

# MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2019

PUBLIC MEETING

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

Gary Furlow called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. All members, Gary Furlow, Nick Heffner and Cheryl Clifton present. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Paul Hoffman, Jim Sheffield, Conrad White, Roberta Stone, Steve Garbacz, Randy Page, Ben Castle, Triax Engineer and Commonwealth engineer and Dustin Glick.

Pledge was said

## MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Gary Furlow ask 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.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### SEWER LINE AT 852 LION'S DRIVE

Gary Furlow stated there has been a lot of discussion with the contractor, Lancia Homes, about the denial last month with the sewer line installment. After the town council had talked this over they want to make a new motion on the cost of the sewer line being installed for the property at 852 Lions Drive. Tom Miller with Miller Backhoe and Excavating, LLC will be doing the work. The total cost is \$8535.00. The town will pay a third which is \$2845.00, and Lancia Homes will pay \$5690.00. There is also an agreement that will need to be signed for this change. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to sign the agreement. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### ORDINANCE 2019-01 ADA TRANSITION PLAN

Leigh Pranger stated last month the town council approved the ADA Plan but did not sign the ordinance. Leigh presented the town council with the ordinance. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to sign the ordinance. Nick Heffner made a motion to sign the ordinance 2019-01. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### EASEMENT ON SIDEWALK AT GAFF PARK

Leigh stated we are just waiting on the survey to be completed before we can move forward.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### ORDINANCE 2019-06, ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE GENERAL CODE

Leigh stated the code books are all up to date and this ordinance states that everything was done. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to sign and approve ordinance 2019-06. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve ordinance 2019-06. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **NOBLE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**

Brenda presented an invoice from the Noble County Humane Society for \$3000.00 for the year. Brenda stated she contacted them on how many animals were collected and they responded with an e-mail which contained the years 2016, 2017 and 2018. Brenda stated the amount of \$3000.00 was what the town has paid in the last 3 years. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to pay the \$3000.00 for the year. Nick Heffner made the motion to pay the \$3000.00. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **FISCAL REPORT FOR THE ROME CITY REDEVELOPMENT**

Brenda presented the fiscal report for the Rome City Redevelopment. Brenda stated a meeting is going to be schedule soon.

#### **NEW ADDRESS FOR SHAMBO PROPERTY, BISHOP'S ISLAND**

Leigh presented a new address of 1174 North Shore Drive, Rome City, IN 46784 for Mr. Shambo property. This property is an island. The Plan Commission as already approved the address. Gary Furlow ask for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve the address of 1174 North Shore Drive, Rome City, IN 46784 for the Shambo Island. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

Brenda presented the health insurance quotes, these are the cost per month. Anthem was \$8200.00, PHP was \$7498.24 with higher deductibles and no vision, life and disability coverage. United Health Care was \$7547.09 with the same coverage that we have now but the out of pocket deductible was \$500.00 more. United Health Care does cover vision, life and disability. United Health Care is what the town has now. All council members have received this info prior to the meeting. Brenda stated June 1, 2019 is the deadline to renew. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to table this until the May meeting. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **TOWN HALL FLOORING**

A quote was presented for the new title at the town hall. Brenda states this covers the hallways, bath rooms and kitchen. Edward's Flooring was \$9963.18. Nick Heffner would like 3 quotes for this. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to table until we have 3 quotes. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL AT KELLY PARK**

Randy Page and Roberta Stone informed the town council about the Vietnam Memorial Wall coming to Rome City, Aug. 8 to Aug. 12. Roberta stated there will be no vendors allowed within 100 yards from the wall. Randy stated they will have security there 24 hours a day. The council asked what the town can do. Roberta stated help with police patrolling the area and possible marking part of the road off, so people can walk from town to the park. There is a ceremony on Saturday, August 10, 2019, they will let us know what time. The council thanked them for doing this in Rome City.

**LAUNDRY MAT SEWER CHARGE**

Terry William, owner of the Rome City Coin Laundry, sent a letter to Gary Furlow asking to lower the rate for the store until the new washers were installed. The letter states they should be installed by the end of April 2019. Gary Furlow stated that Terry Williams and Kim Angell were not present tonight to discuss this letter. Gary stated at the last meeting we denied a lower rate. Dustin Glick, attorney for the town stated, the State Board of Account would require the town to amend the sewer ordinance if they approve it to be lower then amend it again when they install the new washers. Dustin stated the State Board does not like to see ordinances amended that much. Gary stated we don't know for sure when the washers are going to be installed. All members discussed this. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to leave the sewer rate as what was approved at the last meeting, no lowering the rate. Nick Heffner made the motion to no lowering the rate. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**ADVANCE ROME CITY REPORT**

Kim Angell was not present to give a report. Roberta Stone reported about the Spring Fling on May 10, 2019 at Sylvan Cellars.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

Town Manager (see attached)

Street and Wastewater (see attached)

Town Marshal (see attached)

Clerk-Treasurer

Ben Castle, Noble County Assessor, stated the town will be reassessed starting next week. Also property taxes are due May 10, 2019.

Nick Heffner stated he will not be at the June town council meeting.

**CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:**

Town Funds, \$77,091.60

Sewer Operating: \$31,712.52

Gary Furlow asked for a motion to pay the claims. Nick Heffner made the motion to pay the claims.

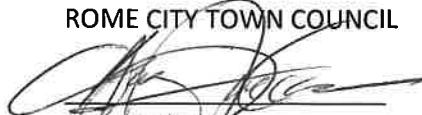
Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rick Parrish, with Triad Engineer, asked about when the town was going to do interviews for engineering firms? He stated it was approved at an earlier meeting and he has called several times and talked to Leigh, but no date has been set for interviews. Gary Furlow stated the council will discuss this and let engineering firms know.

Next town council meeting, May 13, 2019 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 7:45 pm. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to adjourn. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

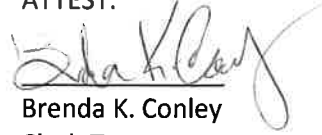
ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



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Gary Furlow, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer