

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Russiaville Town Hall  
July 17, 2017

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

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting with a prayer.

New London Grant – Ethel Morgan was present to discuss the 20 easements they will need to do the project. She stated that this was not in the original amount of the project and she will need \$12 – 15,000.00 more to negotiate with the owners and prepare the easement paperwork. Don Parvin said that this fee should have been in the original amount to do the project. Ethel said that originally, they would have used the county right-of-way that the county said we could use, however there isn't a county right-of-way there. There are only 3 parcels that there is an easement on, the other 20 are ones she will have to obtain. She is hoping there will not be an issue being that everything we are doing will be under ground. The owners own to the center of the road. Jeff Lipinski asked if this could be an eminent domain situation. Ethel said no it could not be. There was more discussion about where the actual lines would be run, north from the wastewater plant up West Street to 300 North going East, then North on 750 West to New London. Jeff asked if the easements would slow the project down, Ethel stated she didn't think it would be an issue. He was wondering since the New London system is failing. Jeff said the county will have to help us since there will be extra cost involved and we are doing this to help them too. Ethel would like to have council approval to move ahead with the easement work. Rob Hewitt made a motion to have Ethel proceed with the easement documents and incur the extra costs for this to happen. Kyle Parvin seconded. Don Parvin was opposed, because he thought it should have been in the original proposal from Ethel if there were issues with this. Jeff Lipinski voted in favor of the motion, the motion passed with Rob, Kyle, and Jeff voting for passage.

Steve Brock talked about a reimbursement ordinance to be reimbursed for the easement work. This states in writing that we will be expending costs in preparation for a project intending to have that project reimbursed to you from

the project proceeds. You cannot expend anything for construction. Easements or professional services you can get reimbursed for.

Don Parvin had asked Mr. Brock for a flat rate structure for New London a few meetings ago. Mr. Brock has done that and presented it to the council tonight. This will allow us to collect the same amount of revenue that we have been collecting with everyone's bills being the same amount. Jeff Lipinski stated that there needs to be compensation to Russiaville's town workers and the clerk treasurer from New London. It is not fair to the people of Russiaville to have to incur the costs of New London. Ethel stated that the rate study she had previously done had all this included. Mr. Brock had a preliminary ordinance for the rates to be reviewed. He can revise some changes and have it back to me to get to Corbin for review.

Steve Brock will also have paperwork for regulated entity. He has to answer to the FCC. He can give advice to any client on the municipal financing. He will need an engagement letter from the Town. He will have it for council to sign at the next meeting, it will have an hourly rate on it, and how much time it will take him on the project. They will try to get an OCRA grant for \$500 – \$700,000.00. The rest they will try to get from a loan and a grant from the State Revolving Loan Fund. Steve is hopeful we can get within the 90% range of the amount needed. This means that New London would only be financing around \$85,000.00. Don Parvin asked about the county or Russiaville being the lead on this grant. Ethel said it would be the county. The new project bonds would be callable. Steve can negotiate it out so that they will not be callable. New London's old project bonds are non callable.

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

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable reported that he had written 3 permits. Tri-County Travel Trailers, a fence, and Kaleb Hollingsworth's house.

Don Parvin stated that Kaleb Hollingsworth is to meet with Corbin to work out the details to be able to put a septic on his property.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one present to report.

Russiaville Historical Society – Marsha Berry was present to report they still need donations to finish the cement work, electrical, and heating and air in both buildings. Jeff Lipinski asked Marsha to prioritize the needs they have and the costs for each and get that to them, maybe they can figure something out or think of something that will help.

Park & Tree Board – No one was present to report. Don Parvin said he would just like to clarify that the \$5,000.00 that was appropriated for the park board was for the Recreational Trail. \$2,500.00 is appropriated for them to use for park rehab. Jeff said, so far, the county has given \$15,000.00 for the recreational trail. He just wanted to make sure that the council was in agreement that this was what the appropriation was for, since there had been some discrepancy come to his attention. The council agreed that it was. Don Parvin asked about the money from the Community Foundation given to us by Gene Parks, Megan stated that it is now going into the Park Fund. Don and Jeff both said that a portion goes in there, but not all of it. Megan stated that she needed to know where it was supposed to go, so that it is being put in the right place. Don Parvin wanted to make sure the park board is receiving the right amount of money, that way they know exactly what they have. Marsha Berry said at one time it was suggested that the Historical site being under the Park Boards governments. Jeff said there are no plans for that. Don said they the Historical Society and site is their own entity. Marsha Berry also asked about the train that they had moved down to the historical site from Mark Bourff's house. She wanted to know, who's responsibility it was to pay for the place to be fixed to put it on. Council said it is not the Town's responsibility because they knew nothing about it happening.

Summer Fest – No one was present to report. When they get the pavilion finished then we can pay them the rest of the money that they needed to finish it. Don stated that Davidson's did a great job getting all that together and getting the pavilion finished.

Streets and Wastewater – a written report was given.

Marshal's Department – a written report was given. Randy Vannatter stated that he had written a \$250.00 citation for an ordinance violation for a dog being loose and attacking someone's rabbits and chasing a child.

Randy Vannatter also asked about getting bigger no parking signs. There have been some complaints about people parking on both sides of the street especially on Liberty Street. Jeff Lipinski asked for Randy to get a count on how many we will need. They may be able to do it in sections – the first section to be from Railroad Street to State Road 26 on Liberty Street. There is no parking on the East side of Liberty Street. Don Parvin said him and Dave Kieser are working on the parking ordinance.

Treasurer's Report – written reports were given. Megan said that Corbin had asked her to ask about the personal property that is in the Functional Devices building. Jeff said we are holding off on selling that separately, because the potential buyers that he has talked to may want it in there and will sell it with the building. The racks may be purchased by another company, he is waiting on them to get back with him. Megan also stated that McClure had asked her about tax abatement. Jeff said they would need to bring a presentation to a council meeting and present it.

TIF – Jeff said he is working on this.

Kieser – will be here for a special meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>

Trash ordinance – Don is working on this

Claims on storm damage – nothing new

Community Center website updated – Check with Josh Welch. He is the one who had the website for the community center set up the in the beginning.

Functional Devices – there will be potential buyer here at 6:30 on the 19th to discuss it.

Harold Hill – The ordinance that this property was zoned as commercial has been found and reviewed by the towns attorney, Corbin King. He stated that it was just

never recorded. He instructed Megan Reel to have it recorded and it would be fine, and the zoning would stand as commercial.

635 N. Union St. and 655 E. Kinsey Dr. – Need to get them inspected and a possible demo on the 635 N. Union St.

ADA Transition Plan agreement – Dave Kieser said that he would do it for \$1,500.00, he normally charges \$2,500.00. This is something we have to have to be able to get other grants. Rob Hewitt made a motion to pass this agreement. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, and Don voting for passage.

Sidewalk Ordinance – Don Parvin is meeting with Dave Kieser on this to get it going.

A system wide storm water improvement OCRA Grant is being talked about for the fall 2017. \$50,000.00 is needed to apply, it is a 10% match so we would be able to get \$500,000.00 – this was spoke about in a previous public meeting. This will be for drainage, road repair, and sidewalks.

Russiaville Downtown Improvement Project Grant – this is an 85/15 match total of \$100,000.00. This will be for sidewalks and decorative lighting on West Street to the existing sidewalk on Main St. Don Parvin is working on this with Dave Kieser.

Council talked about getting dump truck – Rob said he would rather have a 1-ton diesel. Don said Craig is working on getting a price. There being no further business, the claims were brought before the council and approved.

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

Jeff Lipinski, President  
Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer