

Town of Roann Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2025

I. Call to Order

Jerry Nelson called to order the Regular Board Meeting for the **Town of Roann** at **7:02 p.m. on the 14th day of April, 2025 in Roann Town Hall.**

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Jerry Nelson, physically present, Neil Bever, physically present, Jeremy Fisher, physically present, Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., physically present, Kristina Lynn, Tony Janeway, Damon Prater, Steve Hicks, Peggy Myers, Alex Downard (One 85 and Community Foundation of Wabash County) and present is 16 citizens.

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

The Town Council read the minutes from the Town of Roann Public Hearing Meeting on March 10, 2025, the minutes were approved as read.

The Town Council read the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on March 10, 2025, with two corrections made and minutes were approved as read.

The Town Council read the minutes from the Town of Roann 2nd Public Hearing on the Park Project on March 24, 2025, the minutes were approved as read.

Open issues

- a) Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. presented Resolution 2025-01 Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. explained the Resolution authorizing an application submitted by the Town of Roann for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for the Stellar Park Improvement project, stating one of the projects in the Stellar Pathway which would award the Town of Roann \$377,000.00. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. advised the \$477,944.00 of its own donated money (not tax based) will be used as a match for the project. Kristina Lynn shared as Park Committee Chair and representing the park committee would like to move this park project along as quickly as we can and break ground as soon as we can. Neil Bever shared his concerns on the cost of the park project and was concerned about the maintenance costs in the future. Kristina Lynn has spoken to another park employee and was advised there should be little or no maintenance in the first five to ten years and therefore could allow time to budget maintenance costs. Jerry Nelson

stated this \$854,944.00 is restricted money only for the park project. Neil Bever stated he would like to adjust the budget down closer to the \$854,944.00 budget. Dianna Ferguson wanted her voice heard and shared if she believes in something, she wants to stand for it. Dianna Ferguson shared how the park for the town would be more equipped, better built and inclusive to meet the needs of all the children and families including those with disabilities. This is a benefit to all even the baseball park. Dianna Ferguson also stated a well maintained park will not only provide a safe and enjoyable space for our children but also a gathering place for family and friends fostering a sense of community and togetherness where memories are made. Mrs. Ferguson shared investing in the park is investing in the future of our community and remain a vibrant place for all its residents. After much discussion, Jerry Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 authorizing the Grant Application. Jeremy Fisher seconded and the town council voted in favor 3-0. The votes were as follows: Jeremy Fisher: AYE, Jerry Nelson AYE, Neil Bever AYE.

- b) Kristina Lynn (Park Committee Chair) reported the Park Committee met April 7, 2025 and shared the committee has set a date for our Fund Raiser on July 5, 2025, downtown on Chippewa Street following the pancake breakfast and before the fireworks. The next Park Committee meeting will be May 8, 2025.
- c) Kristina Lynn is still working on the Pull Track.
- d) Kristina Lynn mentioned we were served notice on the Railroad Property and we are still in the redemption period.
- e) Tony Janeway advised he has one quote for a generator of \$126,500.00 which includes two generators and installation, and two was recommended due to the wiring going to the wells is not sufficient and was advised a second generator would cost less money rather than doing the rewiring. Tony Janeway is still waiting on a couple other quotes.

New Business

- a) Tony Janeway shared the water tower has a single 8" stand pipe with a 20' section of pipe that needs dug up and fixed or replaced. Mr. Janeway advised it is 5' in the ground underneath the water tower and the State Inspector recommended to get it fixed. Tony Janeway has a quote of \$15,000.00 but would do as much of the work as possible to save costs. Tony Janeway will follow up and let the Council know what he found out after digging in the ground to identify what the problem is.
- b) Tony Janeway advised the council there is a tank at the sewer plant that has an arm that travels around all the time that wipes off scum which needs repaired and has 2 quotes: (1) Larry Rensberger \$2,000.00 (2) a quote of \$10,000.00. Jerry Nelson made a motion to approve Larry Rensberger to repair the arm for \$2,000.00. Jeremy Fisher seconded and the town council voted in favor 3-0.
- c) Tony Janeway advised the need for 2 sign posts at \$300.00. Jeremy Fisher made a motion to approve \$300.00 for 2 sign posts. Neil Bever seconded and the town council voted in favor 3-0.
- d) Tony Janeway stated the 1994 dump truck front fuel tank is leaking and Jerry Maxwell gave a quote of \$800.00 to replace the fuel tank. Jeremy Fisher made a

motion to approve \$800.00 to replace the fuel tank. Neil Bever seconded and the town council voted in favor 3-0.

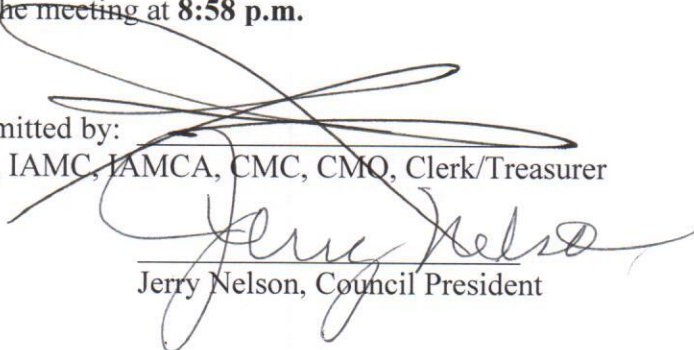
- e) Tony Janeway stated at the sewer plant there is a meter used for the water testing and needs calibrated and has a quote for \$1,333.00. Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. stated this is a yearly maintenance and does not need council approval.
- f) Tony Janeway shared there is several manhole risers that needs fixed with an approximate cost of \$187.00 to \$300.00 for each manhole. Tony Janeway stated one of the manholes needs a 5" riser and that would be approximately \$500.00. The council advised Tony Janeway to identify the worst ones and report back to the council.
- g) Tony Janeway requested the need for dirt to fill in places that have a water leak and if the same wet dirt is reused, his concern is it might freeze. Mr. Janeway is requesting a load of dirt available to fill these places and has a quote of \$1,000.00 for a truck load of dirt. Neil Bever made a motion for \$1,000.00 for a load of dirt. Jeremy Fisher seconded and the town council voted in favor 3-0.
- h) Tony Janeway advised the need to get a valve exerciser and gave an estimate of \$10,000.00. The council asked Tony Janeway to get two quotes on the exerciser that will work for our town.
- i) Tony Janeway spoke to Shawnt'e Frieden who manages the ball field and is requesting dirt for the ball field with a quote from Leffert Stone in Walton, Indiana, for \$1,176.00 and another type of dirt for \$550.00. Neil Bever made a motion to approve \$1,726.00 for dirt for the ball diamond. Jeremy Fisher seconded and the town council voted in favor 3-0.

Jerry Nelson adjourned the meeting at **8:58 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., IAMC, IAMCA, CMC, CMO, Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved by:


Jerry Nelson, Council President

RMFJ/pm