

Town of Roann

Board Minutes

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on May 11, 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, John Julien from Umbaugh and 16 residents.

Minutes from April meeting were read and approved.

Claims for May were approved.

Old Business

SRF Public Hearing-minutes attached and copies available.

Capital Improvement Plan-Mr Julien stated that Umbaugh has completed the necessary work by their firm until closer to the end of the process. Mr Murphy will submit the Grant Application by Sept 3, 2004 for the next cycle. Mr Stephens indicated that Gove would like to be 60-70% into the engineering by the time the grant application is submitted. There would be no further cost to the Town until SRF approval. Daniel motioned to proceed and Brady seconded. Carried 3-0. Mr Murphy will have paperwork ready for publication for the DOC Public Hearing on June 8, 2004. He encouraged the town residents to be present. The board will look into moving the meeting to the Community Building for additional seating capacity. Mr Murphy also presented the board with a contract for the grant work. 1/2 payable at time of first draw down and 1/2 at time of final draw down. Final documentation will be needed 3-4 months after completion of project and again at 2 years for audit. If the grant is not received, there will be no cost to the Town.

Annexation-Randy James inquired about being made to hook to the Town water and sewage. He has newer well and septic and will not willingly hook to the Town services. Mr Stephens indicated that if sanitary septic lines lie within 300 feet of the property, then they can be made to hook into the system. Bruce indicated that state code gives the Town that right, but unless there is an issue the Town has not forced in the past. The same policy has been followed with the well. But at some future time that Mr James' well or septic need repairs, they would be required to hook into the Town services at that time.

Well ordinance-tabled

Coop Property - Mr Magley has scheduled a meeting with the environmental attorney in Fort Wayne on May 25th at 10 am. He requested that one or more of the board members accompany him if at all possible.

New Business

*Bruce spoke about the current month's utility bills being high. It is due to the need to estimate the usage in January, February and March. The April reading was an actual reading and bills should go back to normal next month. Steve also stated that the clerk-treasurer will be contacting the software company to see if we can use a 12 month estimate instead of the four month currently used.

*Karel Long said she would like to see the last actual reading on her bill. Janet said she didn't believe that was possible with this software. The citizen requested that there at least be a note on the water bill that this bill was to catch up for 3 months estimates. Janet will note the next time the Town bills after an estimate. Also reminded everyone that there is an E after the reading when it is estimated.

*The question was asked if anything was going to be done about the water? It tastes bad, foams when boiling, etc. Bruce said that the water passes all testing. At some point we could be forced to treat the water, like most Towns who chlorinate. When a Boil Advisory is issued it due to additional testing needing to be done, and is announced on the radio, in the paper and posted at the Post Office. If we were ever Mandated to boil our water, you would get a door-to-door visit.

*Sonia Poe asked the board to extend the lease with Metro on the School property until the RFRRC receives its 501(c) 3 status. They have been in contact with the IRS and the application is being processed. Brady motioned to extend the lease for 2 months, Daniel 2nd. Carried 3-0.

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Sonia also asked if the security light on the playground was a town street light or if it belongs with the school property. The Board believes it is part of the school property. She also asked about water and sewage rates being 100% or 150%. The board will check to see how the Church of the Brethren is billed. Mr Magley informed the board since it was out of town it has to be 150%. The question was raised why the school property was not being annexed into the Town. Mr Magley said that was no benefit since there are no taxes paid on the property.

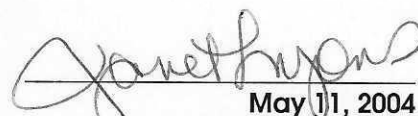
*Mr Magley informed the board that Mr Dawson from MSD had asked if the Town wanted to make an offer on the ball diamonds.

*Clerk Treasurer request approval to transfer \$500 from Gen Operating 101001221.00 to General Repair and Maint Supplies 101001231.00. Brady motioned Daniel 2nd carried 3-0. She also requested approval for internet banking at the cost of \$12.00 per month. The bank will start charging \$15.00 per month for copies of the statements. The statements are not received until after the 5th of the month and the previous month's business cannot be closed until the statements are reconciled. After a brief discussion, the Clerk-Treasurer will check around with different banks and bring it back next month. The Clerk has also requested the approval of Sonia Poe as the deputy Clerk with a starting date of June 1 or June 16 depending on bonding. The board gave approval to start the bonding process and will continue at next meeting. Also requested approval for payment to the Court Reporter and Umbaugh if billing comes due before next board meeting. Brady motioned to approve payment Daniel 2nd. Carried 3-0.

*Bruce has received only one basin repair quote from R&R at \$.85 per foot and there is approximately 2,800 feet. The Basin "B" part of the expense could probably be used against the grant. Brady motioned to accept the quote, Daniel 2nd. Carried 3-0. Lynn's Restaurant has requested to keep both services at the one address. Janet will contact Keystone software, but believes we could have two accounts for one address. Bruce also wanted to remind everyone that milling on Chippewa Street starts tomorrow, May 12th.

Daniel made the motion to adjourn at 9:02 PM., Brady seconded. carried 3-0.

Next regular board meeting will be on June 8, 2004 at 7 PM at the Community Building.



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