

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Russiaville Town Hall  
March 18, 2019

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

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

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

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present and said he had no new business.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one present to report.

TIF Board – Nothing new.

Russiaville Historical Society – No one was present to report.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present to report. They had gotten an estimate for deep cleaning at the Community Center of \$800.00 except for the refrigerator coils (\$300 for the floors and \$500 for the rest). She had also gotten an estimate for painting the inside of the Community Center. There was an estimate given, but the people said it really did not need to be painted. There are just a few cracks in the walls and some “nail pops” near the ceiling that needed to be fixed.

Jill mentioned again that community (senior) day is May 9th with a rain date of May 10th, and she is looking for jobs from anyone in town for them to do that day. Don said this is good as spring trash cleanup is May 11th.

Don Parvin made a motion to have the Community Center deep cleaned for the cost of \$800.00. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin asked about cleaning the walls. Jill did not know a price for this. Don said we could talk about it next month.

Rick Homkes showed everyone the interpretive sign for the pollinator grant. It will also be the model that will be used for the other interpretive signs from another grant along the trail. Everyone thought the sign was very nice. Rick said it would last 7-8 years and then you could unscrew it and they can redo it. He also had feed a bee signs for each one of the gardens that was put in. This closes the "Feed a Bee" grant out. It was a \$2,500.00 grant and a \$4,000.00 project, but the town only had to contribute \$24.00.

The other grant for \$7,500.00 will be for other signage along the trail. This will wait until the trail is finished. They are working with the library to do a stepping stone type mileage marker. They will be a 10-inch stone off the side of the trail with .1-mile increments.

They will use tree species identifiers. They will have money left for interpretive signage and artwork. 2-3 signs and a couple of pieces of artwork.

The council thought all this was very nice and for the Town to only have to come up with \$24.00 is amazing.

Rick said a big thank you to Master Gardeners and the entire Park and Tree Board put in a lot of work and time for this. Also, Salsbery Garden Center gave about \$245.00 of bushes that they could not sell.

Pat Reel asked if the pond in Western Heights had been cleaned up of all the building materials and trash from the new home builders. Rick said he was unsure. Craig said he didn't think it was. Megan said she had emailed the builder about a week ago and had heard nothing.

Jill said the seniors could possibly do it in May if it has not been done by then.

Don Parvin asked if the signs were up that said "dogs must be leashed" on the trail. He has been getting several calls about dogs running unleashed on the trail. Craig said he would get it done ASAP.

Rick Homkes said one last thing. They would have one eagle scout project that he knew of this year. He is investigating bat houses at this point.

Mike Kanable asked how long the walking trail was, to which Rick Homkes replied, .63 mile.

Summer Fest – No one present to report.

Streets and Wastewater – A written report was given and Craig Thompson was present. Don Parvin asked what was going on with Fourth Street wastewater issue. Craig said it was just frozen and it was working fine now that it has thawed out.

He had done some research on getting a new tractor in replacement of the Kubota that the lease was coming due on in May. The new one will be a John Deere 3046R with a 72" belly mower. It will have a backhoe too.

We can lease it, but this is not a very good deal. Buy option is 0% interest for 60 months and the payment would be \$908.00. Don Parvin asked what the total price would be. Craig replied \$50,685.00, with the government discount. So, if we did the 0% for 60 months, we would own it after 5 years, but through John Deere if we do the 0%, we would lose our government discount of \$3,900.00. To keep the government discount, the interest rate through John Deere would be 6.15%, so it is better to lose the government discount and finance at 0% interest. We could also try to get our own financing with someone else.

Don Parvin said, why don't we just pay for it? Craig said, you could do that too.

Jeff Lipinski said if you want to pay for it, lets figure out where we can take the money from. After some discussion, council decided we could take \$40,000.00 from CEDIT, \$5,342.50 out of wastewater, and \$5,342.50 out of MVH.

Don Parvin made a motion to purchase the John Deere 3046R, and pay for it as listed above from Reynolds Farm Equipment. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, and Kyle voting for passage.

Don Parvin asked about warranty. Craig said it was a 2-year bumper to bumper.

Don asked about an extended warranty. Craig said he could call to see if one was offered.

Megan Reel asked if they were trading in the old backhoe. All said no, we would use it for a back-up. Don asked Craig if he could see about getting some things fixed on it. Craig said he didn't think it would be worth doing. They can talk about it at a later time.

Craig Thompson also had information on a 2008 club car golf cart carry-all turf. It is a gas cart. Jeff Lipinski asked what this would be used for. Craig said for

spraying, use it in the park, the walking trail, it will save on truck fuel, reading meters. He feels it will pay for itself in a year's time. It will cost \$4,000.00 delivered from Michigan.

There was some discussion. Pat Reel then made a motion to purchase the golf cart and take the money out of wastewater. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

Pat Reel asked Craig about the College Street sign as hit had blown off some time ago. Craig said he just got the replacement pole for it and would get it installed this week.

Pat also asked Craig if he knew a time frame of when we would be able to get the new tractor/mower? He said he was unsure if they had any on the lot or not, or if they had to order it in, so it would depend on that. He would find out.

Don Parvin asked Craig to get a price on the alignment for the Dodge.

Marshal Dept. – A written report was given. Randy Vannatter said he had written a dog ordinance violation, and the owner was adamant that she was not going to pay it. He asked Corbin King what we would do with this if she did not pay it. Corbin said Mr. Peelle would handle it, and it would go to small claims court.

Don Parvin said he and the council had been talking about Carl Swan. They would like to make Carl full-time with 35 hours a week at his current rate of pay, and give him insurance. This will all be effective when the insurance renews in June. Don Parvin made a motion to make Carl Swan full-time at 35 hours a week, at his current rate of pay, and give him insurance effective at June insurance renewal, unless something happens otherwise that we have to do it sooner. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, and Pat voting for passage.

Treasurer's Report – Reports given. Megan Reel added she had finally fixed the CD's that still looked like they were in the water funds, and moved them to the general fund on the computer program only. Now everything matches.

Dave Kieser – RBDG pictures of what the lights on the post could possibly look like were presented. After everyone looked at them and discussed, they decided they liked the Acorn LED – Pole Style E.

There will be 9 lights between Third Street and West street (775 W.). Dave said they will be much brighter.

Dave is also working on a possible grant for the Town Hall and Police Station area buildings. He is looking at a couple of different grants before he brings this to us.

Dave also said he gave the contracts to Baumgartner on Wednesday, and talked to them for the CCMG program. Once they sign it, Dave will bring the contract up and have Jeff sign it, and then set up a preconstruction meeting with them.

Pat Reel asked once they get here and start working, they would stay here until the job was done? Dave said yes that was the idea.

Craig interjected with an update on the CCMG grant money. Our CCMG grant was \$141,000.00-ish, but since the bid came in cheaper than what our estimate was for the grant at \$153,004.00. We get 75% of that, so it would be about \$114,753.00. It is just less that we have to come up with for the local match. (\$38,000.00-ish which is about \$6,000.00 less than before).

Don Parvin said the drainage on Dave's report has been moved to 2020 – 2021.

Don Parvin said he and Dave Kieser had met with Steve Jones about the sign at the corner of Seward and Union Street. Mr. Jones agreed to move the sign back to be within the guidelines of our ordinance.

Don Parvin said they would table ordinance 2018-11.

Don Parvin exited the meeting as he had another engagement to get to.

New London Grant - Ethel Morgan was present and said she hoped the weather would get better so we could get some work done. They still need to put air release valves in all the structures. They will then have to pressure testing on the force main, this will take a week or two. They will then start working on the lift stations. The north lift station is in, they just have to change the pumps out, and they have to install the south lift station.

Ethel has pay application for Davidson Excavating for \$67,168.37 for Jeff's signature.

Jeff Lipinski asked when the New London plant would be out of the ground and filled in and done with. Ethel said the goal for this would be the end of May. Ethel said according to the contract Davidson's have till the middle of June to be totally complete with the project. After it is done, IDEM will come down and close it out, and the NPDES permit will go away, and it will all get taken care of.

Pat Reel said the drainage problem at Shepherd is being worked on by County Highway. There is an existing pipe there, but it is plugged up. Ethel said this is refreshing, as she was fairly confident that they did not break the pipe and cause this to happen.

Pat Reel made a motion to accept the pay application and pay Davidson Excavating \$67,168.37. Kyle Parvin seconded. Jeff voted in favor of it too, and the motion carried with Pat, Kyle, and Jeff passing.

Ethel also has pay application for Hometown Engineering for \$2,820.00 for Jeff's signature. Pat Reel made a motion to accept the pay application and pay Hometown Engineering for \$2,820.00. Kyle Parvin seconded. Jeff voted in favor of it too, and the motion carried with Pat, Kyle, and Jeff passing.

Tina was present from Mendenhall and Associates to give an overview for internal control purposes from all people involved.

Rick Homkes said Scott Sipes contacted him and is concerned about the dirt piles around the walking trail. He thinks the kids will be playing on them when baseball starts. Jeff Davidson said he was going to try to get the trail done ASAP, he will need to do some backfill along the trail so he can't just get rid of the dirt he may still need for the project. They will do the best they can to get it done and things tidied up.

EMA Agreement – This is an addendum for the Howard County EMA agreement and the Town of Russiaville. Jeff Lipinski signed it.

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.

Kyle Parvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer