

# MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2021

**ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING (ZOOM)  
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, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Bill Eberhard, Paul Hoffman, Scott Neukom and see attached sign in sheet.

Pledge was said

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to wave reading the minutes from the last meeting. Kirk Klein made the motion to wave reading the minutes. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Ordinance 2021-07 Horse Effluent**

Bill Eberhard stated this is a public meeting about ordinance 2021-07. Bill read the ordinance. Bill stated is it now open for public comment and each speaker needed to have signed in and will have 2 minutes to comment. Sam Lambright asked what kind of device will need to be used to collect the effluent. Bill stated it will not be a shovel and bucket it will need to be a device attached to the equipment on the horse or buggy to collect the effluent. Mike Friskney presented picture of a friend that lives on Lakeside Drive which showed effluent on the road after the garage sale weekend. Mike Friskney also stated that weekend a buggy pulled up to his house and back into his yard. Kelly Morris stated she had to have a variance for her barn and horse, it stated that they need to pick up effluent on the road when they rode the horse. Joshua Miller stated how will people know about this when coming into town. Bill stated there will be signage. Joshua Miller also asked if Sylvan Lake has been checked for the water quality. Leigh Pranger stated they are in the process of doing this right now. Joshua Miller stated in the areas where their schools are located the horses stay there all day, so the state makes them check the water quality a lot and they have had no violations. Doug Maley stated all the horse effluent is running into our lake. Tina Wilkinson presented a petition for having an ordinance in June, 2021 it had 71 signatures with 25 of them being out of the towns jurisdiction. There were no more comments. Nick Heffner closed the floor for comments. Bill Eberhard stated we will consider this at the September meeting.

## **REPORT ON DUMP TRUCKS**

Leigh Pranger stated we are in need for new dump trucks. Dan DeLong has been looking into the trucks that do not require CDL. Right now, there is none to be found and we will have to order them. The newer dump truck did get fixed so it can be used. Leigh will report back to the town council when we get more information.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Laundry Mat sewer cost**

Terry Williams was present with his attorney Tony Manns. Tony explained that an affidavit was sent on April 2019 stating there were no washers in the building and is requesting the town credit the laundromat back 7 months, minus the base rate of \$82.00 per month. Brenda asked Mr. Williams if there are washers in the building, he stated he has installed all new washers but there is still more work to do on the building before he can open so he does not know when it will be open. Brenda stated the ordinance states how many washers, not if they were in use. Bill Eberhard recommends the council agree to crediting the account for 7 months from April 2019 to October 2019. They have already been credited for November 2019 to November 2020 and they are presently paying for the flat rate of \$82.00 a month. Brenda stated the credit would be \$799.94. Total for April 2019 to October 2019 was \$1373.94, minus the 7 months of flat rate, \$574.00 equals a credit of \$799.94 Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made the motion to credit the laundry mat for 7 months minus the flat rate for each month of \$82.00, starting April 2019 to October 2019 and keep the flat rate of \$82.00 until the next affidavit is returned. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Gary Cox, new web page for town**

Gary Cox is the towns IT person; he is also Ligonier's. He had information about a new web site that the State of Indiana just put out for other municipals. It cost \$1200.00 a year and they will help set it up. We can then add what we want to the site. He had watched a webinar on the site. He really believes this will be a more secure site for the town. Brenda stated we are paying around \$4200.00 a year for the site we have now, and we must send the web designer everything that we want on the site. Brenda needs to look over the contract that we must see if we can get out of it. All members agreed that this should be done. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to table until next month. Kirk Klein made the motion to table. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Sewer stations**

Scott Neukom stated there are pumps and pipes at our stations that are getting very hard to replace parts. Indiana Pump Works has presented a quote to repair, 1-C, 5-C, 3-D, 7-D and 8-D. This quote includes labor. Total cost is \$114,650.00. We have worked with Indiana Pump before, and they have done a great job. Scott stated it is very hard to find companies that do this kind on work on our old stations. The pumps that are going to be replaced will be used for other pump stations. Brenda stated we received our American Rescue Plan money, the first installment of \$157,702.12 which must be used on sewer. It is not appropriated yet but can be done. All members agreed these needs done. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve repairing the stations and do an additional appropriation. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Update on trails**

Leigh Pranger presented a map on where the trails will be going. She is working with INDOT due to the bridge being removed from Northport Road.

### **Departmental Reports:**

1. Town Manager (see attached)
2. Street/Wastewater
3. Town Marshal (see attached)

**Claims presented for payment:**

1. Town Funds: \$84,866.37
2. Sewer Operating: \$33,629.16

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

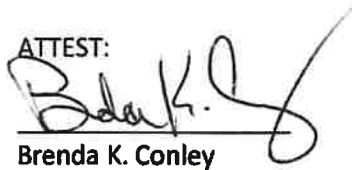
Next Town Council meeting is September 13, 2021 at 5:30pm budget hearing and 6:30pm for regular town council meeting, at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. Kirk Klein made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer