

Town of Roann

Board Minutes

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on July 13, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall by President Steve Johnson. Daniel Yocum, Brady Brower, Janet Lyons, Bruce Shaw and Sonia Poe were present. Also present were John Stephens from Gove, and 8 residents.

Minutes from the June meeting were read and approved.

Claims for July were approved.

Old Business

Annexation Public Hearing: Steve called to order at 7:10 pm, and asked for any public comments. Lee Gaff asked why the Town was interested in his 2 lots that are approximately a 1 ¾ acre patch at the corner of Town. Steve explained to Mr. Gaff that the intent was only to "square up" the Town boundaries, not to intentionally include or exclude someone's property. With no further questions or comments Steve closed the public hearing at 7:15 pm.

Capital Improvement Plan-John Stephens from Gove informed the board that he was making the final changes to get the P.E.R. done. He is waiting on the transcripts from the public hearing, and will need copies of resolutions from May. Steve received a letter from the Wastewater division of the SRF about a technical assistance fund that they are offering us a \$25,000 grant toward engineering fees. We will have to be ready for bids on the project by June 30, 2005 or will have to repay grant. Deadline for grant acceptance is July 15, 2004. John feels that we could be ready for bids, even if DOC Grant goes to second round. It will be tight on time, but feels it is possible. Brady made the motion to accept the \$25,000 grant for engineering work, Daniel seconded. Carried 3-0. Janet to overnight paperwork with return receipt. Bruce informed the board that Mr Murphy's secretary called and told him that Ed Fansler will be here for a sight visit on July 23 at 11:15, and any available board member is invited to join them.

Coop Property - Steve has names of companies who do preliminary testing. He will contact to find out costs of preliminary assessment.

New Business

Salary Ordinance: First reading of salary ordinance. No changes have been made from last year. Brady motioned to accept, Daniel seconded, carried 3-0.

2005 Budget Review: Only changes are to fire contract which increased \$1,000. Daniel motioned to approve, Brady seconded carried 3-0.

Overnight Parking: We will need to draft ordinance banning overnight parking in designated areas. Someone had off-loaded their trailer, and made substantial grooves in the asphalt. If it is done when the new asphalt is complete, we will have holes. Brady motioned to start draft ordinance, Daniel seconded, carried 3-0.

*Mr Gaff asked the board if there was any possibility of them changing the boundaries of the annexation. The board explained that they would have to start the whole annexation procedure over to change the boundaries.

*Shawn Powell asked the board if they had passed on the acquisition of the ball diamonds. They indicated that they had. He also asked if the RFRC would be charged the 150% on sewage. Again they informed him that it would be, that was set by the board who originally did the sewage system. He asked if the RFRC could put in their own well and septic. Bruce informed him that they could not put in a septic system because of being within 300' of sewer lines.

*Tim McMahan informed the board that he is trying to purchase the house next to Griffith's, but cannot get insurance due to the conditions of that property. Daniel has been quoted \$350 and up to clean up the junk only, and made a motion to appropriate \$500 to clean up and then have assessed to property taxes. Brady seconded, carried 3-0. Janet will send demand letters by certified mail to Griffith's and Pheobe Compton to get the properties cleaned up. Bruce will get list of properties that need mowed and Janet will send demand letters on them. Some will have to be checked at the courthouse because they are now owned by banks or finance companies.

*Sonia Poe is having a major rust problem that just started recently. Bruce believes the chlorine is

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the most likely culprit. It should end when we stop chlorinating. If state should ever mandate that we chlorinate, then we would have to address.

*Ruth Early questioned her sewage portion of her bill. Janet explained that she made an error when billing and the sprinkling rates did not get done properly. Credits have been applied to accounts and should be correct next month.

*Louella Krom informed the board that a 2nd floor window at Mom & Pop's had been broken sometime between Saturday and Tuesday.

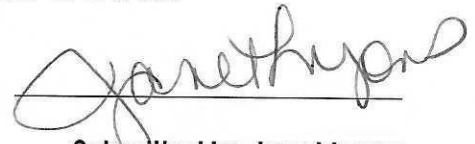
*Bruce requested a 2% increase in his pay, and received board approval. Bill Powell had asked him about getting pipe to make a catch basin with at their new sidewalk. Bruce has the pipe, but the Town may need to purchase a grate. Will update the board next month.

*Steve informed the board that the Town dump truck needs front end repairs. He estimates at approximately \$1,000. Daniel motioned to appropriate the money to fix, Brady seconded, carried 3-0.

*Janet requested to remove caller id, second line signal ring, and line guard from the phone service at town hall

Daniel made the motion to adjourn at 8:15PM., Brady seconded. carried 3-0.

Next regular board meeting will be on August 10, 2004 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.



**Submitted by Janet Lyons
Clerk Treasurer for the
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Roann, IN**