

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
March 11, 2025

Council Present – Roger Waddell, Pat Reel, Don Parvin, Greg Landrum, and Jake Gibson
Corbin King, attorney, was also present.

Roger Waddell said the meetings will be live streamed very soon, and he gave an overview of a few new rules to help things run smoothly. This will include people that want to speak will need to come to the podium to do so, and if they are a member of the community, will have to state their name and address for record. We are still in the practicing stage, but going live very soon.

Ned Sutherland said a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Don Parvin made a motion to approve the minutes from February 11, 2025. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with all members present voting for passage.

Treasurer's Report - Megan Reel gave written reports.

Streets/Wastewater – Craig Thompson was present and gave a written report. Craig added they are still waiting on the parts for the transmission on the Ford truck to be fixed. It is under warranty.

Craig had a quote for a 2024 John Deere Z950M mower for \$13,390.00. This would replace the Grasshopper, that we would trade in for \$7,000.00. Therefore, the new mower would cost us \$6,390.00. There was question about needing this mower. The grasshopper has had so many issues and needs to be replaced. It was stated that it is good to have equipment on a rotation. When we worked on this year's budget, we allowed for this as it is necessary. Pat Reel made a motion to purchase the new John Deere mower with the trade in of the Grasshopper as described above. Jake Gibson seconded. Greg Landrum was opposed. The motion carried with Pat, Jake, Roger, and Don.

Marshal's Dept. – Josh Fulkerson was present and gave a written report. Josh had a couple of date that he wanted to remind everyone about. The Dance Across Russiaville, and the Gene Parks 5K are both on April 12th. The opening day Little League Parade will be April 26th.

Josh also had a paper for the council with some properties that he felt needed to be addressed/cleaned up, but would like the council to advise first.

Josh also asked Corbin King about the previous table vandalism in the park. It was never rectified. Corbin said he will look into this and work with Josh on it.

EMA Advisory – Josh Fulkerson said there was nothing new to report. Roger Waddell said he would like to appoint Josh Fulkerson to the EMA Board for this 3-year term of 2025 – 2027. Council was in agreement.

There was an EMA Agreement as well. It is the same agreement as in years past. Don Parvin made a motion to accept the 2025 EMA Agreement. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with all members present, voting for passage.

Public Safety – Jake Gibson said he would like to give a shout out to our Fire Dept. for their work at a recent house fire. Jake also said he was approached by Chief Bartley about their need for a pump for their brush truck, he is not sure how much it will cost. Council expressed that they had raised their disbursement this year already. Don Parvin made a motion to table this until there was more information. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with all members present, voting for passage.

Jake Gibson added that he would like to give kudos to Marshall Fulkerson for a tough call he recently responded to and was first on the scene.

Health Department – March 19th at 6:30 pm is the next crisis ready preparedness meeting at the Lions Club. This one will be on emergency go bags.

Attorney Comments – Corbin King said there are just a few minor things he is working on still.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present and had written 2 permits. One for a chicken coop at 323 N. Carter St., and the other for a pool at 335 E. College St.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No new business to report.

TIF Board – Rick Homkes was present and said the signs are being installed on the west and east ends of town. There was an issue they had to fix with the one on the west side, but it should be back up again in no time. Ned Sutherland said the TIF Board would like to invite the council to their meeting on March 27th at 6pm.

Historical Society – Nothing new to report.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present, saying they had still heard nothing from the DNR about the grant, not even a reason for not letting us know anything. Jill said there is a grant through GameTime that matches 100%, but can only be used for the actual playground equipment. While this would not match everything that is planned, it might be something to think about if the DNR does nothing with the grant applications.

Reminder that Community Day is April 24th with a rain date of April 25th. They are still looking for projects.

Rick Homkes said another community contacted Senator Todd Young about this, adding that maybe we shouldn't go this route yet but something else to think about. After some more discussion, Don Parvin made a motion for Jill and Rick to try to set up a meeting with the DNR to find out what is going on with this. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with all members present, voting for passage.

Dave Kieser – Nothing new to report.

Katie Hillman from AmVets Post 27 was present to ask permission to hold a 5K in town for PTSD Awareness on June 7th. They didn't want to start planning without the okay from the council. Jake Gibson made a motion to allow them to do the 5K. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with all members present, voting for passage.

Flock Cameras – Jake Gibson said to be on the nationwide network, you have to have at least 2 cameras. To get started up it would cost \$13,300.00, and it is a lot of money out of the budget for now. After further discussion, Don Parvin made a motion to table the flock cameras again for now. Jake Gibson seconded, and the motion carried with all members present, voting for passage.

Police Department – Jake Gibson said there are tiers in law enforcement, Tiers I, II, and III, and then there are reserve officers. Jake said he was approached by Jeff Davidson about us being the sponsoring agency for Jeff to go to the academy to be a Tier II officer. With the new law possibility that reserve officers can only cover their department, Jeff would like to be a Tier II so that he can work for the county and Russiaville. Jake Gibson said Jeff would need to have a part-time status with Russiaville. There was further discussion and some info that needed to be gathered about this. Roger said he would like to have another meeting about this and asked Corbin if it should be a special meeting or an executive session. Corbin said just a special meeting unless he lets us know different by tomorrow. He would like to know what they are deciding on the law first. There is a meeting about this set for March 18th at 5pm.

