

# ***Town of Roann***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

11 August 2015

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

**Susan Floor** called to order the regular meeting of the **Town of Roann** at **7:00 p.m.** on the **11th day of August** in **Roann Town Hall**.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: James Pell, Richard Morris, Susan Floor, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., Bruce Shaw, Keith Gillenwater CEO of EDG of Wabash County and 3 citizens.

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

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

#### **Open issues**

- a) Keith Gillenwater addressed the Town Council with projects, which Economic Development Group of Wabash County was involved. EDG of Wabash County is working on a Website and Mr. Gillenwater will be talking with Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. to get information about the Town of Roann. A "landing page" will be developed on the website that will focus on the Roann community.
- b) There was no new information about the Old School.
- c) Susan Floor reported that the Town Council had an Executive Meeting on Tuesday July 21, 2015, in which to interview and discuss application for the position of Assistant Superintendent. One (1) first time applicant and two (2) follow-up applicants were interviewed. After some discussion, James Pell made a motion to hire Justin Vigar as the towns Assistant Superintendent with a starting base salary of \$25,343.00, insurance package of \$4,600.00, clothing allowance of \$500.00, and a cell phone valued at \$1,260, with a total salary, benefit yearly package of \$31,703.00, and commence August 16, 2016. Richard Morris seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.
- d) James Pell is researching a camera system for the downtown area. Mr. Pell will have more information at the next Town Council meeting.
- e) Susan Floor had brought Weed Ordinances from North Manchester, Akron, and Wabash, to compare with the present Ordinance of the Town of Roann. Currently the Town of Roann has no discretion or height of vegetation, so it becomes at the discretion of whom ever is reporting the violation. Akron has a six (6) inch limit on the length of the grass, Wabash has a nine (9) inch limit and North Manchester defines weeds and has a twelve (12) inch limit. The Town Council tabled the subject until the next meeting.

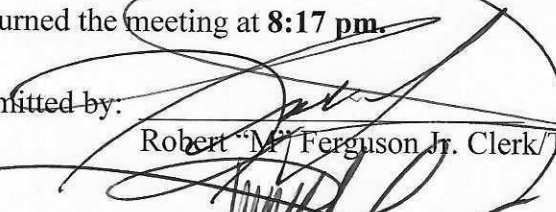
**New Business**

- a) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. spoke with Advanced Disposal about the new contract. Advanced Disposal will now provide the .5-yard rolling trash can, three (3) large roll off containers during Spring Clean-up and one (1) large roll off container during the Roann Covered Bridge Festival. The four (4) large containers will be donated to the town at no charge. The new contract also has a two (2) year freeze on the price of \$8.22 per house. Richard Morris made a motion to accept the contract from Advanced Disposal and James Pell seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.
- b) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. asked the Town Council to approve up to \$600.00 for a computer from BIT Computers. This computer will be a desktop and be used by the File Clerk. Richard Morris made a motion to purchase the computer for the File Clerk; James Pell seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.
- c) Bruce Shaw requested that we turn on the water at 315 S Chippewa during the festival for the vendors. This would be at no charge to the property owner. James Pell made a motion to turn on the water for the festival; Richard Morris seconded the motion, and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.
- d) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. requested that we lower the Clerk-Treasurer bond from \$50,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Richard Morris made a motion to approve the \$30,000.00 annual bond; James Pell seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.
- e) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. request to attend the ILMCT District meeting in October. Richard Morris made a motion to approve Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. to attend the ILMCT meeting and to pay expenses. James Pell seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.

**IV. Adjournment**

Susan Floor adjourned the meeting at **8:17 pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

  
Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved by:

  
Susan Floor, Council Member