

Town of Roann

Meeting Minutes

16 July 2013

I. Call to order

James Francis called to order the regular meeting of the **Town of Roann** at **7:00 p.m.** on the **16th day of July** in **Roann Town Hall**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: James Francis, Susan Floor, James Pell, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., Kristina Lynn, Bruce Shaw, Eric Walsh of Umbaugh and 7 citizens.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected. The Council Members read the minutes from the Special Meeting and those minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

- a) Eric Walsh from Umbaugh presented the updated report for Rate Adjustments for both Water and Sewage. Capital improvements were adjusted so that the percentage of the Rate Increase could be lowered. This was done over a five year period to allow the Town of Roann to balance the budget over the next five years. Susan Floor made a motion to adopt a Rate Increase Ordinance and to introduce it at the next regular Council Meeting in August. Jim Pell seconded the motion and was carried in favor of a vote of 3-0.
- b) Bruce Shaw has contacted IDEM and they have agreed to review a plan to use the "Pull Field". Bruce Shaw has also given a copy to the "Puller". The Council has decided when IDEM comes into town that Bruce Shaw will contact a representative of the "Pullers". Jim Pell made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting. Susan Floor seconded the motion and a vote of 3-0 was made in favor.
- c) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported that Carol Long had checked into the liability rates in the town's insurance policy in the event the Town of Roann would hire a night watchman. There would be an increase of \$500.00 a year to our insurance rate. The council decided to table the matter until they could talk with Steve Hicks and weigh the benefits to the Town of Roann.
- d) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. presented the 2014 preliminary Budget. A meeting has been set to talk to DLGF on the 17th of July.
- e) Bruce Shaw is still working on the street repair estimates from the two businesses that have submitted maps and bids. Jamie Francis also asked about resurfacing the basketball court. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will check with DLGF to find out if CREDIT money can be used to surface the basketball court.
- f) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. put in a request to buy new office equipment. A new laptop, jet color printer, Microsoft and a USB hub. The present computer will be moved to the front office and networked to the Clerk-Treasurers Office. James Pell made a motion to approve up to \$1,700.00 for new equipment. Susan Floor seconded the motion and a vote to accept was approved 3-0.

New Business

- a) One of the original lampposts has been found. A request for the town to pay to have it sand blasted and painted. It was also requested for the town to put in a concrete base in the area of the log cabin. Susan Floor made a motion to have the post sand blasted and James Pell seconded the motion a vote of 3-0 was made in favor.
- b) The Roann Festival Committee has made a request to close the streets for the Roann Covered Bridge Festival. ^{James Pell} Made a motion to approve in contingency of the Fire Chiefs approval. Susan Floor Seconded the motion. And a vote of 3-0 was made in favor.
- c) Kristina Lynn has prepared the deed for the lot on the corner of State Road 16 and Chippewa. Signatures are being obtained and things are moving forward for the town to take over ownership of the lot.

V. Adjournment

Susan Floor made a motion to adjourn. **James Francis** adjourned the meeting at **9:09 pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved by:


James Francis Board President