

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
August 15, 2016

Council present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, and Rob Hewitt

Jeff Lipinski opened with a prayer, and then called the meeting to order.

Mike Kanable for the Plan Commission stated that he had written one permit for a fence.

Board of Zoning Appeals – there was no one present to report.

Marsha Berry was present to report for the Russiaville Historical Society. She stated they had their open house for the 100th anniversary of the Howard County Fair on August 13th, several people came through. John Russell, who is doing work at the interurban station, has done so for free. This is well over \$10,000.00 worth. Marsha said, in the little building they are putting in 2 handy capped restrooms and there is now plumbing in there, and the water is on. In the main building, they have reframed walls. They are looking for someone to do iron work, they are in need of infrastructure things, furnace etc. Things seem to be going well and are on track.

Laura Redding present for the park and tree board would like the PO's approved to get the flag pole for \$412.00 and 2 benches for \$900.23 and \$536.22 they would like to order for the grant money to be used. Don Parvin made a motion to go ahead and allow these PO's to be made and get the items ordered. Rob Hewitt seconded the motion. Jeff Lipinski removed himself from the presidency and voted in favor, the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Jeff voting for passage. Laura asked if they could just send an email to the council in order to get the banners ordered too? They did not have paper work on those at this time. This will be part of the grant money. Council agreed that would be fine and they will approve that way since park board in on a deadline.

A report was given for the month for the streets and wastewater. Mike Collins was present to report also. He stated they had fluid waste come in and work on line between North and Marshall Streets. They fixed a sinkhole and storm drain in Western Heights. Crenshaw Paving will start milling College Street August 16, 2016 rain or shine. We will keep the millings for future use. Mike would also like to look into sealing the roof on the maintenance building himself. He will look into cost.

Roger Waddell was present to give the Marshal's report. He stated he had been watching weather this evening. Jeff asked Roger about getting one of the signs that show's your speed as you pass by it. Jeff has a lot of complaints about people speeding in town. Roger stated that those signs cost \$5,000.00. They also discussed changing where the speed limit signs are located. Roger is not sure what the answer is at this point.

TIF – Corbin King is working on this and Jeff Lipinski stated that we are trying to start TIF in 2017.

Ethel Morgan was here to tell everyone that the New London Planning Grant had been awarded. This will go through the county, and after it is signed it will be released. The PER will be final in January for OCRA. She gave some more updates on the grant. Jeff Condo, a Russiaville citizen, asked if New London could go back to having septic systems. Ethel stated that this would not be an option. After OCRA reviews and approves we will do the final hearing.

Conversation about New London being Russiaville's to take care of, but Howard County is responsible for New London as it is in the county. Concern about Russiaville carrying New London from a citizen of Russiaville. Council assured that all of New London's bills come out of separate fund for New London.

Shaun Williams, a New London resident, asked if there was a possibility of their rates going down. The New London rates have been in effect for several years. Septic systems were leaking into creek 25 years ago, so there is a lot of back cost there and that is why New London has been in such disarray. There is probably no way New London's rates will go down.

New London's liability insurance is being quoted by Gangwer Wyrick Insurance Agency.

Ordinance 2016-5 establishing an inspection program for rental housing units was presented. Don made a motion to pass ordinance 2016-5 on the first reading. Rob Hewitt seconded the motion. Jeff Lipinski removed himself from the presidency and voted in favor, the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Jeff voting for passage.

IAW Billing – Corbin was to have a meeting with them regarding this.

Delinquent List – Customers who are delinquent still have until September 16, 2016 to pay. After this date, IAW will shut off water with our agreement.

OSHA is still being worked on.

Dave Kieser was present to give an update on the zoning ordinance, map, and comprehensive plan.

He would like one member each from the council, plan commission, historical society, library, Marshal's department, clerk treasurer, and the park and tree board to be on a steering committee for the comprehensive plan. This committee will meet about 5 times on the 3rd Thursday of the month @ 6:30pm. Dave needs names, numbers, and email addresses by August 5, 2016. Council appointed Kyle Parvin to represent the council.

Inspection of property and building permit cap – Dave Kieser is also working on these.

CD's at bank – still deciding what to do with them.

Ordinance # 2016-4 Adopting the State Board of Accounts Internal Control Standards was brought back to the table. Don Parvin made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on the second and third readings. Rob Hewitt seconded the motion. Jeff Lipinski removed himself from the presidency and voted in favor, the motion carried with Don, Rob, and Jeff voting for passage.

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Dog Ordinance was tabled until next month's meeting.

Budget 2017 will be done by next month's meeting.

Jurisdiction of miles is being worked on by Craig and Don.

Trees on First and Seward Streets – Rob cannot get a hold of owner. Jeff said if he saw Ted Miller (owner of the property) he would talk to him about it.

Roofing bids – Metal roof on the Maintenance building behind the Town Hall is bid at \$4,985.00 for Weavers Roofing. Mike Collins stated again that he will look into cost of sealing it himself.

On the Pavilion, Weavers will do metal roof and construction that needs done for \$12,520.00. Triple Nickel will do metal roof and construction that needs to be done for \$6,400.00. H.P. McPike will do metal roof and construction that needs to be done for \$6,286.00. Shane Pickens and Sisk Roofing were not interested in bidding.

Rob Hewitt made a motion to have Triple Nickel do the metal roof and the construction that needs to be done for \$6,400.00. Don Parvin seconded the motion. Jeff Lipinski removed himself from the presidency and voted in favor, the motion carried with Rob, Don, and Jeff voting for passage.

Claims for storm damage – Jeff will contact Regions since we have not heard much from them.

Easement right of way – Kieser is working on this.

Cameras and recording device – Roger Waddell is waiting on heat to break in order to get them installed.

New London stone has been hauled in by Howard County Highway.

KHCPL Russiaville were here to ask for a donation to help match their grant money for their new project. Council stated we will have to see if we are able after our budget is done and need to talk to attorney, Corbin King. If we are able we need to have a letter of intent to them by August 24, 2016. Since they are on a deadline we will respond by e-mail.

Linda and Dennis Schermer were present and asked about having the “breakfast club” at the Community Center on Monday mornings. Megan had asked them if they could go somewhere else to have it as it is very distracting while she is trying to run her office on these mornings. The council backed Megan on this decision to have their gathering moved. They also stated that they didn’t see a problem with it being at the community center.

The library girls offered for them to use their meeting room if they could choose a different day as they have a function going on Monday mornings.

We still need to discuss budget. A special meeting time and date will be set.

The claims were presented and approved. Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Parvin seconded. Jeff slammed down the gavel and the meeting came to a close.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer