

Town of Roann Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

I. Swear in Roann Town Council

Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. swore in the Oath of Office for Roann Town Council for James Pell, I will, Richard Morris, I will, Jerry Nelson, I will.

II. Elect Council President

The first order of business was to appoint a Town Council President. Jerry Nelson made a motion to elect Richard Morris as 2020 Town Council President. James Pell seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0.

III. Public Hearing

Richard Morris opened the 2020 Public Hearing Meeting for discussion on Ordinance 2-2020 establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (CCD). Eric Walsh of Bakertilly explained the additional tax rate fund that any city or town in the state of Indiana can establish. Citizen Jerry Mills questioned the increase in taxes for business owners. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. advised the purpose would give us flexibility to use in future projects like engineering, grants and other projects that might be needed. Kristina Lynn stated the assessed value of the property is much higher than we could sell it for. After some discussion, Richard Morris moved to close the Public Hearing Meeting and opened the regular monthly Town of Roann Council Meeting.

IV. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Richard Morris, Jerry Nelson, James Pell, Kristina Lynn, Tony Janeway, Steve Hicks, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., Eric Walsh of Bakertilly, Tina Henderson from Mendenhall Associates LLC, Kelly Gardner from Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, Chad Harris, Russell Reahard, and 9 citizens were present.

V. 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) Richard Morris stated the Town Council will table the Ordinance 2-2020 until the next meeting. Jerry Nelson made a motion to table the first reading, Ordinance 2-2020 on the CCD Fund. James Pell seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0.
- b) Tina Henderson (Grant Administrator) from Mendenhall Associates LLC, spoke on the Community Development Block Grant for Storm Water Drainage and said to be

able to receive any Grants for Storm Water, Storm Water Utility would need to be established.

- c) Kelly Gardner from Alliance of Indiana Rural Water spoke on the Registered Water and Wastewater Grant Apprenticeship Program. Jerry Nelson made a motion to participate in the Apprenticeship Reimbursement Program. James Pell seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0.
- d) Russell Reahard requested the Town Council to support sanctuary for the unborn. James Pell made a motion to decline any action in supporting of an ordinance to prohibit the opening of a clinic within the town limits. Jerry Nelson seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0.
- e) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. received an email from Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting Group, LLC recommending traffic calming (rumble strips, 25 mph speed ordinance, parking striping and visibility). Discussions were heard by the Town Council about East and West parking. The Town Council requested Dave Kieser to continue with the traffic study for the downtown parking. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will follow up with a phone call to advise the request of the Town Council.
- f) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. stated he is still working on a USDA Grant which is a 75%/25% Grant for the alley behind the Town Hall from Allen Street to Walnut Street.
- g) Kristina Lynn will continue researching the right of way at Adams Street, from Washington to Chippewa Street.

New Business

- a) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. requested to be reimbursed for mileage and parking to attend the State Board of Accounts Call to Order Meeting in Indianapolis on January 21 and January 23, 2020. Jerry Nelson made a motion to reimburse Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. for mileage and parking to attend SBOA Meeting in Indianapolis on January 21 and 23, 2020. James Pell seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0.

VI. Adjournment

Richard Morris adjourned the meeting at **9:12 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


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

Minutes approved by:


Richard Morris, Council President