

# ***Town of Roann***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

13 May 2014

### **I. Call to order**

**James Pell** called to order the regular meeting of the **Town of Roann** at **7:00 p.m.** on the **13th day of May** in **Roann Town Hall**.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: James Pell, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., Richard Morris, Bruce Shaw, Kristina Lynn, and Tori Tripp from Bunnell Land Surveying & Engineering, Doug Brown from SonRise Communications LLC, and 3 citizen.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The Town Council read the minutes from the last meeting. Richard Morris had a correction on page 1, changing the word "we" to "Wabash County". The minutes were approved as corrected.

Open issues

- a) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported that he had talked to Chris Shaw from Brownsfield and the lab findings were complete, but had not been published at the time of the meeting. Chris Shaw gave Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. an overview of the findings. It was said that the following may or may not need to be abated; asbestos in the pipe wrap, boiler jacket, window glazing, black chalk boards and the tiles. There were also traces of mercury found in the thermostats, bulbs, ballast, and vapor lights. The report went on to recommend; removal of the pipe wrap, boiler jacket, window glazing, and vapor lights. The floor in the old coal room would be scraped up and put in 55 gallon drums. The floor tiles may be left during demolition. Information would also be given to the demolition team that Lead base and cadmium was in the paint and there was mold from water damage. Chris Shaw had told Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. that all-in-all, this is fairly manageable.
- b) Bruce Shaw reported that the building, which was destroyed by wind damage was now completed.
- c) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported that Kraig Barker had fixed the railing outside Town Hall. Mr. Barker was able to find piece to repair and weld the existing rail. This was done at a fraction of the cost to replace.
- d) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. presented to the Town Council the updated Lease for the Tower from W.A.T.C.H. TV dba Broadband Networks Wireless Internet. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. explained the changes to the lease were; the Lessee on page one was changed to W.A.T.C.H. TV dba Broadband Networks Wireless Internet, the exclusive rights were removed, lease was now for 1

year, a "Hot Spot" Wi-Fi would be set around the Roann Town Hall. There was also a page that showed how many customers Broadband was serving. Doug Brown from SonRise Communications LLC was present to speak to the Town Council about the Town of Roann signing a lease with his company. Mr. Brown said they could meet the lease of Broadband. Sonrise would not be interested in doing a 1 year lease. Mr. Brown said that they may do a 1 year after a 5 year contract. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. suggested that Mr. Brown give us a Lease for Tower Space that we could compare side by side and table it until the next meeting. Richard Morris made a motion to table this until the June meeting. James Pell seconded and a vote of 2-0 in favor of tabling was cast.

- e) Tori Tripp from Bunnell Land Surveying & Engineering was present and presented the Roann Town Council with the final of the ADA Transition Plan and Self Evaluation for Public Right-Of-Ways. The board thanked Tori Tripp for her work.
- f) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. answered the question presented in April from Luella Krom about the Notice to Taxpayers of Wabash County of Tax Rates Charged. Mrs. Krom wanted to know why Roann was receiving almost twice as much money for the Corporation Street (MVH) as everyone else in Wabash County. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. explained that Roann did not have a Parks and Recreation fund that money was being filtered into and that was why Roann was able to receive more money in MVH. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. also explained that he went back 10 years to see when that was changed and it had been that way for the last 10 years. Mrs. Krom then asked what the Township was doing with the .0052 cents that it received for Township Recreation. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. then told Mrs. Krom he did not know and she would have to ask the Township Trustee. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. explained he was only responsible for the money that came into the Town of Roann.
- g) Bruce Shaw purchased 10 meter bases. He felt at the price he was able to purchase the bases, it was cheaper to buy then to rebuild. Bruce Shaw will continue to seek a company to rebuild the bases.
- h) Kristina Lynn does not have an original copy of the Agreement for Sheriff's Deputy to Serve as Town Watchman. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will see if he can get the originally signed form and give it to Kristina Lynn for the Sheriff's signature. After the signatures are obtained Steve Hicks will be able to commence his duties as the Roann Town Watchmen.

### **New Business**

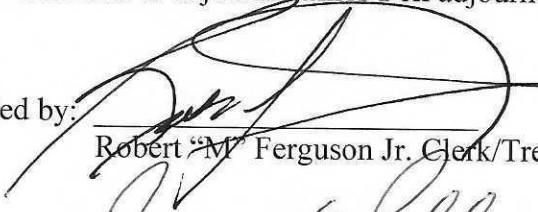
- a) Richard Morris reported that there was graffiti on the back of the old jail.
- b) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. let the Town Council know that he had an ILMCT Conference coming up June 9-12. Richard Morris made a motion to send Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. to the conference and James Pell seconded. A motion of 2-0 in favor was cast and carried.

- c) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will be gone on June 10<sup>th</sup> which would be the date for the regular meeting. Richard Morris made a motion to move the meeting to June 17<sup>th</sup>. James Pell seconded the motion and a vote of 2-0 in favor was casted. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will make a notice to the public of the change of meeting.
- d) Bruce Shaw will be on vacation from June 14<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. He has made arrangements to have someone to be the operator in charge.

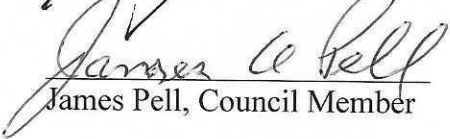
**IV. Adjournment**

Richard Morris made a motion to adjourn. **James Pell** adjourned the meeting at **8:18 pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

  
Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved by:

  
James Pell, Council Member