

Town of Roann

Meeting Minutes

12 May 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 **12th day of May** in **Roann Town Hall**.

II. Roll call

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

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

Open issues

- a) There was no new updates on the "Old School". James Pell reported that the hole in the Old School wall by the cafeteria has been patch.
- b) The discussion was opened for the Assistant Superintendents position. Susan Floor read the Assistant Superintendents duties and then the Salary Package. Richard Morris suggested that a statement be added to the duties section of the Job Description to read "other duties as assigned". Richard Morris suggested the sentence be added, "Ninety days after Certification is obtained a Performance and Salary revue will be performed." Richard Morris made a motion to approve the Assistant Superintendents Package. James Pell seconded the motion, the Roann Town Council voted in favor 3-0. Susan Floor suggested the Job Description and Salary Package be put on the Town of Roann website. Susan Floor asked that we run a "Want Ad" in The Paper. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. suggested putting the Application for Employment on the website, as well.
- c) Susan Floor will contact Donna Harmon about using the Methodist Church parking lot for Vendor Camping.

New Business

- a) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. brought before the Town Council a Utility bill that was high because of a busted pipe in the basement of the house at 120 West Pike. He requested that the Town Council reduce the Wastewater portion of the bill to an average of the occupant's normal rate. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. also asked the Town Council if they would consider forgiving the penalties. The occupant had been paying on the bill monthly. The water consumption for that month was 37,047 gallons and the normal use was 361 gallons a month.

The complete Utility Bill was \$538.13 plus 42.20 in penalties, with the Wastewater portion being \$397.86. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. asked that we reduce the Wastewater to 28.65 and to forgive the penalties of \$42.20. This would reduce the Utility Bill to an amount of \$168.92 plus \$42.20, of which \$135.57 had been paid. This would leave a balance of \$33.35 to be collected. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported that the water was not going to be turned back on and the house would be scheduled for demolition. Richard Morris made a motion to reduce the Wastewater to \$28.65 and to wave the penalties. James Pell seconded to motion and the Roann Town Council voted in favor 3-0.

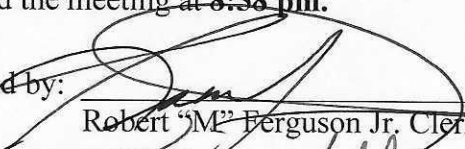
- b) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. presented to the Town Council the Place Based Investment Fund Grant that he had prepared. The Grant was offered by the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA) and was a 1:1.5 matching grant. He explained that for every dollar that was awarded the Town of Roann would have to match one in cash and .5 in In-Kind. The project was a Gateway Park to the downtown area and would be located half way between the downtown area and the covered bridge. The Roann Covered Bridge Park would have a fishpond and could be used as a multipurpose outdoor facility. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. suggested the park would be a nice place to sit and relax or have a Farmers Market, Art Festivals, and be an area that the Roann Covered Bridge Festival could use for outdoor activities. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. was asking the Town Council to consider matching the Wabash County Commissioners amount of up to \$17,000.00 toward the project, which was estimated to cost about \$95,000.00. Mr. Ferguson explained to the Town Council that he would continue to work on raising funds so that the amount of \$17,000.00 would be equally reduce for the Wabash County Commissioners and the Town of Roann. James Pell made a motion to approve up to \$17,000.00 toward the Roann Covered Bridge Park project. Richard Morris seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council voted in favor 3-0. Henry Becker wanted to go on record that we not use the name "Roann Covered Bridge Park" because of a piece of property that he owned down by the covered bridge. Mr. Becker said he had a Trade Mark on that name but not a registered Trade Mark. Susan Floor asked if there was a sign at the property and Mr. Becker said there was no sign at the property.
- c) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. read a letter from Gina Cussen-Brault the Baseball Director for The Roann Baseball League. The letter asked if the Town Council would consider helping to pay for some material costs for the Baseball Field. A new pitching mound had been built and some holes filled in the outfield that had cost the league \$857.35, a tarp was also purchased at the amount of \$200.00, which protects the pitching mound. The letter went on to ask about a security light and a drinking fountain. Bruce Shaw will look into the drinking fountain. Richard Morris asked that the receipts be submitted to the Town Council. Susan Floor tabled the matter until the next meeting.
- d) Steve Hicks the night watchman submitted a report to the Town Council. No action was taken.
- e) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. requested permission to attend ILMCT Conference and SBOA Call to Order. Richard Morris made a motion to approve expenses and mileage to attend the ILMCT Conference June 7-11 2015. James Pell seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council voted in favor 3-0.

- f) Richard Morris asked about the cameras in the downtown area. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. read an email from Steve Hicks about having the camera system looked at and make recommendation to upgrade. There will be no cost to the Town of Roann to have them look at the system. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. is to call Steve Hicks and have the system looked at.
- g) Bruce Shaw reported a sinkhole at the alley between Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Home and the George Zinsmeister residence. This is a Storm Drain problem. James Pell made a motion to repair the Storm water pipe and to spend up to \$8,000.00. Richard Morris seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council voted in favor 3-0.
- h) James Pell addressed the problem of some of the properties in town that had not been mowed. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported that he had sent letters to at least two property owners about high grass and weeds. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. said that as people bring it to his attention he will send letters to the property owners.
- i) Vonell Krom asked about property in the Log Cabin. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported that Cameron Huffman had picked up the key from him on Friday May 8 and put the key back in the drop box.
- j) Vonell Krom reported that the Lions Club would be working on the Log Cabin on June 4.

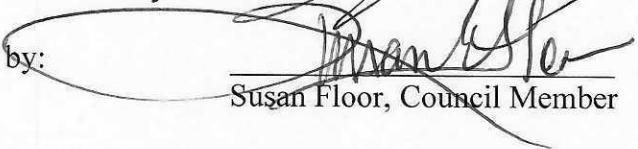
IV. Adjournment

Susan Floor adjourned the meeting at **8:58 pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved by:


Susan Floor, Council Member