

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Special Meeting (budget discussion)
Town Hall
June 25, 2019

Council present for meeting were as follows
Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Kyle Parvin, and Pat Reel.
Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

There was discussion about council salaries – the decision was made to leave them as is for right now, but if they wanted to raise them in the future, they may be able to take it out of New London.

Employee and Clerk Treasurer salaries were discussed. Jeff Lipinski said the employees have done a great job, and the Town was in better shape than it had been in years. Jeff would like to see a 3% raise and a bonus figured in to salaries or a 5% raise. The budget was figured with up to a 5% increase. Salaries will be discussed later in the year.

Carl Swan was discussed about whether he had started full time yet, some of council thought he was full time as of June 1st. Council is just trying to budget where they need to for this, as this affects insurance too. When it comes time to cut, they want to know if they need all this appropriated.

Council asked Megan Reel about Local Road & Street. She stated she had taken money from there to pay Kieser Consulting for the sidewalk and lighting grant as that is where Dave Kieser told he to take it from (1/2 LRS and 1/2 MVH). Council stated she should have taken it from Rainy Day. Megan stated that whenever she gets a bill from Kieser Consulting going forward, she will ask council where they want it taken from.

Pat Reel asked about Street Commissioner appropriation in MVH. Don Parvin said that is where Mike's salary comes out of. Megan Reel stated she did not pay anything out of street commissioner, the portion of Mike's salary that comes out of MVH comes out of the contract labor appropriation. Jeff Lipinski said let's leave it in there for now and ask DLGF if the street commissioner and contract labor could be combined.

After council went over all appropriations and decided what they would need for 2020, the total was \$934,998.00.

Council would like to remove the appropriation called Sewer Materials (101001242) in the General account.

Council would like to add an appropriation called Parks & Trails (101001423) for \$10,000.00.

Craig Thompson was present to discuss the Wastewater budget. It is pretty close to last year, with the exception that New London flow is all coming to Russiaville now. Most of the bills from New London will now be Russiaville's since there is not plant there anymore. They would like to consider taking wastewater portion out of PERF and Worker's Comp. and Wastewater portion of Insurance out of Wastewater.

Randy Vannatter was present to discuss the Marshal's Dept. budget. Randy had some information on possibly getting a new police car. The council said they had put the money in the budget, and if we get it, we will look into it.

Don Parvin asked about an inventory list from Randy for insurance. Megan Reel said she asked Ashley Wyrick about this and she said she didn't need it as our blanket policy covered everything in their cars. Megan will ask Ashley again.

Megan Reel asked about New London. Wondering if other things could come from there, as we will not have the bills we used to when we had the plant. Kyle Parvin said they are about 15% of our customer base. Jeff said they should look at this because he thinks there are things that could be taken out of the New London fund to compensate for all the flow coming to Russiaville now.

Pat Reel would like to hire Todd Everling part-time. Don Parvin is against this. Jeff Lipinski said he is not opposed to hearing it out. Don Parvin said we have him for free right now, why would we want to pay him. Randy Vannatter said you are getting 16-20 hours per month for free right now. If we could hire him part-time, he would work 18 hours per week. This would be less than \$20K per year. Don Parvin does not think we can afford this. Also talking about upkeep on cars and extra cost for an additional officer. Don does not understand why all the other towns around us have several reserve officers, but Russiaville does not.

Jeff Lipinski said Paul Wyman said he would give Russiaville some money, and maybe we can use it for Todd.

Pat Reel would like to hire Todd Everling so we could have someone on midnights, that is what Todd wants to work.

Pat Reel said he will not vote for putting any money into the Interurban station, unless there is something to do with it that will generate revenue to be able to maintain it. Otherwise it will be a drain on the Town's funds.

With no other comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk-Treasurer