

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Public Hearing for SRF Loan
Russiaville Town Hall – 5pm
April 22, 2024

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

Corbin King, attorney, was also present.

Don Parvin opened the Public Hearing.

Gary Ladd from Ladd Engineering was present to discuss the new sewer plant project, giving an overview of the current wastewater system including New London. Project funding through the State Revolving Loan Fund Program (SRF) is being pursued. The Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) along with an application requesting funding has been submitted to the SRF on March 29, 2024. Mr. Ladd gave specifics from the PER. Mr. Ladd said there is a need to replace the existing plant, and increase the capacity for the future. The total project is \$6,916,670.00. Mr. Ladd gave a timeline of all that will need to happen with the project being finished and closed out in September of 2026.

Don Parvin asked that Mr. Ladd make a change in the PER where it said Middleton on page 3. It should be West Middleton. Mr. Ladd will get that change made.

Resolution 2024-02 to accept the PER was read. Pat Reel made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-02. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, Greg, and Jake voting for passage.

Don Parvin asked about the design for the maintenance building and lab. Mr. Ladd said he believes Mr. Kieser is working on this. Pat Reel said we need to get under contract with someone to do this because we are using the ARP money, and as stated in the past, it must be spent this year. Mr. Ladd said he believes Mr. Kieser is seeking a grant from USDA for this project.

There being no further comment from council or guests, Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with all members voting for passage. The Public Hearing ended at 5:16 pm.

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Myrna Claar gave prayer. Greg Landrum led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Parvin thanked everyone for cards and gift from the recent passing of his sister, Lois Bowlby.

The minutes from the March 25, 2024 meeting, and a Special Meeting on April 17, 2024 were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Reel gave written reports.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson had a written report. Pat Reel said they are looking into a manlift. We lost our bucket truck that we used to use. Craig will check into prices on this.
Grasshopper is fixed.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and had a written report. Josh said Carl is working on the Bike Rodeo with the library. Josh Fulkerson said he brought Corey Kelley and Logan Jarrett for the board to consider to hire as reserve officers for the town. Pat Reel made a motion to hire Corey Kelley and Logan Jarrett as reserve officers for the Town of Russiaville. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Greg, and Roger voting for passage. Corbin King swore in Corey Kelley as Reserve Deputy Marshal. Corbin King swore in Logan

Jarrett as Reserve Deputy Marshal. Josh Fulkerson said there is cake and refreshments at the Police Department for everyone. Jake Gibson said there were 3 great candidates, and to be able to pick 2 of them was great. The council congratulated them both.

Public Safety – Jake Gibson asked Megan if she had received any reports from last year. She said she had not.

EMA Advisory – Jake Gibson said he had talked to Sam, the second in charge at EMA about some grants for ambulance service, and flock cameras. Just preliminary at this time.

Health Department – Megan Reel had a report from Rick Homkes. His updates are: The committee has suicide awareness and prevention training this Thursday. This is in preparation for the 2025 community emergency preparedness work.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said he looked at the Humane Society contract. They made a few changes that Josh wanted, but looks like it is as good as it is going to get. Roger Waddell made a motion to accept the Humane Society contract for 2024. Pat Reel seconded, and the motioned carried with Roger, Pat, Greg, and Jake voting for passage.

Ordinance 2024-01 – an Ordinance Appropriating the towns share of Economic Development Tax Revenue was brought forth. Corbin King said he has reviewed it and it all looks fine. He said since we need this for the previously talked about lights at the softball field, he said we could suspend the rules and pass the ordinance in one reading. Roger Waddell made a motion to suspend the rules to pass Ordinance 2024-01 in a single reading. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Pat, Greg, and Jake voting for passage.

Pat Reel made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-01. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Don Parvin read the North and South Union sidewalk bid meeting recap from April 17th meeting. John Ellison from Kieser Consulting recommends awarding the bid to DC Construction and taking it as far as the money will allow. Jake Gibson made a motion to award the bid to DC Construction for North Union sidewalks in the amount of \$86,524.35, and South Union sidewalks up to \$100,000.00 of work

starting at Main Street and going South. DC Construction is reviewing the plans to see how much of the South Union sidewalk project can be done as the bid came in at \$265,161.44. Kieser Consulting is working on another grant to hopefully be able to fund more of this project. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Jake, Greg, Pat, and Roger voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he has had complaints about White Oak Construction peddlers. Greg Landrum said he had someone complained to him too. Roger Waddell asked if it was one person that was causing trouble from that company. Corbin asked if they were getting permits through the town to do this. Megan said they were. Corbin King said he doesn't think that we should change our ordinance because people don't like solicitors. The ordinance is doing its job. He said if there was something specific that happened that was wrong then we should discuss this further, but we should not change our ordinances because a few complaints. Roger Waddell added that if there is something that has happened, we have a police department, call and get it documented instead of just going on hearsay. Corbin also said we can address that with them to be more courteous, we are not blaming, but we want them to succeed without bothering us.

Don Parvin said he would like to thank Roger Waddell for getting the easement rights for the North Union Sidewalk from Duane and Kelly Carter. This brought to light that there was an easement access for the Carters to be able to get back to their woods. Since then, part of our drying beds are on that easement. Corbin King said so basically, we gave the easement to Carter and then took it over. Roger confirmed this. Roger Waddell said he is working with Duane on a possible easement access back to the woods on the north side of the new 5-acres that is to the north of the wastewater drying beds. However, when you get to the back of the property in that area, it drops off into the creek. So, Duane signed for the sidewalk easement with the understanding that the town will get a resolution to this, going back there and trying to see where we can have this access go once you get to the back. Maybe down the back portion of the property. They will all go back and look at it and come to an agreement, so that he can get onto his property. After this we will do the paperwork and then vacate the old easement. Pat Reel made a motion to vacate the original easement at the wastewater plant that is in question back to the Town of Russiaville, and grant a 20-foot easement on the north side of the 5-acres that the town purchased from Roger Carter, so

that Duane Carter will have access back to his woods to the west of the 5-acres. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Jake, Greg, and Roger voting for passage. Don Parvin would like to appoint Roger Waddell to handle this and confer with Corbin King as necessary to get his taken care of. The council was fine with this.

Pat Reel asked Craig Thompson about putting part of the easement along the west side of the property. He said looking at the map, the back of the new plant will be even with our plant now. Pat wanted to make sure there is plenty of room to be able to do the easement.

Don Parvin said there was an agreement about trees on the north side of the new 5-acres for the wastewater plant with Roger Carter. Roger Waddell asked if this was in writing. Don said it was verbal. Don said he told Mr. Carter that when we are able, we will get trees in. Don said he had talked to Rick Homkes about the trees, Rick then said he has talked to Mr. Carter about this. Craig Thompson asked, what if the wastewater plant never goes in, does Roger Carter still want trees. Don Parvin said Mr. Carter wants trees. Don Parvin said we are trying to get a wastewater plant in here, and the whole purpose of those trees is to block the view of the plant, not to block the view of a field. We are going to get the trees in at a later date. Roger Waddell said he just wanted to make sure we are not violating something in writing. Don said that we were not.

Don Parvin said he also told Roger Carter that we will start mowing the side ditch. Pat Reel said we should be mowing our side ditch, up to the steel post of the north property line, while we are mowing the whole 5-acres.

Don Parvin said we still need 2 easements on North Union to be signed, and 1 on South Union to be able to complete the sidewalk projects.

Insurance on the speed trailer – Megan Reel said Ned Sutherland asked her if the town would insure the trailer with the speed you are going they move around town from time to time. Pat Reel made a motion not to insure the trailer as the town does not own the trailer. Greg Landrum seconded. Corbin said the town's insurance would not insure something that is not owned by the town. The motion carried with Pat, Greg, Jake, and Roger voting for passage.

Don Parvin asked Corbin King about the easements for the sidewalk project. There are a couple people that have a few more questions about it. Corbin and Don will work on this. Don said there is one other one that he is not sure he will be able to get. What do we do about this. Corbin King said it was unfortunate that the resident that we can't get signed has passed away. Pat Reel said he had talked to the resident on South Union before her passing about the sidewalk and what they were going to do, and she was ok with it. She wanted to ensure that her steps would not be removed. Pat said he had told her they would do all they could to keep her steps, and repair them if something did happen. Pat stated that when he spoke to the resident in her driveway, she was fine with the sidewalk as long as everything was done to save her steps.

Plan Commission – No one was present to report. Megan said she knew he had done permits. He will have to catch up next month. Don Parvin said the Plan Commission still needs 1 new member for a replacement for 2024.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Nothing new. Don Parvin said they still needs 1 new member for replacement for 2024.

TIF Board – Myrna Claar said they are still working on the permit for the signage with the state, and the new TIF area. There was discussion about putting the rest of the town within the TIF district. Roger Waddell said he asked Dave Kieser, in a special meeting, about doing the work as was said to do from the TIF Board to put the whole town in the TIF District. Dave didn't know anything about it at the time. Now he does, and should be working on this. Rick Homkes asked about the parcel numbers, and Roger Waddell said he shouldn't need them if it is every property in the town. Don Parvin asked about the attorneys who originally did this, shouldn't they be doing it. Rick Homkes said they did some of it, but Mr. Kieser did other parts.

Historical Society – We are still waiting on Dave Kieser for Phase II for the Interurban.

Park and Tree Board – Rick Homkes left a report as he didn't think he would make it to the meeting tonight. Megan Reel read the report as follows:

The stakes outlining the playground, restroom, and shelter are up and Justin has visited the site.

Gene Parks day went very well. Both races ended with a loop of the trail and finished where the new playground/shelter is going to be built. Janna Hyman was there to talk to the runners and meet some of the children.

Jill Newby is going to call a meeting regarding the first go round on the grant. Rick has talked to Roger Carter about planting screening trees between the new wastewater plant and his property.

Donations are still coming in that we can apply for the match.

Community Day is coming soon and tasks for the highschoolers are being compiled. Please think of things that can be done and talk to Jill, Janna, or Reba. Since Rick Homkes is here, he said that Craig Thompson and Pat Reel looked at the stakes that were placed at the Community Center as a rough idea where the restroom, shelter, and playground would go. It will have to be shifted a bit because of the water line. Still waiting on the survey.

Rick also said he talked to Roger Carter about the trees on the north line of our property between Mr. Carter and the town. Rick stated he was looking at 4-footers, to immediately see that there were trees as opposed to 18-inchers. Don Parvin interjected that this was never discussed, just that we would put trees in there. And now, as discussed earlier, there will be an easement in there.

Don Parvin gave some dates of a couple trainings that are coming up. Megan said her and Pat Reel are going to the April 29th Indiana Finance Authority regional meeting. This is a requirement for the SRF Loan.

Don Parvin asked about the Interurban parking lot that Dave Kieser had drawn up. The council gave their input, stating they would like to have the second Phase first. Pat Reel said he would call Dave and talk to him about this drawing, and the Interurban project.

Darlene Homkes said she would like to thank Pat Reel for spearheading the activity Saturday morning with the children at the Community Center Park. Pat Reel said he didn't think some of the board knew what happened. He gave an overview of some vandalism that had taken place out there. When he arrived, a Sheriff's Dept. deputy was there with 5 kids and their parents. After some discussion, the kids were to report to the Community Center Park to do some

work, instead of going to the Little League parade. Pat said he and Rick and Darlene Homkes, and Jill Newby were out there with the kids from 9 am – about 11-11:30 am. They pulled weeds, trimmed trees, and straitened mulch. They kept them busy out there. Darlene said she had talked to one of the parents, and they had expressed that they were grateful for the opportunity to do this. Pat Reel added for the amount of damage that was done, this worked out. If it had been something that had cost money to fix, it might have been a different story.

Darlene Homkes said she was proud of the town on April 13th for the walk/run. All the different groups coming together to make it happen. The Library, Russiaville Community Outreach, Lions Club, Troop 619. Seeing the Ainsley's Angels run was very moving. This many volunteers pulling together to make an event such a success was wonderful.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Jake Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 6:32 pm.

Don Parvin, President
Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer