

Town of Roann

Meeting Minutes

12 August 2014

I. Call to order

Susan Floor called to order the regular meeting of the **Town of Roann** at **7:00 p.m.** on the **12th day of August** in **Roann Town Hall**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Susan Floor, James Pell, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., Richard Morris, Kristina Lynn, Bruce Shaw, and 4 citizens.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The Town Council read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Open issues

- a) Kristina Lynn brought up the fact that Wabash County had SME (Soil and Material Engineers, INC.) to do a walk through and prepare a Hazardous Materials Abatement and Demolition DRAFT. Kristina Lynn will contact Josh Petruniw, an attorney, that has been working on this project and find out where the county is in the due process of having the owner of the "old school" divested of their interest. The good news is there is something going on and the County is moving forward.
- b) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. has contacted Schenkel Construction to do the job of making the bathroom at Town Hall ADA compliant. This is in conjunction with Kraig Barker, who will be doing the plumbing and electrical. Schenkel Construction will start on the project August 25th and finish the 29th. Kraig will also work on the plumbing downstairs.
- c) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. gave the council a packet for the 2015 Budget. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. has had his meeting with the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance), in the packet was the notice to the public that had been published in the Wabash Plain Dealer. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. dropped the CCI (Cumulative Capital Improvement) Fund and LS&R (Local Streets and Roads) Fund. This was because the levy that would have been coming into the Town of Roann would not have supported this amount. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. explained his Notice 1872, which is the finding from the DLGF, would have reduced the amount anyway. So, he moved that money to MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) Fund. This fund was able to absorb the increase and the town would still get the money it needed to operate. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. felt this move would have a better chance of being approved by the DLGF. The public meeting is scheduled for September 16th and the adoption meeting is set for October 14th. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. explained

that if the meetings that were to be held on September 16th and October 14th did not have a quorum, the Town of Roann would be forced to revert back to the 2014 Budget.

New Business

- a) Advanced Disposal-Claypool-V7 asked to be put on the agenda. They're representative was not present.
- b) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. report that a business owner talked to him about animals defecating on the sidewalk. The question was is there an Ordinance. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. said we had no town Ordinance addressing that subject. The question was then asked, if there is an Ordinance, who would be the one to enforce it. Kristina Lynn said she could draft an Ordinance when the Town Council decided what they would like in it. Susan Floor tabled the subject until more information could be obtained.
- c) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will not be available to attend the regular Town Council Meeting. He asked that it would be changed from September 9th at 7:00 pm to September 16th at 7:00 pm. Richard Morris made a motion to change the meeting to September 16th, 2014 at 7:00 pm and James Pell seconded the motion. The Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.
- d) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. went to a Federal Community Development Block Grant Training session. While there he found out the Town of Roann was not eligible for the grant because of something that happened in 2004 and 2006. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will meet with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the State Board of Accounts to attempt to get Town of Roann off of the ineligible list.
- e) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. said that Donna Harmon had asked about speaker wire for the Roann Covered Bridge Festival. She was not present but it had been taken care of.
- f) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. ask the Town Council if they would approve him attending the IACT Conference. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. said he would commute back and forth for all three days. James Pell made a motion to pay mileage, meals, and expenses for the 9th, 10th and 11th of September so that Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. could attend the IACT Convention. Richard Morris seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.
- g) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. had the Fire Contract. There was no change in the amount. Richard Morris made a motion to approve the 2015 Fire Agreement, James Pell seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.
- h) James Pell talked to Jerry Nelson of the Roann Community Heritage Group. The Heritage Group wants to be in charge of scheduling events at the Log Cabin. Susan Floor said that the Lions Club was in charge of the management of the Log Cabin as voted on by the Town Council in the last meeting. Vonell Krom was present at the meeting and had 4 things that the Lions Club wanted to do at the Log Cabin. They wanted to remove the quilt from the front of the cabin and place it on a post, they wanted to clean up around the cabin and jail and remove the movie screen from the front of the log cabin. These things

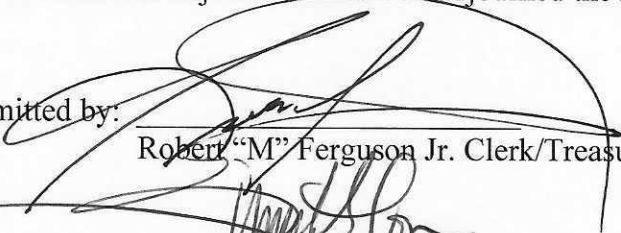
they wanted to do before the Festival and then after the festival they wanted to have the bell refurbished. Richard Morris moved to approve the requests of the Lions Club, James Pell seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0. Susan Floor thought that a representative from the Roann Heritage Group should be at the next meeting to give the Town Council their vision of what they would like to see done and accomplished at the Log Cabin. Richard Morris thought that a member from the Lions Club should also be present to do the same.

- i) James Pell presented the report of the Night Watchman, Steve Hicks. The Town Council accepted the report.
- j) James Pell presented to the Town Council, research of trucks that could replace the Ranger. The Ranger's transmission had gone out and had no reverse. To replace the transmission in the Ranger it would cost the Town of Roann \$1,900.00. After further discussion, Susan Floor thought it would be a good idea to repair the Ranger and hold off on buying a new truck. James Pell made a motion to repair the Ranger and Richard Morris seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.
- k) Bruce Shaw has a convention coming up in Ft. Wayne. Susan Floor made a motion to pay for Bruce Shaw expenses, James Pell seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.
- l) Bruce Shaw thought it would be a good idea to have the generator put on a yearly maintenance contract. Bruce Shaw had two quotes. Richard Morris made a motion to go with Huston Electric quote and have them do our yearly maintenance on the generator. James Pell seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.
- m) Bruce Shaw has timers at the sewer plant that have not been working properly. James Pell made a motion that we purchase from Huston Electric control timers for the aerators, Richard Morris seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.

IV. Adjournment

Susan Floor made a motion to adjourn. **James Pell** adjourned the meeting at **8:44 pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved by:


Susan Floor, Council Member