

ROME CITY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
September 10, 2019
5:00 p.m.

The Rome City Conservancy District held their 1st budget hearing on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Abbott at 5:05 p.m. in the Rome City Town Hall.

Members Present:

David Abbott	Dennis Hogan
Leigh Pranger-Secretary/Bookkeeper	
Cheryl Clifton	Jay Morley
John Mazur	

Roll call determined a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Member Clifton to waive the reading of the minutes and approve as submitted. Second by Member Mazur. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. The minutes were posted on the bulletin board for everyone to read.

Correspondence-None

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Open quotes for Project 1 and 2 Dam Repairs-Secretary Pranger informed the board we received one quote from Eshelman Excavating. Chairman Abbott opened the quote for Project #1- removal of trees along the old spillway \$45,000. Project #2-installation of rip rap along the east side of the earthen embankment \$68,000. Secretary Pranger informed the board she had added to the quotes to include the cost per ton of the rip rap. The board discussed the high cost to the quotes. After much discussion the board suggested Secretary Pranger contact Mr. Molen of Eshelman Excavating to come up with a quote on Project #2 to bring the cost closer to \$25,000 to bring a new quote to the October meeting. The quote on Project #2 will be used for budgeting purposes and probably do the work in 2020 or 2021.
- b) Chairman Abbott opened the first budget hearing at 5:15 p.m. Secretary Pranger informed the board after reviewing the line item for the Contractual Mowing and Landscape she found it would be in the red by the end of the year and decided to add \$2,500 to line item #113. She informed the board they can cut the budget in other line items to bring the budget back down to what was discussed at the July meeting. After some review of the budget the board decided to cut \$2000 from #394 Dam Inspection. This will bring the General Fund to \$69,200, Rainy Day \$8,000 and CIM \$60,000. Chairman Abbott asked for any public comment on the budget. No one from the public was in attendance. Member Mazur made a motion to close the 1st budget hearing at 5:37 p.m. Second by Member Clifton.
- c) Resolution #2019-03 Transfer of Funds. Secretary Pranger informed the board the resolution is to transfer the \$6000 from Dam Maintenance to CIM per the IC. Member Clifton made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-03. Second by Member Morley. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.
- d) Secretary Pranger informed the board the Biannual inspection is set for October 1 with Engineer Dan Bodine.
- e) Overgrown weeds along the old boat ramp area. Secretary Pranger contacted IDNR, Dave Nance to have them send someone out to cut back the weeds. She has not heard back. The board suggested having the mowing crew cut the area back and spray the edge of the lake sometime in October, if we do not get a response from IDNR.

- f) Maintenance Day scheduled for September 18 to address Issues. Secretary Pranger informed the board there are several items that need to be maintained and she hasn't had time to do the work. Pea Stone needs to be added to P00-08 in the Mother of Mercy area, the parking lot in Sycamore Park is still holding water suggested cutting back the edge of the lot, cutting a wider access for the water to flow to Little Lake and add stone. Open hole over the pipe installed by Eshelman in the Park- the town employees place a cover over the hole. The litter needs to be picked up on a more consistent basis, Piezometer P2 needs to have a casing installed around it, Piezometer on top of dam needs a cover and needs to be cut off at grade like the others or concrete brought up to protect the unit- Member Morley has fixed the open Piezometer on top of the dam. Member Morley stated all the locks need to be lubricated with WD-40 and he volunteered to apply the lubricant
- g) Secretary Pranger informed the board she is still trying to find someone interested in logging some of the trees along the old spillway. She contacted Weible Lumber and Frick Lumber and they do not do that kind of log buying.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Secretary Pranger asked the board to sign the Lake gage agreement with USGS as the old agreement had Max Roesler's name on the document. The board signed the document and Secretary Pranger will send it back to USGS
- b) Secretary Pranger stated she still needs to check into a Quad ATV for the October inspection. Rental for this inspection and then look into a used one to purchase.
- c) Member Morley updated the board on the bench and picnic table repair. He stated he fixed two benches and three tables. The three benches left are out of plumb due to the freezing and thawing of the ground. He stated we will mostly likely have to purchase new benches. He noted the picnic tables were just a fix and will probably need to be completely replaced in the next couple of years. Member Mazur suggested we replace both the benches and the tables with the poly carbonate (trex material). Secretary Pranger will check into cost for future budgeting. The board thanked Member Morley for taking it upon himself to fix the piezometer, benches and tables. Member Morley requested the board give a gift certificate to Mr. Richards for all his help with repair projects. Member Clifton made a motion to approve a \$25 gift certificate to Mr. Richard from Twin Six in recognition of his work. Second by Member Mazur. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a) Secretary Pranger had Chair Abbott sign the reconciliation sheets.

Pay bills-General

1.	Taylor Rental-1 month rental/Vandalism	\$ 210.99
2.	NIPSCO	\$ 11.41
3.	J/S Lawn Care 7/1,7/8,7/15,7/22,7/29	\$1750.00
4.	Sylvan Lake Assoc.	\$ 634.00
5.	K-ville Do-it-Ctr	\$ 4.20
6.	NIPSCO-	\$ 29.40
7.	Big C Lumber -Benches	\$ 35.07
8.	Betty Lou Design's and Graphics LLC	\$ 16.00
9.	Boyce Forms	\$ 80.51
10.	Taylor Rental-2 month rental	\$ 175.00
11.	Big C Lumber-Benches	\$ 93.54
12.	Leigh A Pranger-3rd Quarter	\$2000.00

13.	J/S Lawn Care 8/5,8/12,8/19,8/29-Mow&Trim, 8/19-trim slope&spray vegetation	\$1645.00
14.	Big C Lumber-picnic tables	\$ 33.46
	Total Bills	6,718.58

Member Clifton made a motion to approve the bills for \$6,718.58. Second by Member Mazur. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

b. Reimbursement to Member Morley for Bench work-\$25.07 --(spent \$166.27 on Bench and table repairs)

Secretary Pranger informed the board Mr. Morley paid for some of the bench work from his own funds and asked that he be reimbursed. Mr. Morley stated no, to the reimbursement -he was glad to do it.

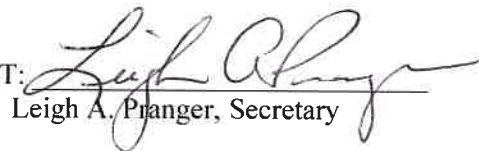
NEXT MEETING: 2nd budget hearing Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
Year-End Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business Member Morley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Second by Member Clifton. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.



David Abbott, Chairman

ATTEST:



Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary