

**MINUTES**  
**ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 10, 2023**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**ROM CITY TOWN HALL**  
**402 KELLY STREET**  
**ROME CITY, IN 46784**

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. All members present. Also, present Heidi Lang, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Dustin Fike and attorney Charity Murphy.

Pledge was said.

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Al Langsenkamp asked for the meeting minutes to be updated to correct the name from Larry Young to Al Langsenkamp under the Sylvan Cellars noise ordinance. Barb Tatman also commented on the meeting minutes and asked about the meeting policy for clarification. Charity Murphy clarified what the policy meant, to add items to the agenda, it needs to be on the agenda three days prior to the Town Council meeting. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to waive reading the minutes. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Sewer Rate Increase**

Council discussed the sewer rate increase and agreed to the \$5 increase in cost starting in January 2024. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to accept the \$5 increase. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Gary Cox Equipment**

Gary Cox presented the Council with a request to add three hot spots to the Town Hall building to allow better access to the system and cloud management. Cost is \$159.99 per unit and needing 3 units through Amazon. Once added service will be available in the basement and will be able to make WiFi calls and use the internet while in the basement. It was also discussed to payoff the police departments phones to allow them to be moved to the First Net phone plan offered through At&t and as funds become available move the balance of phones over. Also discussed was the payback cost of the phone that Brenda Conley is using at the cost of \$584.36. It was agreed to make the purchase of the hot spots and payback Ty Conley for the phone cost. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to accept the hot spots and the phone payback. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Liability Waiver for Shooting Range**

Charity is okay with using the previous version of the Liability Waiver and will give to Leigh once a new one is available.

## **New Business:**

### **Tanner Fugate Stop Sign**

Tanner Fugate addressed the council to see if a stop sign could be added to the intersection of Grove and Jackson street to reduce speeding. Cheryl Clifton believes the police department is going to move the speed limit sign. Dustin Fike confirmed they are going to move the sign and will put it in that area. Nick Heffner agreed to move the sign and will set a date later for review of the collected data to see if a stop sign is needed.

### **New Addresses**

Leigh Pranger discussed the new addresses of 1101 Shady Lane, 292 Twin Island Road and 1232 E Northport Road. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to accept the additional addresses. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Leigh Pranger asked the Council if she could see if we can purchase fans for the new Street Department building from the Ligonier Fire Department at a lower cost than what we will be paying for through our contract with Leatherman Construction. Cheryl Clifton made a motion agree to purchase the fans from the Ligonier Fire Department. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Council and Leigh Pranger discussed the extension of the sidewalk and the properties it will be ran through and we will invite the property owners to the next Town Council meeting to discuss. Leigh will send out letters to the property owners.

The second reading of the Animal Ordinance will take place at the next Town Council meeting.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

Town Manager, monthly (see attached)  
Street/Wastewater, monthly (see attached)  
Town Marshall, monthly, no report this month

## **CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:**

**TOWN FUNDS: \$145,868.00**

**SEWER OPERATING: \$46,486.75**

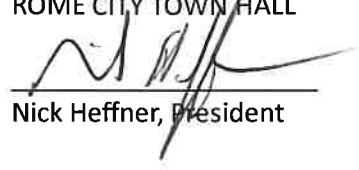
Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the claims. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve the claims. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Dustin Fike asked the council if there could be signs put up at the parks to address people loitering late at night and drinking alcohol on the premises. He also asked if this could be added to the ordinance so these issues could be enforced and could be fined.


Next Town Council meeting May 8, 2023 at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:32pm. Kirk Klein made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:

  
Heidi B. Lang  
Clerk-Treasurer