

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Public Meeting for Budget Adoption
October 17, 2016

Council Present - Don Parvin, Rob Hewitt, Cindy Aeschliman, and Kyle Parvin
Also present was the Town's attorney, Corbin King

2017 Budget was presented. Don Parvin asked if there were any comments or questions about the budget paperwork. There were no comments. Cindy Aeschliman made a motion to adopt the 2017 Budget. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Cindy, Don, Rob, and Kyle voting for passage.

Resolution 2016-05 to reduce current year appropriation \$50,000.00 was presented. Cindy Aeschliman made a motion to accept resolution 2016-05. Kyle Parvin seconded. Rob Hewitt opposed the vote, stating he was tired of the state cutting our money. Megan stated that if we did not do this we would have to cut more from our 2017 budget. Don Parvin voted in favor of this motion, there for the motion carried with Cindy, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

The Public Meeting concluded.

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Regular Council Meeting opened with a prayer from Don Parvin.
Don Parvin stated there needed to be a provision from last month's minutes corrected. When the Park Board asked last month how much they could spend within their budget amount without council approval, they were told \$500.00. Don Parvin stated he thought that was too much. Rick Homkes who was present

representing the Park Board agreed. He was surprised when they said that at the previous meeting. After some discussion, the council and Rick Homkes decided that \$200.00 would be a more appropriate figure. Rob Hewitt made a motion to make the provision from the previous minutes that the Park Board may spend \$200.00 out of their budget without council approval. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

With this change made the council will approve the minutes from September meeting.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present. He had no new business to report.

Board of Zoning – Roger Waddell was present. He had no new business to report.

Russiaville Historical Society – Marsha Berry sent an email that stated she had nothing new to report. They are still working.

Park and Tree Board – Don Parvin asked if they had elected a treasurer. Rick Homkes stated yes they have.

Rick introduced the Eagle Scout, Jason Hampshire, that was working on a project at the park. Jason spoke, stating he was working on a project to expand the Russiaville Park 10' on the south side and 5' on the west side of the mulched area inside the railroad ties. They will replace all railroad ties with new timbers. Don Parvin asked how much this will cost and where is he getting the money. Jason stated his total project will be \$1,835.00, and the money will come from donations he will get. This figure is without taxes, Megan Reel gave him a copy of our ST-105 at the meeting. He said 811 had been called and they were going to dig down 3 – 4 inches to take out dirt to be replaced with new mulch. They are going to start this on Tuesday. Megan Reel stated that when she called 811 they told her the locates would be done by Wednesday, October 19th by 10:45 am. Jason will change the day they are coming to dig. He asked what he should do with the dirt. There is a place at the cemetery, can he out it there? Mark Fulk who was at the meeting, said he would be glad to have the dirt. Also, Cindy Aeschliman said if there was some left over that Mark did not want, she knew someone who would take it. Jason asked about using our dump truck to put the

dirt into. Don Parvin said they could use the truck if the town workers took it to the park and then picked it up and put the dirt at Mark Fulk's house after they were done. Rob Hewitt made a motion to have the dirt hauled to Mark Fulk's house by the town workers after it was filled by Jason and whoever is helping him. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

Mark Fulk said just dump it in his front yard.

Rick Homkes said there was another Eagle Scout project started. They planted 250 Daffodil bulbs today. This money for this will come from the grant they received. RVFD loaned them some HI-VISIBILITY vests while they were doing the work and EMA came out to block traffic. Rick would like to thank both of those associations.

They are working on the walking trail grant

The flag pole was installed today by Bagwell Events.

Pond Bench was installed.

Don Parvin asked Rick Homkes about replacing the trees that were blown down by storm we had in June. Rick said yes he could work on that.

Streets and Wastewater – Report was given by town workers. Rob Hewitt asked why it said they read meters. Megan Reel stated there were still people in town that have wells that we meter. There are 12 that we read each month.

Marshals' Department – Report was given by Roger Waddell. Our Police Department and town are saddened by the death of our K-9 Officer, Kayos. He passed away on October 13th after fighting a short bout with Lymphoma Cancer. Roger expressed his thoughts and sympathy to Deputy Randy Vannatter. Kayos was a loyal partner to Randy, and his buddy. They were together every day, and Roger would like to keep our thoughts with Randy at this very hard time for him and his family.

Roger Waddell presented Ezekiel Zimmerman's (aka EZ) letter of resignation. This was effective September 14, 2016. EZ took a job at The Howard County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff. Don Parvin read the resignation letter aloud. Rob Hewitt made a motion to accept the letter of resignation. Cindy Aeschliman

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

Roger Waddell also stated that he had done some painting and minor repairs to the Police Station.

He also wanted to address the cameras that had been previously talked about. The hold up on getting these is that it is hard to get the audio portion with the cameras. He is still working on it.

Don Parvin expressed his condolences to Randy for Kayos. Rob Hewitt told Randy to get together an amount that he has spent getting things for Kayos that he was never reimbursed for, and we will try to compensate for some of that. Randy said he probably doesn't have any paperwork on this.

Rob Hewitt said he has had complaints of speeding in North and South Union Street. Someone interjected about complaints about the campers at Steve Jones' place always moving and in the road and you can't get around. Roger Waddell stated that they do monitor traffic speeds on this road. He said 2 minutes after they move on in their patrol it can happen. They are doing what they are supposed to control speed in town. Roger also stated that as far as the campers, there is always someone down there, from Steve Jones' business, that is directing traffic. There is precaution being taken by them to ensure safety when they are moving campers. It takes a few extra seconds to get through, he does not see big issue with this. Randy Vannatter also said, there is inconvenience everywhere. Even at the grocery, but business is a good thing in our community, so we need to give them the extra time they need to service our community well.

Treasurer's Report – All report's given

TIF – Corbin will make calls

Website – There was discussion last month about changing our Townofrussiaville.com to a .ORG. Rhiannon Thompson does all this work for the town for free. If we changed this to a .org there would be so many hurdles to overcome. After discussion from the council, Cindy Aeschliman made a motion to

keep our townofrussiaville.com and not do the .ORG. Rhiannon will keep doing what she's doing with this. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Cindy, Rob, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

The community center website was brought up also. Don Parvin would like to look into this becoming something Rhiannon does also instead of paying someone to do it. Rhiannon was present and stated that she offered to do this in the beginning.

New London Grant – Ethel Morgan is working on it.

New London Insurance – Ashley is working on getting us a quote.

Ordinance 2016-05 Inspection Program for Rental Housing Units was presented for the third and final reading. Megan Reel and Kristen from Corbin's office worked diligently to get this ordinance to become our own. Cindy Aeschliman made a motion to accept Ordinance #2016-05. Rob Hewitt seconded, and the motion carried with Cindy, Rob, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

IAW Billing Agreement – Megan Reel stated for the few bills she takes and the issues we are having with this billing agreement, that she felt we should not take the IAW payments anymore at the Town Hall, and asked if that would be ok. The council agreed, and Rob Hewitt made a motion to dissolve the IAW billing agreement and no longer accept payments from customers for those bills. Kyle Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, Cindy, and Don voting for passage. Megan Reel said she would start warning people now and be done talking them by the end of the year.

Delinquent bills – Don Parvin wants to shut off water. He feels people will come up with the money they owe to us faster. Megan Reel and Corbin King have expressed their feelings that it is important to work with people to get their payments. Don said fine it is in Megan and Corbin's hands.

New London has one person paying less for bill – Council was not sure how this happened. They knew nothing about this. They would like a letter sent to the

homeowner that his bill will be what everyone else in New London pays for the number of people in his home. No longer a lowered rate.

OSHA – Don and Megan will work on. Mark Fulk present at the meeting, stated this is what he did for a living and would help the town get on track with this.

Dave Kieser was present with an update on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. We had our first steering committee meeting in September and there will be another one on October 27th for further discussion. He also gave a paper copy of the report and progress.

CD's at bank – Megan Reel took Linda Downey's name off the 3 CD's at the bank and had them rewritten with Megan's name for a 60-day term. Still need to decide what to do with them, maybe for a longer term.

Dog/Nuisance Ordinance - Corbin working on.

Trash Ordinance – Corbin working on.

Tree at First and Seward Streets – tabled for next month.

Claim on storm damage from June – Corbin said he had heard nothing. Megan has not heard anything either. Corbin will check on this.

Megan Reel has 2 customer's bills that are old and the people no longer live at the address on bill. Betsy Wisheart's bill is 7 years old and there is no history to back up the bill on our end. After discussion on this, being that it is over 6 years old, we cannot collect. Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjust Betsy Wisheart's bill to zero, and tell them they owe nothing. Kyle seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Kyle, Cindy, and Don voting for passage.

Holly Robertson also has a bill dated back to 2013 that was never paid. She said she paid, but Megan shows no payments on this. Holly Robertson has no receipts to back her up. Rob Hewitt made a motion to collect the money on Holly Robertson's account. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the motion carried with Rob, Cindy, Don, and Kyle voting for passage.

Megan Reel asked if we could close the Water Utility Sale Fund as she needs to transfer it into the general fund to pay the bill from Kieser Consulting like the council told her to, as the amount to pay them exceeds the funds in the account anyway. Mark Fulk advised to not transfer it into the general account, to put it into a Cum Fund instead. Megan will consult with SBOA before transferring.

Ken Rittman wants to donate the Functional Devices building and a 12-acre lot on State Road 26 and West Street to the town. Corbin is still looking into this, and wants to get a Phase 1 study done. Mark Fulk present at meeting advised to get bore samples done.

There is a plant in our easement on North Union that has caused some concern for vehicles. Council said the town workers will cut it down tomorrow 10/18/2016.

Mark Fulk asked about the curb cut at 424 N. Union St. (Crail) – Don Parvin said that was Corbin's to deal with and we will contact him to do so.

Don Parvin wanted to verify that Ocean Blue for the roof on the Pavilion was ok. Council stated this would be fine.

The claims were presented and approved. Rob Hewitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Aeschliman seconded, and the meeting came to a close.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer