

**January 2, 2007  
Roanoke Town Council Meeting**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 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 Perry Collins, John Stoeckley, Bob King, Michelle Schwieterman and Brian Young. Also present were Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Marshal Eric Sands and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.**

**Perry Collins stated that he and Brian Young had been sworn into their new four year terms on Sunday, December 31, 2006 at the Huntington County Courthouse. Councilman King moved to appoint Perry as Council President and John Stoeckley as Vice President. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**The Council next approved by consensus liaison positions for the year 2007 as follows: Councilwoman Michelle Schwieterman / Fire Department, Councilman Bob King / Utility Department, Councilman Brian Young / Police Department, Vice President Stoeckley / Park and Library.**

**Vice President Stoeckley next moved to adopt Ordinance 2006-14, an Ordinance Annexing Certain Contiguous Real Estate to the Town of Roanoke, Indiana, (Crestwood North IV). Councilwoman Schwieterman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office.**

**Vice President Stoeckley next moved to approve a change order for a \$601.69 net decrease for the U.S. 24 South Station Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project, as detailed in a memo for Council signature from Town Engineer Andy Dodzik. Brian Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office.**

**Marshal Sands gave the Police Department report and stated that the two new reserve officers had been sworn in and were working. Detailed police reports for the month of December may be obtained from the Clerk/Treasurer's office during normal business hours.**

**After consideration, Councilman King moved to transfer the old rescue van from the Roanoke Fire Department to Huntington County Rescue at no charge and providing the transfer of title took place with no legal costs to the Town of Roanoke. Vice President Stoeckley seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**Town Superintendent Paul Swain gave the utility report stating that Christmas tree pick-up would start provided the trucks could get back to the burn pile through the mud. He stated Town Engineer Andy Dodzik would like to participate in a 2007 project planning meeting with the Council on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Paul said a crack in the newly poured**

**South Main Street sidewalks had been discovered and would be replaced in the Spring along with any other potential faults. It was determined that the Clerk/Treasurer would send letters to the three residents who had not yet paid their share of the sidewalk improvements with a time limit to remit payment or sign a contract for yearly installments with interest to repay the Town. A more detailed utility report may be obtained from the utility garage during normal business hours.**

**Upon having just returned from a rescue call, newly appointed Fire Chief Chad Taylor asked to speak to the donation of the van as detailed above. He stated the department had purchased the van 20 years ago from fund raisers and donations, although the van had been maintained and insured by the Town. He informed Council that the department had hoped to sell the old van to purchase \$3,000 worth of equipment to outfit the recent new van purchase, and that fire department members would be disappointed to hear the old van had been donated. President Collins stated the Council had been told by the previous fire chief that the department did not want the old van, and that the \$9,600 requested for the new van included everything needed. After further discussion, Councilwoman Schwieterman moved to approve \$3,000 toward the purchase of new equipment for the new van from the Cumulative Firefighting Fund. Vice President Stoeckley seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**Chief Taylor then stated the department, although approved at the State level, had been denied a Federal grant for approximately \$120,000. He said the department needed new self contained air tanks and individual masks to replace the 20 year old current ones in use. The amount would be under \$30,000. JoAnne stated the department had budgeted \$15,000 for the Cumulative Firefighting Fund for 2007 and were already spending \$3,000 of that per previous motion. An additional appropriation would take about two months to process, as there was sufficient monies in the fund balance. Council asked that a written proposal be submitted for their consideration. Vice President Stoeckley next spoke on implementing a rotating 3-5 year equipment replacement program for the department to consider. JoAnne requested the latest department inventory sheets from Chief Taylor by January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Perry informed the Council it had been recommended they appoint an employee health insurance privacy officer which would be a full time employee who was prevented from hiring, i.e. a deputy marshal or utility employee. The Council took the issue under advisement.**

**Councilwoman Schwieterman next moved to appoint Vice President Stoeckley as liaison to Region III A as the Council representative. Councilman King seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**JoAnne received four RSVP's for the upcoming Andrews Wharrrm meeting. She would also advertise the Special Council meeting for 2007 project planning for Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

**Perry distributed a draft of his thoughts for the 2007 CEDIT plan for the Town totaling \$101,475 for Council consideration at the next meeting for forwarding to the County.**

**Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. After review, Vice President Stoeckley moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable voucher for \$46,858.39. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer**

**Council Approve:**

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