

# MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2019

PUBLIC MEETING

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Gary Furlow, Nick Heffner and Cheryl Clifton present. Also, present Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Bill Eberhard, Jim Sheffield, Paul Hoffman, Carl Grove, Common Wealth Engineers, Cara Sission, Roberta Stone, Paul Leathers and wife, Kevin Hile, Max Rasler, Mike Rasler and Sue (his sister) and Dave White.

Pledge was said.

## **Business and Citizen of the year**

Gary Furlow wanted to introduce the business and citizen of the year. Roberta Stone presented a plaque to Paul Leathers as citizen of the year. Roberta Stone presented Manager Kevin Hile with a plaque for Millers Super Value as the business of the year. Everyone thanked them all for everything they have done and are still doing for the town.

## **Rome City Housing Authority, taxes**

Cara Sission stated the Housing Authority has replaced doors and done well work and are looking into a new generator for Warner Court apartments. Cara would like to report to the council at the next meeting a list of cost and what needs to be done in the future. Brenda stated the Housing Authority has always gave money to the town because they are not taxed because they are government. The amount is around \$8000.00 a year. Last year the council waved the amount due to the property needed a lot of work to update the buildings. Every year they must report to the council to see if the council want to wave the tax money or not. All council members agreed to table until the September meeting on what to do with the tax money. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to table until next meeting. Nick Heffner second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **Common Wealth Engineer**

Gary Furlow introduce Jeremy from Common Wealth Engineer. Gary stated Leigh, Conrad White and himself had interviews with engineer companies and they all agreed to go with Common Wealth Engineer for the Wastewater Department. Jeremy presented the town council with the contract. All members and the town attorney agreed with the contract. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to accept the contract with Common Wealth Engineer. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve the contract with Common Wealth Engineer. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **611 Jackson Street**

Bill Eberhard stated everything is court ready to have the property sold at a sheriff sale coming soon. Bill will keep the town informed.

### **1037 Lions Drive**

Leigh stated the property at 1035 Lions Drive has 2 residential homes. The main house is addressed 1035 Lions Drive but the other home has no address. Since there are 2 homes on the same property then they must be paying 2 sewer payments and the other home needs to be addressed. Leigh is asking approval for the other home to be addressed 1037 Lions Drive and that a sewer charge to be approved for that property starting August 1, 2019. Smiths own the property and they know of the sewer charges. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Chery Clifton made the motion to approve the new address and to charge and addition sewer charge for the property starting August 1, 2019. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Todd McClurg sewer**

Gary Furlow asked what has become of the Todd McClurg sewer situation. Leigh stated Bill Eberhard is working on an easement and Bill has sent a letter to them. Bill did not have the letter with him. All council member would like to see the letter that was sent. Bill will send the letter

### **Grooming Business, sewer cost**

Brenda stated that Kim Angell came into the office and stated she is ready to open the grooming business and needs the cost of the sewer. Bill Eberhard stated the ordinance has no listing for a grooming business so it should be treated like a beauty shop and charge a flat fee of \$45.00 for now. When the new affidavits come out then we can see how many employees they have and base the rate on that. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to charge a flat fee of \$45.00. Nick Heffner made the motion to charge a fee of \$45.00 starting August 1, 2019. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Mediacom charge on Bernice Street**

Leigh stated that when the town was installing a drain on Bernice Street, they damaged the cable line. Mediacom charged the town \$2630.00 for the damages. It was \$3089.67 until the representative called Leigh and reduced the cost. Gary Furlow asked if they sent a new bill, Leigh stated no. All members want an updated bill before paying the cost. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to pay the bill after an updated one is sent. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to pay the bill after an updated one is received. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Lakeside Drive Road**

Gary Furlow stated there were some problems with the new road on Lakeside Drive. Brenda and Conrad met with Mike, Niblock representative, last week and Mike agreed that there were about 900 feet of road that needs fixed. Mike marked the areas. Mike also stated the contract covered edging around some parts of the road and that was not done. Mike stated that will be done also and he marked the areas. Brenda stated the bill has not been paid for the roads and alleys and Mike stated he will not send out a bill until the road is done correctly.

**Dave White** was present and wanted to talk to the council about the seawall at Williams and Angell property. Bill Eberhard stated we will not listen to this issue anymore it needs to be taken care of by the courts. Jim Sheffield and Paul Hoffman stated there is a trespassing case now going on and they are waiting on the prosecutor to solve this matter. Gary Furlow stated we will not hear or do anything at this time about the seawall.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Town Manager: (see attached)  
Street and Wastewater: (see attached)  
Town Marshal: (see attached)

**Paid Part Time Deputies**

Jim Sheffield stated he had contacted several towns and cities and received information on what they pay their part time deputies and the amount is very close to what we pay ours. Jim is asking for a raise of \$4.00 for all the paid part time deputies. Gary Furlow stated that is a 25% increase. Gary Furlow and all members want to table this until they can discuss this more. Gary asked for a motion to table this until a future meeting. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Brenda Conley presented the town council with the bank reconciliation for July. Gary Furlow signed the form.

**CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT;**

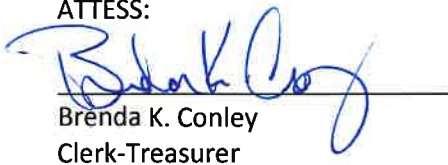
TOWN FUNDS: \$111,696.71  
SEWER OPERATING: \$43,857.19

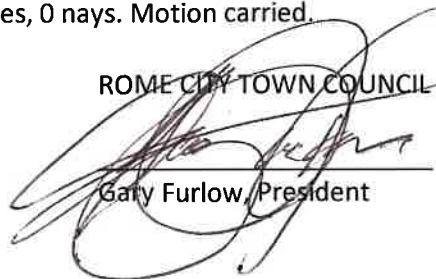
Gary Furlow asked for a motion to pay the claims. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to pay the claims. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next Town Council meeting will be the budget hearing at 5:30pm on September 9, 2019 with the town council meeting after. At the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL  
  
Gary Furlow, President