

Town of Roann

Meeting Minutes

8 September 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 **8th day of September** in **Roann Town Hall**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: James Pell, Richard Morris, Susan Floor, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., Kristina Lynn 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) The floor was opened to the Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget. Susan Floor asked Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. to explain the Budget as it currently stands. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. explained that on the 2016 Budget, the General and the Motor Vehicle Highway Funds were increased. Mr. Ferguson explained he increased those funds by three and a half percent to keep up with inflation. The General and the MVH Funds are where most of the money comes from to pay utilities and supplies. The insurance was figured on a thirteen percent increase do to prompting from the Insurance Company. Mr. Ferguson further explained that a big increase was due to having an addition of the Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT) to the 2016 Budget that was not on the 2015. This was due to a posting of the 2015 Budget. This is an increase of \$12,000.00 in the 2016 Budget. Public Safety Local Option Income Tax also was on the 2016 Budget and not on the 2015 Budget; this was because in 2015 there was no funding for a Public Safety (LOIT). Mr. Ferguson explained be putting this on the Budget we would be able to continue our sidewalk project and anything else that may come up in 2016. We would also be budgeted to use up to \$6,000.00 of the Public Safety LOIT for equipment in the area of Night watchman or the volunteer fire department. Mr. Ferguson had allotted \$30,000.00 in MVH for street repairs, which was an increase of \$10,000.00 over 2015. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. went on to explain that the reason he increased the amount by \$10,000.00 was to be able to do a bigger area of streets, which would be a savings in the overall amount. He also explained that in the event that the Department of Local Government Finances would cut the 2016 Budget this would be a place that would be easy to do a cut back and to bring the budget in line. Mr. Ferguson went on to explain why the numbers looked much higher, he said that when he figured the budget he was using an estimated net assessed value, which was around 5.7 million dollars. He wanted to advertise high so if the certified net assist value came in higher he

could insure that the Town of Roann would be able to receive all of the money that could be awarded. He explained that after publicizing the budget the CNAV actually did come in almost a million dollars higher. Henry Becker 7475 West River Road asked what the percentage of increase was. Mr. Ferguson said he increased it by roughly three and a half percent. The numbers that were not included in that percentage were CEDIT, which was \$12,000.00 over last year's zero and \$6,000.00 over last year's zero in Public Safety LOIT. There were also figures that were reflected as areas that were increased substantially to use in the event of a decrease by the DLGF, which was an increase in the General Fund in the area of Improvements, Buildings, and Machines, which, amounted to about \$7,000.00, and MVH, which was about \$10,000.00 in street repair. Richard Morris made a motion to approve the first reading of the budget and James Pell seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.

- b) There was no new information about the Old School. Kristina Lynn will try to attend a Commissioners meeting.
- c) James Pell is researching a camera system for the downtown area. Mr. Pell is looking at a system with eight cameras. Susan Floor asked if Mr. Pell had researched having the system professionally installed. James Pell will do additional research for the next meeting.
- d) Susan Floor did some research of some town ordinances for weed control. Kristina Lynn had also looked at some ordinances for a length of grass or weeds and found it varied from 18 inches down to 6 inches. Kristina Lynn would like to amend the present ordinance. A letter had been presented to the Town Council about a property that had trash in the yard. James Pell suggested a \$200.00 minimum and a height of 9 inches. Kristina Lynn thought it would be a good idea to separate the Grass and Weed ordinance and a Trash ordinance. Richard Morris thought it would be a good idea to separate the ordinances. Kristina Lynn will bring separate ordinances to the next meeting. Richard Morris made a motion to instruct Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. to send a letter to 505 East Pike Street for a trash violation, James Pell seconded and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.

New Business

- a) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. gave the Town Council an extension for Ann Tysinger at the Roann Public Library Board to end on September 31, 2015. James Pell made a motion to extend the appointment and Richard Morris seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council vote in favor 3-0.

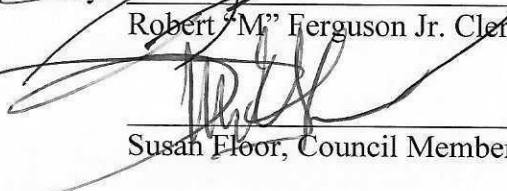
IV. Adjournment

Susan Floor adjourned the meeting at **8:15 pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved by:


Susan Floor, Council Member