

Town of Roann

Meeting Minutes

9 May 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 **9th day of May, 2017**, in **Roann Town Hall**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: James Pell, Richard Morris, Stuart Jones, Bruce Shaw, Kristina Lynn, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., Steve Hicks, Eric Walsh of Umbaugh and 1 citizen.

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) Eric Walsh of Umbaugh presented the board with a rate study for the next 5 years. Mr. Walsh went over Cash Operating Disbursements, Pro Forma Capital Improvement Budgets, Annual Revenue Requirements and Annual Operating Receipts, Five Year Forecast, and Comparison of Monthly Water/Sewer Bills for Local and Similarly Sized Communities in both Water and Sewer. The Roann Town Board will have time to look over all of the material and to direct any questions to the Roann Clerk-Treasurer Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., who will keep in direct communications with Mr. Walsh. Mr. Walsh and the Town Attorney Kristina Lynn will work together on drafting of the Ordinances and the meetings that will have to take place before adoption. The Roann Town Board will take this under advisement and revisit it in the June meeting.
- b) Kristina Lynn presented the Town Council with Resolution #1, 2017 regarding the "Old Roann School". This Resolution shall make the Town of Roann and the County of Wabash joint owners. This was done so that an owner could be established and the grant process could begin an effort for demolition of the building. Richard Morris made a motion to approve Resolution #1, 2017. Stuart Jones seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council voted in favor 3-0. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will present one of the copies, with original signatures to the Wabash County Commissioners at their next scheduled meeting.
- c) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. presented the Town council with a proposal from KW Consultants to submit the CDBG Blight Clearance Program grant application. The fee was one thousand five hundred dollars. (\$1,500.00). Fifty percent (50%) is due and payable at the time of submission of the Letter of

Intent and the remaining fifty percent is due at the time of application submission. Richard Morris made a motion to accept the proposal from KW Consultants for \$1,500.00 to submit the Letter of Intent and to write the CDBG Blight Clearance Program grant application. Stuart Jones seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council voted in favor 3-0. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will present one of the copies, with original signatures to the Wabash County Commissioners at their next scheduled meeting.

- d) The Roann Town Marshal Steve Hicks reported the Roann Marshals car should be finished about mid-July. Steve Hicks would like to have access to a digital camera to take pictures of any violations. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. has a camera that is used for recording Town assets. This camera and all equipment shall be made available to the Town Marshal. Steve Hicks requested that the towing companies used by the Town of Roann come from the Wabash County Sheriffs tow list. The Town Council agreed and all towing of vehicles that have been notified to be moved will be the responsibility of the Town Marshal.
- e) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. received a letter from Ladd Engineering, INC, which included a Paint Color Card to pick the color of the water tower and the color of the font. The Town Council suggested that we use beige for the color of the tower and maroon for the color of the font. They would like to have "HISTORIC ROANN" on the ball. Bruce Shaw and Jan Mills, from the Roann's Community Heritage, INC will look at the different possibilities and get the information to Gary Ladd.

New Business

- a) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. is researching the possibility of a retirement program for the employees of the Town of Roann. Currently Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. is looking at INPRS and Hoosier S.T.A.R.T., there will be additional information at the next board meeting.
- b) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will be attending the Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurers Conference and State Board of Accounts School in Florence Indiana, June 11 through the 15th. Richard Morris made a motion to pay expenses for the ILMCT Conference. Stuart Jones second the motion and the Roann Town Council voted in favor 3-0.
- c) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. requested since he would be gone on June 13, which would have been the regular Town Board Meeting that it be moved to 6 June. It was agreed upon by the Town council.
- d) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. reported that a citizen called his office about a neighbor that had a beehive box close to where the citizen had been mowing. He has requested that the town have the hive moved. Bruce Shaw and Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will assess the problem and see if they can come to an agreement.
- e) Jerry Mills would like to put a curb in the design of his sidewalk. Bruce Shaw would like to know if the Town of Roann would pay the concrete to have the curb installed. The Sidewalk Ordinances were researched and found that if the funds were available the town would pay for the concrete.
- f) Bruce Shaw would like to spend an additional \$536.00 up charge to have concrete poured all the way around the chlorination building. Stuart Jones

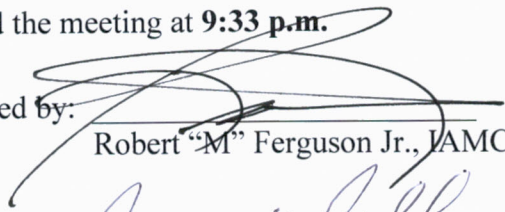
made a motion to up-grade the project to have concrete poured all the way around the building. Richard Morris seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council voted in favor 3-0.

- g) Richard Morris asked about having electricity on the sign located on the corner of SR 15 and SR 16. Richard Morris made a motion to pay the electric bill for the sign at SR 15 and SR16 providing the improvements are legal and follow the State Statues. Stuart Jones seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council voted in favor 3-0.
- h) Stuart Jones had a citizen request that we put signs at the Baseball Field that would not allow dogs on the field. Richard Morris made a motion to have Bruce Shaw purchase two signs that prohibit dogs or animals on the baseball field. Stuart Jones seconded the motion and the Roann Town Council voted in favor 3-0.
- i) Bruce Shaw will check with Gaunt and Sons about additional asphaltting for this summer.

IV. Adjournment

James Pell adjourned the meeting at **9:33 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


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

Minutes approved by:


James Pell, Council President