

**Roanoke Town Council Meeting  
February 3, 2009**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in accordance with this Council's rules and applicable laws. Those present from the Council were President John Stoeckley, Vice President Michelle Schwieterman, Councilman Brian Young, Councilman Troy Karshner and Councilman Nick Altman. Also present were Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Marshal Kip Rupert, Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.**

**Vice President Michelle Schwieterman moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 20, 2009 as written. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**Mr. Gary Fry received a consensus approval from the Council for improvements at his business located at 8376 N. U.S. Hwy. 24 East, Roanoke, Indiana.**

**Mrs. Alice Eshelman of Joseph Decuis was present requesting a partial Main Street closing for a wedding reception on October 3, 2009, which would include liquor served. After discussion and input from the Marshal, the Council tabled the request until the next meeting for further research and consideration of establishing a precedent.**

**Mr. Larry Davis and Ms. Stacey Davis were present from Turbo Services to review the health insurance costs and savings for the Town employees, copies on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. The net savings to the Town by utilizing the HRA program was \$20,200 and the anticipated increase in health care costs to the Town for 2009 was zero. Mr. Davis recommended no changes in the program, therefore remaining with PHP. Vice President Schwieterman moved to accept the plan for 2009 as presented. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**Fire Chief Chad Taylor gave the fire report stating the department wanted to make the application process for the department more stringent. After much discussion, Vice President Schwieterman moved to amend articles 4 and 5 in**

**the firefighters by-laws as requested. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**Marshal Rupert gave the police report and stated that Judge Turpin was wanting to hire one of the reserves for four hours a month to act as bailiff. After discussion and as there was no line item in the 2009 Budget for the expense, the request was unanimously denied. The officer on duty at the time during the day could continue to perform that duty.**

**Superintendent Swain gave the utility report stating the fate of brush pick-up needed to be reconsidered this coming Spring to perhaps on Monday mornings only until noon after yard clean-up from the weekend. If they could not make a clean sweep of the Town in those 5 hours, it would have to wait until the following week. The service was becoming a burden on the department and with the number of projects lined up for 2009 would not be practical. JoAnne suggested using inmates for the task, but Paul stated they usually use the bobcat and only Town employees could operate the equipment.**

**Paul then reviewed cost estimates for Commercial, Canal, Fourth and Main Streets future utility improvements with the Council, copies on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office.**

**Michelle then asked the Council on behalf of the Utility Department to review uniform costs and policies, as several of the employees wanted to wear a specific type of jean instead of the uniform pants the Town currently contracted for. After lengthy discussion, the issue was tabled for further research of costs and the current contract with Wildman.**

**Michelle also stated she had met with Ms. Darlene Garrett from Parkview and they toured the EMT quarters in the fire garage noting that some improvements were needed. The initial contract with Parkview had been drafted by the Town attorney. Council tabled signing the contract pending further review.**

**Council next reviewed Resolution 2009-1, a Resolution in Support of an Environmental Impact Study for the Final Segment of the Hoosier Heartland Corridor, Section A-7. After discussion and review from President Stoeckley as to the long term plans for the road from the General Motors Plant to**

**Highway #24, Councilman Karshner moved to adopt Resolution 2009-1 as written. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office.**

**JoAnne then briefly discussed the three projects that had been sent to the State for disaster relief funds. Region 3-A and the Town engineer had drafted brief descriptions of the three projects for Council review, copies on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. John asked that JoAnne send Senator Dillon copies of those projects.**

**The Council next again considered proposed design guidelines for the Roanoke Commercial District as presented previously at the last Council meeting by Mr. Chris Jensen, representing the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. After discussion, Councilman Young moved to adopt the guideline proposals as written. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously, copy of file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office.**

**Councilman Altman mentioned there was still a significant leak in the ceiling and mold in the Police office. The Council took the information under advisement.**

**JoAnne stated that she had just completed a grant application to the Huntington County CEDIT Board to purchase the six former C & M Plating Company lots, with supporting documents and narrative.**

**Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. After review, Councilman Young moved to approve the bills for payment as listed on the allowance of claims payable vouchers in the amount of \$80,176.89. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**Councilman Karshner then moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was duly adopted.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer**

