

MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2022

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. All members present, Nick Heffner, Cheryl Clifton, Kirk Klein. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Dustin Fike, Bill Eberhard, Steve KPC reporter by zoom, Kim Duty, Scott Neukom, Joe DeWald, Cindy O'Brien and Commonwealth Engineer.

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. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

CATS

Bill Eberhard introduced an amendment to our animal ordinance to the town council. This is particularly geared towards the cat situation the towns people are dealing with. Bill Eberhard would like the town council to look it over and make changes and to table until the next town council meeting. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to table. Kirk Klein made a motion to table. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LIGTEL AGREEMENT

Charity Murphy, attorney, received an email from Mediacom stating the town does not have a contract with Mediacom. Bill Eberhard stated he would like to change a few things in the agreement with Ligtel if that is the way the town council is going. The changes would be the length of the agreement and from 36 months to 24 months. Also, the indemnification requirements need to be removed if not it should be capped in accordance with Indiana's governmental immunity laws. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to sign the agreement with Ligtel with the changes. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LAGOON SLUDGE REMOVAL

Leigh Pranger would like to rebid the sludge removal because we have some local farmers wanting to have the sludge. Commonwealth stated we can rebid with a land application permit. Commonwealth would like to do some checking and will get back with the town council. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to table. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to table. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

DESIGN BUILD FOR THE STREET GARAGE

Leigh stated she sent out the info to 5 companies and it was advertised. She received only 1 bid from Leatherman's Construction for a cost of \$1,048,592.00 with options, after Nick Heffner opened the bid. Leigh stated we shouldn't need the options. All members and Bill Eberhard looked over the plans. Scott

Neukom also looked over the plans. Bill Eberhard stated if the town council approves this then he will get with Brenda Conley and figure out the loan. Brenda Conley stated the money will be used out of the CEDIT fund. Nick Hefner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve the bid with Leatherman Construction for the street garage without the options. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LOAN FOR NEW DUMP TRUCKS

Brenda Conley stated she had contacted lots of banks and Community State Bank had the best rate of 3.60% for 5 years. The loan will be for \$340,765.90 with bi yearly payments. It will be paid from sewer and MVH funds due to the trucks are used for both departments. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to accept Community State Bank for the loan on the dump trucks. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept Community State Bank for the loan. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT NEW PICK-UP TRUCK

Brenda Conley stated the 2009 pick up truck has had lots of repairs and is still needs more repair. Scott Neukom had investigated trucks and found a 2021 Chevy with a snowplow and the lights at Shepherds with 25,000 miles on it for \$53,000.00. Brenda Conley stated we had appropriated the money in the MVH fund for a new truck this year. Cheryl Clifton said a new plow is worth \$7000.00 alone. Scott had test drove and inspected the truck and he approves plus the plow is the same that they have on the other trucks now and can be used if something happens with the other plows. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to get the 2021 Chevy at Shepherds. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept the cost of \$53,000.00 to purchase the Chevy truck at Shepherds. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2022-06 POLICE GRANT FUND

Brenda Conley stated Paul Hoffman is trying to get a grant from the federal government to hire a new full-time marshal. Brenda stated the town has a grant fund set up, but the State Board of Accounts wants us to set up a new fund just for this grant. Bill Eberhard had looked of the ordinance and approves. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve ordinance 2022-06. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve ordinance 2022-06. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

SEAL TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

Leigh Pranger received 6 quotes for sealing the town hall parking lot and Kelly Park parking area. The lowest was Lucke Duck from Huntington, \$3000.00 for the town hall and \$4800.00 for Kelly Park. Nick Heffner looked over all the quotes and asked for a motion to accept Lucke Duck. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept Lucke Duck. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

WAVE TAP FEE FOR DON STRICK

A letter was sent from Don Strick who lives at Big Twin Island to wave the tap in fee for sewer connection. Mr. Strick had a septic and wanted to connect to the towns sewer system. Scott Neukom stated he had gotten with Mr. Strick and told him what kind of station to buy, and Mr. Strick bought one. Scott Neukom has inspected everything, and they are just waiting on REMC to hook up the electric. Nick Heffner asked if the town will be maintaining the station and Scott said yes. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to wave the tap in fee of \$950.00 due to Mr. Strick bought the station. Kirk Klein made the motion to wave the tap in fee. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

BLOCK PARTY ROAD CLOSURE AUG. 13, 2022

Advanced Rome City is asking if the alley behind the town hall and part of Grant Street, Martin Street and Jackson Street can be blocked off during the block party for a train to take kids for rides during the block party on August 13, 2022. The party is from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to block off these streets. Kirk Klein made the motion to block off the street for the time of the block party at the town hall. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

JOE DEWALD

Joe Dewald who lives on Spring Beach wanted to address the council before we start the road work on Spring Beach. Joe stated there needs to be a storm drain where there is an old one that was put in by his father many years ago. This storm drain is needed due to the standing water on the road. Also, he would like the stop sign moved a couple of feet to allow more room on the road. Joe stated people are running into the retaining wall by the stop sign. Scott Neukom stated he has been to the area several times. Scott has removed as much dirt from the drain as he can to get the flow moving. Scott stated the drain needs a new pipe since it was homemade the town cannot get a lid to attach to the drain correctly. Scott stated it needs a new catch basin and grate to fix it properly. All council members thanked Joe Dewald for the info, and they will look into this before the road is started.

Brenda Conley stated the parade in town is August 13, 2022 at 2:00pm and block party 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Paul Hoffman, town marshal, will have the roads blocked off.

Commonwealth stated the next level on the trails have started.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER (SEE ATTACHED)

STREET/WASTEWATER

TOWN MARSHAL: Report was given by Deputy Dustin Fike due the Marshal Hoffman in training. (see attached)

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$101,806.11

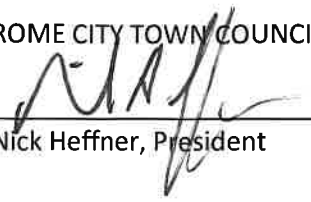
SEWER FUND: \$52,961.08

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to pay the claims. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to pay the claims. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next town council meeting is September 12, 2022 at 5:30pm for budget hearing with the regular meeting starting at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

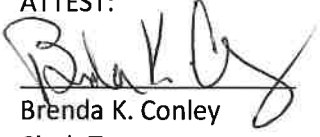
Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Kirk Klein made a motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer