

**Roanoke Town Council Meeting
April 7, 2009**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, April 7, 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, Councilman Brian Young and Councilman Troy Karshner. Vice President Schwieterman and Councilman Nick Altman were not present. Also present were Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Marshal Kip Rupert and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilman Young moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 17, 2009 as written. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Resident Brian Secor asked if there had been a designated public walkway behind his home as there had been several persons seen recently on his property on Posey Hill. President Stoeckley stated the Town was not aware of any current nor future plans for a walkway through Mr. Secor's property. Councilman Young suggested Mr. Secor request that the individuals not trespass on his property.

Fire Chief Chad Taylor stated the department's annual hog roast would be on Saturday, May 16th from 4:30 - 7:30 P.M. or until food ran out, to coincide with the Town's Springtime in the Village garage sales.

Councilman Karshner and Chad stated the water hydrants needed to be flushed as Chad was concerned about the Arlington subdivision. Paul stated there would be hydrant flushing and flow testing at the same time this summer, starting at the water tower and working outwards.

Marshal Rupert stated there has been several issues with skateboarders in Town to such an extreme that several were caught in the Town Hall skateboarding on the Council table. The personalized bricks that citizens had donated to the beautification effort along Main Street sidewalks were also being destroyed. He planned to research Fort Wayne's ordinance as well as fines for wheels off the ground, etc. and would get back to the Council with his recommendations. He stated a construction company might be willing to donate some concrete for a skateboarding area and he would be willing to work the site as that was his previous profession.

Kip also stated that a representative from PERF would be present at the next Council meeting on April 21st to answer Council questions regarding the recent quotes that had been submitted for the Town employees.

Mrs. Lisa Laspas had started her training as a reserve police officer and Kip would advise Council when she was solo street ready.

Superintendent Swain gave the utility report, copies available at the utility garage during normal business hours. Paul stated the department would

begin picking up brush only on Mondays. He said the leaning pine tree complaint from the last meeting was gone, the department had been cold patching and de-brushing along Locust Drive, and Golden Rule had been in to jet several sewer lines in Town. They had hauled stone at the WWTP for a drive to a new burn pile as well as stone to the water tower which would be painted this year under the maintenance contract.

The Second Street and Arlington pump stations had been cleaned, they had stubbed a non-functioning sewer line on Fourth Street and Paul was expecting quotes to pave Locust Drive to present at the next Council meeting. He recommended 1 ½ inches of binder and 1 ½ inches of surface.

Paul also stated the heavy rains had flooded the UV system out flow, however they could not shut it off and would need to wait for the water to recede. He would have a quote for street striping for the next meeting.

Paul had also arranged for the Town Spring Clean Up dates to be Friday through Sunday May 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Dumpsters will be available at the Third Street municipal parking lot.

Councilman Young next reported on the Region III-A meeting he attended and commented on the handout which had the “wish lists” of projects from Towns in Northeast Indiana and their current ranking of probability of receiving government funding, copy available at the Clerk/Treasurer’s office. John S. asked that Paul ask the Town engineer to meet with Michelle, John and Paul at 6:00 P.M. before the next Council meeting on April 21st. John S. stated that Attorney Bendall was expecting a letter of approval from the EPA for the Town to move forward with the purchase of six lots of the former C & M Plating Company. He also stated that he and Chris Jensen of the Roanoke Chamber were meeting in Peru on Thursday with INDOT regarding the “A-7” corridor.

JoAnne reminded the Council that they would be hosting the quarterly WHARMM meeting on Monday April 20th at 6:30 P.M.

She reviewed the fund report noting the small balance of the sewer operating fund and informed the Council of her negotiations with one of the banks in Town regarding newly instated bank fees and smaller interest rates.

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 \$116,518.83. Councilman Karshner 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

Council Approve:
