

# **Town of Roann Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2024**

## **I. Call to Order**

**Jerry Nelson** called to order the Regular Board Meeting for the **Town of Roann** at **7:00 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024** in **Roann Town Hall**.

## **II. Roll Call**

The following persons were present: Jerry Nelson, physically present, Neil Bever, physically present, Jeremy Fisher, physically present, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., physically present, Kristina Lynn, Damon Prater, Tony Janeway, Steve Hicks, Peggy Myers, and present is 9 citizens.

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

The Town Council read the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on January 8, 2024, the minutes were approved as read.

### **Open issues**

- a) Scott and Sarah Hanes (property owners) are requesting from the Town of Roann to Rezone Parcel 85-09-02-202-122.000.011 from Industrial to General Business/Commercial. Jerry Nelson made a motion to approve rezoning property from Industrial to General Business/Commercial. Jeremy Fisher seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0.
- b) Jerry Nelson introduced Bryan Clayton (representative from Ceres Solutions Cooperative who has just merged with Co-Alliance now Keystone Cooperative) to share on the property the Town of Roann is interested in. Mr. Clayton advised Keystone has no future plans for this property. If an environmental study is requested, Phase 1 would be a detailed Discovery and Phase 2 would be testing which the buyer can opt to do the testing with restrictions. Upon results of the testing, the town can purchase the property or choose to opt out and the contract could be broken. After Council discussion, Jerry Nelson made a motion that the town is interested and is authorizing reaching out to Keystone for Phase 1 for the next step. Neil Bever seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0. Kristina Lynn will follow up with an email to Mr. Clayton that the Town of Roann is interested.
- c) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. shared he has contacted a contractor for excavating and waiting for some numbers for the park. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. and Peggy Myers are forming a committee that will look at all aspects for the park.

- d) Kristina Lynn presented the Parking Ordinance No. 4-2023 2nd reading. Neil Bever made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of the Parking Ordinance No. 4-2023. Jeremy Fisher seconded and the Council voted in favor 3-0.
- e) Kristina Lynn presented a draft from Steve Hicks for a Recreational Vehicle Ordinance. The Council tabled until the next board meeting to review the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance.
- f) Kristina Lynn presented a draft from Steve Hicks for a Weed Ordinance. The Council tabled until the next board meeting to review the Weed Ordinance. Due to length of the ordinance, Kristina Lynn will follow up with the amount of the ordinance that needs to be published in the newspaper.

### **New Business**

- a) Tony Janeway stated a water tower inspection is required every three years by the state and is due this year in 2024. Tony Janeway has a quote of \$3,876.00 for the water tower inspection. Neil Bever made a motion to approve \$3,876.00 for the water tower inspection. Jeremy Fisher seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0.
- b) Tony Janeway advised the tractor has a rim that has rotted away and has located 2 rims that was donated to the town. Tony Janeway has contacted 2 businesses to change out tires with the best quote from Peru Frierhood Tire at \$600.00. Neil Bever made a motion to approve \$600.00 for Peru Frierhood Tire to change tires and add fluid to the tires on the tractor. Jerry Nelson seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0.
- c) Tony Janeway questioned what was the plan for the mower? Tony Janeway mentioned it could cost \$1,000.00 minimum to get the mower fixed. Neil Bever made a motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 to get the mower operating again. Jeremy Fisher seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0. Jerry Nelson advised Roann Community Heritage/Main Street could help assist and commit up to \$10,000.00 to purchase a new mower with the approval of their board members. The Council also asked Tony Janeway to get 3 new quotes on a new mower and what would the trade in value be on the mower we have now? Tony Janeway will follow up on quotes and value of our current mower for the next meeting.
- d) Tony Janeway questioned if there is a place to get rid of the concrete at the plant? It was mentioned to check with North Manchester to see if they were doing the river walk.
- e) Steve Hicks emailed an updated Animal Ordinance draft to the Council and Attorney and waiting for the Council to review before the next board meeting.
- f) Steve Hicks requested to the Council a security light is needed to point down the alley behind Town Hall and advised it is very dark and unsafe. Tony Janeway will follow up with contacting Duke Energy for a security light.
- g) Steve Hicks advised the Website for the Town of Roann is hard to find. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. will follow up with our Website Representative.
- h) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. stated Deputy Clerk Treasurer Peggy Myers and himself will be going to Plainfield for the Annual ILMCT (Indiana League of Municipalities Clerk-Treasurer) Academy and Institute Class March 17-21. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. is requesting expense to be paid for mileage, meals, hotel rooms and conference fee.



Neil Bever made a motion to approve mileage, meals, hotel rooms and conference fee. Jeremy Fisher seconded and the Town Council voted in favor 3-0.

- i) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. stated the State Board of Accounts has completed a five year audit. The State Board of Accounts requires a Capital Assets Inventory has to be completed once every two years.

#### IV. Adjournment

Jerry Nelson adjourned the meeting at **8:15 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:   
Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., IAMC, IAMCA, CMC, CMO, Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved by:   
Jerry Nelson, Council President

RMFJ/pm