

MINUTES

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

July 10, 2017
ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY ST.
ROME CITY, IN 46784

Carl Castle called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Nick Heffner and Gary Furlow were present. Also present Jim Sheffield, Town Marshal, Paul Hoffman, Deputy Marshal, Bill Eberhard, Town Attorney, Leigh Pranger, Town Manager and Pam Kline, Deputy Clerk Treasurer. Brenda Conley was absent. 9 citizens were present.

Carl Castle asked for a motion to waive reading of the minutes, Nick Heffner made the motion, Gary Furlow 2nd the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Sheffield introduced Doug Harp, Noble Co. Sheriff, to speak about the Spillman Program(records management system). The county will buy the software program for approx. \$850,000 and Rome City's share would be \$10,000 with an \$1100 yearly maintenance fee. After several questions, the council tabled it until the August meeting so that Atty. Bill Eberhard can work with the county attorney on the contract. Gary Furlow made a motion to table until next meeting. Nick Heffner 2nd the motion. 3 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Town Manager, Leigh Pranger reported on the Skid Steer Loader. Cost would be approx. \$60,086.78 including all attachments and a trailer from Van Gorder's for \$3900.00. The current Ford tractor, street sweeper and snow blower equipment could be sold for revenue. Council tabled this until next meeting until they know what funds this will be coming from. Gary Furlow made a motion to table until next meeting. Nick Heffner 2nd motion. 3 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Leigh Pranger discussed Crossing Grant for Roads. She measured roads and has paperwork for estimates. She put in for \$453,291.00 with a 25% match of \$113,323.00. Leigh stated Brenda Conley, Clerk, gave a verbal ok to match \$130,000. Council gave Leigh the go ahead to submit the paperwork for the grant. Leigh also stated that she contacted NIBLOCK concerning the start date on Bayview road project and they are looking at mid to late August for the start date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2017-03 Appropriating Grant Fund, Resolution 2017-04 Transfer funds to Grant Fund, Resolution 2017-05 Transfer appropriation to Rainy Day Fund were all read. Nick Heffner made a motion to approve all 3. Gary Furlow 2nd the motion. 3 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Chris Wilson from Lucille’s BBQ spoke about the plans for the old Blaising’s Tavern. They are erecting an 8 ft. privacy fence in back and would like to have a full functioning outdoor restaurant with live music until the building is remodeled. Questions were asked concerning noise, restrooms and if alcohol would be served and Chris Wilson advised that there will be dinner music played, port a johns and a hand washing station outside. Alcohol will be served and he has spoke with excise already. Board decided to see how it goes and review again at the next meeting. Nick Heffner made a motion to review at August meeting. Gary Furlow 2nd motion. 3 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Audience member Howard Murray questioned 2 houses on South Bend drive that he feels needs condemned. Jim Sheffield will look into it and report to town attorney Bill Eberhard. Mr. Murray also questioned whether the town helped at all with the West Lake flooding. Leigh Pranger stated it is outside of town limits and in the county’s jurisdiction.

Jim Sheffield commented that since the R & S Storage building on Sylvan Point has been torn down, there is concern someone might drive into the lake not knowing the road ends. He suggested posting more signs stating that it is a dead end or that the road ends here. Leigh Pranger stated it would take an ordinance change to post signs and Bill Eberhard suggested he send a letter to the property owner about posting something or placing a guard rail at water’s edge.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER, STREET AND WASTEWATER:

Leigh Pranger read her report. See attached

TOWN MARSHAL:

Paul Hoffman read the monthly report. See attached

CLERK TREASURER:

End of the month report.

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$71,857.55

SEWER OPERATING: \$42,804.24

All Town Council members looked over the claims. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to pay the claims. Gary Furlow 2nd the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next Town Council meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Aug. 14, 2017.

Ben Castle asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Gary Furlow 2nd the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

Ben Castle, President

ATTEST:

Pam Kline, Deputy Clerk