

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Hall  
January 27, 2020

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, and Greg Landrum.

Corbin King, town attorney, was also present.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

First order of business is to open the bids for the 2020 road paving project. There are 8 bids to be read, these will be opened and taken under advisement at this time. Jeff Lipinski read the bids as follows:

Harding Group - \$183,200.00

Grady Bros. - \$157,890.00

DC Construction Services – \$172,634.00

Midwest Paving - \$117,939.00

Crenshaw Paving - \$154,000.00

Baumgartner & Company – 134,944.00

E&B Paving - \$157,216.50

Central Paving - \$141,955.00

This concludes the bid opening.

The regular meeting will now begin. Jeff Lipinski said we have 2 new members on the council this year. He welcomed Greg Landrum and Myrna Claar.

Jeff Lipinski said a prayer. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of officers for the 2020 council – Pat Reel made a motion to have Jeff Lipinski remain as council president for 2020. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Pat Reel made a motion to have Don Parvin remain as council vice president for 2020. Greg Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Myrna voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to close the nominations, Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski made appointments for 2020:

Don and Myrna will be in charge of Streets and Wastewater

Jeff and Pat will be in charge of the police Department

Greg will be the advisory member for the Park and Tree Board

Myrna will be in charge of the historical society

Minutes from last meeting and one special meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report. He stated he had written 2 permits. One at 407 S. Union St. for an addition to their porch, and the other at 380 Mesa Dr. for a shed.

Jeff asked if there were any more lots in either subdivisions. Mike stated they were all full.

Board of Zoning Appeals – There is a vacancy on this board. Don Parvin made a motion to nominated Kyle Parvin to be the new member on this board. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

TIF Board – No one present and no business to report.

Historical Society – Megan Reel said Jan Koloszar had emailed her. There is nothing to report, and their next meeting is February 11, 2020 at 7pm here at the Town Hall.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present to report. Jill said community/senior day would be May 13<sup>th</sup> this year, with a rain date of May 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be here around 8:30am, as it is a Wednesday and school starts ½ hour later. Don Parvin made a motion for the Town to provide the meat for this event as we have in the past. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg.

Jill said to be thinking about things that need to be done, as they will need jobs for them to do.

Jill said the new piece of equipment has been ordered for Brady Park. It had to be reconfigured, but it is the same piece just set up differently. We still need to pay

for installation on this at a price of \$3,125.00. A couple of small pieces of existing equipment will have to be removed to put this in.

Jill mentioned the accomplishments and goals that were given to the council. If there are any questions, ask her or Rick.

Arbor Day Resolution # 2020-01 was presented. It will be April 24, 2020. Don Parvin made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-01 for the declaration of Arbor Day. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Jeff Lipinski said the cameras at the Community Center are very nice. Don thanked Randy and Jordan for getting this done.

Streets and Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present. He gave a written report. On the report it said the capacity for 2019 was 88%. Craig said it is possible that IDEM could put us on a sewer ban, being that it is so close. Ethel Morgan said we would probably get an early warning letter for sure, maybe not a full sewer ban. Greg Landrum asked about this. Craig said at 90% they will definitely do a sewer ban. Jeff Lipinski asked what the flow was coming in from New London. Ethel said about 11,000 gallons a month. Greg asked about the stormwater coming into the sewer. Ethel said this is somewhat better, than it was as far as the pipes. The stormwater that is getting in there now is from direct connection like sump pumps and downspouts from gutters. Jeff Lipinski said we have talked about sending homeowners letters about this to help with the situation, but we haven't done to this yet. This may be close as our flows are high.

Ethel Morgan was present and brought pay applications for Hometown and for Davidson Excavating. These pay apps spend the money down 100% at SRF. The grant will be totally spent down.

Ethel said at the south lift station in New London they are going to extend the influent pipe down and put an elbow on it in the hopes that we don't stir up the odors. Hopefully this will help with the odors.

Ethel said they started the blower up January 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a part between the cooling fan and the blower motor that was not included. The part was ordered and delivered. Davidson will install this and get it hooked up, and start up again to make sure it works properly.

Ethel said she would enter into contract with Davidson, and she will pay them for the work at the south lift station and the blower work. She said it would be better to do it this way, because if we do a change order to Davidson then we have to hold some of their money from this other contract. We would not be able to close their contract. Ethel wants to pay them from the money that she is receiving from the grant. Ethel also said the work at the house on West St. (3528 S. 775 W.), the cost has been offset by cost savings of the installation of the blower. Ethel has a letter signed by herself and Tami Davidson about this, so there is no additional change order work associated with that.

Ethel has the certificate of substantial completion to Davidson that needs to be signed. It is substantially complete even though the part was not there as their contract did not include the missing part.

Ethel also has the de minimis list for American Iron and Steel for signature. The 2 invoices for Davidson total \$39,700.00 and the invoice for Hometown totals \$13,376.00.

Don Parvin made a motion to pay Davidson Excavating invoices totaling \$39,700.00. Pat Reel seconded and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to pay Hometown invoice totaling \$13,376.00. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Ethel said she is going to semi retire since this project is finished. Jeff Lipinski asked Ethel how long she has helped the Town with projects. Ethel said, over 20 years. Jeff said Ethel has helped with a lot of the problems that we have had over the years. Jeff said we have greatly appreciated Ethel's efforts. Ethel thanked everyone.

Don Parvin thanked Craig for stepping up and being a one-man team for a while now.

