

MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2020

**ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL (ZOOM)
ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784**

Gary Furlow called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present in office, Gary Furlow, Nick Heffner and Cheryl Clifton. Also present in office Brenda Conley, Paul Hoffman, Leigh Pranger and Conrad White. Present by Zoom, Bill Eberhard, Andy (KPC reporter), Cindy O'Brein, and Commonwealth Engineers.

Pledge was said.

Gary Furlow asked 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:

PAINT THE STREET GARAGE

The bids were tabled from the last meeting on painting the street garages. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to refuse all the bids received from the last meeting. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to not accept any of the bids from the last meeting. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

TAX ABATEMENT FOR STAGGS

Gary Furlow presented the tax abatement for Staggs. Brenda Conley stated that the stated extended the deadline from May 15 to June 15. All members looked it over. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to approve Staggs tax abatement. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve Staggs tax abatement. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-03 ADOPTING THE NOBLE COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD PLAN

Gary Furlow read resolution 2020-04. Leigh Pranger stated this is for grants the town can received if we had a disaster of any kind. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-04. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-04 REOPENING THE TOWN HALL

Gary Furlow present the resolution about reopening the town hall and wave the last fees for June on sewer. All members agreed to go with the governor of Indiana with his directions on opening the town hall. Gary asked if there have been any problems with it being closed. Brenda and Leigh stated no, if people needed to come in for permits and so forth then we would have them come to the back door and go into the conference room. But so far everyone has just stayed outside and wore masks. Bill stated the governor is leaving it up to the towns and cities boards to decide when to reopen. Gary stated

let us keep it closed for now and wait to see what the governor states in the future and have the resolution read as such. Gary asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve of Resolution 2020-04. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2020-06 REZONING

Leigh Pranger presented Ordinance 2020-04 which was approved by the Rome City Plan Commission. The property is located at 430 Front Street, Rome City, IN it is now zoned agriculture and needs to be rezoned to Single Family Residential. There are 2 pole barns on the property now and a 3rd one being built. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-06. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to rezone the property at 430 Front Street and approve ordinance 2020-04. Nick Heffner seconds the motion 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CHAUTAUQUA PARADE AUG. 8, 2020

Brenda asked if the town wanted to be in the parade on Aug. 8, 2020. Conrad stated he could drive a truck. All members agreed to be in the parade.

NEW DEPUTY MARSHAL

Paul stated he had interviewed several people for the position of deputy marshal and highly recommends Dustin Fike. Dustin has worked for the Butler Police Department and has been an unpaid reserve officer with the town since 2010. Leigh Pranger highly recommends Dustin Fike also. Paul stated he is certified and will attend the academy as soon as the academy opens back up. Bill Eberhard's stated to have him sign up as soon as possible because they are running behind. Gary Furlow asked about a drug test and Paul will have him get one, but he is up on all his vaccines. Paul would like to start him out at \$20.00 per hour with an annual raise at the end of the year then a .75 cent raise after completing the academy. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to approve Dustin Fike as the Deputy Marshal and starting pay of \$20.00 per hour and the increases. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROAD CLOSURE FOR JULY 4, 2020

Paul Hoffman stated that Sylvan Lake Association is still having the fireworks on July 4, 2020 with rain date on July 5, 2020 he is asking the council for permission to block off Front Street from State Road 9 to Weston Street so people can be able to sit on Front Street and watch the fireworks. North Street will be closed and the alley by pepperoni pizza to Front Street will be closed. All members agreed this was a good idea, but they wanted Paul to draw up a map on where the closures will be. Parking will be a problem and the council would like to have a restroom somewhere close. Brenda will contact the Chamber and Sylvan Lake Association about restrooms. Conrad does not want anyone to block the garage doors. Leigh suggested who ever is on call that weekend to take the service truck home. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to close the roads. Nick Heffner made the motion to close the roads for July 4, 2020. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion called.

Paul stated the boat patrol will be out this weekend and Daniel Rinehart oversees it this year.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER (SEE ATTACHED)

Leigh stated she met with Heather Green, Principle with Rome City School, about the caution lights on Front Street where the school children will be crossing. Kendallville has some that light up when people are present in that area and was wondering if the council would be interested in these. All council members were very interested and whats Leigh to get the costs.

STREET AND WASTEWATER (SEE ATTACHED)

Conrad White stated and presented a list of the call out for certain stations in the last 2 years. Station 8 D has been the biggest problem and he got a quote from Indiana Pump Works for a chopper pump the cost is \$7932.00 and that would help with the wipes they are finding in the pump. Nick asked isn't there 2 pumps in the station? Conrad stated yes and he contacted Indiana Pump and for 2 chopper pumps it would cost \$15,864.00 and they would come up at no cost and help install it. The cabinets may need to be updated a little. Gary asked if the pumps that are going to be remove can be used somewhere else and Conrad stated yes. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to order 2 chopper pumps. Nick Heffner made the motion. Cheryl Clifton second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CommonWealth Engineers were asked a few questions about their quotes on equipment and other things about the sewer plant but nothing was decided.

TOWN MARSHAL: (SEE ATTACHED)

CLAIMS PRESENTED OR PAYMENT

TOWN FUNDS: \$86,753.06

SEWER OPERATING: \$44,705.95

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

Gary Furlow asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

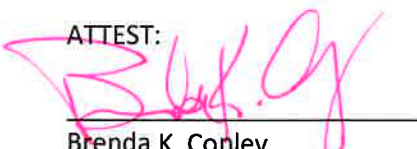
Next town council meeting July 13, 2020 at 6:30pm at Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

Rome City Town Council



Gary Furlow, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer