

Town of Roann

Board Minutes

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on March 9, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall by President Steve Johnson, Brady Brower, Daniel Yocum, Dave Magley & Janet Lyons were present. Also present were John Stephens from Gove, Bob Murphy from RP Murphy, and Ed Fansler from Indiana Dept of Commerce and 16 residents.

Minutes from February meeting were read and approved.

Claims for March were approved.

Old Business

Annexation-Mr Magley has a draft written and will mail copies. Mr Magley informed the board that new statues were being tested in court now. He advised the board that they can proceed, but he could not guarantee that it wouldn't be challenged. Brady motioned to proceed and Daniel seconded - carried 3-0.

Planning Grant Public Hearing- 4 page hearing minutes attached. Each board member has a copy and copies are available to anyone wishing to have one.

Well ordinance-tabled

School building lease-Mr Magley will forward copies of lease signed at the January 13, 2004 school board meeting.

Coop Property - Summarized offer given by Mr Tullis from North Central Coop. Steve received the suggestion that we hire an environmental lawyer before proceeding. It was asked why the town would want the property and the board said since it was zoned industrial, the Town would like to be able to control what goes in on the property. They would also be able to join streets that are split by the property. One resident agreed that the Town should get control, and doesn't feel that clean-up would be an immediate issue. Another resident raised the question of North Central being forced to clean it up first. John Stephens said there were commercial environmental assesment companies that will do assessments so the Town would know what contamination is there and the levels. John will provide the names of such companies to the board. Mr Magley will provide the board with names of environmental attorneys also.

Town Hall Rental - Tabled.

New Business

*Corky Cordes requested ok to grade the alley next to his property on Ohio Street. He also requested permission to run lines to get the stormwater from his property to the proper lines. The board gave approval to proceed at this own expense. When he approached the County Commissioners about the .7 acres of RR property, they indicated that it would have to be surveyed by interested parties.

*Connie Kramer asked about dog control. The have had problems with area dogs, one is on a chain, but can still get to the center of the street. Residents have had no luck with the animal shelter. Steve will contact the sheriffs department.

* Ken Grandstaff informed the board that the RR property had been removed from the tax sale.

*Ruth Early asked the board if there were plans to fix Chippewa Street in the near future. Steve indicated it will be patched in the spring. She also asked about junk cars and possible health concerns of an area residence. Steve will have the Sheriff's Department tag cars. Brady believes that it will take calls from the area residents to have the Health Department get involved.

*Jennifer Ellis asked if there had been any further discussion of public restrooms for tourists. Steve said he had contacted the Community Center about putting in public restrooms, but had not received any feedback.

*Sonia Poe asked about the school lease effecting ball season since it will end in May. Mr Magley suggested she contact the school board. She also inquired about funds from the town to improve the diamonds for this coming year. Brady motioned to help with \$500.00 and Daniel seconded. Carried 3-0.

*Reporter from the Manchester Monitor asked about the reasons for annexation. The board informed him it was to square up corporate limits and bring citizens getting charged 150% on

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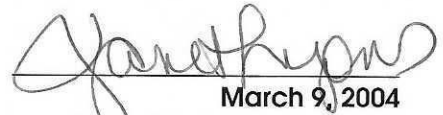
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water and sewage into the town limits. It also gives tax dollars to the town instead of the county.
*Spreader - since it is worth less than \$5,000.00 the town can get rid of it. They will take sealed bids for the next 30 days.

* Steve informed the board that the wastewater plant will have to have upgrades this year. The grinder is not working properly and will have to be replaced.

Brady made the motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM., Daniel 2nd carried 3-0.

Next regular board meeting will be on April 13, 2004 at 7 PM in at the Town Hall.



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Submitted by Janet Lyons
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Town Board
Roann, IN