

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Special Meeting  
July 27, 2017

Council present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, Kyle Parvin, and Cindy Aeschliman

Jeff Lipinski called the meeting to order.

Mike Roberts from Gurman Container and Supply Corp. was present to speak about what he would like to do with our Functional Devices building.

He started off talking about sound – he stated there really shouldn't be much. There would mainly be trucks through there during the hours of 8am and 5pm. An occasional emergency truck may happen in the middle of the night but very rarely.

They will leave Terre Haute to come here. They will only bring 3 or 4 people with them from there and the rest will be hired from this area once they get here. They need 18 people to run the plant, so that is how many they will hire before production can begin.

Jeff Lipinski asked how they would keep their word on bringing all these jobs to the area. Mike said one thing they could do is to give the Town a portion of the money from each container sold if they didn't reach the job goals they originally projected. Another thing they would do is to not ask for tax abatements.

Jeff Lipinski asked about training costs. How much it would cost them approx. to train a new employee. Mike said a good estimate would be \$2,000.00 per employee. Don Parvin said the building appraised for \$580,000.00, if we gave them the building the Town would also have an investment in their employees.

Cindy Aeschliman asked if they do injection molding now. Mike Roberts said they did, but are now concentrating on the container part of the business. They will have both if they move here.

Cindy also asked about equipment. Mike said they would buy used equipment to do the injection moldings.

Mr. Roberts expressed that he wants to do all he can for our community as he and his family would live here too.

Don Parvin asked if there was anything they would need to add structurally. Mike said, yes, they would need to add a dock for loading.

They will need to keep 5-10 semi-trailers near the facility. There was some concern expressed from the people that live near there. There are trailers there now from the Tri-County Travel Trailers business in town, this business is moving to a different location here in town, but they do not want more trailers to come in and be sitting around. Bill Lidy, a resident in that area who was present, said Mike Roberts could buy him out too as far as he was concerned.

Mike said they will figure this issue out and hopefully find a different location to keep the semi-trailers.

Mike Roberts stated they would like to be ready to go with this January 1, 2018 if this gets approved.

Don Parvin stated he needed to get the extra money approved to be able to purchase a truck for the Town that was talked about in yesterday's meeting. Cindy Aeschliman made a motion to spend the extra money \$7,500.00 and get the truck ordered. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Cindy, Kyle, and Don voting for passage.

Cindy Aeschliman made a motion to adjourn. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the meeting came to a close.

Jeff Lipinski, President  
Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer