

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
June 17, 2019

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, and Pat Reel.
Corbin King, the town’s attorney was also present.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Ned Sutherland gave prayer. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Mendi Lane from Waste Management was present and stated they were changing the trash pick-up day here in Russiaville from Tuesday to Friday. This will be effective July 15th, so our first pickup after this takes affect will be July 19th. This will allow us to have a newer automated truck, to give a little better cleaner service. Mendi stated, 2 – 3 weeks prior she would send out post cards to all the residents letting them know of this change. Megan Reel will get her an address list so they can start this process, and she will put it on the town sign out front. Don Parvin made a motion to change the trash pick-up date from Tuesday to Friday beginning July 19th. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, and Rob voting for passage.

Don Parvin asked about still having Kenny as the driver, and Mendi said this would not be possible, but the new driver Cole would do a good job for us. Don stated Kenny had been an outstanding driver for our community, and Megan Reel added she had gotten a lot of good feedback about Kenny.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present and stated he had written a permit for a room addition and garage at 372 Yellowstone Dr. to Baker Contracting, and a fence permit for 280 E. College St.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one was present to report

TIF – Megan Reel stated we had received a little over \$33,000.00. This was our first year receiving monies.

Historical Society – Jan Koloszar was present, and stated they had a booth for Summer Fest. There were some community members who stopped by and talked, so she does believe there is still an interest in the Historical Society. Rick Homkes asked Jan about the stats of the HVAC for the Interurban. Jan said nothing has been done at this time, she was hoping to see Dave Kieser tonight. Jeff Lipinski said he would not be here this evening.

Park & Tree Board – Jill Newby was present and stated the softball league signed the paper that we needed for the trail, so this was good news. Jill said as far as the trail, we are just waiting on Davidson Excavating to finish up hauling away the dirt piles.

Don Parvin said that Davidson Excavating agreed to put the drainage in for the softball league to specs for free if they bought the materials to do it. This is not the Town's responsibility.

Jill Newby said they would like to replace Laura Redding, who had resigned from the Park Board, with Jenna Hyman. After short discussion, Don Parvin made a motion to allow Jenna Hyman to be a new member on the Park & Tree Board. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Pat voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski asked if the "no motorized vehicles on the trail" signs were up yet. Jill said they are not up yet. Don Parvin talked about calling 811 for locates to get them up.

Jeff Lipinski asked why we didn't just have Clifford Signs do it when they put in the other signs. Rick Homkes stated he did not accept the quote from Clifford Signs to install the signs as it was very high. Jeff Lipinski said he has had them do work and they are generally cheaper than everyone else. Jeff told Rick to get him the quote and he would call Clifford Signs about this. Rick said he has been very happy with the signs they have produced, but thought the installation cost were surprising.

Don Parvin talked about amending ordinance 2017-08. He is proposing for it to say golf carts may be in the parks but must be in compliance with the golf cart ordinance, but may not be on the walking trail, but may cross the trail at designated areas. Don said he didn't think it made sense that you can't have golf carts on the trail, but you can cross the trail.

Jill Newby said she thought if it was just a park with a walking trail there, the crossings wouldn't be necessary, the issue is the ball park and people wanting to drive their golf carts there to be able to get to children's or grand children's games. They wouldn't just take their golf carts to the trail; they would be taking them onto or across our walking trail to get to the games.

Don Parvin also said he had a proposal for an amendment on the parking part of ordinance 2017-08 to read; Parking is in designated marked/lined areas only. There shall be no parking on any grass areas – first offence will be \$25.00, thereafter it will double and be payable to Russiaville Clerk-Treasurer.

Pat Reel made a motion to accept the 2 amendments of ordinance 2017-08 as Don's proposal above was read on the second reading. Rob Hewitt seconded the motion. Don Parvin abstained from the motion. Jeff Lipinski voted in favor of the motion, therefore the motion carried with Pat, Rob, and Jeff voting for passage.

Rick Homkes asked about people parking in the handicapped spots without tags. Don Parvin said that it was a state statute, and Randy Vannatter verified this.

Don Parvin asked Jill Newby about the cleaning. Jill said the Community Center had been rented out a lot in May and June, about 14 times in June. Vonda Carter approached the park board about getting paid more when there are so many rentals back to back. Jill wanted to know if there would be some way, we could compensate Vonda when we have several rentals like this have been. Rob Hewitt asked what we currently pay her. Megan Reel stated it was \$120.00 per month. Jeff Lipinski said he would like the council to take it under advisement.

Don Parvin said he was talking about the deep cleaning. Jill said they had someone come out to do the deep cleaning, but they didn't work out very well. Rick Homkes interjected by saying, Jill fired them before they really even got started. Jill said they were just not going to work out as to what we wanted done.

Since then, Rick Homkes has had a couple of other people come out to give them quotes on a deep cleaning for the community center. Fire and Flood and the A-Team. He can get a 3 quote from service master if needed.

Streets and Wastewater – A written report was given. Rob Hewitt said both of the guys were sick, so they are not present.

Marshal's Dept. – A written report was given. Randy Vannatter was present to report. He stated there was a quote to upgrade the camera's in the park that he was asked to get from Flat Top Geek for \$1,700.00. Don Parvin made a motion to accept the quote for the cameras. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, and Rob voting for passage.

Randy said he would check with Jordan as to when this could be done.

Jill Newby asked if the council might consider looking into a camera for the community center, pointing toward the walking trail and water fountain.

Randy Vannatter said he would not think it very costly to do it. Don Parvin asked if Randy would check with Jordan at Flat Top Geek to see if he could get us a quote on putting 2 cameras at the Community Center. Randy said he would.

Randy Vannatter said as far as from his stand point, Summer Fest went well. There were not major issues.

Rob Hewitt asked Randy Vannatter about patrol on Friday and Saturday nights. Randy stated it depends on their schedule as to if they were working on the weekends.

Don Parvin asked if we were just going to leave rocks at the base of the trail. Rick said rocks are cheaper and they are already there. This is fine with the council, but we may need a few more. Rick said he would work on this as soon as he was able.

Treasurer's Report – A written report was given. She had nothing to add.

Dave Kieser – Don Parvin reported for him as Mr. Kieser was not present. Mr. Kieser is done with his portion of the Asset Management Plan, and has sent it to Steve Brock so he can do the financial portion of it.

Don also said Mr. Kieser is working on Duke Energy for the Sidewalk and Lighting grant, and still working on the application for the energy efficiency grant.

New London Grant – Ethel Morgan was present and said the north lift station is left to do. The restoration done and the pipe is in. Ethel had a pay application for Davidson Excavating in the amount of \$124,479.60.

Pat Reel made a motion to accept the pay application for Davidson in the amount of \$124,479.60. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Rob, and Don voting for passage.

Ethel also had an invoice for Hometown engineering in the amount of \$6,110.00. They are 82% complete with the project.

Ethel has change order #2 - to replace the pumps in the north lift station, the original intent was to move the pumps from the south lift station to the north. It will end up costing \$3,961.00 to replace both of these pumps, but we have plenty of money left to do this.

Ethel stated, originally, they were going to haul sludge from New London to Russiaville plant, but with the rain conditions we have right now Russiaville does not have the capacity for it. They are taking it to Kokomo, and have to pay \$4,180.57. Rob Hewitt asked why they didn't have Merrell Bros haul it. Ethel stated they could not work out the contract with them. Ethel said the work is done. It has been pumped as of today.

They added traffic tape to all the air release vent valves for \$543.00. They had 25 additional feet of pipe that was installed for \$1,711.00. The total amount of the change order is \$10,396.06. Don Parvin made a motion to allow change order #2 for the total amount of \$10,396.06. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, and Rob voting for passage.

Ethel Morgan stated that as of June 4th they are no longer sending flow to the New London plant. All flow from New London is coming to Russiaville as we speak. They are still using the existing pumps at the north lift station, but they are not pumping at an efficient rate. They will get the new pumps installed when they come in and it will work much better, she is hoping by the end of June this will be done. Pat Reel asked if we were still under budget. Ethel stated that we were about \$70,000.00 under budget. Ethel said IDEM would come out and do an

inspection, and buried and backfilled. Don Parvin interjected that he thought IDEM had done the inspection today as Craig had to meet with them at the New London plant. Ethel concurred that that was probably why they were here then. Ethel stated she had drafted a letter requesting termination of the New London NPDES permit. There was an asbestos survey done, and there was no asbestos found.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to accept the letter that Ethel drafted. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Pat, and Don voting for passage. Ethel said there is a substantial completion walk through on July 3rd at 10:00 am.

Colleen from Mendenhall & Assoc. emailed the SRF disbursement form to Megan earlier in the day for Hometown Engineering in the amount of \$6,110.00. Council approved the request and Jeff Lipinski signed it.

Ordinance 2018-11 – Don is still working on.

There was discussion about there being no stop sign at Grant and Seward Streets. There is no place for a stop sign on this corner the way things are set up. Don Parvin made a motion to paint “stop” on the road on Grant St looking south at the corner. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, and Rob voting for passage.

Don Parvin said that his sister Joyce Laudenschlager has replaced her sidewalk on Grant Street due to the semi traffic coming through there and breaking it. This has happened several times now. Don would like to see these drivers ticketed for property damage. Rob Hewitt agreed with this.

VBS Road Closures – The churches would like the roads closed for VBS (vacation bible school) on Kinsey Dr. from the police station to East St., and Carter St. at Kinsey Dr. Also, the entire alley behind the park. This will be June 24th – 28th from 9:00 am – Noon. Rob Hewitt made a motion to allow this. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Pat, and Don voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he and Craig are working on the Community Crossings Grant. They are doing it themselves this year as it will come in under \$150K, so we won't

have to bid it out. The only thing additional to the original approval is Lions St. to 330 S.

Don Parvin also addressed the sign issue at Seward and Union St. Council has received a letter complaint on this matter. Don has talked to Steve Jones and he is waiting on the sign company to move the sign. Jeff Lipinski stated he had called Mr. Jones and left a message and not heard back from him. Hopefully this will be done soon.

There is a budget meeting set for June 25th at 7:00 pm.

Don Parvin said there is a broken receptacle cover, and the drain on the pavilion needs to be fixed.

Josh Walden was present and stated that he was the new HOA president at Honey Creek Hills subdivision.

Ned Sutherland was present to say the next RCO (Russiaville Community Outreach) meeting will be here this Wednesday (19th) at 7:00 pm. Ned said the people from Western Buddy Bags and people from Western School that are working on the new handicapped playground would be present at this meeting to discuss their missions.

Philip DeMarco was present to ask about the newly constructed house next door on Mesa Dr. There is standing water in the back yard, and it has been that way a long time. The smell and the bugs are very bad. He wanted to know what could be done about this or who he could talk to. Pat Reel said he would call the county health department. Don Parvin said we have an ordinance to maintain the property properly. Don Parvin made a motion for Megan Reel to send a letter to Majestic Homes (property owner). Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, and Rob voting for passage.

Dennis Schermer asked if council had a report on Summer Fest this year. Council stated that they did not. Jeff Lipinski said Summer Fest is no longer on our agenda, this is due to lack of information to us.

Shad Smith was present to discuss his fence issue with Bob Hill. Shad did not think he should be able to put a fence where he is putting it. It is too close to Shad's property line. Rob Hewitt said the minutes were looked at, and Bob Hill approached the council quite some time ago, and he was permitted by them to put his fence in the Town's utility easement with the understanding that if the Town had an issue and had to dig it up, the fence would have to be removed to do so. This would be at Mr. Hill's expense to put the fence back up if this ever happened. Mr. Hill and the council agreed.

Rob Hewitt asked Mr. Smith if the fence was on his property. Mr. Smith said no, but doesn't there have to be enough room to get a mower down through there. Mr. Smith said his fence is 2 feet inside his property line, so if he wanted to kill his grass from his fence to the property line he could.

Mr. Smith also asked how tall the fence could be. The max height of a fence is 6 feet. Mr. Smith thinks it is taller than this.

Don Parvin said he made a terrible mistake when he allowed Mr. Hill to put his fence in the Town's easement. It is in the past and he has been granted the permit. Don said, in the future he will not approve people building things in our easements.

Ted Parrott at 297 S. Union St. was present and said he had some drainage issues. He asked if when we pave Chandler Street again, could we slope the paving toward the center of the street. Don Parvin and Pat Reel said they would come look at it after a rain.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, and no more comments from council or guests, the claims were presented and approved. Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President
Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer