

# MINUTES

DECEMBER 10, 2018

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL  
ROME CITY TOWN HALL  
402 KELLY STREET  
ROME CITY, IN 46784

Carl Castle called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. All members, Carl Castle, Nick Heffner and Gary Furlow present.

Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Bill Eberhard, Jim Sheffield, Paul Hoffman, Daniel Rinehart, Garth Snow with KPC, Carl Grove, Attorney Pat Jessup, Skip Rash, Jack Leighty, Dave White, Jeremy Bailey, Steve Christman, Janel Johnson and daughter, Harold Varketta and daughter.

Pledge was said.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### Wastewater District

Steve Christman explained to the town council how they can recycle the leaves and debris that we have at the sewer plant into mulch and screened soil. He stated they could come to the plant a couple of times a year and turn the debris for the soil compost and the wood they would mulch. The mulch can be sold to vendors or to property owners. They could screen the soil and that can be sold to vendors or property owners. He stated this is the best way to clean up our area at the plant that is used for debris instead of burning. All members will investigate this and let him know.

### Twin Island Road

Carl Castle asked if there were any one with concerns with Twin Island Road. Bill Eberhard stated there was a quick claim done on the property where the town owned road and/or driveway is presently. Pat Jessup, attorney with Yoder Law Firm, is representing Skip Rash a property owner on Twin Island Road. He stated this roadway was once owned by the railroad and has always been marked as a roadway or driveway. It is a public way for people to get to their properties. Janel Johnson, owner of Twin Island, stated the road should be 30-foot-wide but over time the property owners have maintained it as a grass area, she wants to have it made into a 30-foot-wide road again. She stated she has no place to park but in the grass. Gary Furlow stated this is what the town council approved for you to do. Johnson stated she must park her car at an angle towards the lake to be off the paved area. She stated the town has never owned the road from the info that she has. Bill Eberhard stated the town has always maintained the road and this road is paid from the state and county to the town. Bill stated there are several roads and sidewalks that are not marked as town property, but they still are the towns. Bill stated the town does own this roadway/driveway. Ms. Johnson stated she has a survey of the road, but she could not find it in her notes. Bill told her to e-mail it to him when she finds it. Ms. Johnson daughter stated it is on Beacon for Noble County. Carl Castle stated Beacon is not a reliable survey and is not a legal survey. Ms. Johnson stated this roadway/driveway was quick claimed to her by the Brady family. Bill stated this does not mean she owns the property. Carl Castle asked for a motion to table this until a future meeting. Gary Furlow made the motion to table. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### Lora Gage Property 611 Jackson

Bill Eberhard stated the property at 611 Jackson has a court order to be demolished after Jan. 1, 2019 unless the property owner brings the property into a lawful state. There is also a fine of \$100.00 per day and it has been 935 days, the total fine which will be placed as a lien on the property is \$93,500.00. Bill Eberhard stated the town will not own the property, but we can demolish the home. Jeremy Bailey, an adjacent property owner, was pleased with the outcome. He stated there are people coming and going and all kinds of animals inside the home. He wants it down as soon as possible.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### American Legal

Leigh stated it has been a couple of years and our code books need to be updated. The cost would be between \$900.00 to \$1500.00. Carl Castle asked for a motion to update the code books. Gary Furlow made the motion. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

##### Title VI Plan

Leigh stated this plan is for an update on the American Disability Act. This is a five-year plan. Leigh still needs to go out and check the sidewalks out. All members have read the plan over and approves. Carl Castle asked for a motion on the first reading. Nick Heffner makes the motion to approve the plan on the first reading. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

##### Harbor Court Letter

Leigh stated she sent a letter to the Harbor Court property owners about rags being in the sewer system. Conrad White stated a grinder would work well but the cost would be around \$13,000.00 for the grinder pump and then the electrical cabinet would have to be replaced. Carl Castle asked if there was money to do this. Brenda stated at this time no. Nick Heffner asked if this could be on the agenda for January to see if there was money to do this. All members agreed to wait until January 2019 and to put it on the agenda.

##### Eberhard Representation of 2019

Letter was read from Eberhard, Weimer, Clouse and Glick, P.C. for representation of 2019. Brenda stated the rate is the same as this year. Carl Castle asked for a motion to approve Bill Eberhard for the town attorney. Gary Furlow made the motion to accept Bill Eberhard as the town attorney for 2019. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

##### New Addresses

Leigh stated the BZA and Plan Commission has approved the new addresses for new homes being built in Rome City. They are 1010 North Shore Drive property owners Jehl and 852 Lions Drive property owners Finley. Carl Castle asked for a motion to approve the new addresses. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve the new addresses. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

##### Sewer Operating and Street (see attached)

Conrad White read his report. Conrad presented the town council with 3 quotes for sewer hookup at the new home at 852 Lions Drive. Carl Castle read the quotes to install the sewer line, Eshleman \$13,250.00, Miller Backhoe and Excavating, LLC \$10,980.00 (they cannot start until March or April 2019) and API \$42,000.00. Brenda Conley and Carl Castle asked why the town must pay to install the sewer line? Leigh stated they must go under our road and she doesn't want the road tore up. Bill Eberhard stated the town has a paper for contractors to sign stating they will repair the road if they damage it going under

the road. Nick stated he had to pay for his line. Carl Castle asked Leigh to check on how many lines have been installed and who has paid for them and report back to the council. Carl Castle asked for a motion to table until a future meeting. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER: (see attached)

TOWN MARSHAL: (see attached)

Paul Hoffman presented a report from the Spillman program of where they have been called out and the date and time. Jim stated it does not tell how many times they have been called to Wolcottville, but they will work on this for the next meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER: Brenda presented the bank reconciliation and Carl Castle signed the paper. Brenda stated the 1782 2019 Budget approval came in and there were cuts that needed to be made in the LR&S, CCI and CCD funds. All other funds were approved.

Nick Heffner presented Carl Castle with a plaque from the town for his 10 years of service. Carl will be the Noble County Assessor starting Jan. 1, 2019

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$108,743.64

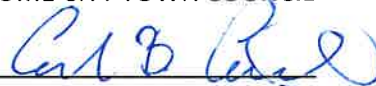
SEWER OPERATING: \$121,125.02

Carl Castle asked for a motion to pay the claims. Nick Heffner made the motion to pay the claims. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next town council meeting is Dec. 27, 2018 end of the year meeting at 6:30pm

Carl Castle asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Carl Castle, President

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer

Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer

# MINUTES

## ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 27, 2018

ROME CITY TOWN HALL

402 KELLY STREET

ROME CITY, IN 46784

### END OF THE YEAR MEETING

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Nick Heffner and Gary Furlow present, Carl Castle excused. Also, present Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Dan DeLong, Conrad White, Scott Neukom, Jim Sheffield and Paul Hoffman.

Pledge was said.

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to wave reading the minutes from the last meeting. Gary Furlow made the motion. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Jim Sheffield talked about the Hep. A shot. He is recommending it for all employees. Jim stated he received an e-mail from the county nurse stating there has been an outbreak of Hep. A. Jim stated the county will charge \$56.00 per shot and each person needs 2 shots. The cost may go up in 6 months, that is when they need their second shot, but shouldn't go up much. Jim stated if an employee does not want the shot then he will have a waver paper for them to sign stating the town will not be liable. Gary Furlow asked about worker comp and if they can collect if they sign the waver. Brenda will call workers comp to find out. Gary stated the 3 street/sewer employees really need to get this as soon as possible. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve to pay for these injections for all town employees and part time reserves. Gary Furlow made the motion. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### Resolution 2018-02 encumber for 2019

Brenda presented Resolution 2018-02 for encumbering funds in appropriations for Pulver's and Niblock. There are po's for work that was not done this year but was approved to be done this year. The encumbered funds are General Fund #430 for \$11,100.00 Pulver's Asphalt Paving for Kelly Park. MVH fund #432 for \$29,000.00 Niblock for Lakeside Drive, CCD fund #451 \$90,000.00 Niblock for Lakeside drive. Nick Heffner asked about the cost for the alleys, Brenda stated she is still looking on where the money will be available. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-02. Gary Furlow made the motion to approve. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### Resigning

Carl Castle sent his letter to resign from the town council effective date Dec. 30, 2018.

### Ordinance 2018-06 2019 Wages

Nick Heffner and Gary Furlow presented the wages for 2019. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-06, wages for 2019. Gary Furlow made the motion. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

TOWN FUNDS: \$29,716.61

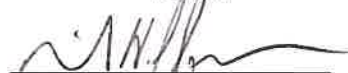
SEWER OPERATING: \$15,594.78

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to pay the claims. Gary Furlow made the motion to pay claims. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next town council meeting Jan. 14, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall.

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Gary Furlow made the motion to adjourn. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nick Heffner, Vice-President

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer