

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
August 20, 2018

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, and Kyle Parvin

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting. Jeff Lipinski gave prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Parvin.

Jeff Lipinski said Cindy Aeschliman had resigned from the council on 8/6/2018, at some point there would be caucus to replace her on the council.

Minutes from the previous council meeting and one special meeting stand approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable had no new business to report.

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

Russiaville Historical Society – Jan Koloszar was present to report. She said the Russiaville Historical Society had been in limbo for some time now trying to determine if they were going to stay as a board and find some new people to be on it or not. Jan talked to Dave Kieser, and together they thought maybe if they restructure the bylaws they could stay together and make the Russiaville Historical Society work. Dave Kieser said if he could know by the 1st of October as this is when we would need to work on grants to finish the building.

Jan said she had some people contact her about touring the Interurban Station, she stated she told them that she would not take them through without a council member present. Don Parvin said he does not want anyone to walk through at this time for liability reasons.

Don Parvin told Jan Koloszar “thank you” for stepping up to this task of running the Historical Society as it was, and trying to figure out what was right for the Society, the Town, and all involved.

Park & Tree Board – Jill Newby reported the RTP Trail had been sprayed and the excavation would start next week.

Jill Newby said that there had been talk about dogs being able to be on the walking trail verses not. Jill stated she had asked Kokomo parks about their feelings since they allow dogs on their walking trail. Kokomo said they had not had issues with this. All dog owners are responsible for their dogs, as far as any issues, cleaning up after the dogs and keeping them on a leash.

Don Parvin said there were some issues with the fence line by the Williams residence on the south side of where the walking trail is going. This has been taken care of by the surveyor, he put the stakes back in.

Jill Newby said they had met with Ron about the park boulder signs. They should be ready to go the first part of September.

Jill Newby also said Rick and Darlene Homkes had worked diligently and have gotten all the swing mats in at the park.

Rick Homkes reported about 2 Eagle Scouts that were wanting to do their community projects.

Sean Childers would like to work on the Interurban Station, redoing the planter area, putting rails under the train, and putting in the bench. Sean needs to have this done by October as he needs to have it done before his 18th birthday.

Ben Carter would like to do a horseshoe pit at the Community Center. Don Parvin had some reservations about a horseshoe bit as far as safety, and people being out there and not realizing they were there. Don asked Rick when Ben needed to have his project done by. Rick stated he thought it was April. After some discussion on this, council decided to table this until next month to be able to think more and do more research on this.

Rick Homkes said the ash trees in the Russiaville Park had been injected by McKayla Lucas with Tru-Cut Tree Service.

Rick Homkes said they would like to go through the Community Foundation for a grant to be able to put in the rest of the signage that is needed for the parks.

Don Parvin wanted to revisit the dogs on the walking trail issue. He stated we could allow them if we amend the ordinance. There was discussion of leashes and cleaning up of the dog's waste. Don Parvin made a motion to amend the dog ordinance to allow dogs in all parks, with the provisions they had to be on leashes and the owners had to clean up after them. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Craig Thompson asked about dogs in the park during Summer Fest. Don Parvin stated that there were still no dogs allowed at Summer Fest as that was a separate ordinance.

Rick Homkes stated they had collected \$250.00 in the last 2-1/2 months from the donation boxes that were set around at the businesses in town excluding McClure and Food Mart.

Rick also said they wanted to start selling bricks to support the walking trail for \$100.00 to be put in the circle of the walking trail. They would like the council to think about and ok this.

Summer Fest – No one was present to report.

Streets & Wastewater – A written report was given, and Craig Thompson was here with nothing else to report on.

Marshal's Dept. – A written report was given, Randy Vannatter was present with nothing else to add to it. Jeff Lipinski asked about the new reserve that was brought on recently. Randy stated they were waiting on uniforms to come in and then he would get to work.

Randy Vannatter reported on the tornado siren. The siren works. Adam Waddell is checking on a pole, and they would likely have J&J set it. Huston would wire the class II pole. This will be about \$3,000.00. The pole will be 40-45'. The cover on the electrical panel needs fixed and it needs to be painted.

Treasurer's Report – Written reports were given. Megan Reel stated she would like to combine the New London and the Trash bank accounts with the Wastewater bank account at the bank only. Since she started taking credit cards it has been a lot of transferring to get everything in the correct accounts. The funds would stay the same in our software and everything would look the same they would just be in one account at the bank instead of 3. Don Parvin made a motion to allow Megan to combine the New London account, Trash account, and Wastewater account at the bank. The existing Wastewater account will be used for them all to be in.

Megan Reel also explained about the water account. She had left \$90.00 in the account when she transferred the balance from the water account in June 2018, so that the remaining checks could clear. She tried to contact the customers and had 1 more check clear. There are 8 remaining checks for \$10.00 each. These checks will be voided. \$60.00 for 6 of these checks will be transferred from water to wastewater, and the 6 customers wastewater accounts will be credited \$10.00 each. \$20.00 for the remaining 2 checks will be transferred from water to general into fund 230 (the Town Maint. & Improv. Fund). This will -0- out the water fund totally. If for some reason a check does try to get cashed at the bank, it will be returned account closed. They can contact Megan and she will deal with it at that time.

Megan Reel also stated she was going to the budget meeting with the DLGF on August 27th at 2:30pm if any if the council would like to go she would appreciate it.

Dave Kieser – Agreement for the Downtown Improvement Project grant for \$23,500.00 was brought forth. This will be along State Road 26 from 3rd Street to West Street. Don Parvin made a motion to accept the agreement with Kieser Consulting. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, and Rob voting for passage. Jeff Lipinski signed the agreement.

345 E. College St. – There were 2 bids for demolition for the garage at 345 E. College St. Davidson Excavating bid was \$1,748.00 and Rice Tree Co. bid was for \$1,800.00. Don said the only contingency is that they get this demolished by the end of the week. Dave Kieser suggested to the council to accept Davidson's bid. Rob Hewitt made a motion to accept the bid from Rice Tree Co. of \$1,800.00 as he felt they were on call and we had an agreement with them already to do similar things for us. Don Parvin stated that this agreement was for street tree removal in a storm emergency. Don Parvin abstained from voting as he is the one who received the bids. Rob's motion died for lack of a second.

Kyle Parvin made a motion to accept Davidson Excavating bid of \$1,748.00. There was not a second and Don Parvin had abstained. Therefore, Jeff Lipinski removed himself from the presidency, and voted in favor of the motion to allow Davidson Excavating to demolish the garage. The motion passed with Kyle and Jeff voting for passage 2 to 1.

Dave Kieser said the stormwater project was moving along.

Dave had also done 2 home inspections, 1 at 525 Chaparral Dr. and the other at 545 Chaparral Dr.

Jeff Davidson – Jeff Lipinski told Mr. Davidson that Corbin was still working on this for him.

Zach Klutz was present to discuss and introduce the 2 ordinances (2018-09 and 2018-10) pertaining to the New London rate changes that will take place for the process to run the sewage line from New London to Russiaville.

A public hearing will be set for September 10, 2018 at 6:00pm for the rate ordinance.

Don Parvin made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-09 concerning the construction of additions and improvements to the sewage works of the town, and authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to provide the funds for the payment of the costs on the first reading. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

These bonds will be callable after 10 years, and there will be a portion of the bond that will be forgivable after the project is completed.

Don Parvin made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-10 amending the rates and charges for the New London service area on the first reading. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, and Rob voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski and Corbin King met with the Howard County Commissioners about New London's debt. The Commissioners forgave \$35,000.00 of New London's debt in the early 90's. The remainder, around \$31,000.00, will be paid New London. In either a lump sum or installments.

Renaming Grant Street – After some discussion on the renaming the Grant Street to Ike Hollingsworth Lane, Pat Reel (present at the meeting) said he thought they should just add a secondary sign underneath the existing street sign. Not actually change the name of the street but have a sign as a memorial. Kirk Smith was also present, and agreed with Mr. Reel. Mr. Smith had pictures of how it could look as there were some street signs this way in Kokomo. This way the maps, etc. would not have to be changed.

Peggy Hollingsworth was present at the meeting as well, and she was honored that the town is recognizing her father in this way.

Don Parvin made a motion to put a up a secondary sign under the existing Grant Street sign that reads Ike Hollingsworth Lane, on both ends of the street. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Kirk Smith would like to have a secondary sign put up the same way to honor Daniel H. Jones. He had talked about this in a previous meeting. After some discussion, Don Parvin made a motion to put up a secondary sign in his honor that reads Daniel H. Jones Pkwy. They are unsure exactly where to put it at this time. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Paving – 2018 paving will hopefully start in a couple of weeks and be done before cold weather. Don Parvin said the 2018 paving cost is \$195,644.00 and the 2019 cost will be around \$179,000.00. These amounts are with grant money from the community crossings grant. Don said the roads for 2022 will be moved up to 2021. Craig stated all roads in Russiaville will be paved by the end of 2021. This is our goal.

Heather Kasselmann from Colonial Life was present to talk about supplemental insurance for employees. She had handouts and spoke briefly about what they offer. Heather will call Megan and make an appointment to be able to talk further to the employees about this.

Mark Bourff was present and said the Russiaville High School memorial in front of the Town Hall was done. He would like to have a small ceremony this Sunday (August 26th) at 2:00pm for anyone who would like to come. Council said this would be fine, and Megan will put it on the sign out front.

Ordinance 2018-08 creating a new Historical Society fund #235 was brought forth. This will be for the money to maintain the Interurban Station from the Russiaville Historical Society. It will be put into the Town monies to maintain the building and to receive grants.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to allow the new fund #235 for the Historical Society Fund. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Don voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski said he was approached by Christy Unger from Western Intermediate School about putting on a 5K Run/Walk here in Russiaville. Christy would just like approval to do it in Russiaville. The run/walk date is September 8, 2018 at 8:00 – 10:00am. Rob Hewitt made a motion to allow them to do the run/walk in town. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Don voting for passage.

Darlene Homkes was present and said they were trying to plan a health fair to be held at the Community Center sometime in April. This is part of the community outreach program in Russiaville.

Ned Sutherland who was also present and part of the community outreach said they are working on transit to come to Russiaville to help with elderly and people that have addictions that need transport to appointments.

Peggy Hollingsworth spoke and thanked all the people of the town who put in countless hours in not only honoring her father, but also doing all the things to make this town run and making it a better place each and every day.

Rick Homkes added they are working on a 501C3 for the community outreach program.

Don Parvin and Jeff Lipinski met with Paul Wyman and Jeff Stout about the debt the Town has with the County from when the Community Center was built. The Town of Russiaville owes around \$70,000.00. Don Parvin thought this had been taken care of when the water utility was sold, but this was mistaken. Jeff stated the county is giving the Town \$7,500.00 toward a project of our choice.

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

Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the meeting ended.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer