

MINUTES

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 14, 2019

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

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Nick Heffner and Gary Furlow present. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Conrad White, Paul Hoffman, Jim Sheffield, Les Nivens, Carl Grove, Skip Rash, Ben Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield and KPC reporter.

Pledge was said.

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

Election of Officers

There was a tie vote for President and Vice President for the town council. Brenda Conley was the tie breaker. Gary Furlow voted in as President and Nick Heffner is Vice-President.

Property at 611 Jackson Street

Bill Eberhard stated the house is ready to be demo. We will need to get demo bids. Bill will get with Leigh to get the bid packets ready and we can open bids on March 11, 2019 meeting. Leigh asked about getting property inspected for meth. Bill stated we can include this with the bids. Leigh would rather have an independent company check for meth. Paul Hoffman stated it would cost between \$1000.00 to \$1500.00. All council members agreed to have the meth checked by an independent company. Bill stated we need to shut off the sewer immediately. No more liens should be placed on the property from the town. Bill stated he will notify the courts about the demo. Once it is demo then the courts process starts, and we then can sell the property. Jim Sheffield asked if no trespassing signs can be put up on the property and Bill stated yes.

Cost for grinder pump at Harbor Court

Conrad White stated they had replace some of the parts at the station and he feels the problem is solved. Gary Furlow asked how much it would have cost for a new grinder. Conrad stated around \$1500.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Change Nov. 11, 2019 to Nov. 4, 2019

Brenda stated Veteran Day falls on Nov. 11, 2019 and the office is closed so we need to move the town council meeting to Nov. 4, 2019. Gary Furlow made the motion to move the Nov. 11, 2019 meeting to Nov. 4, 2019. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Sewer rate for Rome City School and Bashful Giraffe Day Care

Brenda presented the town council with a letter from the East Noble School Corp asking that the sewer rate be reduced. Bill Eberhard stated the ordinance has its way too high for our area. We have contacted

Jeff Rowe with Umbaugh to explain and he stated he was going by Indiana Code when he set the rate. Nick Heffner stated it would be better to raise the school 17% more than last year due to that is what we raised the flat rate for. Also do the same for the day care. Brenda stated if we do that then the ordinance will have to be amended. Gary did the figures at 17% and stated that would be a much better rate for them. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Gary Furlow made the motion to raise the Rome City School and the Day Care up 17% from last year and amend the ordinance. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Appointments

Leigh Pranger read the new appointments for several boards.

Plan commission; Kelly Morris, Nick Heffner and Kirk Klein, expires 1-1-2023

BZA; Mike Friskney, expires 1-1-2023

Park Board, Dina Holliday resigns, need a new member, expires 1-1-2023

Redevelopment Commission: 1-year appointment

Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Kim Angel, Dan Beall, Gary Furlow, Jeff Cybulski

Rome City Economic Development; Les Nivens, expires 1-1-2023

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

Departmental Reports:

Town Manager, month and year end (see attached)

Leigh stated she has checked about sewer line hook ups. The new home on Lions Drive will need to pay for the sewer line to be connected to our sewer.

Street and Wastewater, monthly and year end (see attached)

Conrad White asked if the town wanted Northeast Indiana Solid Waste to do our brush, it is free. All members agreed to have them compose our brush at the sewer plant.

Town Marshal, monthly and yearly (see attached)

Clerk-Treasurer, monthly, annual report is being worked on now.

Claims presented for payment:

Town Funds: \$54,718.07

Sewer Operating: \$32,225.70

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


Les Nivens stated he had talked to Dave Abbott about putting a round a bot on state road 9 where the bridge is over the road. Everyone thought it would be a great idea. Les will keep us informed.

Bill Eberhard asked about an administration meeting for the new town council member. Bill stated that way we can inform the new member what is going on and how to conduct a meeting. All members agreed. Nick Heffner asked about making a motion to have the meeting on Feb. 7, 2019 at 5:30pm. Gary Furlow made the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next regular town council meeting is Feb. 11, 2019, 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly St., Rome City, IN 46784

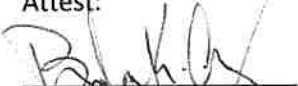
Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Gary Furlow made the motion to adjourn. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rome City Town Council



Gary Furlow, President

Attest:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer

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FEBRUARY 7, 2019

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MEETING

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

Meeting was called to order by Gary Furlow at 6:40pm. All members Gary Furlow, Nick Heffner and new member Cheryl Clifton were present. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Conrad White, Paul Hoffman and Bill Eberhard.

Brenda Conley swore in Cheryl Clifton as the new town council member. There was a town convention by the republican party on January 14, 2019 to appoint her to replace town council member Ben Castle for the rest of his term ending December 31, 2019.

The meeting was called to inform Cheryl of what the town council has been involved with in the last year. Bill Eberhard talked about the Twin Island Road and D.A. Brown over the Eastgate and Miller projects. The council told her about how the meetings are ran. Cheryl appreciated the information.

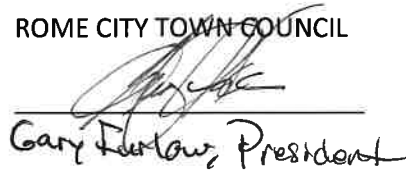
Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton 2nd the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Gary Furlow, President