Rick Homkes said he was asked about the tree screen for the 5-acres. He said he should be able to get white cedar trees from Howard County Soil and Water (HCS&W) for this until 3/14/25 (Rick is thinking 75-80 trees). There was talk about trees along the front as well. Craig Thompson had concerns of having to remove them if we ever get to build on the property. Don Parvin made a motion to allow Rick to get trees from HCS&W for under \$500.00. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with all members present, voting for passage.

Lori from the library said the Lions Club fish fry would be April 5th, and the movies at the library will start soon. She needs 2 sponsors for them, the rest are covered.

Megan said the public hearing that was supposed to happen this month would now be before the meeting in April as the paper put it in the day after they said they would and it was too late for the public hearing time frame.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Parvin seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 6:19pm.

Roger Waddell, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer



Russiaville Utility Report March 2025

RUSSIAVILLE WW:

- Total gallons treated for March 3,954,000.
- Avg. monthly flow was 127,000 (64%).
- Avg. flow for 2024 was 136,000 (68%).
- Avg. flow for 2023 was 126,000 (63%).
- Avg. flow for 2022 was 134,000 (67%).
- Avg. flow for 2021 was 127,000 (63%).
- Avg. flow for 2020 was 133,000 (67%).
- Avg. flow for 2019 was 175,000 (88%).
- Completed monthly report for March.
- Installed new cooling fan on incubator in lab.
- Changed air filter in Kaser blower.
- Cl2 and SO4 hooked up for disinfection season.
- Drained East tank.
- Had generator serviced at the WWTP.
- Had Merrell Brothers haul 4 loads from digester.
- Had sewer line on College St. jetted.

STREETS AND MISC:

- Performed several locates.
- Read meters.
- Cleaned storm drains.
- Put up the light pole banners on 26.
- Changed flapper on toilet in women's restroom at the C.C.
- Ordered new street signs.
- Pushed up and burnt the brush pile.
- Picked up 2 loads of leaves on 1st St.
- Had the generator at the Police station serviced.
- Cleaned up debris on South Union sidewalks.
- Replaced hydraulic hose on the backhoe.
- Changed oil in the Kubota tractor.
- Changed oil in the John Deere 3046r.
- New 2024 John Deere Z950m was delivered.

MILEAGE AND MAINTENANCE:

- 2020 Ford mileage – 16,193 miles – in the shop (Brad Howell).
- 2017 Dodge mileage – 28,268 miles –
- Sewer truck hours – 1 hrs. of service
- Backhoe hours – 3818 hours
- 2021 John Deere Z950m – 228 hours
- 2024 John Deere Z950m -
- 2019 John Deere 3046r – 427 hours
- 2008 Golf cart - 2613 hours.
- Kubota – 1194 hours.

Craig – (104 Vacation Hours) (0 Sick Days) (0 Comp Hours)

Paul – (80 Vacation Hours) (1 Sick Days) (2 Comp Hours)



Russiaville Police Department

Monthly Report

Month of: Mar-25

Calls for Service

Abandoned Vehicle	1
Accidents	3
Accident - Hit/Skip	
Additional Investigation	9
Alarm Calls	2
Animal Calls	1
Armed Robbery	
Arrests	2
Assist Citizen	9
Assist Motorist	
Assist Other Agency	4
Battery	
Burglary	
Building Checks	16
City Ordinance	2
Civil	
Court	
Criminal Recklessness	
Death Investigation	
Directed Patrols	155

Domestic Violence	
Drug Violation	
Emergency Detention Order	
Escort	
Fight Calls	
Fire	
Found Property	
Fraud	1
Harassment	1
Illegal Dumping	
Incomplete 911	
Investigate For	4
Juvenile Trouble	1
Medical	1
Mental	
Mischief	
Missing Person	
Motor Check	3
Neighborhood Disturbance	
Neighborhood Policing	

Open Door/Window	2
Overdose	
OWI	
Pursuit	
Rape	
Residential Entry	
Shots Fired	
Special Detail	
Suspicious Person	
Suspicious Vehicle	1
Theft	1
Threat	
Traffic Enforcement	35
Traffic Stops	28
Training	1
Trespass Calls	
Unlock Vehicle	
Unwelcome Guest	
Warrants	1
Welfare Check	2
Total Calls	286

Vehicles

2021 Dodge Durango
2019 Dodge Charger
2016 Chevy Tahoe

Total

Driven

Fuel

Ending Mileage

952	94	28819
1155	96	94260
750	82.5	97238
2857	272.5	

Hours (W-Work T-Training C-Comp S-Sick H-Holiday V-Vacation)

	W	T	C	S	H	V
R1	171	4	29.25	40	56	64
R2	120	14	14.03	16	76	80

	W	T
R3	16	16
R4	33.5	16

Report

Properties ; Thank you LPD ; April dates - 4/12 5k and 4/26 Parade 2 Arrests : DWS Prior x2

RUSSIAVILLE PLAN COMMISSION

MIKE KANABLE

MARCH 2025

3-17-2025 - John Bronson – Shed

3-25-2025 – Tylor Fadness – Chicken Coop

3-25-2025 – Silas Cable – Chicken Coop

3-27-2025 – Tabitha Bond – Cement Addition