

MINUTES

JULY 13, 2020

ZOOM MEETING

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

ROME CITY TOWN HALL

402 KELLY STREET

ROME CITY, IN 46784

Gary Furlow called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. All members Gary Furlow, Nick Heffner and Cheryl Clifton present. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Conrad White, Paul Hoffman and Dustin Fike. Present by Zoom, Andy (KPC reporter), Bill Eberhard, Cindy O'Brien, Carl Grove.

Pledge was said

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

OLD BUSINESS:

OPENING TOWN HALL

Brenda stated that with the governor's new orders that the town can reopen after August 14, 2020 if we wish. He is leaving it up to each municipality to decide what is right for them. All members agree to keep the office closed until August 15, 2020 unless the governor has new orders. Cheryl Clifton made the motion. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LATE FEES FOR SEWER IN JULY 2020

Brenda stated with the new orders from the governor that no late fee can be applied to sewer until after August 14, 2020. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to wave late fees for July 2020 on sewer. Nick Heffner made the motion to wave late fees for sewer in July 2020. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

PARADE, AUGUST 8, 2020

Paul stated the parade is starting on Martin Street, school area, to Front Street down State Road 9 to Kelly Park. Paul would like permission to shut down those roads. Paul is going to see about getting the barricades from Ligonier again. Conrad White stated that Ligonier might be selling the barricades and he would like permission to purchase them if the price is right. Paul stated he would like Jim Sheffield and his wife and Mark Feller and his wife in the parade to recognize them on their retirement and also at the block party that day at Gaff Park he would like to present them with an award. Gary Furlow asks for motions on this. Nick Heffner made the motion to close the road and to purchase the barricades from Ligonier after Conrad reports back to them for approval on the cost. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

Justin Froelich, easement for parking at 108 Triplett Point

This was not discussed due to Justin Froelich not present by Zoom or in person.

IVANCIC NEW ADDRESS

Leigh Pranger stated a new address need approved for Michael and Susan Ivancic. This has been presented to the Plan Commission and gave a positive recommendation. The new address will be 8731 N 550 E, Kendallville, IN 46755. This is a barn that they turned into living quarters and there is a house on the property also. They needed the barn addressed. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept the new address. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2020-07 FIREARM FEES

Brenda stated as of July 1, 2020 the state changed their fees for firearm permits. Gary Furlow read the ordinance. Paul stated this goes with what the state changed. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-07. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

TOWN PROPERTY AT 611 JACKSON

Brenda stated no interested party yet for the town's property at 611 Jackson Street and it is listed at \$22,900.00 do you want to reduce the price? Gary suggested dropping to \$19,900.00. All members agree. Gary stated for Leigh to contact our real estate agent. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made to motion to lower the price on the property at 611 Jackson to \$19,900.00. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

OPEN SEWER PLANT

Conrad White stated that people from all over are dumping their limbs, 2 by 4's, stumps and everything else in the recycle. It is very hard to keep up with loading this out to the sewer plant. Conrad would like to open the sewer plant 1 or 2 days a week for people to dump. Gary asked if there are camera up because this is supposed to be just for Rome City Residents. No camera is installed. Gary would like to get the cameras installed and have Bill do an ordinance about penalties will be applied if caught. Gary did not want to open the sewer plant. Nick stated we should close the recycle after the debris is removed and set up cameras and signs then reopen. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to close the recycle area where the limbs are being placed and get cameras and have Bill do an ordinance and install signage before we reopen. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

TREVOR MOLEN REQUEST FOR NO TAP IN FEE

Brenda presented an email requesting no tap in fee for Trevor Molen new house. Leigh stated they installed there our grinder station for the Barn and Trevor's house on Bayview. Leigh stated the Molens will take care of the grinder station. Cheryl Clifton wants this all-in writing. Bill Eberhard stated an agreement needs to be done for this. Leigh will do the agreement and report back to the town council and Bill Eberhard. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to wave the tap in fees for Trevor Molen and an agreement paper needs to be signed by both owners that have tapped into the station. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

SIGNAGE FOR FRONT STREET SCHOOL CROSSING

Brenda presented a quote from Newman Signs for a pedestrian crossing sign with solar lights and a push button to turn it on. The quote for everything came out to \$5821.00. Brenda stated after checking around the cost for some of these signs were \$10,000.00 and up a piece. This cost includes the post and signage for 4 (2 on each side of street). This will be at Front Street where the school age children cross the road to go to school. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to get these signs. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

STRIPING ROADS

Leigh stated that she received 1 quote for restriping Front Street, Grove and Front and Washington for crossing and Lions Drive where the bike trail leads to Lions Drive. Cost from Asphalt Care is \$1225.00. Leigh needs to meet next week with the Park Board to see if they want the basketball courts done. Leigh needs a top dollar and approval for when other quotes are received. Nick Heffner stated the top dollar should be \$1500.00 for everything. All members agreed. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve striping for no more then \$1500.00. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

SIDEWALKS

Leigh stated since we are putting in the cross walk on Front Street there should be sidewalks in place. She would like approval to send a letter to the property owners of Front and Grove. To see what they can do. Advance Rome City may be able to help the property owners with some of there share. All members agreed to have Leigh send out letter to the property owners about the future on sidewalks.

MILLERS SUPER VALUE

Cheryl Clifton stated that some people contacted her about Millers Super Value dumping their moping water on the newly paved alley. All members told Leigh to contact the Manager at Millers Super Value by phone and letter to not dump moping water on the alley.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER (SEE ATTACHED)

Leigh stated she has a problem with so many generators that people are installing on there properties. They must be notified as to not to be using the showers, washer, ect. When they are using them because our pumps are not working when there is a power outage and our employees must go to the stations and hook up our portable generator to pump them down. Some employees were out all night and day doing this when there is no power. Bill Eberhard will contact other attorneys about this and see what the town can do to enforce this problem. Bill will report back to the council.

STREET AND WASTEWATER (SEE ATTACHED) TOWN MARSHAL (SEE ATTACHED)

All council members thanked the Marshal Department for there work on July 4, 2020 during the fireworks.

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$101,994.57

SEWER OPERATING: \$83,581.60

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

Next town council meeting is August 10, 2020 at 6:30pm on ZOOM, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

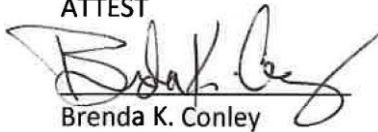
Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:06pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rome City Town Council



Gary Furlow, President

ATTEST



Brenda K. Conley

Clerk-Treasurer