

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall
June 18, 2018

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, Kyle Parvin, and Cindy Aeschliman

Corbin King, Town attorney, was also present.

Jeff Lipinski called the meeting to order. Ned Sutherland gave prayer. Every one stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from last month's meeting were presented and approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report about the meeting they had to rezone the property at 407 S. Union St. from commercial to residential. Mike had nothing further to report.

Jeff Lipinski said he was approached by someone concerned about the fireworks signs at the 4-way stop. They are in the line of view and think it may be a traffic hazard. Mike Kanable said he would check into it and report to Marshal Vannatter if there was an issue.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one was present to report.

Russiaville Historical Society – No one was present to report. Don Parvin said he had talked to Jan Koloszar and they should be at next months meeting.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby reported the swing mats were the last thing on their list to do for the park. The mats are ready to be picked up, and they will do this very soon and get them put down in the park.

Rick Homkes reported that there were 3 pollinator gardens planted this past Saturday out by where the walking trail will be. They planted over 300 plants, native flowers and grasses. This was through the Feed a Bee Grant they received through Bayer.

John Ellison from Kieser Consulting was present to present the notice of award for Davidson Excavating in the amount of \$122,926.00 for the construction of the community walking trail. They are still working with Davidson Excavating on a few minor items. The notice of award will provide Davidson Excavating a clear understanding of what they need to do to execute their portion of the contract and get the project going to get the trail done. Don Parvin made a motion to allow the bid award to go to Davidson Excavating. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage. John Ellison said there will be a pre-construction meeting on July 9th at 10:00 am.

Jeff Lipinski asked about the 3 ash trees – Rick Homkes refreshed on the options that we had to take care of the ash borers. Don Parvin said he had a quote from Rice's Tree Service. One to remove the dead wood and the limbs for \$450.00. The other is to take down all the ash trees and grind the stumps out for \$1,800.00. Then we would have to find a different species to put back in. Rick Homkes then said Tru-Cut Tree Service could do injection treatments for \$650.00, this would have to be done once every 2 years. We would need to cut the bad limbs before they did this. Rick said he had talked to people at Purdue University. He said they told him from the ones they had seen that had been treated there has been a 100% success rate. Purdue also said they have seen them do treatment every 3 years, but if you go with a commercial treater they will only somewhat guarantee if they do it every 2 years. Don Parvin said he would like to decide what to do at next month's meeting now that we had the quotes. Jill Newby said she thought we had to get the treatment done, if they decide to go that route, while the sap was still running. Rick Homkes said yes this is the case and needs to be done this month.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to take all 3 trees down and find a different kind of tree to replace them. The motion died for lack of a second.

Don Parvin said he understands Rob's motion and agrees that it would take care of the problem and be done with it, but then we lose all the shade that is in the park as they are very large trees. Then we would have to plant new and wait several years for the trees to grow enough to create the shade we have over the park now. He said he is willing to take the gamble.

Don Parvin made a motion to have Rice Tree Service come out and trim the trees for \$450.00 and then have Tru-Cut come out and treat the trees for \$650.00. The money for this will come out of the Tree and Tree Maintenance appropriation.

Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Kyle, Rob, and Cindy voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he has been working with the park board and with Dave Kieser on the walking trail. They have an excessive cost of between \$22,000.00 and \$25,000.00. Don would like to be the point person on this to be able to get the costs down and get the project moving and done to meet the deadlines we need to. Rob Hewitt made a motion to allow Don to be the point person and to do what is necessary and make decisions to move forward and get the trail project done. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Cindy, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Summer Fest – No one was present to report.

Streets and Wastewater – A written report was given. Mike Collins was present and added that the signs in the alley had been put up. The overnight parking sign will be put up very soon. Don Parvin said he assisted Mike last night (6/17) with a plugged sewer line.

Don Parvin also said the vac truck needs to be fixed. The hose reel's switch is bad. Also, there needs to be more service lights on the back of it and the tail light needs to be fixed. Don Parvin made a motion to get the vac truck fixed. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Marshal's Dept. – A written report was given. Randy Vannatter was present and said the recycle bin is in the way of the camera now that it has been moved. We can ask the recycle guy if he can move the recycle bin to the south to help with this problem.

Randy said that he had talked to Huston Electric and they said it would cost between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00, unless a bigger crane is needed to get it down. Then it could be more. Randy said he is waiting on Dave Kieser to see about a possible grant for this. Don Parvin said he had spoke to Dave and he is just waiting on a call back about this matter.

Randy reiterated that they are not doing tests with it. They are just doing the other ones at this time. If there is an actual tornado warning they will run the big one.

Rob Hewitt said to keep up the traffic stops. Rob knows there has been complaints, he has told people if they don't speed they won't get stopped. Don Parvin added whenever you have a complaint, there is always 2 sides to every story. Don thinks our police department is doing a great job. When people get pulled over, we have no control of where they actually pull over and stop.

Treasurer's report – A written report was given. Megan Reel added that she had created the new fund that was talked about last month, she transferred the money from the water utility to this fund. However, she had to leave \$90.00 in the water fund for the 9 checks that were written in December of last year for the refund of the water meter deposits that had not been cashed yet. Once these clear the account will close.

Corbin King said he checked on Duane Carter's easement again. The drying beds are not in his easement. Mr. Carter's easement starts at the north side of the drying beds and goes out 20 feet.

345 E. College St. – Don Parvin said that Dave Kieser is working on this. The property manager is supposed to be taking care of it. If they do not, we will proceed with demolition and bill them.

Corbin King stated he was working on Jeff Davidson's tax abatement.

Steve Jones easements – Don and Corbin are working on this and it is getting closer to being done. Don Parvin requested permission to over-see this and negotiate with the property owners to get this done. Cindy made a motion to allow Don and Corbin to do this. Kyle seconded, and the motion carried with Cindy, Kyle, Don, and Rob voting for passage.

Signage for the parks – Don Parvin made a motion for the park board to get the 3 new signs for the parks at \$2,445.00. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Drainage on Nashville St. – Davidson's Excavating did what needed to be done on this.

Steve Carter's easement – Rob Hewitt said he talked to Mr. Carter. Mr. Carter said he would be willing to take milling on his entry ways to the field. Mr. Carter needs to stay out people's yards. He needs to stay off 1st street, we could put up signs so no heavy equipment be on certain streets. Corbin said we would have to amend the parking ordinance for the signage to be put up. Don Parvin made a motion to have 3rd street as his entrance and he has Lions Street. First street is off limits. They will have to amend the ordinance and put up signage for the weight limit. Corbin will look into this as to what it needs to say. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Ambulance Service – Rob Hewitt talked about his accident and how Russiaville ambulance did not come. When Rob asked the medics that did show up about Russiaville's ambulance not being there, he was told that they rarely go to runs anymore. Rob was concerned that the Town was funding the service and they were no longer making very many runs, but this is not the case. The Town no longer gives the service money. They are just housed at the Tow Hall.

Budget meeting – Council decided to set up the budget meeting for July 9th at 5:00 pm.

Alley and street closure – Megan Reel said she was approached by the people of the community churches who are doing the Vacation Bible School this year. They are having it in the park this year and would like to close the alley behind the park and Kinsey Dr. from Carter St. to East St. from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm for the week of June 25th thru 29th. Don Parvin made a motion to have the town guys put up the barricades to close the road and alley for this time frame. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Jeff Stout sent a letter asking to rename Grant Street to Ike Hollingsworth Lane. Don Parvin read the letter aloud and then asked the council to take this under consideration and bring back recommendations at next month's meeting. Cindy Aeschliman made a motion for Jeff, Corbin, and Don come back with a recommendation next month for the renaming of Grant Street. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Cindy, Kyle, Don, and Rob voting for passage.

New London Grant – Steve Brock was present to talk about the New London project financing. He has been working on rate analysis. Zach Klutz is also present from Taft, they are interested in being bond council on the project. The bid came in at \$1,325,000.00. This is over what was expected. The funding for this is the State Revolving Fund, this is the lowest interest rate loan program that we can access. The project has been bid, so we have 90 days to close on the financing before the bids expire. One requirement is to get the bond council on board, because they have to draft a financial assistance agreement and a bond ordinance to be submitted to the State Revolving Loan Fund. This is the legal document authorizing bond issue. This will be reviewed by SRF bond council. As part of this, Steve Brock will file a due diligence. Part of this due diligence is a rate analysis. He had handouts for sewer rate study and calculation. He made analysis of the Russiaville service area, one of the New London service area, and one of them combined to make sure we meet all of the requirements. SRF is essentially a bank that are lending us money, and they want to make sure we are going to pay it back, so all this needs to be done. Mr. Brock went through the handout with the council. He did point out that the curb stops are SRF in-eligible. Don Parvin asked why the grant administration was \$40,000.00. Mr. Brock said that was what the grant administrator told him it was. This is per the grant administrator contract. This is about 8% of the \$500,000.00 OCRA amount. Don also asked if there was any leeway on the bond council amount. This is bond, local and Mr. Brock's fee. Corbin's is not to exceed \$2,000.00. We are requesting money from SRF that we won't have to pay back. There are 2 levels – one at \$600,000.00 and the second at \$825,000.00. If we get the \$825,000.00 grant from the SRF we won't have to close a loan. This means if that they give the money as a forgivable loan, and they set it up as a bond anticipation note for 1 year and when the project closes out they forgive the amount of the loan and we will never have to pay it back. This would be the best case. Jeff Lipinski asked when we would know about this. He stated the New London residents can't pay this back, their bills are high as it is. The SRF funding starts July 1st. At the end of June, they will know what their amount will be for their fiscal year and they will make their allocations for the year. Mr. Brock will then know where we stand with this. Mr. Brock said the current rate for New London residents is \$83.17. If we get no grant money it will be \$217.37, but we got the OCRA grant that brings it down to \$169.72. If we get the \$600,000.00 SRF grant it

will make the rate \$112.54, and if we get the \$825,000.00 SRF grant it will make the rate \$91.10.

Don Parvin asked if the old bond that was not callable was figured in with that.

Mr. Brock said yes it was in there.

After looking at the numbers, Don Parvin said we could not take the bid since it was over bid, and we could rebid it out. Mr. Brock recommends that we allow him to file with the SRF, and also allow Taft to file the bond ordinance. The bond ordinance will be good for the next 5 years if you go back and rebid the project.

Mr. Brock would like us to wait until the 1st week of July before we rebid as we may grant us the full price of the project. Jeff Lipinski is worried about rebidding as the costs could go up. Don Parvin stated he is not happy with what took place when all this was put together on getting the project costs together. Don asked if crop loss was figured in this. Steve said yes this would be under restoration.

Mr. Brock said it is not out of the question that we could get full funding for this.

After some more discussion on this, Don Parvin made a motion to allow Steve Brock to file the due diligence and move forward with SRF. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to allow Taft to move forward with preparing the bond ordinance for the New London sewage project. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Rob, Kyle, and Cindy voting for passage.

Council said for Mr. Brock to contact Jeff Lipinski when he finds out from SRF.

The council discussed awarding the bid. Don Parvin made a motion to accept the bid and award the New London project to Davidson Excavating. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Cindy, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, the claims were presented and approved.

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

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer