

MINUTES

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

APRIL 13, 2020

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

Meeting was called to order by Gary Furlow at 6:30pm. Members Gary Furlow and Cheryl Clifton present, Nick Heffner present by video. Also present by video Brenda K. Conley, KPC newspaper, Commonwealth Engineer and Town Attorney Bill Eberhard. Present at office Leigh Pranger, Jim Sheffield, Paul Hoffman, Chris Bateman and Conrad White

Minutes from last meeting. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to wave the reading the minutes from the last meeting. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEB PAGE

Leigh Pranger stated to add more pages to the towns web page the cost is 6 pages \$2904.00 annually, 7 pages \$3168.00 annually and 8 pages \$3420.00 annually with a onetime set up cost of \$650.00. Leigh stated 6 pages would be good enough she felt right now. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept 6 pages for the town's web site. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

School Crossing Markings

Gary Furlow read Ordinance 2020-03. This is to mark the area on Front Street for school crossings, but Gary wanted also the place on Washington mark and that was not in the ordinance. Gary asked about also including marking Lions drive where the trail goes to Gaff park due to people have called and reported that people on bikes on the trail are not stopping at Lions Drive and some have almost been hit. Leigh stated the trail needs a stop sign where it meets with Lions Drive. Cheryl stated a sign is need at where the trails comes out from the old golf course onto the county road. Leigh is meeting with the Trail committee soon and she will ask them about this, in the meantime Leigh said a temporary stop sign can be installed at these areas. Gary ask for a motion to table this ordinance until the May meeting. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Cheryl seconds the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Sewer at North Shore Drive

Conrad White stated a new station needs to be installed at 1315 North Shore Drive area. BBC Pump was \$11,500.00 and Indiana Pump Works \$9195.00. Gary asked about the difference in price and if the pumps are what we are using now. Conrad stated the pumps that were quoted are what we are using now. Gary asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept Indiana Pump for \$9195.00. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ord. 2020-01 emergency meetings

Gary Furlow read Ordinance 2020-01 for emergency meeting for the town council under the pandemic. Now questions were asked. Gary asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve ordinance 2020-01. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Ord. 2020-02 payment of claims

Gary read ordinance 2020-02 payment of claims. This states the clerk-treasurer can pay claims before a town council approval. Gary asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve ordinance 2020-02. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-02 Closing the office to public

Gary Furlow read resolution 2020-02 for closing the office to the public during a pandemic. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-02. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Contract for Police Department Personal

Gary Furlow read the contract. This is approving an office to work under the pandemic as needed for the safety of the town. Jim Sheffield is wanting a part time marshal, Chris Bateman, to fill this position. Jim stated the Noble County Community Foundation has a grant for this. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept the contract. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Spillman Contract

Gary asked Jim Sheffield about the contract. This is an interlocal agreement to help pay for a position for the Spillman program that the county approved. This will help to offset the cost for this person. Nick asked about how many years can we pay for this since they are asking the town to pay \$10,000.00. Gary stated we need in the contract how many years we will be paying for this and how much each year. Gary suggested we go 4 to 5 years, but we need a contract that states this. Brenda stated in the e-mail from Noble County it states Kendallville has committed but no other cities and towns in Noble County has committed. Paul Hoffman stated Ligonier is the only other one he has heard that are going to commit but hasn't as of today. Cheryl stated we need to know about the other towns and cities. Nick stated this contract needs to be more precise. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to table this contract until there is more information. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to table. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Sewer late fees for March and April 2020

Gary Furlow stated with the stay at home order from the state governor the office has been closed to the public and he is asking for a motion to wave late fees for the sewer for the months of March 2020 and April 2020. Gary stated we should if approved wait to see about the upcoming months and then revisit this motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to wave late fees for sewer payments for March 2020 and April 2020. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Town Manager (see attached)

Leigh stated there is no BZA or Planning meeting for April. Leigh stated the town needs an easement for the new station on North Shore drive. Cheryl Clifton made the motion for an easement for the station on North Shore Drive. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Street and Sewer (see attached)

Marshal (see attached)

Jim Sheffield stated the new police car is back ordered due to no production at this time, he will keep the council informed. Jim also stated he will be retiring on May 29, 2020 and highly recommend Paul Hoffman for his position as Town Marshal. The council thanked him for all his service.

CLAIMS:

Town funds: \$107,215.27

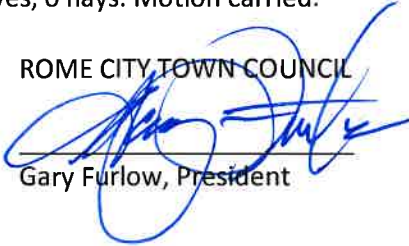
Sewer Operating: \$41,375.80

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

Next town council meeting is May 11, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly St., Rome City, IN

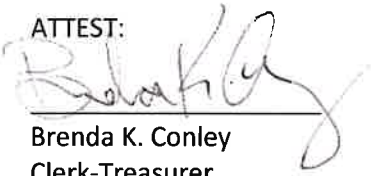
Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to adjourn. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Gary Furlow, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer