

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

PUBLIC MEETING

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

Meeting was called to order by Gary Furlow, all members Gary Furlow, Nick Heffner and Cheryl Clifton present. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Jim Sheffield, Paul Hoffman, Conrad White, Scott Neukom, Steve KPC, Janel Johnson daughter and attorney, Skip Rash and his attorney, Heidi Millington, Kim Angell, Les Nivens.

Pledge was said.

Gary Furlow asked for a motion to wave reading the minutes from the last meeting. Nick Heffner made the motion to wave reading the minutes. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Gary Furlow introduced Cheryl Clifton as the new board member.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Twin Island Road

Bill Eberhard stated this will have to be tabled until the March meeting. There are changes to be made to the amending ordinance. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to table. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

2. Amending Sewer Ordinance

Bill Eberhard stated he did not have the amending ordinance done and request it be tabled until the March meeting. Heidi Millington, owner of the day care, expressed that she does not approve the rate for the day care. She stated she has around 10 kids present now, and most are in diapers. Cheryl Clifton asked how many are present in the summer months when school is out. Heidi stated 16. The rate for the day care went from the flat rate to flat rate of \$45.00 for the first 5 pupils then \$1.26 for each pupil after that. The affidavit, that she filled out, stated she has 16 pupils. The rate for the day care will be \$58.86 per month. Gary Furlow stated that this is a business. Heidi stated if she was doing the day care out of her house the town council would not know about it and she would be paying the flat rate. Nick Heffner stated this is a business and you are running it as a business. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to table this until the March meeting. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Furnaces at the street garage

Scott Neukom stated to the town council that the furnaces that are at the garage are not working properly and suggest we get 80,000BTU for the front furnace and 50,000BTU for the back. The cost for each furnace is around \$470.00. Gary asked if an 80,000BTU could be used in the back of the garage instead of a 50,000BTU. Scott said yes it could and he would be installing them. All members agreed that the garage needs new furnaces. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to purchase 2 80,000BTU furnaces for the street garage. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to get the furnace. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

SPILLMAN CONTRACT

Jim Sheffield explained the Spillman contract. All members have received this contract and have read it over. Bill Eberhard stated he approved the contract. Brenda stated the cost will come out of the Public Safety Fund. This is a contract for the police department radios. The towns cost for a one time payment is \$9811.00. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to approve this contract. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

FARM LAND

Leigh Pranger stated the town has always rented out 9 acres of farm land that is by the sewer plant. Leigh recommends not renting this year due to the Solid Waste out of Ashley is going to use it to recycle our leaves and brush. Also, the police may need to use some of it for there gun safety class. All members agreed to not rent it out. Gary Furlow asked Leigh to contact the last person who rented it to let them know.

REGION 3A

Region 3A wants a director from our area. Cheryl Clifton stated she would be interested. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to accept Cheryl Clifton. Nick Heffner made the motion. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Gary Furlow stated in the past the town has donated pop to Rome City School for the carnival and they are asking for help this year. Gary asked Brenda to call the school to see if the pop was ok unless they needed something else. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to give the Rome City School 5 cases of pop for the school carnival. Nick Heffner second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ADVANCE ROME CITY

Kim Angell gave a report about Advance Rome City. Gala will be at Sylvan Cellars on May 10, 2019. The moving wall will be at Kelly Park this summer and the parade. All must be finalized.

Les Nivens asked if the lake could be lowered to help clean up West Lake Area. Leigh stated it would be very difficult to get permission to this.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER, SEE ATTACHED

Leigh stated she has been working on the ADA compliance and she has finished it. She asked the town council to look everything over.

STREET and WASTEWATER, SEE ATTACHED

Conrad stated he received a quote for the lids that are needed from BBC Pump and Equipment 1 will cost \$1100.00, 5 will cost \$850.00 each and 12 will cost \$730.00 each. Gary asked how many they need right now. Conrad stated 2 to 4. Gary Furlow asked the council how they felt by just ordering 5 right now. All members agreed. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to buy 5 lids at the cost of \$850.00 each. Nick Heffner made the motion to buy 5 lids. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

TOWN MARSHAL, SEE ATTACHED

Jim stated he has talked with Mr. Derby from Kendallville about the demo of 611 Jackson. Bill stated we are just waiting on the court order.

CLERK-TREASURER: Brenda presented the annual report, bank reconciliation. Also, the town hall will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, 2019 for President Day

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$109,421.45

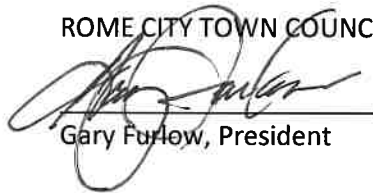
SEWER OPERATING: \$60,604.83

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

Next town council meeting will be March 11, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

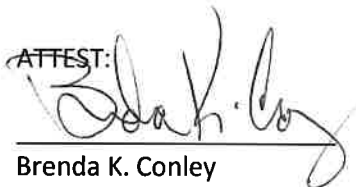
Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Gary Furlow, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer