

**MINUTES
ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL**

JULY 13,2026

**PUBLIC MEETING
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784**

Ken Cook called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present Cheryl Clifton and Ken Cook. Also present were Leigh Pranger, Jennifer Dunderman, Dustin Fike, Scott Neukom and Attorney Dustin Glick. Not present Kirk Klein, Marshal Hoffman and Heidi Sherbondy. See also sign in sheet.

Pledge was said.

Ken Cook asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business

Follow up on Ordinance Violations: Dustin presented the Town Ordinance Violations. Please see attached.

Correction to Bid Totals: Leigh reported on the road project bids for Pleasant Point and West Pleasant Point, where API submitted the lowest bid of \$92,700 compared to Brooks at \$97,819 and E&B at \$138,756. Leigh explained that additional funding was released for small communities through legislative efforts. Leigh noted that while their portion of the grant would only be \$18,000 (20% of the total), they needed to verify funding availability with INDOT before proceeding with the contract. Ken Cook made a motion to approve API's bid. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes,0 nays. Motion carried.

Positive Pay: The Town Council will have Heidi respond by email when she returns to the office.

New Business:

Tyler Yoder Noise Complaint for Sylvan Cellars: Tyler Yoder presented a noise ordinance complaint regarding events at Sylvan Cellars, stating that the sound disrupts his home even with the doors and windows closed. He requested that the Town Council add the matter to the public record, address the issue in future meetings, and implement reasonable mitigation measures to protect nearby residents from excessive noise. The council discussed the current permit extension and agreed to review the complaint, including considering decibel limits and addressing low frequency bass issues, with a follow-up planned for May 2027 meeting.

Dedication of Right of Way-Deer Run Pointe Subdivision-west portion of Hilltop Dr: Leigh informed the council that part of Hilltop Dr. was accidentally vacated in the original vacate. Jim Ostermyer is giving the road back to the Town. Ken made a motion to accept the road back. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Dedication of Sewer Station in Limberlost Landing: Leigh reported that Mark Webb has installed the sewer station for Limberlost Landing to our specifications and has road access to get to the station, the Town just needs to accept it. Ken Cook made a motion to approve the dedication of sewer station in Limberlost Landing. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Ordinance #2026-03 Amending Abandoned Vehicles: Leigh presented ordinance # 2026-03 for amending abandoned vehicles regulations, which expands the definition to include various types of motorized vehicles, UTVs, ATVs, boats, RVs, and other transportation-related items to prevent junk accumulation. The discussion clarified that while boats and jet skis must be registered through the state, there is no registration fee at the town level, and only golf carts and ATVs require locale registration. Ken Cook made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-03. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CCMG 2027-01- Contract with Commonwealth-Lions Drive, Sylvan Avenue, Ellis, Wildwood, Park Drive and Triplett Point and Cul-de-sac: Leigh presented a proposal to target concrete streets east of State Road 9 for a 2027 project, with Commonwealth estimating the cost at \$400,000 and the local match requiring \$138,000 from available funds. MVH has \$136,438, Local Street \$38,405, and CCD \$332,421.64 available. Ken Cook made a motion to approve signing contract with Commonwealth for the 2027 concrete street project. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Insight Upgrade of Cyber Security: Gary Cox recommended the Insight Upgrade installation for advanced cyber security measures at a cost of \$700 to protect against future hacking incidents due to recent hacking of Heidi's computer. Leigh spoke with Bill about creating an ordinance or policy for cyber security awareness and response. Ken Cook made a motion to approve signing contract with Insight. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Parade Participation: Leigh stated that the new dump truck could be used in the parade and hopefully the new electric police car will be finished by then.

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

Ken Cook asked for a motion to approve payment of the town and sewer bills. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next Town Council meeting August 10, 2026 at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City IN. 46784.

Ken Cook asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN HALL


Cheryl Clifton, President

ATTEST:


Jennifer Dunderman
Deputy Clerk