

MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2020

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

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

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Nick Heffner and Cheryl Clifton present, Gary Furlow present by phone. Also, present Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Conrad White, Dustin Glick, Andy KPC reporter, Carl Gove and Jeremy with Common Wealth.

Pledge was said.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

611 Jackson Street real estate agent

Bill Eberhard did not inform Dustin Glick about this. Gary Furlow stated to have Leigh Pranger contact Ben Castle with Remax to list the house. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Gary Furlow made the motion to have Ben Castle with Remax list the property at 611 Jackson Street. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Spillman contract

No Marshals for the town were present. Brenda and Gary both stated there were some changes that needed to be made in the contract and Jim Sheffield has been notified. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to table this until a future meeting. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to table. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Twin Island Road

Dustin Glick stated that a Janel Johnson has a deed for Twin Island Road. Gary stated in 2018 this has come up and Bill Eberhard stated at that time that the quick claim deed means nothing, and she will not be taken over the road now this second deed has been approved at the Noble County Auditors office. Brenda contacted Kelly at the Noble County Auditors office and she said the town needed a deed to show they owned the road and there is none. Leigh Pranger stated the town has always maintain this road and the state pays us for it. Gary stated that our attorney and the county attorney needs to get this worked out immediately. Dustin stated the town can do an ordinance for all the roads in town which would keep this from happening. Leigh stated why should we have an ordinance when the roads have been plated into the town since 1969. Much discussion was said, and Dustin stated he will get with Bill

Eberhard to see what needs to be done to take back the road. Nick Heffner stated this will be on the April 13, 2020 agenda.

Resolution 2020-01

Brenda read the resolution which states that there is a need for additional appropriation for the Grant Fund due to the crossing grant awarding more than what was appropriated at budget time. The Department of Local Government and Finances stated we only need town council approval for this additional, but Brenda put it into a resolution. The additional appropriation is for \$60,280.00. Nick asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-01. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Street Garage painting quotes

Brenda stated in the past we had talked about getting quotes for painting the two street garages on Kerr Ave. Gary Furlow stated this really needs done. Leigh will contact contractors to get quotes. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Gary Furlow made a motion to get quotes for painting the two street garages and report back to the council at the April 2020 meeting. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Boyd property address

Leigh stated Ben Boyd has built a pole barn off North Shores Drive and for 911 emergency only they needed it addressed. Leigh contacted the county and the address should be 1545 North Shore Drive. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the new address. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve the address. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Web page update

Leigh contacted the towns web designer and asked what it would cost to add 2, 3 or 4 new pages with a calendar on the front page to list all the meetings. The web designer has not given her a quote but will report back to the council when she receives it.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Brenda stated the Advance Rome City Gala will be at Sylvan Cellars on May 16, 2020.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER (see attached)

New Vac

Leigh stated Conrad was contacted by Bonars Well Drilling and they have a 1997 Vac on a trailer they are selling for \$5000.00 it's a 500-gallon tank and Conrad stated they could use it for several things. Nick asked how many years of use we would have before it paid itself off. Conrad stated 2 years for what they use it for. Brenda stated when we have used a company in LaGrange they charge around \$600.00 per hour. Cheryl asked where the money will come from to pay for this. Brenda stated the MVH equipment appropriation. Conrad stated he has looked up others for sale and they are running around \$10,000.00. Gary asked if this would be kept in a building. Conrad stated yes but we need to sale the street sweeper so there is more room. Leigh will put the street sweeper up for sale. Conrad stated the vac does need a new seal on the back door. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Gary Furlow made the motion to have Conrad go look at the machine, there were pictures shown, and then upon his approval buy the vac. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CROSSING WALKS

Leigh was approached by Sue Emerson with the Housing Authority Board and she asked if the town can put in painted crossing walks on Front Street by Harriman Street. There are several children from the housing authority apartments that walk to school on that route. Gary asked if there were other roads that need this also. Leigh stated on Washington by Harriman would be another place that needs marked. Leigh stated Bill Eberhard will have to do an ordinance with this in it for the town council to approve. All members agreed this will need done. Bill will have to produce the ordinance at the next town council meeting.

STREET/WASTEWATER REPORT (see attached)

TOWN MARSHAL, the marshals were not present due to a call out no report read.

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$70,947.18

SEWER OPERATING: \$45,029.98

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

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

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm. Gary Furlow made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer

Nick Heffner, Vice-President