

# **Town of Roann Meeting Minutes**

**January 12, 2021**

## **I. 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 2021 Town Council President. James Pell seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0. The vote was as follows: Jerry Nelson Aye, James Pell Aye, Richard Morris Aye. The 2021 Town Council President is Richard Morris.

## **II. Call to Order**

**Richard Morris** called to order the regular meeting on ZOOM.US for the **Town of Roann at 7:00 on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021 in Roann Town Hall.**

## **III. Roll Call**

The following persons were present: Richard Morris, Jerry Nelson, James Pell, Kristina Lynn, Tony Janeway, Leonel Foust, Steve Hicks, Peggy Myers, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., Kevin Cordes, Peggy Cordes, Gary Ladd, Tina Henderson, Kelly Gardner (Alliance of Indiana Rural Water).

## **IV. Approval of Minutes from last meeting**

The Town Council read the minutes from the last meeting on November 10, 2020, the minutes were approved as read.

The Town Council read the minutes from the Town Council Meeting on December 8, 2020, there was no Quorum, the minutes were approved as read.

The Town Council read the minutes from the Town Council Executive Meeting on December 17, 2020, the minutes were approved as read.

### **Open issues**

- a) Kelly Gardner presented the Certificate of Completion for Tony Janeway for successfully completing the Wastewater Treatment registered Apprenticeship from the Office of Apprenticeship from the Department of Labor and a job well done.
- b) Kevin Cordes is requesting a petition to annex property on the West Side of Roann to build a new home. Kristina Lynn advised there is a specific procedure that the town has to go through upon receiving annexation from the land owner. The Town of Roann needs to schedule and publish the Public Hearing in the Wabash Plain Dealer and is to be held within 30 days of today's date. The Public Hearing needs to be at

least 20 days after the notification. The Ordinance approving the Annexation needs to be passed within 14 days of the Public Hearing. The Town Council scheduled the Public Hearing on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

- c) Tina Henderson shared OCRA (Indiana Office of Community Rural Affairs) guidelines have changed and now requiring a minimum of 2 utility study or 3 utility study. Tina advised another option is for Gary Ladd to work on a small focus study for \$5,000.00 to focus on the detention pond issue. The Town Council chose to table until the next Town Council meeting.
- d) Gary Ladd recommended to do an RDBG (Rural Development Block Grant) for the alley behind the Town Hall and include some things for the Park. Gary advised he would be completing the RDBG Grant.
- e) Gary Ladd will follow up on information from the Wabash County Court House on the status of the Railroad Property to straighten the alignment of Adams and Chippewa Street.
- f) After some discussion on the downtown parking, the Town Council chose to review and table until the next Town Council meeting.
- g) Kristina Lynn will continue to work on the Junk Vehicle Ordinance and Abandon Vehicle with State Statutes.
- h) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. received a bid for tuck point on the Town Hall Building from Thermon and Sons of \$63,010.00 without painting, with paint and primer additional \$13,000 and a bid of \$1,890.00 additional to fix the west side door and a deposit down of \$12,602.00. Tony Janeway suggested to get bids on Siding and consider a regular door that he could install. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. and Tony Janeway will follow up on bids for siding and an estimate to replace the back door.
- i) Tony Janeway checked on a value of the GMC Grain Truck and Leaf Vac and didn't find much to base a value on. Jerry Nelson made a motion to have Tony Janeway put a For Sale sign on the Grain Truck for \$1,000.00 and Leaf Vac \$400.00 as is at the pulling field. Richard Morris seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 2-1. Richard Morris Aye, Jerry Nelson Aye, James Pell Nay.

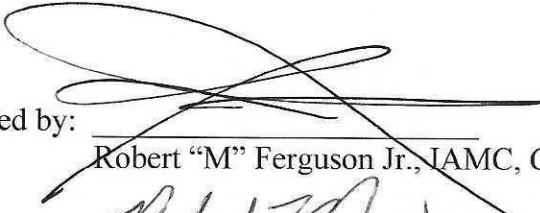
### **New Business**

- a) Kristina Lynn advised the Litigation arrived at a tentative agreement to settle for \$9,000.00 to cover Dan Griffith and his attorney fees. Jerry Nelson made a motion to accept release and settlement agreement of \$9,000.00. James Pell seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0.
- b) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. requested reaffirmation for Jerry Nelson to sign paperwork when needed in place of Town President, Rick Morris for 2021. The Town Council was in agreement for 2021.
- c) Steve Hicks requested purchasing a Kenwood Portable Radio with speaker and microphones for \$1909.70 with a 3-year Warranty. James Pell made a motion to purchase the Kenwood Portable Radio for \$1909.70. Jerry Nelson seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0. Richard Morris made a motion to authorize Steve Hicks to sign the quote from J & K Communications to purchase the Kenwood Portable Radio. Jerry Nelson seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0.

### **V. Adjournment**

Richard Morris adjourned the meeting at **8:58 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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

Minutes approved by:

  
Richard Morris, Council President