

MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2020

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

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

Meeting was called to order by Gary Furlow at 6:30pm. All members, Gary Furlow, Nick Heffner and Cheryl Clifton present. Also, present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Paul Hoffman, Jim Sheffield, KPC reporter Andy, Conrad White, Pulver Construction, Bill Eberhard by phone, Pam Lipaselk with Noble County Victors and Jeremy Hardy with CommonWealth.

Pledge was said.

Election of officers for 2020. Gary Furlow President and Nick Heffner Vice President and Cheryl Clifton member.

OLD BUSINESS: TOWN INSURANCE

Members looked over the insurance policies at the December meeting. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to accept Black and Ramer as the town's insurance for 2020. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept Black and Ramer as the town's insurance. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-03 VOID

Brenda stated at the December meeting the town council approve resolution 2019-03 if transfer between appropriations needed done. Brenda stated it did not need to do any transfers. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to void resolution 2019-03. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to void. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERS, INC

Jeremy Hardy stated this agreement was presented to the town council in December and it is an agreement to do general service when needed for any engineering question. Bill Eberhard has read over the agreement and recommend the town council approve it with a motion to have Leigh Pranger as the contact person for this agreement. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept the general service agreement with CommonWealth with Leigh Pranger being the contact person. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

LIONS DRIVE AND CONNECTING ROAD BIDS

Gary Furlow opened the bids for the community crossing grant road bids. Leigh Pranger had them broken up but all on one bid. They consist of a portion of Lions Drive, South Bend Drive, Harbor Court, Norine Drive, Second Street and an alley. Brooks total \$289,817.00, Niblock total \$306,552.70, API total \$302,412.00 and Pulver total \$290,334.50. All members looked over the bids. Leigh Pranger stated they all look good as far as the roads that need done. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to accept Brooks bid of \$289,817.00. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept Brooks bid. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NOBLE COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU

Pamela Lipaselk introduced herself as the new director for the Noble County Visitors Bureau. She informed the council on what they are doing and planning on doing to get visitors and new business into the area. She would like to be informed on what Rome City is doing so she can add this to her agenda. All members thanked her for coming to the meeting and informing them about what Noble County Visitors Bureau is doing.

EVERCLEAR SPRAYING

Leigh Pranger presented the town council with a quote from Everclear. Leigh stated it is \$250 to spray the causeway at Kerr Island and \$250 to spray the rip rap along the edge of the lake at Lakeside park. The company knows what kind of spray to use when it is close to the water and this company has done it in the past for the town. Leigh stated the conservancy district will be using them to spray the pond at the landing area. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to accept Everclear to do the spraying at Lakeside Park and the causeway at Kerr Island. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve Everclear for the spraying. Cheryl Clifton second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

REGION 3-A DIRECTOR

Gary Furlow read the letter from Region 3-A asking for a board of directors' appointee. Cheryl Clifton was the 2019 director and she will do it again for 2020. All board members thanked her for doing this. Nick Heffner made the motion to have Cheryl Clifton represent the town for Region 3-A. Gary Furlow second the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

January 18, 2020

Gary Furlow stated that the Rome City Redevelopment Committee and Advance Rome City are having a meeting January 18, 2020 at 8:00am at the Rome City Town Hall to talk to businesses, property owners and organizations about what needs to be done to help get the community pulling together to revitalize Rome City.

NEW POLICE CAR

Jim Sheffield presented quotes for a new 2020 Explorer Police car to replace the 2014 Dodge Charger that was totaled in an accident. The other insurance company paid for the car and the equipment and the cost of installing the equipment of \$15,492.45. Brenda stated that will be put into the Public Safety Fund and added to the equipment appropriation. Max Platt Ford Kendallville \$32,171.25, Bloomington Community Ford-Lincoln, INC. 31,255.25, City Ford Columbia City, IN \$33,703.25, Terry's Ford, Peotone, IL \$38,280.00 and Bunsrworth Ligonier, IN \$38,735.00. Jim stated even thou Bloomington Community Ford is the lowest we would have to drive down to Bloomington and pick it up. Gary stated if we go with Max Platt Ford in Kendallville, they are local for any repairs we may have. Jim stated the difference in price will be the same as Max Platts after we are driving the 400 miles and back to pick it up in

Bloomington. Jim stated Cops Gear has the equipment from the other car to put into the new one but may need to do more wiring due to it's a newer car so the cost may be more. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve the car from Max Platt Ford, Kendallville for \$32,171.25 and not the state bid price of \$31,255.25 due to the local of the car dealership to Rome City. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER, 2019 Yearly and December 2019 (attached)

STREET AND WASTEWATER, December 2019 (see attached)

New Salt Spreader for Street Department quotes

Conrad White stated that as of right now we only have 1 CDL employee to run the trucks until he gets his reinstated. A salt spreader for the back of the pickup would work for the town hall parking lot and a lot of the small streets around town. It will be used for salt only not sand. He presented several quotes from different companies. He would like the steel one from Line-X out of Angola. They would have to order it and it will take about 2 weeks. The total cost would be \$5364.75. All members looked over the quotes and Line-X is a great price. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept the salt spreader from Line-X for \$5,364.75. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

TOWN MARSHAL, DEC. REPORT AND YEAR END (see attached)

Paul Hoffman read the report. He is also the citizen of the year for Noble County Drug Free committee. A very big thank you to him for all he has done with Drug Free and for our community.

Grant

Jim Sheffield stated there is a Federal Grant out now until March 11, 2020 to cover the cost of an additional police officer. Jim would like to contact a grant writer and see what the cost would be to have them fill out the grant. He will get back with the town council with the cost if they approve. Gary Furlow ask what commitment we have to keep them, and they have not yet accepted a new police position. Jim will e-mail all the council about the cost for a grant writer and commitment that we will have if we get this grant. No motion was made until the information is received.

611 Jackson Street

Bill Eberhard stated the deed for 611 Jackson Street is done and Leigh presented it to the town council. Bill wants to know if he can contact a real estate company to sell this property. Gary Furlow would like Bill to contact a couple of real estate companies to see what kind of contract they have before making a decision on who to use. Bill will get the information and let the council know. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to sell this property after hiring a real estate company to do so. Nick Heffner made the motion. Cheryl Clifton second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CommonWealth

Jeremy gave a presentation on what the sewer department needs to update everything. All members stated that they need lots of time to go over everything and thanked Jeremy for the information.

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS \$99,134.82

SEWER OPERATING \$46,264.17


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

Bank Reconciliation and Annual Report were presented. Bank Reconciliation was signed by the president.

Next town council meeting, February 10, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

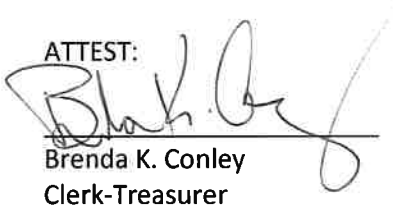
Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to adjourn. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Gary Furlow, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer