

MINUTES

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING (ZOOM)

MARCH 8, 2021

ROME CITY TOWN HALL

402 KELLY STREET

ROME CITY, IN 46784

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:32pm on March 8, 2021. Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein and Cheryl Clifton present. Also, present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Conrad White, Paul Hoffman, Gary Cox and Commonwealth engineering. By ZOOM, Bill Eberhard, Andy KPC.

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:

Wastewater plant, pond 2 and 3, pipe and valve cost

It was approved at the last meeting to have Leigh accept the cost of replacing the valve at the wastewater plant if it comes in within reason. At the last meeting, no quotes were received but on February 9, 2021 we did receive a quote that was postdated on February 1, 2021 so this one did get to the council on time. Commonwealth Engineer has looked it over with Leigh Pranger and Conrad White and recommends this company do the work. The company is Gerig Contracting LLC for a cost of \$26,500.00. Leigh had emailed all the council member in March on this company and the cost. All members agreed that this was the company to go with and it was approved at the March 8, 2021 meeting.

Town land, Mike Friskney

Leigh Pranger stated she has contacted Mike Friskney on the land he would like to have that the town owns. Mr. Friskney is on vacation. Leigh would like to table this until a future meeting. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to table. Kirk Klein made the motion to table until a future meeting. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Road Bids

Leigh Pranger stated she received 5 bids for Front Street to Gale Street and North Street. These bids are for the Crossing Grant money that was approved. The bids were sealed. Leigh Pranger opened the bids. All members looked over the bids. Brooks \$198,396.00, Pulver \$193,565.00, Niblock \$151,996.00, DC \$215,691.88 and API \$242,165.00. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Niblock at \$151,996.00. Kirk Klein made the motion to accept Niblock. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Body Camera's for Marshal Department

Marshal Paul Hoffman presented the town council with 3 quotes for the body cameras and hard drive. Gary Cox, the IT person, had looked over all the quotes. Marshal Hoffman presented quotes from Wolfcom, Pro-Vision and Watchguard. Marshal Hoffman stated he would prefer Wolfcom at a cost of \$14,022.49. This includes 6 cameras and the hard drive to support them. Gary Cox stated there is enough gigabits to support our computer system but if we find out we need more gigabits then that can be done. Marshal Hoffman stated that the other companies want to charge monthly to store the data but with Wolfcom we store the data. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Wolfcom. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Wolfcom at a cost of \$14,022.49. Kirk Klein second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Laundry Mat in town

Bill Eberhard stated a letter was received from Terry William's attorney about the sewer cost for the laundry mat. Marshal Hoffman had presented a picture on the inside of the laundry mat that was taken from outside the building window on March 8, 2021. The picture shows several new washers in the building. Bill Eberhard would like to present this picture to Mr. Williams attorney with the town council approval and then report back to the council. Mr. Williams did receive credit in November 2020 for the back cost of the washers due to not being open to public. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the picture to be sent to Mr. Williams attorney and have Bill Eberhard compose a letter with the picture. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to have Bill Eberhard send the picture with a letter. Kirk Klein second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Millers' property

Leigh Pranger stated she had contacted Sherley Miller and Millers Excavating. Leigh, Conrad White, Tom Miller with Millers Excavating and Sherley Miller met at the Millers property. Leigh stated there will need to be a new pipe installed with a new manhole. Damage at the seawall looks to be a 12-foot section concrete and 4 foot section of rail road ties damaged from the water. Leigh stated we can install a seawall just for that 10-16-foot or less area. Leigh will get a quote for the seawall and report back to the town council to get this matter resolved.

Crack Fill cost

Leigh Pranger stated the cost for the crack fill went up to \$7500.00 instead of \$5000.00 that was approved by the council. Leigh stated we need to do Lakeside Drive and Lakeside Court, Town Hall parking lot, Kerr Island Roads. But the most the town will pay is \$7500.00 if approved. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the \$7500.00. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve the \$7500.00 for crack fill in town. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

User Agreement for Firing Range with LaGrange City

Marshal Hoffman presented a user agreement for the police department in LaGrange City to use the firing range. They will have to contact Marshal Hoffman before using it. Marshal Hoffman has had no problems with LaGrange City Police in the past when they were using the range. Nick Heffner made a motion to accept the user agreement with the LaGrange City Police Department. Kirk Klein made the motion to accept. Cheryl Clifton second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

New Reserve for the town

Marshal Hoffman would like to have Rich Bailey as a reserve for the town. He will oversee the firing range area and he did say he would help with patrolling on special occasions. Marshal Hoffman stated he is very knowledgeable about firearms and he would be a great asset to the town. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to accept Rich Bailey as a reserve for the town. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept. Kirk Klein seconds the motion 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mowing Town Hall

Brenda Conley stated people are interested in mowing the town hall. Brenda would like to advertise this on the town web site to receive sealed quotes for mowing and present it at the next town council meeting. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve advertising for mowing to town hall. Kirk Klein second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fire Alarm system

Brenda Conley stated that the annual check of our fire alarm systems is due, and the town has had Nowak. In the past few weeks one of the towns furnaces is not picking up the alarm for smoke and the thermostat in the conference room is out because the furnace shut down. We had Nowak and several furnace companies out to try to repair it and they could not. Koorsen company came over to give us a quote for fire alarm inspection and found the problem with the furnace right away but they could not do the work to repair because they were out to give us a quote for the inspections and they cannot legally repair HVAC equipment, but they did give us a name of a company to contact that does the repair. Leigh contacted Wagner Mertert company, and they will get back with us. Brenda would like to have Koorsen do the annual inspections. The cost is \$910.00, and it will be a set price for 3 years. Also, our alarm that goes directly to the dispatch in Noble County has not been working since 2004 and that should be hooked up. Brenda will report back to the town council on the progress. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to accept Koorsen for the fire alarm system annual inspections. Kirk Klein made the motion to accept Koorsen. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

IDEM Permit

Leigh stated the IDEM permit is due this year, by Oct. 1, 2021 and would like Commonwealth to help with the permit. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to have Commonwealth help with the permit. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Grant for Trails

Leigh Pranger stated there are grants for trails and she would like Commonwealth to help with this. She will report back to the council what was found out. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to have Commonwealth help with the grant for the trails. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Brenda Conley stated that the Advance Rome City will have the annual spring fling on May 7, 2021 at Sylvan Cellars.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER (SEE ATTACHED)

STREET/WASTEWATER (SEE ATTACHED)

Conrad White stated the testing has opened back up again for the certification for the wastewater and he is getting prepared to take the test.

TOWN MARSHAL (SEE ATTACHED)

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENTS

TOWN FUNDS: \$134,869.53

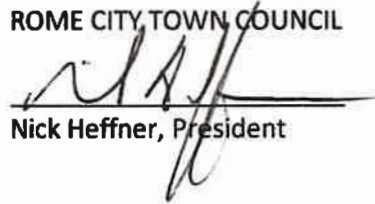
SEWER OPERATING: \$76,782.21

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

Next town council meeting, April 12, 2021 at 6:30pm by ZOOM, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

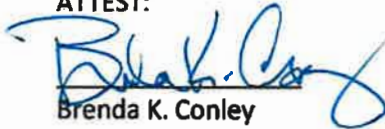
Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:46pm. Kirk Klein made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer