

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Russiaville Town Hall – 5pm  
May 28, 2024

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Greg Landrum, and Roger Waddell

Prayer was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable reported three (3) permits for fence; two (2) permits for sheds, a garage permit and a chicken coop permit.

Minutes for April 2024 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports. Megan added that the three (3) CDs were coming due. Pat Reel made motion to rollover CDs. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Street/Wastewater – Craig Thompson had a written report. There was a 92% increase noted due to rainwater in April. Pat Reel initiated discussion about spreading mulch at Community Center. Craig will stage when details worked out.

Craig reported that Kubota needs radiator repair of \$565.00. He also reported that deck is in bad condition. Cost to repair is \$760.00 or \$2,000.00 for new deck. Craig advised Kubota has 1125 mowing hours on it and should last another ten (10) years. Pat Reel made motion to replace mower deck. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Craig had company contact him about running E. coli tests for them. Materials per test is approximately \$15.00. Craig would like to charge \$25.00 per test @ 9 tests per week would profit Town \$90.00 per week. This would be done April thru October. Craig will prepare agreement. Roger Waddell made motion to allow Craig to do testing and purchase needed materials. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Old Business #2 – Manlift is \$250.00 per day to rent. Craig and Pat talked and will continue to rent one when needed a couple of times a year.

Mower lift for Zero Turn maintenance, etc. can be purchased for \$350.00. Pat Reel made motion for purchase, Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Mowing for overgrown properties – AT&T lot has been mowed once and billed; Old Auto Techs property owner notified; South Liberty property owner notified. Contractor will be hired for 1<sup>st</sup> mowing, then maintained by Town.

Marshal's Department – Josh Fulkerson contacted Roger and advised he would not be present at the meeting. He did provide a written report. Reminder for Bike Rodeo on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am – noon was given.

Public Safety – Nothing to report.

EMA Advisory – Josh Fulkerson will replace Jake Gibson as the Town’s representative.

Health Department – Rick Homkes reported work on monthly topics for 2025. The Lions Club has been approached to host upcoming events in 2025.

Attorney Comments – Not present.

Plan Commission – Don Parvin advised that Jeff Lipinski will fill current vacancy. Pat Reel made motion to accept the appointment, Greg Landrum seconded, and motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Don Parvin advised that Lynn Waddell will fill current vacancy. Pat Reel made motion to accept the appointment, Greg Landrum seconded, and motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Don voting for passage. Roger Waddell abstained.

Historical Society – No one present to report.

Park and Tree Board – Rick Homkes advised \$250,000.00 in the account. Megan Reel gave Jill Newby’s report on Senior Day and Community Center Park Grant Application update.

Pat Reel made motion to accept the contract with Kieser Consulting for LWCF Application, Roger Waddell seconded, and motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Pat reported that 40<sup>th</sup> Parallel is working on survey for deed restricted approximate 1.5 acres.

TIF Board – Rick Homkes reported that Myrna Claar continues to work on Town signage placement issue. Continue to work on new TIF (2) to include entire Town with Dave Kieser and Barnes & Thornburg. Steve Brock will be financial advisor.

Don Parvin advised that TIF Board must include a School Board Member. He would like to appoint Donn Shepherd. Pat Reel made motion, Greg Landrum seconded, and motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Dave Kieser – North/South Union Sidewalk Project – underway in next 30-60 days. Pre-con meeting with John. Dave advised there is \$99,000.00 for North Union and \$95,000.00 for South Union.

The interior of Interurban project is top priority before parking.

Wastewater Treatment Plant meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> with head of rural development to discuss the project. Discussion of ARP funds being allocated.

Playground & TIF expansion discussed. Meetings scheduled for June 5 and 11. TIF (2) will be area within current TIF District. Parcels must be contiguous.

--Enter Corbin King

South Union Sidewalk – Mueller property easement still not signed. Pat will contact Russell Mueller, heir of property, to explain his conversation with his mother. Craig advised there is an old drain tile causing water to bubble up in front of this property. He thinks it should be repaired before new sidewalk construction. No idea where problem starts but issue is in front of 253 S. Union St. (Mueller property). After much discussion it was decided to wait until it becomes more of a problem.

New Business –

Megan was contacted by Waste Management regarding the change of trash day from Friday to Wednesday and 2-year contract. Discussion. The Board will address again in September closer to contract renewal.

Megan was contacted by Mike Hufford regarding quote for upcoming livestream mandate. Discussion. Howard County IT will be contacted to see if they can be of assistance.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Roger Waddell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 6:08 pm.

Don Parvin, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer