

Town of Roann

Board Minutes

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on December 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library basement by President Mary Wilson, Steve Johnson, Brady Brower, Bruce Shaw, & Julia Rensberger were present. 4 residents, Mike Keester from Gove & Associates were present.

Minutes from November meeting were read and approved.

Claims for December were approved.

Old Business

Bank bldg.-The town has received a proposal for the acceptance of the Bank building. Steve & Brady read the proposal, & disagreed with the terms. Dave requested an amended proposal from First Farmers & received one that said the bank would be a gift with the only conditions it not to be sold for 5 years & no financial institutions could be occupied there during the five years. After that there are no restrictions. Also the bank will pay the 2002 real estate taxes. The town only is responsible for the title work & IRS appraisal which has already been agreed upon. Brady made the motion to accept the building per the amended proposal, Steve 2nd carried 3-0. C/T will have Dave send the acceptance letter & get the proper paperwork for this gift.

Annexation-Steve had a couple rough drafts of the financial plan done, he will have Dave check to see if they are done properly.

Grants-No new information on the Chipper or Storm water grants. C/T will call about both of these grants.

Planning Grant- Gove has met with Bob Murphy & marked out what can't be done on the planning for the amount of money we will get. Board signed the contract with Gove to proceed with the master plan with the condition of the town receiving the grant money.

*Board would like Dave to send another letter to the Krisher family requesting a date for the sale of the equipment on the property.

*Steve will call Chad Dilling at the court house to see if he can help the town out with the Griffith property who seems to be junking out vehicles from his property, our ordinance for junk cars does not cover this. Check with Dave to see if he has made any more changes to the junk car ordinance for it to be amended for 72 hr removal before towing.

Beacon Credit Union-Corky Cordes was present to update the board on their progress. He told that the cr. union would like to attach a drive up to an existing building in the town. They are looking into some possibilities. They don't seem to be in a hurry. The board has not been contacted about the co-op property yet.

New Business

*Bruce asked if the Town could pass an well ordinance to keep property owners from drilling wells inside the town limits, but they can still use the existing wells. There is no state law for this. The town can't monitor the sewage usage if there is no water meter. The town can set the charge to be the max amount for sewage on the ordinance. Steve made the motion to have Dave draft a well ordinance for approval, Brady 2nd carried 3-0. Have Dave check with N. Manchester they have a well ordinance.

*There were residents asking about the water rates & billing. The board explained about the sprinkling rates & reasons behind the rate increase. We have already realized an increase in the sewage operating budget from the rate increase and have not had to borrow money from the water fund.

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*Mick Walters had asked if he could have only one minimum bill when he has two buildings with minimum water usage. The board said only if he hooks the buildings together so there is only one meter to read. Steve made the motion that if there are two meters he would owe two bills. Brady 2nd carried 3-0.

*Roddie will have to cut his hours to meet the budget for next year. He will have 6 months with 120 hours a month (April to Sept)& 6 months with only 70 hrs a month (Oct to march) a decrease of 12 hours per year. Steve will notify him of the changes.

*C/T requested the following transfers be made in the General fund for the year-end total:

from Part Time employee-101001115-827.26
to ST Supt.-101001111-346.54
C/T-101001112-331.32
N. watchman-101001113-149.40
From FICA Tax Expense-101001131-530.00
to Attorney expenses-101001311-530.00
From telephone exp-101001321-156.45
to Travel expense-101001323-156.45
from gas bill-101001351-153.18
to elec bill -101001351-153.18
from rep & maint-101001362-113.90
to hydrant rental-101001371-113.90

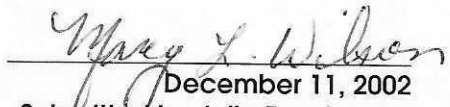
Steve made the motion to transfer these amounts, Brady 2nd carried 3-0.

*Board read customer comments that were received with water bills about new rates.

*Brady will check to see if he needs the Hepatitis B shots.

Steve made the motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM Brady 2nd carried 3-0.

Next regular board meeting will be on January 14, 2003 at 7 PM in the Library basement.


December 11, 2002
Submitted by Julia Rensberger
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Town Board
Roann, IN