

# MINUTES

## ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

April  
~~MARCH~~ 10, 2017

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

Carl Castle called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. All members, Carl Castle, Gary Furlow and Nick Heffner present. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Dustin Glick, Jim Sheffield, Paul Hoffman, Julian Mestre, Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield, Terry Williams, Carl Grove, Joe Costello, Tom Clifton, Cheryl Clifton, David Brown, Dennis Narkter, Gary Baker, David Brown.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### **Brown Engineering cost for new station at Eastgate.**

David showed a drawing of where the new station will be installed. It is north of the existing station. Leigh had talked with the Cain family about getting additional easement and they will let her know after this weekend. David stated the town still has road easement if the Cain's don't approve the new easement. David presented the rough estimate on the new station of \$63,145.00 but he will be sending out bids soon. Brown Engineering cost will be \$6000.00. David stated upon the town's approval he will need to send a permit to IDEM. David stated it should be a quick construction. David stated he can receive sealed bids and then get with Leigh and Brenda to open them so he can make sure they are complete and then present to the town council at the May meeting his recommendations. All members agreed that this has to get done. Carl Castle asked for a motion. Gary Furlow made the motion to approve Brown Engineering to proceed with the process of the new station. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

##### **Bakers back up at Eastgate**

Gary Baker of 1440 Eastgate presented to the council the damage since 2011 that was done from the sewer backing up into his house. Carl Castle asked why we are finding this out now when it has been happening since 2011. Mr. Baker stated he has contacted the sewer department each time it has happened. Leigh stated who ever installed the line to their house used a smaller line. Gary Furlow would like to see the actual receipts for the damage. Carl Castle asked about the cost difference on replacing the carpet with tile. Carl stated we need to look over all of this before making a decision. Mr. Baker asked if the town can jet out the line each month until the new station is installed. Leigh stated she will contact the employees to do this. Mr. Baker stated he does have a back flow connected to the line. Carl Castle asked for a motion to table until a future meeting. Gary Furlow made the motion to table. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Vehicle Agreement**

Leigh presented the town council with the vehicle use agreement. All members looked it over. Carl Castle asked for a motion to approve the agreement. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve the agreement. Gary Furlow seconds the agreement. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Cameras on Town Hall**

Jim Sheffield presents the total cost to install 3 cameras outside and 1 camera in the basement. Total cost \$3683.40. Brenda stated this can be paid out of CCD fund for public protection. Carl Castle asked for a motion. Gary Furlow made the motion to approve the cost of \$3683.40 for the cameras installation. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Health Insurance**

Brenda presented the town council with the health insurance quotes from United Health, PHP, Anthem and Aetna. All members looked over the cost. Carl Castle would like United Health, which the town currently have, but raise the deductible to 1000/2000 to keep the cost down. Gary and Nick would like to keep the current deductible which is 500/1000. All members discussed the issue. Carl Castle asked for a motion. Gary made the motion to stay with United Health at the current deductible of 500/1000. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CF-1 FORMS**

Brenda presented the town council with the CF-1 forms for personal and real estate for Momentum. Bill Eberhard has also looked over these forms and approved. Brenda stated we still have not heard from Aggregate and she has notified them 3 times by e-mail with a read receipt in which the read receipt was received but have still not heard from them. They have until May 15, 2017 to get it to the assessor's office so they still could present to the town council at the May meeting. Carl asked Brenda to contact them one more time. If they don't turn it into the town council for approval they will lose the abatement. Carl Castle ask for a motion to approve the CF-1 forms for personal and real estate for Momentum. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve the CF-1 forms for Momentum. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **Trees that need cut in town**

Leigh presented the town council with a cost to remove a tree at Pleasant Point. The tree is clogging the runoff water from our drain and it is very close to the sewer station. She received a cost from Altimus Tree Service of \$1000.00 additional \$200.00 for stump removal and Elwood Tree Service for the same amount. Gary stated to contact Altimus Tree Service and see if they can cut it down this week if not contact Elwood Tree Service to see if they can get it down this week. Carl Castle asked for a motion to except Altimus if he can get to it this week if not to accept Elwood. Gary made the motion, Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Leigh stated the other trees are at Bayview and <sup>Central</sup> North Shore where we are putting in the new road and Central. Leigh has contacted NIPSCO and they will not cut them they will only trim them. Leigh will get back to the town council when she receives a quote.

#### **Parade**

Brenda stated the town parade will be ran by Advance Rome City and will be on Aug. 12, 2017 line up on Kelly Street Ext. and continue north on state road 9 to Front Street. Advance Rome City will be contacting the marshal office with details.

**Town Audit**

Carl Castle stated the town audit for the last 6 years has been completed and everything was great.

**Tom Clifton property at 236 Weston.**

Tom Clifton of 236 Weston presented the town council with pictures of damage to his yard by the delivery trucks going to Miller Markets. He has talked to the managers at the store about this problem. Tom would like the town to help get this resolved. They are using the alley beside his house to pull in behind the market and the alley is not wide enough to support this kind of traffic. All members want to look into the size of the alley and talk to the Miller Market owner to see what can be done. All members will get back with Mr. Clifton at a future meeting.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS****TOWN MANAGER, STREET AND WASTEWATER: (see attached)**

Leigh stated that Margaret Mossman stopped in and stated she is closing Brady Landing and wants to stop paying the sewer. She wants to use the building as storage. Nick Heffner stated it would be best to have the building inspected before cancelling the sewer. Nick stated all plumping and the place needs gutted before sewer will be discontinued. Carl stated until then she will still be paying sewer. All members agree. Leigh will contact her.

Leigh stated Northeast Solid Waste would like to asphalt the parking lot where there recycle bins are located but the cost they received from Pulvers was \$27,000.00 and was asking if the town would help with this payment. Gary stated that is a lot of money for that area. Carl asked if they could put some limestone down instead. Leigh stated this is what they wanted to do is asphalt. Carl asked for the members to make a motion. Gary Furlow made the motion to not help with the asphalt. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Leigh stated the Economic Development of Noble County is asking with help to pay for a housing project they are doing in Noble County. Leigh stated she does not know how this would benefit Rome City. All members discussed this request. Carl Castle asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion not to help with this project with the town's finances. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**TOWN MARSHAL REPORT (see attached)****CLERK-TREASURER REPORT**

Brenda presented the bank reconciliation. Brenda stated Advance Rome City is having a Spring Fling on April 22, 2017 at Sylvan Cellars. This will be a dinner, auction and live entertainment. The money raised will go toward beautifying Rome City with the intent to help the business in town with façade grant for their building and hopefully bring in new businesses.

**CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:**

**TOWN FUNDS \$59,446.76**

**SEWER OPERATING: \$24,724.46**

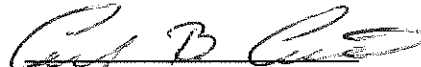
Carl Castle asked for a motion to pay the claims. Nick Heffner made the motion to pay the claims. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next town council meeting will be May 8, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall.

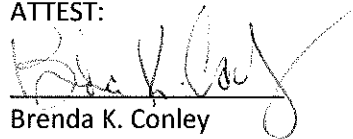
Carl Castle asked if there were any other concerns or comments, there were none.

Carl Castle asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Gary Furlow made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Nick Heffner seconds. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL**

  
Carl Castle, President

ATTEST:

  
Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer