

Town of Roann Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2021

I. Call to Order

Richard Morris called to order the Regular Meeting for the **Town of Roann** at **7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of June, 2021** in **Roann Town Hall**.

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Richard Morris, James Pell, Kristina Lynn, Tony Janeway, Steve Hicks (Virtual), Peggy Myers, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., Gary Ladd (Ladd Engineering), Julie Garber (Wabash Community Foundation), Chelsey Boulrisse (One 85 Grow Wabash County) and 3 citizens were present.

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

The Town Council read the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on May 11, 2021, the minutes were approved as read.

Open issues

- a) Julie Garber (Wabash Community Foundation) and Chelsey Boulrisse (One 85 Grow Wabash County) shared the planning to engage the five communities working together to focus on the future and how to become a welcoming community. There will be an event July 14, 2021, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Honeywell Plaza with performances and local speakers along with food provided by the Honeywell Center.
- b) Gary Ladd presented a map of contours, determining the range of existing detention facility. After much discussion, Gary Ladd will contact the county for more information regarding the water flow coming off county acreage flowing onto Town of Roann property. Gary Ladd will also look into the availability of Grant money. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will look into an acquisition for a Retention Pond.
- c) Kristina Lynn will follow up with the filing of the Annexation Ordinance with the Clerk's Office.
- d) Gary Ladd reported he has submitted and waiting to hear on the RDBG (Rural Development Block Grant) for the alley behind Town Hall.
- e) Gary Ladd advised still working on the Community Crossing for Adams Street between Washington Street and Chippewa Street. After some discussion, it was decided to do more research before making decisions.
- f) James Pell made a motion to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 08-2021 Vehicles Constituting Vehicle Public Nuisance and Impoundments. Richard Morris Seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 2-0.
- g) Kristina Lynn will draft an updated version of the Beekeeping Ordinance and the Town Council tabled until the next board meeting.

- h) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. advised the 3rd reading of the ARP American Rescue Plan Fund Ordinance No 2021-10 which establishes the ARP American Rescue Plan Fund, having until December 31, 2024 to spend the money. James Pell made a motion to approve the 3nd reading of the ARP Ordinance 10-2021. Richard Morris seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 2-0.
- i) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. presented the 1st reading for Ordinance No 2021-11 for the Town of Roann Capital Asset Policy. James Pell made a motion to approve 1st reading for the Town of Roann Capital Asset Policy Ordinance No 2021-11. Richard Morris seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 2-0.
- j) Tony Janeway advised still working on quotes for the Town Hall Building.
- k) Peggy Myers talked with Dan Beard (Duke Energy) regarding 335 South Washington Street and Mr. Beard is contacting the Tree Trimmers to see if they missed that section last year and also waiting for dryer weather to drive through alley and on customer lawn.
- l) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. advised the USDA grant for the town truck has been approved and the grant has been increased to \$54,400. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. advised Bruce Shaw has ordered the town truck.
- m) Richard Morris advised June 12, 2021 is the Town of Roann Spring Clean- up.

New Business

- a) Tony Janeway stated the town dump truck needs repaired and Kerlin Motor Company in Silver Lake, Indiana, quoted approximately \$1,400.00 for parts and labor. James Pell made a motion to approve fixing the town dump truck. Richard Morris seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 2-0.
- b) Tony Janeway stated the sidewalk has been tore up at 205 South Arnold Street and suggested that we repair the sidewalk and pour concrete in one of three bays at the town pole building for \$4,000.00. James Pell made a motion to repair sidewalk at 205 South Arnold Street and pour concrete at bay 1 at the town pole building for up to \$4,000.00. Richard Morris seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 2-0.
- c) Tony Janeway questioned to the Town Council what the plan is for the turn-around on Kevin Cordes property. Tony Janeway will follow up with Kevin Cordes on the size of the turn-around.
- d) Tony Janeway requested to get stone and store at the pole barn for use as needed. James Pell made a motion to order 4 loads of stone and store at the pole barn to disperse as needed. Richard Morris seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 2-0.
- e) Tony Janeway advised he got an estimate for the Town Hall back door for a standard steel door and breakaway closure for \$600.00 and for a steel security door and breakaway closure for \$850.00. James Pell made a motion to replace the back door with the standard door and breakaway closure for approximately \$600.00. Richard Morris seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 2-0.
- f) Marshall Steve Hicks requesting the Town to purchase AXON 5 year contract for warranty, licensing, and upgrades for a body camera, car camera, and tazer. Steve Hicks stated the cost of \$4,900.00 for the first year and \$3,900.00 every year after for the 5 year contract. James Pell made a motion to approve the purchase for the complete AXON 5 year contract of \$20,773.60. Richard Morris seconded and the

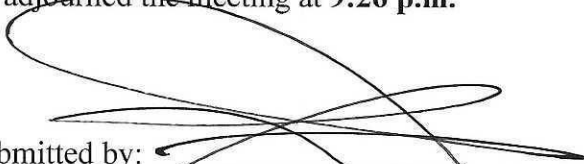
Town Council voted in favor 2-0. The Town Council President Richard Morris agreed for Marshall Steve Hicks to sign the contract and send it in.

- g) Marshall Steve Hicks reported 525 East Pike Street is still not in compliance with Grass/Weed Ordinance. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. mailed a Certified Letter May 27, 2021 and Marshall Steve Hicks left a secured copy in the front door in a plastic sleeve, documented on a copy of the letter the date and time it was left and it is in the Clerk Treasurers Office. Daniel Griffith, the owner, was in attendance of the regular Board Meeting on June 8, 2021 and stated he will complete mowing by Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Daniel Griffith signed and dated a copy of the letter and received in hand before leaving the Town Board Meeting, June 8, 2021 and a copy with documentation is on file in the Clerk Treasurers office. Town Council James Pell will follow up to see if it is completed on Thursday, June 10, 2021 and if not, the town will proceed with clean up.
- h) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. presented the Town of Roann Handbook for the Council to review.
- i) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. has the Roann Volunteer Fire Protection Agreement for 2022 for \$13,500.00, first half due June 1, 2022 and second half due December 1, 2022. Richard Morris made a motion to approve the Roann Volunteer Fire Protection Agreement for 2022 for \$13,500.00. James Pell seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 2-0.

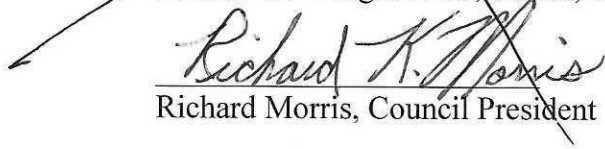
IV. Adjournment

Richard Morris adjourned the meeting at **9:26 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


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

Minutes approved by:


Richard Morris, Council President

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