

AGENDA

APRIL 13, 2026 6:30 PM

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING

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

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Follow up on Ordinance Violations
2. CommonWealth
3. Election Process
4. Sewer Rate Study Update

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sylvan Cellars Noise Ordinance Extension for June 26, 27, July 10, September 4 and 18
2. Sylvan Farms Tax Abatement
3. Regulators for Chautauqua Days encampment
4. Gary Cox IT contract for 2026
5. Firearms Range Agreements for Noble County Sheriff Dept, LaGrange and Avilla
6. Trench Box purchase
7. Health Insurance for 2026

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. TOWN MANAGER
2. STREET/WASTEWATER
3. TOWN MARSHAL
4. CLERK-TREASURER – March Mileage 416 \$203.84

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CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

1. TOWN FUNDS: \$ 143,864.08
2. SEWER OPERATING: \$44,183.43

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Cheryl Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present Cheryl Clifton, Kirk Klein and Ken Cook. Also, present were Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman, Attorney Dustin Glick and Bill Eberhard. See also sign in sheet and Natalie Schelling via Zoom.

Pledge was said.

Kirk Klein asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Ken Cook seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business

Follow Up on Ordinance Violations: Paul informed the Council of the current violations that have been resolved: 108 Park Street – two vehicles removed, 204 Harriman - car repaired, 355 Kerr - removed pallets, 750 Kelly St Ext – removed scrap. Letters that need to be sent: 398 Grant – junk pile needs removed, 452 Jackson – mattress needs removed, Jackson – pole barn needs cleaned up, 295 Weston – junk needs removed, 302 Kelly – junk needs removed, 155 Martin – junk needs removed, 252 Weston – vehicle needs moved and washer and dryer need to be removed.

CommonWealth: Natalie Schelling is working on an updated proposal for the new screen at the treatment plant and main lift station alternate delivery methods. Proposing project management, soil boring, preliminary design, pause at 30% design. Covert the main lift station to either an inline station or a submersible station. Move to final design once main lift station is selected, phase for financial with Rural Water financing, phase construction engineering, start to procure materials. Inspectors will be on site during construction. As Built drawings upon completion. Estimated \$460,700 in engineering charges.

Election Process: Bill Eberhard explained the current election process. If more than one candidate runs on an odd number year it is a Convention. If more than one candidate runs on even years it is a Primary. If a candidate wants to run in the next election process they would need to be registered early February 2027.

Sewer Rate Study Update: Heidi informed the Council that herself and Leigh met with Morgan with Indiana Rural Community Assistance Program. Morgan is still working through the process to complete the rate study. There have been follow up questions to our meeting to help complete this process.

New Business

Sylvan Cellars Noise Ordinance Extension for June 26, 27 July 10, September 4 and 18: Heidi informed the Council that Sylvan Cellars is asking for a noise ordinance extension for the concerts June 26, 27, July 10, September 4 and 18. Kirk made a motion to allow the noise ordinance extension. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Sylvan Farms Tax Abatement: Heidi informed the Council that Sylvan Farms has submitted their tax abatement forms for 2026 approval. Kirk made a motion to approve the tax abatement for Sylvan Farms. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Regulators for Chautauqua Days Encampment: Rhonda Stienecker informed the Council that Stone Trace would like to put up tents, camp, participate in the Chautauqua Day parade and shoot their muskets. There is no live ammunition only powder. Ken made a motion to approve Stone Trace to participate in the Chautauqua Day parade and camp. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Gary Cox IT contract for 2026: Heidi asked the Council if they would like to continue using Gary Cox for our IT support. Contract is the same cost at \$4,000.00 annually. Ken made a motion to approve to continue to use Gary Cox for IT support. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Firearms Agreements for Noble County Sheriff Dept, LaGrange and Avilla: Paul asked the Council to allow the Noble County Sheriff Dept, LaGrange and Avilla Police Departments to use Rome City's shooting range. Rome City does not provide any targets or any materials, just the range space. Kirk made a motion to approve allowing use of the shooting range for Noble County Sheriff, LaGrange and Avilla police departments. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Trench Box Purchase: Leigh presented the Council suggestions to purchase safety equipment for the sewer/street departments. Leigh would like to purchase a Trench Box, Multi-Gas Monitor and Calibration Kit, and a tripod. The tripod and Multi-Gas monitors we currently have need to be updated. Ken has concerns regarding the cost of the trench box and would like to look at alternate options, renting or buying a used trench box at this time. Kirk made a motion to approve the purchase of the multi-gas meter and calibration kit and the tripod. Tabling the trench box. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Health Insurance 2026: Heidi presented the Council with the suggested 2026 insurance coverages staying with PHP or moving to Anthem. Heidi also informed the Council that she has been in contact with AIM Medical Trust of Indiana and will have a quote and set up a meeting with AIM the week of April 20th to have them explain how insurance works through them. Heidi suggested tabling making a decision for insurance coverage until the May 11, 2026 meeting. Kirk made a motion to table insurance coverage until the May 11, 2026 meeting. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Reports were given by Leigh for the Town Manager report and Street/Wastewater and Paul gave the Marshal's Department report.

Ken asked to make a change to our Standard Operating Procedures to have accident reports completed in 72 hours. Ken made a motion to approve changing the SOP to 72 hours for completion of accident reports. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Kirk asked for a motion to approve payment of the town and sewer bills. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

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Ken asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Cheryl Clifton, President

ATTEST:


Heidi B. Lang
Clerk-Treasurer