Colleen from Mendenhall was present with the SRF disbursement forms for Davidson in the amount of \$39,700.00 and Hometown in the amount of \$13,376.00 for signatures. Colleen thanked Ethel and Megan and the board for all their hard work in doing this project. Jeff thanked her and said we were proud of this project, and the fact that it is completed.

Jeff Lipinski gave a quick overview of the New London project. Corbin said we started helping and taking over New London in 2006. Now New London's sewage runs to Russiaville Wastewater Plant. Howard County has helped tremendously with this project to be accomplished. Jeff said about 90% of this project was funded through grants. We have just, in the last couple of years, been able to start paying a small portion of Megan's wages out of New London.

Marshal's Department – A written report was given. Randy Vannatter reported they had started working on the grant that was approved. They will order the radios and computers. Jeff asked what the amount of the grant was. Randy said while he couldn't remember the exact number, it was close to \$21,000.00.

Treasurer's report – Megan Reel gave a written report with nothing else to report.

Dave Kieser – Jeff Lipinski said Mr. Kieser will not be here tonight, but reported that Steve Brock will be at the February meeting to go over potential cost of the upgrades to the sewer system. Jeff also said there will be new lighting on State Road 26 from 775 W. to the McClure Station, hopefully this will be done by the end of 2020. Don Parvin said, when Duke Energy gets done with their part this can move forward.

Al Holdren was here to talk about Atlas Collections. He gave an overview of what they do as far as collections, at no cost to the town. The council and Megan had a few questions for Mr. Holdren. They will take this under advisement and decide what they would like to do.

Jeff Lipinski asked Corbin King if there was anything he had to report on. Corbin said he has found out that we need to annex the Community Center. He will also be reviewing the bids for the paving we just read.

Jeff Haill, resident at 225 E. Seward St., has a shared driveway with his neighbor. The driveway is actually a town alley. Mr. Haill would like to vacate the alley, and split it with his neighbor, as he has had severe problems with his neighbor. There was an altercation with the neighbor. Mr. Haill's neighbor did not like the fact that he had parked next to his garage in the alley, where he thought he could park. He just has no driveway or place to park other than this. They have parked

on the grass and sidewalk in the front of the house, where the council told them to park until they resolve their parking issue. Mr. Haill said to alleviate the issue with the neighbor, he would like the Town to vacate the alley that he doesn't think the town uses in any way. They feel they are landlocked as far as ability to have parking.

Don Parvin said all utilities would have to be located to make sure the alley was clear. Don Parvin said he was not opposed to it. Don said Connie Maugans would be the person to contact on this. Don said to Mr. Haill, so what you are asking of us is that if everything works out alright, he would like to vacate the alley between the 2 houses. Mr. Haill said that is correct. Jeff Lipinski asked Corbin King, if there was anything else, we needed from him before we decided to vacate the alley. Corbin said he would need the letter from the utilities, and a petition. We would have to have a public hearing. He would need to go to the attorney to get that to us.

Pat Reel asked about parking in front of the house. Pat said if they could put stone in front of the house for places to park would that help. Mr. Haill said yes, it would help a lot. There is a sidewalk in front of the house, but it is only in front of his and his neighbors house and it is not in very good shape. Pat said he is just trying to save the homeowners some money. Mr. Haill said they maybe could look at extending their driveway to the west of their home. There is a water meter out there that may need to be moved.

Don Parvin felt, in his opinion, that vacating the alley would be in the best interest of both parties. Mr. Haill said if this does not get resolved, he intends to sell the property. He feels that vacating the alley is the only way as far as legalities of who can or cannot use the alley. They have this civil issue going on with their neighbor and feel this would help the situation.

Greg Landrum said he would get with Mike Kanable and go down and look at this situation, so he could get a visual on the whole thing.

Don Parvin said, at this time, if Mr. Haill wants to get to his garage behind his house, he has to go through the alley to get there.

Don Parvin said he thinks Mr. Haill should go to Mr. Maugans and do the homework on this, to see about the utilities and then bring this back to the board.

Don Parvin said he still has permission to park off to the side until they resolve this. There is a road easement in front of the house. Mr. Haill wanted to make sure this was noted in the minutes as the permission he was given to park next to the garage was not in the minutes last year, and therefore he had to legal

recourse with the Sheriff's Dept. and the State Police when they had the issue with the neighbor recently. Don Parvin stated and made a motion that Mr. Haill did have and does now, have permission to park in front of the sidewalk off the street until they resolve this issue further. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Feasibility Study – Don Parvin said they would like to do this study to see the feasibility of getting grants for town hall, police station, fire/EMS station. This is the first step to be able to get grants. Greg Landrum asked, eventually we would have all the buildings together as one? Don Parvin said possibly, that is what the study is for.

Don Parvin made a motion that we enter into agreement for \$5,000.00 with Kieser Consulting to do the feasibility study for us to get grants to update these buildings. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Jill Newby asked what will happen to the old New London wastewater plant. Jeff Lipinski said it has been scrapped. This is where the new tower is for the county radios.

Mike Kanable asked who would pay for the survey for vacating the alley. Corbin King said this would be up to the homeowner. Mike Kanable said, what if the survey comes back and one of the homeowners loses all their driveway, then what. Corbin said that is a good point, but the homeowner needs to go get the advice. Corbin said, Mr. Haill needs to get his own advice from his attorney.

Jeff Lipinski said there would be an executive session for the town board on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 4:30 pm about employee matter and litigation.

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

Jeff Lipinski, President  
Megan Reel, Clerk-Treasurer