155.5	4	18.5/8/52/88
R2	119	4	33.5/0/36/56
R3	22	4	

(W-Work T-Training C-Comp
 S-Sick H-Holiday V-Vacation)

Vehicles

Driven	Fuel	Ending
2025 Chevy Tahoe R1	651	85
2025 Chevy Tahoe R2	1089	105
2019 Dodge Charger	OOS	
2016 Chevy Tahoe	Shop	
Total	1740	190

Report

Bike Rodeo- Almost 300 in attendance
 Food Truck Event Sept. 26 4-9p at
 Library

Russiaville Park and Tree Board

July Monthly Report to Russiaville Town Council

July 9, 2026



Members

Present: Jill Newby, Reba Casler, Janna Hyman, Rick Homkes, Cheri Helmberger, Pat Reel-Town Council Liaison

Absent: Jeremy Burns, Erica Parvin

Guests: None

Meeting Topics

Community Center Park Playground:

Playground, Shelter, Restroom - Playground- All play structures are in place along with the light poles, and signs. Cement walkway between shelter and playground has been poured. Border and stone to be done next. **Shelter-** is now completed including Picnic Tables being assembled. **Restroom-** Foundation blocks and plumbing have been started. Pat increased the drain size to accommodate larger water amounts if needed. Inside hose for clean-up.

Animals for Welcome Sign- Have been reordered.

Playground Plans, Duke Energy- Light poles have been installed.

Calvin Landscaping- Jeremy is working on a design for landscaping at the large playground sign, and around the shelter.

Pavers- Jill is contacting Lucas Rhees on doing the pavers around the Welcome-playground sign.

Ribbon Cutting, Invitations for CCP Project- Tentative date and time is being considered for after August 21st. This is the date the fence will be taken down.

Carson's Way Bookbox- Janna reported, she and Chris Nuss will meet Sunday July 12 to discuss placement.

Tree Trimming and Pollinator Gardens- The town will take down the dead tree in the circle in front of the Community Center Building. Rick with assistance this fall will shape up Pollinator Gardens.

Town Park:

2026 Youth FunFest - Will be held on July 22, 2026 with the time from 5pm - 7pm for the event. Jill asked for committees to be formed for Food, Activities,

Promotion. **Cheri took the food**, ordering 120 hotdogs and buns from Waddells . **Reba, will gather games** (Duck Pond, Corn Hole, Tomahawk Throw etc.) and will be cooking the hotdogs. **Janna will be contacting** John Adams of RVFD for water spray, and she also volunteered to face paint. **Rick will purchase** balls for the Gaga Pit. **Public Notification** will be done by Janna and Rick on social media. **Jill will pick up** purchased and donated food items, coolers, corn-hole from the Library, and cook hot dogs.

New Business

Missing Disk-golf Signs- Jill needs a full count of how many signs need to be replaced, or possibly replacing all signs.

CCP-Playground Welcome Sign- Rick stated good PR to send a picture of the sign to the Community Foundation, and he will also post on the RP&TB Facebook page.

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Russiaville Redevelopment Commission (TIF Board)

Report to Town Council

8/11/2026

Activities and Actions Last Month

TIF2 and EDA2 Districts

- The Board is hoping for more information on progress, perhaps by contacting the attorneys directly.

South Union Crossover Signage

- Mark is moving forward with the bid from Tapco that was approved last month.

CC Park Picnic Shelter

- Picnic tables for the shelter have been delivered and assembled.

Resurfacing the Lions Club Court for Basketball and Pickleball

- The start date for the resurfacing by Crenshaw is scheduled for September. The south fence will have to be removed in August to allow equipment access. The Lions Club has submitted a grant request and is working on bids for fencing, backboards, and striping.

Other

- Public input on possible projects for 2027 is being requested.

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RUSSIAVILLE PLAN COMMISSION

MIKE KANABLE

July 2026

26/330 – Settlers Yard – Yes- 7-14-26 – Signage – 809- 125 E. Seward

26/331 – Chris Rust – Yes- 7-29-26 – Garage – 810 – 407 S. Union

26/331 – Chris Rust – Yes – 7-29-26 – Shed – 811 – 407 S. Union