

Town of Roann

Board Minutes

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on November 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library basement by President Mary Wilson, Steve Johnson, Brady Brower, Bruce Shaw, & Julia Rensberger were present. 12 residents, Gail Gonterman & Mike Keester from Gove & Associates & Bob Murphy were also present.

Minutes from ~~September~~^{October} meeting were read and approved.

Claims for ~~October~~ were approved.

Old Business

Bank bldg.-The town has received the appraisal. The building appraises for \$125,000. We will need \$500 more for the title search. Steve made the motion to appropriate \$500 from CEDIT funds for this expense, Brady 2nd carried 3-0.

Annexation-Steve has a rough draft of the financial plan done, he still needs a cost of putting in new services to the annexed area.

Grants-No new information on the Chipper or Storm water grants.

There were three firms packets submitted for the planning grant application. This will be done after the meeting to choose the firm for the preliminary round.

*Dave has sent a letter to the Krisher family making them aware of the needed clean up of the property. A response from Tim Krisher stated that he is the executor of the estate & they are working to get the equipment ready for sale. Board would like Dave to reply concerning a date for the sale.

*Brady made the motion to sign the Drug Free Workplace policy, Steve 2nd carried 2-0.

*Steve made the motion to sign the Fair housing resolution, Brady 2nd carried 3-0. Both were need to be in compliance for the grant.

There were several residents concerned about the new water & sewage rates. The board opened the floor for comments & questions. Steve explained that the wastewater plant will need repairs. This will also generate funds for the operating budget. There were also many questions about the school building being abandoned & taking over the bank building. One resident brought up that there are grants from the Community Focus Fund to upgrade the school.

Mike Chenault went on record saying that \$4000 a year is too much to maintain the bank building for a town office with one employee & thinks the Town should just set up a dropbox on the street and pay for the office to stay in the C/T home. Ken Grandstaff supports the gift of the bank for an office. He hopes that the offices in the bank could be rented in the future to bring in more business. Bruce also noted that a rate increase actually brought residents to the meeting & hoped that they would continue to attend. Vonell Krom said that the Lions club would try to raise funds to keep the school building for the community use.

Bob Murphy says there is a grant that would keep the school functioning but it will take the whole community to keep it going. The board has not heard from the Metro School Board yet. Steve, Brady & Mary thanked all who attended for their comments & questions.

*Board will check with the night watchman about his hours.

*Discussed the junk car ordinance & changes that could be made the board will check into changing the existing one.

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*Brady will attend the Wabash Celebration of Lights on November 23, 2002 at 5 PM at the court house to represent Roann.

*Corky Cordes took it on himself to start a petition for Beacon Credit Union to open a branch bank in Roann. He received over 400 names on the petition & presented it to the Board of Directors of Beacon. He also offer edfree land from the Town. Which Steve pointed out that the Town does not own any to give at this time. Corky would like the Farm Bureau Co-op to donate the land on Chippewa St. to the town where they just moved their operation from in September of this year. There are several questions about this property concerning the hazardous soil. The Coop would be responsible for the clean up of the property before it can be given or sold. The Town could only accept the land if all environmental liability was accepted by the Coop. The Beacon President, Bruce Ingrahm said ^{presently} that the building could be a full service branch with 2-3 employees at a cost of \$400,000 to build. Mark Tullis from the Coop will be contacting the Town about this property next week. The board would like the coop to donate the land directly to the Credit Union to take the Town out of the middle.

*Discussed the letter that Dave sent to Kevin Farr pertaining to the land at Pine ridge estate on Adams Street. The letter states that he will not have to hook up to the town sewage system as long as his is the only house built on the 35 acres. He will have to contact the board if he will be adding additional houses. Steve made the motion to sign the planning grand application resolution to submit the application to the Department of Commerce, Brady 2nd carried 3-0.


*Julia requested transfers be made in the General fund-Property & Liability ins. from Gen. w/c ins-\$237.00, Gas bill-\$1000.00, election-\$384.00, Travel-\$492.00, to pay the insurance costs. Also from general-telephone to General legal ads for \$100.00. To the MVH-gas-oil-repairs from MVH misc. properties for \$400.00. Steve made the motion to transfer the amounts, Brady 2nd carried 3-0.

*Steve made the motion to loan Sewage operating from Water operating to fund the bills until more revenue from the rate increase is realized. Brady 2nd carried 3-0. Bob Murphy stated that this loan will need to be repaid by December 31, 2002.

*It was brought to the attention of the C/T that the Library is ~~owed~~ owned in part by the Library, Town, & Paw Paw township. Which means if they apply for certain grants the Town will have to sign them, too.

Next regular board meeting will be on December 10, 2002 at 7 PM in the Library basement. Brady made the motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM Steve 2nd carried 3-0.

The board opened the packets from DLZ, Gove, & Lawson Fisher. Bob Murphy will notify Gove & Associates we will be using them for the planning grant application.


November 13, 2002
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