

Town of Roann
Meeting Minutes
8 August 2017

I. Call to order

James Pell called to order the regular meeting of the **Town of Roann** at **7:00 p.m.** on the **8th day of August, 2017**, in **Roann Town Hall**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: James Pell, Richard Morris, Kristina Lynn, Justin Vigar, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., Eric Walsh from Umbaugh and Associates, and present are 3 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) James Pell opened the 2017 Public Hearing on Water and Sewage Rate Change Meeting at 7:02. Eric Walsh from Umbaugh explained the rates regarding the Water and Sewage rates for the next five (5) years. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. stated we are still paying on the State Revolving Fund until 2023. James Pell asked the citizens if they have any questions about the 2017 Water and Sewer Rate Change. Henry Becker, 7475 West River Road, Roann, asked "Do you have the figures from 2012 – 2022 what the compounded increases would be?" Eric responded in a fourteen (14) year period, the water rate increase would be about 5.5% increase per year. Henry Becker, "I just wanted to know how long it was, three (3) or (4) four years ago there was a major increase". Eric stated it was 2013. Henry Becker, "You take the past 3 or 4 years what kind of increase it had been. I don't live in town so I don't pay this, but I think the people are taking a pretty good hit on this thing." Eric stated, "Look at any utility and you can make small incremental increases over time or wait another ten (10) years and have a fifty percent (50%) rate increase". Susan Floor, 110 North Arnold Street, stated she is proud of the board for continuing with Umbaugh for their assistance, because it wasn't very many years ago that we were in that awkward position of huge increases that things hadn't been looked at in a span of time and deterioration of items that we had no funding to qualify for, so "Thank you." James Pell closed the 2017 Public Hearing on Water and Sewage Rate Change Meeting at 7:34 p.m. James Pell opened the regular monthly Town of Roann, Town Council Meeting.
- b) James Pell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-3 for Water Service. Richard Morris seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Richard

Morris AYE, James Pell AYE. The Town Council voted in favor 2-0. Richard Morris made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-4 for Sewage Works. James Pell seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Richard Morris AYE, James Pell AYE, The Town Council voted in favor 2-0.

- c) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. stated there is nothing new to report on the Town Marshall's Commission (police car).
- d) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported there is a Public Hearing on August 21, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. on the Old School. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. also reported the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) deadline to be submitted is September 1, 2017, and pictures have been taken of the interior and exterior of the building twice. The Board of Commissioners of Wabash County Resolution 2017-85-5 stated they are going to be responsible for the \$30,882.00 which is their portion for CDBG. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported, included in this CDBG Package is the Blight Clearance and press releases. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. also reported we have a cooperation agreement that needs to be signed by the James Pell along with Scott Givens who is the President of the Wabash County Commissioners.
- e) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported the Community Crossing Grant was submitted July 12, 2017.

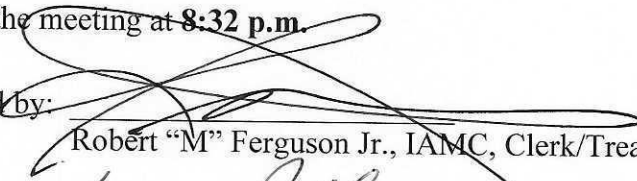
New Business

- a) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported Resolution 2017-2 authorizing application submission of local match commitment which has to do with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which says, the old school is in partnership with the Town of Roann and Wabash County. James Pell made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-2 authorizing submission of local match commitment. Richard Morris seconded the motion and the Town Council voted in favor 2-0.
- b) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. presented Resolution 2017-3 Slum and Blight Spot Declaratory Resolution for the Old School. Richard Morris made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-3 and James Pell seconded the motion. The Town Council voted in favor 2-0.
- c) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported he has the 2018 Budget proposal to be reviewed by the Town Council.


IV. Adjournment

James Pell adjourned the meeting at **8:32 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., IAMC, Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved by:


James Pell, Council President