

Town of Russiaville
Regular Council Meeting
May 16, 2016

Council present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, and Kyle Parvin.
Town attorney, Corbin King also present.

The meeting opened with a prayer from Jeff Lipinski, and was followed by the review and approval of the previous meetings minutes.

Mike Kanable for the Plan Commission was present and reported there was no new business.

Board of Zoning Appeals had no new business reported by Roger Waddell for Dustin Redding.

Marsha Berry was here for the Historical Society, she reported they had been working on the inside of the interurban building. There is quite a bit of water and mold damage that they will have to deal with, and at this time there is nothing working as far as power, water, etc. The board members have been working on it, but if anyone else in the community would like to help that would be great. She was going to have the senior class, during community day, do some clean up on the tracks and around the area outside. Someone had dumped a bunch of “stuff” on them – not sure who.

Laura Redding reported for the Park and Tree Board that the Community Center had been seeded. There is quite a bit of seed leftover for whatever we may need it for. She asked for permission to have someone come look at the outside outlet at the Community Center to make sure it worked properly. Council said that would be fine.

Jason, an Eagle Scout, wanted to do a project for the community. He and the Park Board decided that repainting the swing in the park and putting new chains on it would be a good project for him.

The Park Board asked if they could have the park inspected. They obtained 2 quotes. Don Parvin made a motion to have Playground Inspections, Inc. do it for

\$300.00. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

One truck load of mulch was delivered to the park, for community day, for the seniors to spread out.

Rick Homkes said the people from IDNR are coming May 27th at 2pm. They also reviewed out 5-year plan and found issues with it.

Rick also announced that the Community Foundation Grant is being applied for. This will be a wellness and beautification grant miscellaneous things throughout the town and community center.

Laura Redding also added there were 27 new trees planted behind Western Heights Pond.

Don Parvin made a motion for Jeff to sign the Community Foundation Grant paper. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Mike Collins was present to report for the streets and wastewater. There was a collapsed line at Marshall St. Davidson came out and fixed after digging 20 ft. hole. Fluid Waste was also called for jetting and videoing the line.

The seniors are now coming on their rain date of May 18th after seeing the forecast for rain on the 17th. They will be painting curbs and sweeping streets for the us.

Mike also said, there need to be signs put up by the drying beds at the wastewater plant. Someone had put several bags of trash in there.

Rick Homkes asked Mike and the board about a water shut off behind Roger Carter's house on Carter Street. Townshend truck damaged it when they were trimming trees. It was stated that Indiana American Water needs to be asked about this.

Don stated he is having someone look at trees on North Cooper to be cut down.

Don looked at the town in the past couple of weeks. There were 19 yards that needed mowed. Letters were sent out to these people, and most of the yards got

mowed by the owner. There were 4 yards that the town had mowed, and we will charge accordingly to the owners or assess on taxes.

Roger Waddell gave a copy of the Marshal's report to all council members. The only thing he added to it was that the 1999 Chevy Tahoe has been given to EMA. Jeff Lipinski said EMA sent a thank you note to the town for the donation of the Tahoe.

Mike Collins added, they would put up flags around town before Memorial Day.

Don Parvin said he would like to get cameras for the park and the police station. Roger Waddell will install them. Don Parvin made a motion to get the cameras from Best Buy. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, and Rob voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to get a credit card for the Marshal's Dept. since sometimes Roger uses his personal card and then gets reimbursed. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Megan Reel for the Treasurer's report said we received a check for the special LOIT money. A special account was established for 75% of this, and the remaining money was deposited into the rainy day fund.

Presented paper for doing work for our Internal Controls. Corbin King said he was going to work on this.

Also, from a previous meeting it was asked if we could give a donation to the Lions Club being that we were both not for profit? Megan found out that yes we can, but we should type up a contract for a set amount of money that says they will provide some sort of benefit to town.

Don Parvin said he would like to give Randy Vannatter commendation for what he did at the trailer court on the night our 2 Howard County Sheriff's officers were shot. The whole room gave a standing ovation to Officer Vannatter and K9 Officer Khaos. Don also added it is National Police Week – he would like to thank our whole police dept. Roger Waddell, Randy Vannatter, Khaos, and E. Zimmerman for all they do for our community.

Roger Waddell added that on May 12th the Howard County Sheriff's Dept. invited Roger, Randy, Khaos, and EZ to be in the ceremony they had for Deputies Koontz and Buckley. Randy received a Medal of Merit and commendation, and Khaos received a certificate for outstanding service.

Jeff Lipinski spoke about the TIF District. It has come to light that our TIF Board should have been set up before the sale of the water to Indiana American Water. We will most likely not have a TIF District in 2016. We cannot draw money until 2017. This is a learning process.

NL Grant – Megan received the binder with all grant info in it. Corbin looked at it.

Mike Collins added that there is work being done at the new radio tower site in New London.

Indiana American Water contract – it is stated in there that we can shut off a customer's water for non-payment of sewage. We just must use proper channels. As far as New London, Jeff said if Corbin is willing we can pay him to collect on these bills since we cannot shut them off.

Health Insurance – Jeff will email everyone with United Healthcare's renewal. Almost the same as previous, with a slight adjustment. Don Parvin made a motion to pass the health insurance. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Sewer ordinances and policy updates – There will be a public hearing June 20th to pass these ordinances.

Dog ordinance is being worked on.

Ashley Wyrick was here from Ganger Wyrick Insurance to present a quote for the town's liability, auto, and workers comp. insurance. Council will look at the information and get back with them when a decision is made.

Don Parvin interjected that the can container from the Kiwanis by the recycling bin has been relocated across the alley. This will be its final destination.

Sealed bids for paving quotes were opened. E&B Paving bid was \$144,408.00, and Crenshaw Paving bid was \$134,934.00

SBOA letters that the town owes money for audits were given to Corbin for review. He will give direction on this after going over them.

Steve Carter was present to talk about retention pond drainage in his field behind Western Heights.

Laura Redding asked about what they could do at Main Street Christian Church VBS with the barricade situation. She said people drive around and ignore them and that could be dangerous. They will try parking cars close to the barricades so it is harder to get through.

Al Morandi asked about priority on road paving. Council said the ones that need it the worst will be where we start.

He also asked about Russiaville relating to New London. Jeff Lipinski spoke, saying that Russiaville and New London are separate. They are both on their own, but Russiaville council and workers take care of New London.

Linda Schermer said that First Baptist Church were getting ready for senior day. They were providing the meal for all of them.

Claims were presented and approved by the council. There being no further business, Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kyle Parvin seconded, motion passed unanimously. Jeff adjourned the meeting.

Jeff Lipinski, President
Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer