

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Russiaville Town Hall – 5pm
June 24, 2024

Council Present – Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Jake Gibson, and Roger Waddell
Clerk-Treasurer – Megan Reel (present via phone due to her mother's death in Florida)
Attorney Present – Corbin King

Prayer given by Myrna Claar.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Roger Waddell.

Minutes for May 2024 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Written reports provided. Pat Reel advised there will be upcoming State aud it.

Street/Wastewater – Craig Thompson absent. There was no written report. Craig will be on vacation beginning June 29 thru July 8, 2024. Pat Reel advised HVAC freeze up at the Community Center over the past weekend. QPH will be servicing on Thursday. Elwood Fire tested alarm and replaced two (2) fire extinguishers.

Marshal's Department – Written report provided. Marshal Fulkerson reported a successful Bike Rodeo with 75 children in attendance.

Howard County ATV (4-wheeler) Ordinance was presented to Attorney King. There have been a few issues with ATVs in Town. Discussion – since golf carts permitted should ATVs be also? Attorney King commented possible to piggy back off Howard County ordinance. He will talk with County. Tabled for now.

Marshal Fulkerson advised current body cam and tasers utilized by RPD officers are being phased out. He presented information from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for purchase of four (4) new units of each. He would like to stay with this company due to the quality of the body cam and will get updated quote. Jake Gibson mentioned possible funding via Howard County Prosecutor's Office or grants.

Jill Newby (Park & Tree Board Member) asked for update on picnic table vandalism. Josh advised he is working diligently to get information from Kinsey.

Pat Reel advised Russiaville Cemetery vandalism has ceased and thanked RPD.

Lori Seaman, from the library, thanked Russiaville Police Department (including their new reserve officers) for their excellence in conducting the Bike Rodeo. There were 29 bikes given away and helmets to anyone who needed them. Howard County Sheriff's Department and Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department also participated.

Public Safety – Nothing to report.

EMA Advisory – Nothing to report.

Health Department – Rick Homkes reported preparedness meeting will be held in October at the Lions Club.

Attorney Comments – Attorney King continues work on sidewalk easements. He will need recording fees. Don Parvin reminded that pre-construction meeting will be Thursday, June 27th at 10:00am.

--Exit Corbin King.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable reported no new business. Pat Reel advised new convenience store will be upcoming.

Board of Zoning Appeals –No one present to report.

TIF Board – Myrna Claar advised that application for “Art and Landscape INDOT Right-of-Way Permit” needs to be submitted for approval of placement of new Town signs. A meeting will be set up with Clifford Signs to discuss the need for this new application. Don Parvin and three (3) TIF Board members looked at possible new sites for placement. These sites are close to current small sign locations, which are located within the Town limits. Don Parvin asked if the new signs were located outside of Town limits will maintenance, i.e. mowing, etc. be done by the Town? Roger Waddell made a motion that Town will maintain area around new sign placement, whether inside or outside, of Town limits. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion passed.

Rick Homkes advised the TIF Board meets on Thursday, June 27th to turn over new parcel numbers for TIF (2) to Dave Kieser.

Historical Society – No one present to report.

Old Business—

Dave Kieser – North/South Union Sidewalk Project – Pre-con Mtg June 27th @ 10am.

Interurban - Continued work on interior design of Interurban.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Continued work on Grant.

TIF (2) will be area within current TIF District. Parcels must be contiguous. Rick Homkes will provide Parcel Numbers.

Trash contract/trash pickup day change – tabled.

Live Stream – tabled.

Park & Tree Board – Rick Homkes advised that, after meeting with Indiana DNR on Community Center Park Grant, deed restriction had been misunderstood. The deed restriction would be everything, including all parking, EXCEPT the Community Center building. Rick advised that in 2018 Russiaville Little League gave perpetual easement for trail for \$1. Dave Kieser advised trail already

committed for 25 years. The deed restricted property can be used for anything to maintain the park, but cannot be used for fire station, other town buildings. There are 19 acres dedicated for green space, with all 3 property owners, including the town, the ball leagues, and the Lions Club. Currently, the Park Board has raised \$260,000 plus 4 In-kind contributions for a total of \$300,000. The grant application will be for \$300,000. Dave Kieser said DNR would like all parking deed restricted; however, Town will dictate parking spaces and does not have to include all parking. The deed restricted green area needs to be voted on due to application deadline. Pat Reel made motion to subdivide parcel of parking. Motion died for lack of second. Jake Gibson made a motion that deed restricted park property for Indiana DNR grant, be the newly surveyed west line of the current park property (which would exclude the Community Center and parking west of that survey line) and include all property to be deed restricted east of that line. Roger Waddell seconded, and Jake, Roger and Pat voted in favor. Motion passed.

Before Dave Kieser left the meeting, he advised he would be checking with DNR on Tuesday, June 25, to see if the stipulations in the Council's motion will satisfy their grant requirements.

New Business –

Budget 2025 prep meeting – July 16th or 17th: Council members will notify Megan which date(s) they are available.

Lori Seaman invited everyone to the next outdoor movie at the Library on July 12th. There were 40+ in attendance at the June movie.

Don Parvin thanked Judi Johnson for her help in getting the sidewalk easements signed and notarized.

There were some further discussion and comments from guests in the audience about the new playground.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council, the claims, receipts, payrolls, bank recs, and time sheets were presented and approved. Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jake Gibson seconded, and the meeting came to an end at 6:28 pm.

Don Parvin, President

Megan Reel, Clerk Treasurer