

Town of Roann

Board Minutes

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on November 9, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall by President Steve Johnson. Daniel Yocum, Brady Brower, Janet Lyons, Bruce Shaw, Sonia Poe, and Dave Magley were present. Also present Mike Kiester from Gove and 7 residents.

Minutes from the October meeting were read and approved.

Claims for November were approved.

Old Business

Capital Improvement Plan: Hope to have preliminary drawings ready within the next few weeks, and would like to be ready to bid by March 2005. Smoke testing found a couple of spots, but no major problems. Steve announced that we did receive our DOC Grant and it will be awarded at a presentation ceremony at the State Capital Rotunda on November 18. Steve, Daniel, Bruce and Mr Murphy will be attending the ceremony.

Annexation: Mr Magley and Steve met with the commissioners and received approval 2-1 for the annexation plan. Written approval attached to these minutes. Our next step will be with the county planning commission, preliminarily set for December 2nd at 9 AM. Dave asked if anyone has received any negative response from any property owners, and found that none had been received. Window for remonstrance should still be considered open. The remonstrance is based upon assessed value of property. 40% of assessed value can initiate remonstrance. Then it would end up going to court to be decided. To file for remonstrance, you would file with the County Clerk, Town Board and County Commissioners.

Coop Property – Steve received the written proposal for Phase I of testing. A letter will need to be written to North Central Co-op to see if they would agree to testing before anything else can happen. George Zintsmaster inquired as to why the Town would want to pay for testing, and possibly take on the liability instead of continuing to collect income from taxes. Steve explained that the Town would like to be able to connect streets, etc., and Brownfield Grants should be able to pay for testing. Mr Magley explained that the co-op had originally approached the Town, but that the Town wouldn't jump at. Their offer was based on non-disclosure of any testing, and that was not possible do to the open door laws. A Brownfield Grant would pay for testing only, and the Town doesn't want to be responsible for the clean-up.

Former Night Watchman: We still haven't received 2-way radio back, but it may not be working.

Stephenson Property: Drums are still there, but paint cans have been moved to the "greenhouse". Bruce has filled in the holes on the perimeter of the property.

Fire Hydrant: needs new gaskets installed, but is now working.

New Business

Open floor to residents:

*One resident informed the board that she is having a problem with dogs running loose, and scattering trash in Town.

*Leaf pickup has not been running as well this year, as it did last year.

*Leaf pickup is not doing a good job. It leaves a lot on the street, and they don't like the idea of paying for someone to pickup like it is being done.

*Leaf pickup job is not satisfactory, and feels like if we increase rates to cover pickup we will start pricing a lot of people on fixed incomes out of Town.

*Suggested the Town furnishing bags for people to put their leafs in, then have them picked up.

*Suggest next year to send letter informing residents that you need to make sure your leafs are not under low hanging trees, as the equipment needs clearance room overhead.

*Mrs Zintsmaster's check from October 8, has not cleared her bank. Janet will check to see if there is a problem. Normally deposits are dropped in the night deposit and receipts picked up later.

*Bruce informed the board that someone has inquired about the old merry-go-round that was taken down several years ago, and is on Town property. He wanted to know if the RFRC would like, or if he can get rid of. RFRC Secretary stated that they do not have a use for.

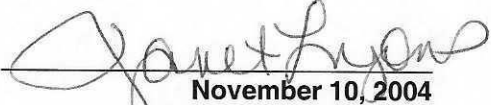
*Janet requested signature on insurance paperwork that needs to go with the payment. Also requested approval of Keystone Software maintenance agreement at a cost of \$2,100. This covers both billing and budget software. Daniel motioned to approve agreement, Brady 2nd carried 3-0. Also made the following transfer request: \$1,000 from MVH-Misc Property(201001363) to Gen-repairs & maint(101001361); \$2,000 from MVH-Storm Sewers(201001423) to Gen-Repairs & Miant(101001362); \$2,000 from Gen-

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Property(101001342) to Gen-Repairs & Miant(101001362); \$100 from Gen-Travel (101001323) to Gen-Workmans Comp(101001341);\$12,000 from Gen-Equip(101001440) to General Repairs & Maint(101001362);\$2,000 from Gen-Bldg (101001420) to Gen-Repairs & Maint(101001362); \$2,000 from Gen-Misc Property(101001430) to Gen-Repairs & maint(101001362) ns \$1,000 from Gen-Election to Cum Capital Improv(401001430). Brady motioned, Daniel seconded carried 3-0. Also informed board of Budget hearing at the Courthouse on October 26th, at 1:30.

Brady made the motion to adjourn at 8:00PM., Daniel seconded. carried 3-0.
Next regular board meeting will be on December 14, 2004 - 7 PM at the Town Hall.



November 10, 2004
Submitted by Janet Lyons
Clerk Treasurer for the
Town Board
Roann, IN