

ROME CITY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The Rome City Conservancy District held their final budget hearing on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Abbott at 5:00 p.m. in the Rome City Town Hall.

Members Present:

David Abbott	Dennis Hogan
Leigh Pranger-Secretary/Bookkeeper	John Mazur
Cheryl Clifton	Jay Morley

Roll call determined a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Member Clifton to waive the reading of the minutes and approve as submitted. Second by Member Morley. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. The minutes were posted on the bulletin board for everyone to read. Correspondence-None

No correspondence.

No interested parties in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Open final hearing on the 2020 Conservancy Budget, the General \$71,200, Rainy Day \$8,000, CCI \$60,000 for a total budget of \$139,200. Secretary Pranger informed the board no changes had been made to the budget. Chair Abbott called for interested parties on behalf of the 2020 budget. No one was present. Chair Abbott call for a motion to approve the budget as submitted. Member Clifton made a motion to approve the 2020 budget in the amount of \$139,200. Second by member Mazur. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. Secretary Pranger informed the board she will submit the budget to the Dept. of Local Govt and Finance on Friday.
- b) Update on dam repair day and annual dam inspection. Member Morley informed the board, he and Mrs. Pranger took a day and worked on removing brush, small trees, and garbage from the dam and park area. They also added the stone to P8 as suggested by Engineer Bodine, painted flex seal over the piezometer lid, Mr. Morley repaired and had the town employees scrap down the edge of the Sycamore parking lot for the water to drain off and then added stone to the area holding water. Secretary Pranger informed the board she and Mr. Morley ran into Mr. Altimus, (local tree service) he bid the tree cutting in Eshelman's quote for Project 2, Mr. Altimus stated we don't need to go back 20' with the clearing he suggested 10', that would save a lot of money. Secretary Pranger also asked him if there were any trees in the area worth logging out. He stated no, not that he saw, and he said he would be worried about old nails and railroad spikes being in them. Secretary Pranger informed the board the dam inspection took place on Thursday, October 3, they did not find anything out of the norm. Engineer Bodine will be forwarding the formal results by the end of the month. Secretary Pranger stated we have two repair items left to do: fix the concrete on the wall in the old spillway and install the piezometer lid around P2 next to the top of the spillway; otherwise we are in good shape.
- c) Secretary Pranger formally asked Chair Abbott if he will continue to serve the board as his seat is up for reelection. Mr. Abbott stated, yes. Secretary Pranger informed the board anyone interested in the position must submit their resume and signatures of five free holders by December 2, 2019 to the town Hall. If someone submits, we will have to hold an election in January; otherwise Member Abbott is automatically placed back on the board.

- d) Overgrown weeds along the old boat ramp area. Secretary Pranger contacted IDNR, Dave Nance to have them send someone out to cut back the weeds. She has not heard back. Secretary Pranger suggested having the town employees use the skid loader cutter to cut the area back and spray the edge of the lake sometime in October, if we do not get a response from IDNR. Member Clifton suggested the IDNR just deed the area to the Conservancy so we can legally take care of the area. Chair Abbott stated he will discuss this with the IDNR next time he is in Indy.
- e) Discuss quotes for Project 1 and 2 Dam Repairs-Secretary Pranger informed the board she spoke with Mr. Molen of Eshelman Excavating and he can do the riprap project by the ton, the board can allocate a dollar amount and he will start at the north end of the earthen embankment and take the riprap as far as he can to the south. Mr. Molen stated he will also remove the trees when he does the riprap placement. Secretary Pranger stated she will keep the board in the loop regarding the start date and she will meet with Mr. Molen to come up with a price per ton on the riprap, so we can figure out how much to money to approve at the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Secretary Pranger stated she still needs to check into a Quad ATV for the next inspection. Rental for this inspection and then look into a used one to purchase.
- b) Secretary Pranger informed the board she forgot about the certificate but will take care of it in the next couple of weeks. Member Morley requested the board give a gift certificate to Mr. Richards for all his help with repair projects.
- c) Secretary Pranger will send out quotes for the mowing, port-a-johns and pond spraying for opening at the December 2, 2019 meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a) Secretary Pranger had Member Clifton review and sign the reconciliation sheets.

Pay bills-General

1. NIPSCO	\$ 80.72
2. Gepsyntec-3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	\$ 896.25
3. Century Link	\$ 165.00
4. J/S Lawn Care (9/3,9/9,9/16,9/23)	\$1,400.00
5. Town of Rome City-Stone	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<b>\$2,581.97</b>

Member Clifton made a motion to approve the bills for \$2,581.97. Second by Member Morley. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING: Year-End Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business Member Morley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Second by Member Clifton. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Cheryl H. Clifton  
 David Abbott, Chairman *LP*  
 Cheryl Clifton, Member

ATTEST: Leigh A. Pranger  
 Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary