

Town of Roann

Board Minutes

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on September 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall by President Brady Brower, Steve Johnson, Daniel Yocum, Bruce Shaw, & Julia Rensberger were present. 32 residents were present. John Stephens from Gove was also present.

Minutes from August meeting were read and approved.

Claims for September were approved.

Old Business

Annexation-John Stephens has the fiscal plan almost completed. There will be an increase of tax revenue of \$29,000. This revenue will be put in an escrow account for 3 years. There should be only 1 water extension & 2 sewer extension, not a large investment. The cost of 8 new street lights @ \$7.00 a month will be added. He will have the plan ready for advertisement for the October meeting.

Planning grant -Gove will have meters in for the sewage system to be monitored next week for a month. They will then evaluate the readings. Mapping is complete. Water mains look to be in good condition. Manhole rehabilitation will be necessary, but lines seem to be good.

Junk Car/Well Ordinances-tabled.

Balldiamond-Steve called Metro schools & until they decide what is happening with the school building this will be tabled. Bleachers belong to the Lions Club, Sonia Poe will need to check with them to see where they want them stored.

2004 Budget-No changes have been made. Daniel made the motion to accept the 2004 budget at \$124,000, Steve 2nd, carried 3-0.

Keystone-c/t did not receive the contracts yet, she will call.

New Business

*Roof is leaking at the Town Garage. The board will check to see what needs to be done.

*Tree in the alley off of Arnold St. After much discussion from residents as to who the tree belongs to & who is to take care of it. Tree lawns & alleys are maintained by the property owners. The board has all had to pay for the removal of their trees on their tree lawns. Randy Lewis gave the town a quote of \$500 for stump removal along with the tree. \$350 for just the tree removal. Brady discussed setting guidelines to follow for the trees. This will be discussed with the attorney. Brady called for a 15 min. recess to contact Ken Grandstaff who is the Pres of the Apartment board to see what he has been told about the tree. Brady & Ken will see to it that the tree is taken care of. Steve made the motion to appropriate \$350 for the tree removal by Randy Lewis, if necessary by the town. Daniel 2nd carried 3-0.

*Mr. Enyeart requested a pothole be filled on Ohio St. under the water tower. The street is still stones, due to the fact it is built on a spring & it sinks with every rainfall. The holes are filled regularly.

*Spreader Quotes- There were several quotes ranging in the amounts from \$4,720 to \$3,059. Steve made the motion to purchase the Monroe Stainless Steel gas powered box from Northern Equipment at a cost of \$3,719, Daniel 2nd carried, 3-0.

*Bruce won't be attending the fall conference in October due to the fact that the water tower will not be done until after the conference. He has several pressure relief valves on the hydrants to help with the project.

*Roann Compost Company has submitted a quote for leaf pickup for the fall. The cost is \$1440 or about .60 per household, per season, which includes a 3 week service pickup 3 days a week, Monday-Wednesday-Saturday, twice a day. Leaves must be in a wind row 12" from the curb. Leaves & clippings can be wet or dry. Not responsible for raking or removing from residential yards. Steve made the motion to pay the cost as a trial for this year with the possibility for next year to have a contract with them. Also check with the fire dept about the no burning law. Daniel 2nd carried 3-0.

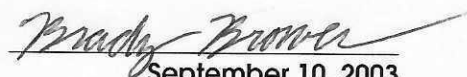
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*There was then a heated discussion about the Camp Rock school for boys going into the old school building. The Board still stands that they already returned the building to the Metro School, & they no longer have any control of what is put in the building. There were several for the school for boys & there were several that were against. All three board members agreed that something in the building was better than leaving it sit empty, There were many comments about the security in the town, property values will drop, & the town doesn't need any more trouble from delinquents. The Metro school board advised the petitioners to organize a committee to save the school building. The renovations, monthly bills, libaility insurance, etc. will be very costly as the previous committee found. The town is still willing to take over the balldiamond for the kids. Brady will Contact Dr. Peigh at Metro Schools to let them know that there are many residents against this school building lease.

Steve made the motion to adjourn at 9:20., Daniel 2nd carried 2-0.

Next regular board meeting will be on October 14, 2003 at 7 PM in at the Town Hall.



September 10, 2003

Submitted by Julia Rensberger
Clerk Treasurer for the
Town Board
Roann, IN