

# MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2022

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 Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein and Cheryl Clifton present. Also, present Leigh Pranger, Brenda Conley, Paul Hoffman, Bryan and Karen Rider, Cindy O'Brien, John Kitchen, Heidi Lang, Hal Schafer, Joe Ryne, Scott Neukom, Charity Murphy and Bill Eberhard by zoom.

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 seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### Mowing wastewater plant

Nick Hefner opened the sealed quotes. J/S Lawn \$275.00 per mowing and \$175.00 per trim with 2-year contract. Schmidt's \$350.00 per mowing and \$185.00 per trimming. Quality Lawn Care \$275.00 per mowing and \$100.00 per trimming with 2-year contract. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to accept Quality Lawn Care for mowing the wastewater plant for 2023. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept Quality Lawn Care. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### Wastewater pond bugs for winter

Leigh Pranger stated she has not heard back from anyone about the winter bugs. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to table. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to table. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### Dodge Police Care

Paul Hoffman stated he had contacted Max Platt Ford about a new explorer and there are nonavailable. Ford put a stop to making them. The next time they would be available is in 2024. Paul is recommending that we fix the wiring in the Dodge for now which will cost around \$5200.00. This will be done at Shepherds in Auburn. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to fix the dodge car for around \$5200.00. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to fix the dodge wiring only. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 2023 Town Insurance

Brenda Conley stated the other company backed out for giving the town a quote on insurance due to lose runs. Our current company gave a quote of \$37,877.00 which includes cyber liability. Brenda said this has gone up around \$2600.00 from this year. This went up due to lose runs also. Nick Heffner asked

for a motion to accept our current insurance company which is Black and Ramer Insurance. Trident is the insurance company that will be covering the town insurance. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept Trident with Black and Ramer Insurance. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 2022-02 Reduce Appropriations**

Brenda Conley presented Resolutions 2022-02 reduce appropriations to help with the 2023 budget. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-02. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 2022-03 Encumber appropriations**

Brenda Conley stated this is for the park department that is coming out of the general fund appropriations. This is for the Lakeside Park fence around the basketball court and the new well at Gaff Park. There is an estimate paper for both projects and a purchase order for each. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve. Kirk Klein second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 2022-04 Transfer**

Brenda Conley stated there are appropriations in the Public Safety fund that are not going to be used so she had talked with Paul Hoffman about transferring those appropriations into the equipment fund for Public Safety to help pay for the police cars that need fixed and the new street garage. Brenda stated she and Bill Eberhard had talked and since the police are going to be using part of the new street garage then they should help to pay for a portion of the garage. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve resolution 2022-04. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve resolution 2022-04. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **Street Garage Loan**

Bill Eberhard stated that he has been working with banks on loan rates. He will get with Brenda and get this worked out. Brenda Conley stated she has funds she can put towards it this year and that will lower the loan amount. Bill Eberhard stated that would be great and we are looking at a 10-year loan. Brenda would like approval from the town council to pay some towards what the construction company has already purchased and brought to the street garage. Leigh Pranger stated Brenda and her will be meeting with Leatherman Construction next Monday to go over all of this. Brenda wants approval to spend not more than \$319,500.00 out of this years funds to put down. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made a motion to approve not spending more than \$319,500.00 out of this years funds to put down on the garage. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **NEW TRUCK**

Brenda stated since the 2017 was totaled we received the money from the insurance company. Scott Neukom found a truck at Shepherds in Kendallville and Brenda Conley was able to bring the price down to what the insurance company paid us. All members looked over the new truck. Scott Neukom stated that the truck will need lights and a hook up for the snowplow and that will be around \$1000.00, but he is not sure on the cost as of now, we do have a plow so that is not needed. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve getting the truck and installing the lights and snowplow equipment. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to approve. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Millers lawsuit**

Bill Eberhard stated he has worked out the lawsuit with Millers and the town will have to pay \$13,000.00. Insurance company is paying and additional \$5000.00. Bill Eberhard stated with the town council approval he will get with Brenda Conley to write a check and be done with this. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the payment of \$13,000.00. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to approve. Kirk Klein seconded. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

Town Manager (see attached)  
Street/Wastewater  
Town Marshal (see attached)

**CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:**

TOWN FUNDS: \$118,642.49

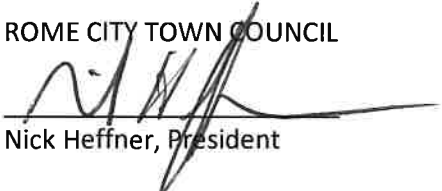
SEWER OPERATING: \$79,136.79

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to pay the claims. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to pay the claims. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

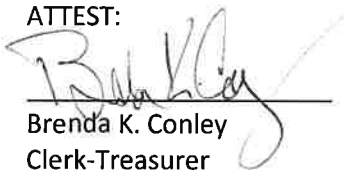
Next Town Council meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of December, December 19, 2022 at 6:30pm which will include the end of the year meeting. At the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm. Kirk Klein made a motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconded. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

  
Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:

  
Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer