

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Special Meeting for Budget
Russiaville Town Hall – 5pm
July 17, 2024

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

Don Parvin opened the meeting.

Craig Thompson was present and said the front seal on the blower needs to be replaced. He had a quote from BL Anderson for \$2,011.54 to do this. Pat Reel made a motion to accept the quote and have the work done. Roger Waddell seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Roger, and Greg voting for passage.

Pat Reel said there are a few projects that need to be done in town and we have the ARP money that needs to be spent. We need to do a resolution to be able to spend this, and the rules have relaxed on what you can spend it on. Pat Reel feels that we should use the ARP money on these projects instead of wastewater at this time because this would help with them and help finish the N&S Union sidewalks, and we don't really have a timeline on the wastewater project yet. First, Pat said we need about \$159,000.00 to finish the North and South Union sidewalk projects. After some discussion, Greg Landrum made a motion to use \$159,000.00 of ARP money for the sidewalk project. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Greg, Pat, and Roger voting for passage.

Second, Pat said there is a drainage issue at the First Baptist Church that they have been dealing with, and the town has since camera-ed and found out that it is ours to fix. It runs from at least 3rd street to the creek just west of the First Baptist Church parking lot. To fix this it will be \$35,800.00. Pat Reel said First Baptist Church has already spent \$5,725.00 on repairs for this, trying to get it fixed. Pat feels the church should be reimbursed for this as well.

After some discussion, Greg Landrum made a motion to use \$35,800.00 of ARP money to fix the drainage issue at First Baptist Church, and to reimburse First Baptist Church out of Rainy Day in the amount of \$5,725.00 for the expenses they have incurred. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Greg, Pat, and Roger voting for passage.

Third, Pat said there is a drainage issue on South Union St. that needs repaired. For the repair on this it will cost \$18,150.00. There was some discussion. Roger Waddell made a motion to allow the repairs needed to fix the drainage issue on South Union St. in the amount of \$18,150.00 and use ARP money for this. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Roger, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Fourth, Pat had a quote from Crenshaw Paving to repair the corners at Third and College St. and to pave College St from East to Third St. in the amount of \$43,800.00. After some discussion, Pat Reel made a motion to allow Crenshaw Paving to pave what was stated above and use the remaining ARP money, and the rest from MVH Restricted. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Pat Reel said the sidewalk from Liberty to Union on North St. needs to be repaired, and also East St. by the daycare. Craig said he didn't have the estimate yet for that but it shouldn't be long.

Pat Reel made a motion that when the drainage line is open on South Union, he would like to camera it to see where it goes. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Pat Reel made a motion to ok the camera-ing that needed done for the First Baptist Church drainage line from Third St. to the creek west of the church. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, and Roger voting for passage.

Salaries and raises were discussed for 2025, we will do the salary ordinance by the end of the year.

Josh Fulkerson was present and his Marshal's Dept. budget request was reviewed. There was discussion about trying to get at least one new car. 2 would be good but we will see what happens with the budget. They also added a line for the flock cameras that had been brought up a few months ago in the amount of \$12,000.00. Roger Waddell said that he is in favor of them, and would like to see if we could find the money to be able to get them.

Craig Thompson was present with the Wastewater Dept. budget. He had 2023 numbers and what had been spent through June of this year for Russiaville and New London, including billing and payments.

Craig added he would like to trade the Grasshopper mower in 2025 for a John Deere. It would cost around \$15,000.00.

Craig also had a road report and work done to all the roads in town in the past.

The rest of the budget numbers for General, MVH, etc. were went through line by line and discussed. Pat Reel wanted the Fire Department to be raised to \$24,000.00. We will see what happens with the budget funding, to make sure we can do this.

The Community Center was discussed. There is a Community Center fund and there is also an appropriation within the general for the utilities, etc. for the community center. Roger Waddell asked if it sustained itself, adding that when it was built, he was told it would do so. Megan said she thought maybe it broke even but was unsure. Craig offered to get the numbers together and do a breakdown. The council liked that idea and said the Community Center should be paying for all of its own expenses.

There was some further discussion of moving things around a bit and condensing appropriations that are not used for the betterment of the budget.

There being nothing further to discuss, Roger Waddell made a motion to adjourn. Pat Reel seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 8:35 pm.

Don Parvin, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer