

# MINUTES

OCTOBER 26, 2020

## ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING (ZOOM)

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

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members Nick Heffner and Cheryl Clifton present. Also, present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Paul Hoffman, Conrad White, Bill Eberhard. By ZOOM was Andy (KPC reporter), Carl Grove, Cindy O'Brien, Terry Williams.

Pledge was said.

Cheryl Clifton asked for a moment of silent for Gary Furlow. Gary Furlow, Town Council President for Rome City, passed away on Oct. 17, 2020. A caucus will be held Nov. 5, 2020 to replace the position.

Nick Heffner made a motion to wave the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to wave reading the minutes. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### **Sewer late fees for August 2020 and September 2020**

Nick Heffner said with the virus situation he would recommend waving the late fees for sewer for August 2020 and September 2020. Nick asked Brenda if payments were coming in on time. Brenda stated yes. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to wave the last fees for August 2020 and September 2020. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance 2020-11 Amend sidewalk ordinance**

Bill Eberhard stated he would like to table this until the November 9, 2020 meeting. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to table. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to table until the November 9, 2020 meeting. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### **New addresses for Oak Shores**

Leigh Pranger stated there our new homes being built in the Oak Shores area. New address is Lot 225, 9080 North Overlook Dr. Rome City, IN. Lot 226, 9076 North Overlook Dr., Rome City, IN. Lot 227, 9027 North Overlook Dr., Rome City, IN. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the new address. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve the new address. 2 aye, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **SPILLMAN CONTRACT**

Paul Hoffman present a new contract for the Spillman program. The Noble County Sheriff is asking for \$5000.00 over a 2-year payment plan to help pay for the new program person that the county hired. Bill Eberhard asked if the contract states how long this contract is in effect. Paul Hoffman stated there was know mention in the contract. Bill Eberhard stated the town should table this contract. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to table. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to table the Spillman contract until a later date. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **LEAF PICKUP DATES**

Conrad White stated the leaf pickup dates are, week of Oct. 26 town proper, week of Nov. 2 north side of town, week of Nov. 9 south side of town. Week of Nov. 16 town proper, week of Nov. 23 north side of town, week of Dec. 1 south side of town. Limberlost trail will be the last to be picked up around Dec. 7 week. All members thanked Conrad White for his time on picking up these leaves.

### **Ordinance 2020-12 Fund for Cares Act**

Brenda Conley stated the town is receiving \$45,096.00 from the IFA for the virus. This money is for any wages and cost for equipment that relates to the virus. Brenda stated the new fund needs established for the money received. The new fund will be called Covid/Cares Provider Relief Fund #150. Nick Heffner read Ordinance 2020-12. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the fund. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-12. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Resolution 2020-05 Pandemic leave policy**

Brenda stated the town need a resolution for the pandemic leave for employees. Nick Heffner read the resolution. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-05. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-05. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Ordinance 2020-15 Public Safety Payroll Cost with Cares Act Funding**

Bill Eberhard stated the town needs an ordinance to be able to collect cares act funds for the police department during the pandemic. Bill Eberhard read ordinance 2020-15. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve ordinance 2020-15. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve ordinance 2020-15. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Ordinance 2020-13 Vacate Roadway**

Leigh Pranger stated the vacate is being asked from Joshua A. & Heather M. Molen and Qubais R. Ghazala for building of a house. This was approved by the Plan Commission. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve the vacate roadway, Ordinance 2020-13. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Resolution 2020-06**

Brenda Conley stated that Gary Furlow was the authorize signature for the Cares Act and now we need to change that to Nick Heffner, Vice-President of the town council. Before we can send anything to the Cares Act, we must have the executive officer of the town sign the forms. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-06. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve resolution 2020-06. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Ordinance 2020-14 Vacate lots**

Leigh Pranger stated this ordinance is for Josh and Heather Molen and Qubais Ghazala to vacate a portion on a lot at Southbluff Plat, Section 15 for building a house. Leigh Pranger stated the Plan Commission did approve. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-14. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-14. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Sewer bill for Rome City Laundry Mat**

Terry Williams, owner of the laundry mat in Rome City, is asking the town to lower his rate because they are remodeling the building and they are not open to the public. Terry stated he had verbally talked to Gary Furlow about this and he has emailed the town and the council about his rate and nothing has been done. Terry is asking for credit from March 25, 2019 to date. Bill Eberhard asked when they will be open. Terry Williams stated he hopes in 90 days. Brenda Conley stated she had not received any info about this until just last week. Bill Eberhard stated to Terry Williams that he would like to look over the minutes and then talk with the council and Brenda before deciding on any agreement for credit and/or lowering the rate per month. Bill Eberhard stated to Terry Williams that he will be on the agenda for the November 9, 2020 meeting. Terry Williams agreed to be at the November 9, 2020 town council meeting.

### **Streetlight at 1820 North Shore Drive**

Brenda Conley stated the property owner at 1820 North Shore Drive called and stated REMC put in a new pole at her property and she is requesting a streetlight be installed. The owner stated that area is very dark and dangerous. Brenda contacted REMC, Zane Gray, and he stated a light would cost the town and additional \$9.90 per month. Paul Hoffman would like to investigate the area tonight and report back to the council.

### **IPADS**

Brenda Conley stated the Cares Act will cover for IPADS for the council and department heads which is 7 totals. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to purchase the IPADS. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve the 7 IPADS. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### **TOWN MANAGER: (see attached)**

Leigh Pranger stated we are working on getting the roads that belong to the town back into the towns name. Bill Eberhard stated he is going to be working with Hand to Plow Surveying Company to straighten these roads out with the county. Bill stated somehow the county thinks it can transfer the towns roads that are marked unknown into a property owners name. Bill stated this is against the law and he will be looking into getting this resolved. Leigh stated the state of Indiana recognize these roads as being the towns.

#### **STREET AND WASTEWATER: (see attached)**

#### **TOWN MARSHAL: (see attached)**

### **CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:**

TOWN FUNDS: \$149,411.45

SEWER OPERATING: \$66,436.04

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to pay the claims. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to pay claims. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nick Heffner asked if there were any questions. There were none.

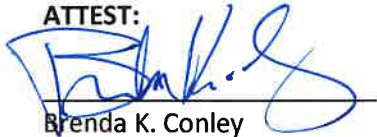
Next town council meeting will be November 9, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN and by ZOOM.

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:43pm. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to adjourn. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL**

  
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Nick Heffner, Vice-President

**ATTEST:**



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Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer